passage of the cars of said railway with a vehicle or vehicles, or otherwise, or in any manner molest or interfere with passengers or operatives while in transit, or destroy or injure the cars of said railway or depots, or other property belonging to said railway, the person or persons so offending shall forfeit and pay for each such offense not less than twenty-five nor more than one hundred dollars, to be recovered as other fines and penalties in said District, and shall also be liable to said company, in addition to said penalty, for any loss or damage occasioned by his or her or their act aforesaid; but no suit shall be brought unless commenced within sixty days after such offense shall have been committed.

SEC. 18. That said company shall have the right of way across such other railways as are now in operation within the limits of the lines granted by this act, and is hereby authorized to construct its said road across such other railways: Provided, That it shall not unnecessarily interrupt the travel of such other railways in such construction.

SEC. 19. That Congress reserves the right to alter, amend, or repeal this act.

Approved, October 18, 1888.

CHAP. 1197.—An act to amend section forty-four hundred and seventy-four of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section forty-four hundred and seventy-four of the Revised Statutes of the United States be, and the same is hereby, amended, by adding thereto the following: "Provided, however, That the Secretary of the Treasury may permit the use of petroleum as fuel on steamers not carrying passengers, without the certificate of the Supervising Inspector of the district where the vessel is to be used, subject to such conditions and safeguards as the Secretary of the Treasury in his judgment shall provide. For a violation of any of the conditions imposed by the Secretary of the Treasury a penalty of five hundred dollars shall be imposed, which penalty shall be a lien upon the vessel, but a bond may, as provided in other cases, be given to secure the satisfaction of the judgment."

Approved, October 18, 1888.

CHAP. 1208.—An act authorizing the President to appoint and retire Alfred Pleasonton, with the rank and grade of major.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the laws regulating appointments in the Army be, and they are hereby, suspended, and suspended only for the purpose of this act, and the President is hereby authorized to nominate and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoint Alfred Pleasonton, late a major-general of volunteers in the Army of the United States, a major, and thereupon to place him, the said Alfred Pleasonton, upon the retired-list of the Army with the rank and grade of major without regard and in addition to the number now authorized by law of said retired-list: Provided, That from and after the passage of this act no pension shall be paid to the said Alfred Pleasonton, but this proviso shall be no bar to any claim for pension that the widow or children or heirs of the said Alfred Pleasonton may have after his decease.

Approved, October 19, 1888.