

approved plan and location; and should any change be made in the plan of the bridge or said accessory works, during the progress of work thereon, such change shall be subject likewise to the approval of the Secretary of War, and in case of any litigation arising from any obstruction or alleged obstruction to the free navigation of said Missouri River, caused or alleged to be caused by said bridge, the case may be brought in the circuit court of the United States of the State of Kansas or State of Missouri in which any portion of said obstruction or bridge may be located.

Changes.

Litigation.

SEC. 4. That the said bridge and accessory works, when built and constructed under this act and according to the terms and limitations thereof, shall be lawful structures; and said bridge shall be recognized and known as a post-route upon which also no higher charge shall be made for the transmission over the same of the mails, the troops, and the munitions of war of the United States than the rate per mile paid for the transportation over the railroads or public highways leading to said bridge; and said bridge shall enjoy the rights and privileges of other post-routes in the United States; and Congress reserves the right at any time to regulate by appropriate legislation the charges for freight and passengers over said bridge.

Lawful structure and post-route.

Right to regulate charges.

SEC. 5. That the United States shall have the right of way for such postal-telegraph lines across said bridge as the Government may construct or control.

Postal telegraph.

SEC. 6. That Congress shall have power at any time to cause to be removed all material and substantial obstructions to the navigation of said river by the construction of said bridge and its accessory works; and the expense of altering said bridge or removing such obstructions shall be at the expense of the owners of or persons controlling such bridge.

Removal of obstructions.

SEC. 7. That this act shall be null and void if actual construction of the bridge herein authorized be not commenced within one year and completed within three years from the date hereof.

Commencement and completion.

SEC. 8. Congress shall have power, at any time, to amend or repeal this act as in its judgment the public interests shall require.

Amendment, etc.

Approved, February 6, 1890.

**CHAP. 7.**—An act creating three additional land offices in the State of Colorado.

February 6, 1890.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That all that portion of the State of Colorado bounded and described as follows: Commencing at the northeast corner of the State of Colorado; thence west along the north boundary line of said State to a point at the intersection of said line with the west line of range fifty-nine west; thence south along said west line of said range to its intersection with the first corrected line north in said State of Colorado; thence east along said first corrected line north to the eastern boundary line of said State of Colorado; thence north along the eastern boundary line of said State to the place of beginning be, and is hereby, constituted a new land district, to be called the Sterling land district.

Colorado. Additional land offices established. Sterling land district. Boundaries.

SEC. 2. That all that portion of the State of Colorado bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point where the first corrected line north in the said State intersects the eastern boundary line thereof; thence west along said corrected line north to its intersection with the seventh guide meridian west in said State; thence south along said seventh guide meridian to the point of its intersection with the first corrected line south in said State; thence east along said first corrected line to the point of its intersection with the eastern boundary line of said State; thence north along said eastern

Akron land district. Boundaries.

boundary line of said State to the place of beginning, be, and is hereby, constituted a new land district, to be called the Akron land district.

New district.

SEC. 3. That all that portion of the State of Colorado lying east of the seventh guide meridian west, south of the first corrected line south, and north of the third corrected line south, be, and is, constituted a new land district.

Offices.

SEC. 4. That the President shall designate the place in each district at which the land office for that district shall be located.

Registers and receivers to be appointed.

SEC. 5. That the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, is hereby authorized to appoint a register and a receiver for each of the said land districts hereby created, who shall discharge like and similar duties and receive the same amount of compensation therefor as other officers discharging like duties in the land offices of the State of Colorado; and said land districts shall be subjected, as other land districts are, under the laws, to be changed or consolidated with any other district or districts, and the land offices may be changed to any other location by order of the President.

Changes.

Approved, February 6, 1890.

February 7, 1890.

**CHAP. 8.**—An act to provide certificates of honorable service to those who have served in the United States Navy or Marine Corps who have lost their certificates of discharge.

Navy. Certificates of honorable discharge. Secretary of Navy to furnish, where original lost, etc., in Navy or Marine Corps.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That from and after the passage of this act, whenever satisfactory proof is furnished at the Navy Department that any commissioned officer, regular or volunteer, appointed or enlisted man who served in the Navy or the Marine Corps of the United States in the war of eighteen hundred and twelve, the Mexican war, or the war of the rebellion, has lost his certificate of discharge, or the same has been destroyed without his privity or procurement, the Secretary of the Navy shall be authorized to furnish to such commissioned officer, regular or volunteer, appointed or enlisted man, a certificate of discharge in lieu thereof. *Provided,* That such certificate shall not be accepted as a voucher for the payment of any claim against the United States for pay, bounty, or any other allowance, or as evidence in any other case.

Proviso. Not to be evidence in claims.

Approved, February 7, 1890.

February 11, 1890.

**CHAP. 9.**—An act granting the use of certain lands to the city of Saint Augustine, Florida, for a public park, and for other purposes.

Saint Augustine, Fla. Public lot in, granted for city park, etc.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there is hereby granted to the city of Saint Augustine, in the State of Florida, the right to occupy, improve, and control, for the purposes of a public park for the use and benefit of the citizens of the United States, and for no other purposes whatever, the lot known as the post-office and custom-house building lot, of which a breadth of land on the north side of said reservation, and extending across the same westwardly from Cathedral street, and of equal width with said street, to Tolomato street, is dedicated to public use as a street, on condition that this grant shall cease whenever the city of Saint Augustine shall neglect or refuse for a period of six months to pave and keep said street and the sidewalks thereon, as also the streets and sidewalks surrounding said lot, in repair, or to improve and