shall prescribe; and to secure that object the said company or corporation shall submit to the Secretary of War, for his examination and approval, a design and drawings of the bridge, and a map of the location, giving, for the space of one mile above and one mile below the proposed location, the topography of the banks of the river, the shore-lines at high and low water, the direction and strength of the current at all stages, and the soundings, accurately showing the bed of the stream, the location of any other bridge or bridges, and shall furnish such other information as may be required for a full and satisfactory understanding of the subject; and until the said plan and location of the bridge are approved by the Secretary of War the construction of said bridge shall not be commenced; and should any change be made in the plan of said bridge during the progress of construction, such change shall be subject 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 river, caused or alleged to be caused by said bridge, the case may be brought in the circuit court of the United States within whose jurisdiction said bridge or any portion thereof may be located.

SEC. 4. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this act is hereby expressly reserved, and the right to require any changes in said structure, or its entire removal, at the expense of the owners thereof, whenever the Secretary of War shall decide that the public interest requires it, is also expressly reserved.

SEC. 5. 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.

Approved, July 24, 1888.

CHAP. 702.—An act making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums be, and they are hereby, appropriated for the service of the Post Office Department, in conformity with the act of July second, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, as follows:

OFFICE OF THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

For mail depredations, and post-office inspectors, and fees to United States marshals, attorneys, and the necessary incidental expenses connected therewith, two hundred thousand dollars.

For advertising, sixteen thousand dollars.

For miscellaneous items in the office of the Postmaster-General, one thousand five hundred dollars.

OFFICE OF THE FIRST ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

For compensation to postmasters, twelve million eight hundred thousand dollars.

For compensation to clerks in post-offices, five million nine hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

For compensation to clerks in post offices for unusual business, as contemplated by Revised Statutes, section thirty-eight hundred and sixty-three, twenty-five thousand dollars.

For rent, light, and fuel for first and second class post-offices, five hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

For rent, light, and fuel to post-offices of the third class, four hundred and fifty thousand dollars: Provided, That there shall not be
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allowed for the use of any third-class post-office for rent a sum in excess of three hundred dollars, nor more than sixty dollars for fuel and lights in any one year.

Third-class offices allowed rent, light, and fuel.

The Postmaster-General may hereafter allow rent, light, and fuel at offices of the third class in the same manner as he is now authorized by law to do in the case of offices of the first and second class: Provided, That no contract for rent for a third-class post-office shall be made for a longer period than one year, nor shall the aggregate allowance for rent made in any year exceed the amount appropriated for such purpose.

For miscellaneous and incidental items for the first and second class post-offices, including furniture, one hundred thousand dollars.

For free-delivery service, six million dollars.

For the additional expense of the free-delivery service made necessary by the act entitled "An act to limit the hours that letter carriers in cities shall be employed per day," approved May twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, one million dollars.

For stationery in post-offices, fifty-five thousand dollars.

For wrapping twine, eighty thousand dollars.

For wrapping paper, forty-five thousand dollars.

For letter balances, scales, and test weights, fifteen thousand dollars.

For post-marking and rating stamps, and ink and pads for stamping and cancelling purposes, forty-three thousand dollars.

Miscellaneous.

For miscellaneous and incidental items for the first and second class post-offices, including furniture, one hundred thousand dollars.
For manufacture of postal cards, two hundred and twelve thousand four hundred and fifty-five dollars.

For the pay of agent and assistants to distribute postal cards, and expenses of agency, seven thousand eight hundred dollars.

For registered package, tag, and official and dead-letter envelopes, one hundred and two thousand eight hundred and sixty-six dollars.

For ship, steam-boat, and way letters, two thousand five hundred dollars.

For engraving, printing, and binding drafts and warrants, two thousand five hundred dollars.

For miscellaneous items, one thousand dollars.

That hereafter the postage on seeds, cuttings, bulbs, roots, scions, and plants shall be charged at the rate of one cent for each two ounces or fraction thereof, subject in all other respects to the existing law.

OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT FOREIGN MAILS.

For transportation of foreign mails, five hundred and forty-seven thousand dollars.

For balance due foreign countries, seventy-five thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. That if the revenues of the Post Office Department shall be insufficient to meet the appropriations made by this act, a sum equal to such deficiency of the revenues of said Department is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to supply said deficiencies in the revenue of the Post-Office Department for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine.

Approved, July 24, 1888.

CHAP. 715.—An act to construct a road to the national cemetery at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of fifteen thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of constructing a gravelled road from the Mississippi River to the national cemetery at Baton Rouge, in the State of Louisiana:

Provided, That said road shall be constructed under the supervision of the Secretary of War upon a contract let to the lowest bidder: And provided further, That the city of Baton Rouge shall bind itself to keep the road in thorough repair and in good condition, and if necessary, to further bind itself to put in suitable curbs and gutters on each side of said road.

Approved, July 25, 1888.

CHAP. 716.—An act granting to the Newport and King’s Valley Railroad Company the right of way through the Siletz Indian Reservation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the right of way is hereby granted to the Newport and Kings’ Valley Railroad Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Oregon, for the construction of its railroad through the Siletz Indian Reservation, beginning at a point on the easterly line of said reservation where Rock Creek crosses said line and running thence westerly down the valley of Rock Creek and the valley of Siletz River to the western boundary of said reservation at or near the southwest corner thereof.

Approved, July 26, 1888.