

same, such question shall be determined by the Secretary of War on application to him by either party to such matter of difference and due notice to all other parties interested. The parties shall be heard by the Secretary, and they shall have the opportunity of producing testimony. The determination of any such question by the Secretary of War shall be conclusive on the parties: *Provided*, That his decision may from time to time, as becomes necessary, be revised and modified by him.

Secretary of War to approve plans, etc. SEC. 5. That any bridge authorized to be constructed under this Act shall be built and located under and subject to such regulations for the security of navigation of said river as the Secretary of War shall prescribe, and to secure that object the said company or corporation shall submit to the Secretary of War, for his examination and approval, a design and drawings of the bridge and a map of the location, and shall furnish such other information as may be required for a full and satisfactory understanding of the subject; and the said company or corporation shall cause to be displayed on said bridge, from the hours of sunset to sunrise, or at other times, such lights or other signals as may be prescribed by the Light-House Board.

Lights.

Opening of draw.

Aids to navigation.

Commencement and completion.

Construction of Canadian side of bridge.

Amendment.

SEC. 6. That the draw or draws shall be opened promptly upon reasonable signal for the passage of boats, vessels, or other water craft; and at the time of the erection of the piers, or whenever in the opinion of the Secretary of War the same may be necessary, the persons or corporations constructing, owning, or operating said bridge shall, at their own expense, construct proper sheer booms or other proper structures to safely guide boats, vessels, or other water craft through the said spans.

SEC. 7. That if the actual construction of the bridge hereby authorized shall not be commenced within two years from the date of approval of this Act, and be completed within four years after the same date, then this Act shall be void, and all rights hereby conferred shall cease and be determined; and that the construction shall not be commenced until the Government of the Dominion of Canada has authorized the construction and maintenance of that part of said bridge which shall occupy that portion of the said Rainy River which is under the jurisdiction of said Dominion government.

SEC. 8. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, March 9, 1900.

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CHAP. 38.—An Act To extend the time for the completion of a bridge across the Missouri River.

Time extended for bridging Missouri River at Yankton. Vol. 30, p. 1361.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section six of the Act approved March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, authorizing the Dakota Southern Railroad Company to construct a combined railroad, wagon, and foot-passenger bridge across the Missouri River, at the city of Yankton, South Dakota, be, and is hereby, amended by extending the time for commencing the construction of said bridge to March third, nineteen hundred and one, and by extending the time for completing said bridge to March third, nineteen hundred and four.

Approved, March 9, 1900.

CHAP. 39.—An Act To change the name of the Potomac Insurance Company of Georgetown, and for other purposes.

March 10, 1900.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled “An Act to incorporate a fire insurance company in Georgetown, in the District of Columbia,” approved the second of March, eighteen hundred and thirty-one, and the Act entitled “An Act to amend the charter of the Potomac Fire Insurance Company of Georgetown,” approved the third of March, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, and the Act entitled “An Act to renew and continue in force the charter of the Potomac Insurance Company of Georgetown,” approved the twenty-seventh of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-one, and the Act entitled “An Act to renew and continue in force the charter of the Potomac Insurance Company of Georgetown, District of Columbia,” approved the twenty-fifth of March, eighteen hundred and seventy, be, and the same are hereby, amended, so that the name and style of said company shall hereafter be “The Potomac Insurance Company of the District of Columbia.”

Potomac Insurance Company of the District of Columbia. Name changed. Vol. 6, pp. 460, 691.

Vol. 9, p. 808.

Vol. 16, p. 80.

SEC. 2. That the Act of March second, eighteen hundred and thirty-one, above referred to, be amended by inserting the words “a board of not less than” immediately before the words “twelve directors,” where they occur in section six of said Act; and to further amend said Act by striking out all the words of section seven thereof and substituting in lieu thereof the following words: “Each stockholder shall be entitled to vote in person, or by agent or proxy appointed under his hand and seal, attested by one witness, at all stockholders’ meetings, and shall have one vote for each share recorded in his name on the books of the company;” and to further amend said Act by striking out of section eight the words “not exceeding ten thousand dollars in any one policy,” and the words “in Georgetown,” where they occur in said section; and to further amend said Act by striking out section nine in full, and by striking from section ten the words “not oftener than once in six months.”

Prior acts amended.

SEC. 3. That the Act of March third, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, above mentioned, be amended by adding at the end of section two the words “and the board of directors created under this charter shall have the power to increase the capital stock at any time to any amount not in excess of one million dollars.”

Increase of capital stock.

Approved, March 10, 1900.

CHAP. 41.—An Act To define and fix the standard of value, to maintain the parity of all forms of money issued or coined by the United States, to refund the public debt, and for other purposes.

March 14, 1900.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the dollar consisting of twenty-five and eight-tenths grains of gold nine-tenths fine, as established by section thirty-five hundred and eleven of the Revised Statutes of the United States, shall be the standard unit of value, and all forms of money issued or coined by the United States shall be maintained at a parity of value with this standard, and it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to maintain such parity.

Standard of value fixed. R. S., sec. 3511, p. 696.

SEC. 2. That United States notes, and Treasury notes issued under the Act of July fourteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety, when presented to the Treasury for redemption, shall be redeemed in gold coin of the standard fixed in the first section of this Act, and in order to secure the prompt and certain redemption of such notes as herein provided it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to set

United States notes redeemable in gold. Vol. 26, p. 289.

Redemption fund.