Appropriation for temporary clerks.

Unclaimed money in dead letters, and from sales of waste paper, to be deposited.

Wilful neglect to deposit, how punished.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That the sum of six thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the payment of such temporary clerks as the Postmaster-General may, from time to time, deem necessary.

SEC. 5. And be it further enacted, That unclaimed money in dead letters for which no owner can be found, and also all money derived from sales of waste paper or other public property in post-offices or the Post-Office Department, be deposited in the treasury of the United States, under the direction of the Postmaster-General, for the service of the Post-Office Department; and any postmaster or clerk in a post-office, or any other clerk, officer, or agent of the Post-Office Department, having temporary custody of such money, and wilfully neglecting to deposit the same as herein provided, shall be deemed to be guilty of felony, and be subject to a fine not exceeding double the sum so retained by such clerk or other agents as aforesaid, or imprisonment not exceeding three years, or both, at the discretion of the court.

APPROVED, March 3, 1865.

March 3, 1865.

CHAP. XC VIII. — An Act amendatory of the Acts relative to the Attorney-General's Office, and to fix the Compensation of his Assistant and Clerks.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter the salary of the assistant attorney-general shall be, and the same is hereby, raised to the sum of thirty-five hundred dollars per annum.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That in lieu of the provisions of law prescribing the Attorney-General's powers as to the employment of clerks in his office, it is provided that the Attorney-General shall be, and he is hereby, authorized to employ in his office one chief clerk at a salary of two thousand and two hundred dollars per annum, two fourth-class clerks (being one "pardon clerk" and one "opinion clerk") at annual salaries of eighteen hundred dollars each, two third-class clerks at annual salaries of sixteen hundred dollars each, and one first-class clerk at an annual salary of twelve hundred dollars, besides such temporary clerks as may from time to time be needed: Provided, however, That the allowances to such temporary clerks shall in no one year exceed one thousand dollars.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That for the purpose of paying, for the current fiscal year, the increased compensation above provided, the Attorney-General is hereby authorized, in addition to the amounts already appropriated for the payment of salaries in his office in the appropriation bill for the current fiscal year, to draw on and use from the unexpended balance of moneys standing on the books of the treasury, on the first of July last, to the credit of his office for the pay of clerks and messenger, or from any other appropriation then standing to the credit of his office, and yet subject to his control and unexpended, a sum not exceeding, in the whole, twenty-four hundred dollars, towards such additional compensation for the current fiscal year.

APPROVED, March 3, 1865.

March 3, 1865.

CHAP. XC IX. — An Act to provide for the Construction of certain Wagon-Roads in the Territories of Idaho, Montana, Dakota, and Nebraska.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered to survey, locate, and construct the following wagon-roads:

First. A road from Niobrara to the mouth of the Turtle Hill River, and thence, upon the most direct practicable route, to Virginia City, in
Montana Territory, with a branch from the mouth of Turtle Hill River, or such other point as may be selected, to Omaha.

Second. A road from a point at or near the mouth of the Big Sioux River, via Yankton, Dakota Territory, to a point at or near the mouth of the Big Sheyenne River, thence up said river to its main forks, thence up the north fork to a point of intersection with the road from Niobrara.

Third. For a road from a point on the western boundary of Minnesota, to be determined by the Secretary of the Interior, to a point at or near the mouth of the Big Sheyenne River.

Fourth. A road from Virginia City, in Montana, upon the most practicable route, to Lewiston, in Idaho.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That, to enable the Secretary of the Interior to carry out the provisions of the foregoing section, the sum of one hundred and forty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, fifty thousand dollars of which shall be applied to the construction of the road from Virginia City to Lewiston; fifty thousand dollars shall be applied to the construction of the road from Niobrara branch to Omaha; twenty thousand dollars shall be applied to the construction of the road from the mouth of the Big Sheyenne to its intersection with the Niobrara road; ten thousand dollars shall be applied to the construction of a bridge over the Big Sioux River, or so much of this sum as may be necessary, and any balance remaining to be applied to continuing and improving the road from Sioux City, Iowa, to the Big Sheyenne, Dakota Territory, and the remainder shall be applied to the construction of the road from the western boundary of Minnesota to the Big Sheyenne River: Provided, That any unexpended money now in the treasury, appropriated for the construction of a road from Sioux City to Fort Randall, Dakota Territory, shall be, and is hereby, transferred from the War Department to the Department of the Interior.

APPROVED, March 3, 1865.

CHAP. C.—An Act to authorize the Coinage of Three-Cent Pieces, and for other Purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That so soon as practicable after the passage of this act, there shall be coined at the mint of the United States a three-cent piece, composed of copper and nickel in such proportions, not exceeding twenty-five per centum of nickel, as shall be determined by the director of the mint, the standard weight of which shall be thirty grains, with no greater deviation than four grains to each piece, and the shape, mottoes, and devices of said coin shall be determined by the director of the mint, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury.

And the laws now in force relating to the coinage of cents, and providing for the purchase of material and prescribing the appropriate duties of the officers of the mint, and of the Secretary of the Treasury be, and the same are hereby, extended to the coinage herein provided for.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That all laws now in force, relating to the coins of the United States, and the striking and coinage of the same, shall so far as applicable be extended to the coinage herein authorized, whether said laws are penal or otherwise, for the security of the coin, regulating and guarding the process of striking and coining, for preventing debasement, or counterfeiting, or for any other purpose. And the director of the mint shall prescribe suitable regulations to insure a due conformity to the required weights and proportions of alloy in the said coin, and shall order trials thereof to be made from time to time, by the assayer of the mint, whereof a report shall be made in writing to the director.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That the said coin shall be a legal