

CHAP. 723.—An act making May thirtieth a holiday in the District of Columbia.

August 1, 1888.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the thirtieth day of May in each year, usually called "Decoration Day," shall be, and hereby is, made a holiday within the District of Columbia as fully in all respects as are the days mentioned as holidays in section nine hundred and ninety-three of the Revised Statutes of the District of Columbia.

Decoration Day.
To be a holiday. Dis-
trict of Columbia.

Rev. Stats. D. C., sec.
993, p. 116, amended.

Approved, August 1, 1888.

CHAP. 724.—An act to amend the act giving the approval and sanction of Congress to the route and termini of the Anacostia and Potomac River Railroad, in the District of Columbia.

August 1, 1888.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act giving the approval and sanction of Congress to the route and termini of the Anacostia and Potomac River Railroad, approved February eighteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, and amended March twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to authorize said company to lay tracks and run cars thereon from the intersection of its tracks on M street south with Seventh street east; along Seventh street to G street south; along G street to Fourth street east; along Fourth street to E street south; along E street to Canal street; along Canal street to B street south, along B street south to Third street west; along Third street to Missouri avenue; along Missouri avenue to Sixth street west; along Sixth street to B street; north along B street to a point near the Center Market to be named by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia: *Provided,* That the said company shall complete the above-mentioned tracks and run cars thereon within one year from the approval of this act, and from the intersection of its tracks on M street south with Second street west; along Second street to its tracks on Canal street: *Provided,* That said company shall complete the last-mentioned tracks and run cars thereon within two years from the approval of this act. The company is also authorized to extend its tracks and run cars thereon from its track at Seventh and G streets southeast herein mentioned, along G street to Seventeenth street east; along Seventeenth street to E street south; along E street to and beyond the entrance to the Congressional Cemetery at a point to be named by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, after the said streets shall have been improved.

Anacostia and Poto-
mac River Railroad,
District of Columbia.

Extension of, author-
ized.
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Location.

Proviso.
Completion.

Extension to Con-
gressional Cemetery.

SEC. 2. That the said company may be permitted to place or cause to be placed upon the Anacostia bridge an additional track, and the rails of both tracks shall be of such form as will offer the least obstruction to ordinary traffic, and subject to approval by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia. The said company shall also construct at least a single track, with necessary switches and turn-outs, along Harrison street, in Anacostia, to the entrance to the grounds of the German Orphan Asylum, and run cars thereon within six months after laying the track mentioned on said bridge.

Additional track on
Anacostia bridge.

SEC. 3. That the said company is also authorized to extend its track and run cars thereon from its present terminus on Nichols avenue, near Anacostia, by the way of Nichols avenue to the entrance to the grounds of the Government Hospital for the Insane, and along said avenue and the Livingstone road to the District line.

Extension to Insane
Asylum.

SEC. 4. That should any part of the track extension herein authorized coincide with portions of any other duly incorporated street railway in the District of Columbia, but one set of tracks shall be used

Use of other tracks.

when, on account of the width of the street, or for other sufficient reason, it shall be deemed necessary by the Commissioners of the District; and the relative conditions of use and of chartered rights may be adjusted upon terms to be mutually agreed upon between the companies, or, in case of disagreement, by the supreme court of the District of Columbia, on petition filed therein by either party, and on such notice to the other party as the court may order.

Rails.

SEC. 5. That in the construction of the tracks herein specified the pattern of rail used shall be approved by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, and in any extensive repairs to the tracks now owned by the company requiring new rails the pattern of rails shall likewise be approved by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia: *Provided*, That all rails laid upon the streets of the city of Washington by said company under the authority of this act shall be on a level with the surface of the streets, and shall not project above the same.

Proviso.
To be level with
streets.

Cars.

SEC. 6. That the company shall place cars of the best construction on said railway, with all modern improvements necessary to the convenience and comfort of passengers, and shall run cars thereon as often as the public convenience may require, in accordance with a time-table or schedule adopted by the company, a copy of which shall be filed with the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, and be approved by them.

Reports.

SEC. 7. That the said Anacostia and Potomac River Railroad Company shall, on or before the fifteenth day of January of each year, make a report to Congress of the names of all the stockholders therein and the amount of stock held by each, together with a detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures from whatever source and on whatever account, for the preceding year ending December the thirty-first, which report shall be verified by affidavit of the president and secretary of said company; and said company shall pay to the District of Columbia, in lieu of taxes upon personal property, including cars, tracks, and motive power for the next ensuing year, two per centum for the first ten years after completion, and thereafter four per centum of its gross earnings upon traffic for the preceding year as shown by said verified statement, which amount shall be payable to the collector of taxes at the times and in the manner that other taxes are now due and payable, and subject to same penalties on arrears; and the franchise and property of said company, both real and personal, to a sufficient amount, may be seized and sold in satisfaction thereof, as now provided by law for the sale of other property for taxes; and said per centum of its gross earnings shall be in lieu of all other assessments of personal taxes upon its property used solely and exclusively in the operation and management of said railway. Its real estate shall be taxed as other real estate in the District of Columbia, and the tracks shall not be taxed as real estate: *Provided*, That whenever the net receipts of said company from its business upon said road shall, for any years, exceed ten per centum of the actual cost of such road, then the company shall, under the direction of the said Commissioners, reduce the rate of passenger fare to an amount as near as the same can be approximated, so that the net receipts of said company from its business upon such road shall not exceed ten per centum of the actual cost for the construction, equipment, and maintenance thereof.

Taxes.

Proviso.
Reduction of fare.

Amendment.

SEC. 9. That Congress may at any time amend, alter, or repeal this act.

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