

the same; maintenance and repair of military telegraph lines, including salaries of civilian employees, supplies, and general repairs, and other expenses connected with the duty of collecting and transmitting information for the Army by telegraph or otherwise, eighteen thousand dollars.

Military telegraph

MISCELLANEOUS.

Miscellaneous.

UNITED STATES SERVICE SCHOOLS: To provide means for the theoretical and practical instruction at the Artillery School at Fort Monroe, Virginia; the Infantry and Cavalry School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and the Cavalry and Light Artillery School at Fort Riley, Kansas, by the purchase of text-books, books of reference, scientific and professional papers, and for all other absolutely necessary expenses, to be allotted in such proportions as may, in the opinion of the Secretary of War, be for the best interest of the military service, eight thousand five hundred dollars.

Service schools. Expenses.

CONTINGENCIES OF THE ARMY: For all contingent expenses of the Army not provided for by other estimates, and embracing all branches of the military service, to be expended under the immediate orders of the Secretary of War, fifteen thousand dollars.

Contingent expenses.

Approved, March 15, 1898.

CHAP. 70.—An Act To extend the charter of the Franklin Insurance Company of the city of Washington.

March 17, 1898.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act to amend and extend the charter of the Franklin Insurance Company, approved March twenty-sixth, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, be, and the same is hereby, extended and continued in force for the period of twenty years from the ninth day of April, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, the time at which the said Act of March twenty-sixth, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, will expire; and that all legal rights and privileges conferred upon the Franklin Insurance Company by the original Act of incorporation, or by any of the acts amending and extending the same, and all legal obligations and responsibilities imposed upon the said company by the acts aforesaid, shall be, and the same are, extended and continued in force for the period of twenty years, commencing on the ninth day of April, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight.

District of Columbia. Franklin Insurance Company. Charter, extended for twenty years. Vol. 20, p. 32.

SEC. 2. That the shareholders in said company shall be personally liable for all the debts of the company to an amount equal to the par value of their shares, and no part of the capital stock of said company shall be withdrawn, and any director or stockholder assenting thereto shall be personally liable for all debts of said company existing at the time of such withdrawal. And Congress may at any time alter, amend, or repeal this Act.

Rights, etc., extended.

Personal liability of shareholders, etc.

Right to amend, etc.

Approved, March 17, 1898.

CHAP. 71.—An Act To extend the time for the construction of the railway of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company through the Indian Territory.

March 17, 1898.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the time for the construction of that portion of the railway of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the States of Illinois and Iowa, which said railway company, by virtue of an Act approved February twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, entitled "An Act to grant

Time extended for construction of Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway. Vol. 27, p. 492.

to the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company right of way through the Indian Territory, and for other purposes," was authorized to construct, shall be extended for a period of three years from the first day of April, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and for such purposes said railway company shall have the right to take and occupy the right of way and depot grounds heretofore granted to it by said Act: *Provided*, That said company shall build at least fifty miles of its railway in said Territory within one year after the passage of this Act: *And provided further*, That the right of way granted for stations be limited in length to two thousand feet for each station.

Approved, March 17, 1898.

*Provisos.*  
Construction within  
one year.

Stations.

March 18, 1898.

**CHAP. 72.**—An Act Supplemental to the Act of February ninth, eighteen hundred and twenty-one, incorporating the Columbian College in the District of Columbia, and the Acts amendatory thereof.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Columbian University, on and after the first day of June, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, shall be under the management and control of a board of trustees, consisting of twenty-two members; the president of the university shall be ex officio a member of said board, and the remaining twenty-one shall be divided into three classes with seven members in each class; a majority of said board shall be residents of the District of Columbia, and seven members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. That on or before the thirty-first day of May, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, a meeting of the trustees and overseers of said university shall be held, and said meeting shall elect twenty-one trustees, seven of whom shall be designated to serve from the first day of June, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, until the annual meeting in eighteen hundred and ninety-nine; and seven from the same date until the annual meeting in nineteen hundred; and seven until the annual meeting in nineteen hundred and one. Two-thirds of said trustees, and also the president of the university, shall be members of regular Baptist Churches; that is to say, members of churches of that denomination of Protestant Christians now usually known and recognized under the name of the regular Baptist denomination; said trustees so elected shall serve for the periods mentioned and until their successors are elected. That on the first day of June, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, the terms of office of the present trustees and overseers shall cease and determine, and thereupon the control and management of said university, its property and trusts, shall vest in the board of trustees elected as hereinabove provided and their successors.

District of Colum-  
bia.  
Columbian Univer-  
sity.  
Vol. 6, p. 255.  
Board of trustees.

—division into three  
classes.

—election of.

Two-thirds, etc., to  
members of Baptist  
churches.

Termination of  
terms of present trus-  
tees, etc.

Election of trustees  
at annual meetings of  
board.

—nomination.

—failure to elect.

Powers of board.

**SEC. 2.** That at the annual meeting in eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, and annually thereafter, there shall be elected by the board of trustees seven trustees to fill the places of the class whose terms of office expire; and the board of trustees may prescribe in a by-law the mode of nominating persons for election as trustees. A failure to elect trustees at the annual meeting shall not create vacancies in the board, but such election may be had and vacancies occurring during the year may be filled for the unexpired term by the board at any general or special meeting.

**SEC. 3.** That the board of trustees provided for herein shall have, and they are hereby given, full power and authority to appoint and remove any and all officers, professors, lecturers, teachers, tutors, agents, and employees who are now or may hereafter be elected or appointed; they may, by a vote of two-thirds of all the trustees constituting said board, adopt and change by-laws for the conduct of the business and educational work of said university; they may appoint an executive com-