and by that name they are made capable of taking, holding, managing, improving, purchasing, leasing, for the sole purpose of erecting and maintaining a hotel as aforesaid, real and personal estate within said city of Washington, not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars in value; said corporation to have a common seal, and the same may break, alter, and renew at pleasure; may prosecute and defend suits before all proper courts and tribunals; may make and ordain by-laws for the government of said corporation, and may have and enjoy all of those privileges and be subject to all of the liabilities which corporations for the holding, management, and improvement of real estate in the city of Washington, in the United States, usually enjoy or are made subject to.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, [That] the capital stock of the said company shall not be less than two hundred and twenty-seven thousand dollars, be divided into shares of five hundred dollars each, and shall be deemed personal estate, and be transferable upon the books of the said corporation.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, [That] the officers of the said corporation shall consist of a president and treasurer, with a board of directors, of whom the president and treasurer may be members, but the number of the directors may be fixed by the shareholders in the by-laws of the corporation. The president shall preside at the meetings of the corporation, sign certificates of the stock issued to stockholders, and shall have a general oversight over the business and affairs of the corporation; the treasurer shall safely keep and disburse all of the moneys of the corporation under the direction of the board of directors; the directors shall manage and control the property of the corporation, and make contracts in relation thereto; the treasurer, or other officer appointed by the by-laws, shall keep the records of the transactions of the corporation, and shall countersign the certificates of stock issued to the stockholders.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, [That] all the officers of the said corporation shall hold their offices for one year, and until their successors are elected and qualified to act, unless they shall be sooner removed by the directors. The first meeting of the corporation may be called by any person named herein by giving previous notice of not less than five days, to all the other persons herein named, of the time and place of such meeting. The annual meetings hereafter shall be called by the treasurer or other officer designated by the board, and be held in the city of Washington, at the National Hotel building, on the first Wednesday in January in each year, notice of which shall be sent to the post-office address of each stockholder for ten days before the time for the holding of such meeting; and special meetings of the corporation may be called in the manner and time to be prescribed by the stockholders.

SEC. 5. And be it further enacted, That each stockholder shall be individually liable for the debts of the corporation to the amount of stock held by each respectively; and Congress hereby reserves the right to amend, alter, or repeal this charter at pleasure.

APPROVED, July 13, 1868.

CHAP. CXLII. — An Act to amend the Act of third March, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, providing for the Construction of certain Wagon Roads in Dakota Territory.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That so much of the unexpended balance of an appropriation made March third, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, for the construction of certain wagon roads in the Territory of Dakota, as shall not exceed the sum of six thousand five hundred dollars, be, and the same is hereby, applied to the completion of the bridge over the Dakota river, on the line of the government road leading
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from Sioux City, in the State of Iowa, to the mouth of the Cheyenne river, in Dakota Territory.

APPROVED, July 13, 1868.

July 18, 1868. CHAP. CXLIII. - An Act to provide for certain Claims against the Department of Agriculture.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proper accounting officers of the treasury be authorized to audit the claims included in the schedule following, to wit: W. L. Ellison, one dollar and fifty cents; C. C. Anderson, seven dollars and fifty cents; M. W. Beverage, one hundred and fifty dollars; W. O. Berry, six dollars and forty-seven cents; J. H. Bourne, thirty-five dollars; John Bell, twenty-two dollars; C. J. Brewer, eighty-five dollars; E. Baker, seven dollars; T. L. Boggs, four dollars and fifty cents; J. A. Blake, four dollars; Baltimore Journal of Commerce and Price Current, fifteen dollars; George Brown, one dollar and thirteen cents; L. C. Campbell, two hundred and fifty dollars; sixty-nine cents; G. B. Carrow, eighty-five dollars; G. F. Campbell, twenty dollars; Carter, Yates, and Wiswell, sixty-six dollars and twenty-five cents; F. W. Christer, two dollars; H. L. Chapin, six dollars and fifty cents; Craigen and Clever, five dollars; Collins, Elderson, and Company, eleven thousand seven hundred and thirty-three dollars and eleven cents; William B. Dana, five dollars; R. P. Eaton and Company, one dollar and fifty cents; Espey and Burdoff, sixty-two dollars; Samuel S. Foss, two dollars; Fisher and Schaeffer, ten dollars and ninety cents; Nathaniel B. Fugitt, three hundred and sixty-five dollars and forty-one cents; Fowler and Company, one hundred and fifty dollars and twenty-nine cents; Z. D. Gilman, twenty-two dollars; William Hacker, six thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine dollars and forty cents; Hovey and Company, eighty-three dollars; International Exchange, twenty dollars; Journal of Commerce, six dollars and thirteen cents; J. Mudie, agent, two dollars; Irving and Willey, three hundred and ninety-seven dollars and thirty-five cents; Journal of Commerce, seventeen dollars; A. J. Joie and Company, forty-eight dollars and thirteen cents; Aug. Jordan, twenty-five dollars; J. Knox, fifteen dollars and fifty cents; J. M. Kuester, two dollars; J. F. Luhme and Company, three hundred and ninety-one dollars and five cents; Linton and Company, forty-five dollars; A. M. Lawza, six dollars in gold; D. T. Moore, three dollars; Pascall Morris, thirteen thousand two hundred and twenty-three dollars and sixty-six cents; A. Swasey and Company, three dollars; Schaeffer and Karadi, sixty-seven dollars and seventy cents; W. B. Smith and Company, four dollars; E. W. Stewart, sixty dollars; E. Slade, thirty dollars; Stevens Brothers, (London,) fifty-eight dollars and twenty cents; Sibley and Guy, forty-four dollars and ninety-seven cents; J. Turner, one dollar; R. O. Thompson, fifteen dollars; Charles S. Taft, one hundred and twenty-eight dollars and forty-eight cents; J. E. Tilton and Company, three dollars; Andrieux, Vilmorin, and Company, twelve dollars and seventy cents; T. B. Winner, one dollar and fifty cents; William Wood and Company twenty-nine dollars; J. B. Ward, thirty-five dollars and thirty-eight cents; G. E. Woodward, two dollars and fifty cents; Samuel Wagner, two dollars; J. F. Wright, one dollar; A. H. Young, forty-