

or near Preston, in the State of Texas, with grants of land according to the provisions of this act, but upon the further special condition, nevertheless, that said railroad company shall have commenced in good faith the construction thereof before the said Kansas and Neosho Valley Railroad Company shall have completed its said railroad to said point: *And provided further*, That said other railroad company, so having commenced said work in good faith, shall continue to prosecute the same with sufficient energy to insure the completion of the same within a reasonable time, subject to the approval of the President of the United States: *And provided further*, That the right of way through private property when not otherwise provided for in this act, or by the law of any State through which the road may pass, shall be obtained by said Kansas and Neosho Valley Railroad Company, or either of the other companies named in this act, in accordance with the provisions of section three of an act to amend an act entitled "An act to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean, and to secure to the government the use of the same for postal, military, and other purposes," approved July first, eighteen hundred and sixty-two.

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Preston, Texas, with grants of land, &c.

Work to be prosecuted with energy.

Right of way through private property.

1862, ch. 120, § 3. Vol. xii. p. 492.

CHAP. CCXLII. — *An Act granting Lands to aid in the Construction of a Railroad and Telegraph Line from the Central Pacific Railroad, in California, to Portland, in Oregon.*

July 25, 1866.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the "California and Oregon Railroad Company," organized under an act of the State of California, to protect certain parties in and to a railroad survey, "to connect Portland, in Oregon, with Marysville, in California," approved April sixth, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, and such company organized under the laws of Oregon as the legislature of said State shall hereafter designate, be, and they are hereby, authorized and empowered to lay out, locate, construct, finish, and maintain a railroad and telegraph line between the city of Portland, in Oregon, and the Central Pacific Railroad, in California, in the manner following, to wit: The said California and Oregon Railroad Company to construct that part of the said railroad and telegraph within the State of California, beginning at some point (to be selected by said company) on the Central Pacific Railroad in the Sacramento valley, in the State of California, and running thence northerly, through the Sacramento and Shasta valleys, to the northern boundary of the State of California; and the said Oregon company to construct that part of the said railroad and telegraph line within the State of Oregon, beginning at the city of Portland, in Oregon, and running thence southerly through the Willamette, Umpqua, and Rogue River valleys to the southern boundary of Oregon, where the same shall connect with the part aforesaid to be made by the first-named company: *Provided*, That the company completing its respective part of the said railroad and telegraph from either of the termini herein named to the line between California and Oregon before the other company shall have likewise arrived at the same line, shall have the right, and the said company is hereby authorized, to continue in constructing the same beyond the line aforesaid, with the consent of the State in which the unfinished part may lie, upon the terms mentioned in this act, until the said parts shall meet and connect, and the whole line of said railroad and telegraph shall be completed.

The California and Oregon R. R. Co., and an Oregon company, may locate and construct a railroad and telegraph line between Portland, Oregon, and the Central Pacific Railroad in California.

What part the C. & O. Company to build.

The company first completing its part, may continue its road, with consent of State.

SEC. 2. *And be further enacted*, That there be, and hereby is, granted to the said companies, their successors and assigns, for the purpose of aiding in the construction of said railroad and telegraph line, and to secure the safe and speedy transportation of the mails, troops, munitions of war, and public stores over the line of said railroad, every alternate section of

Grant of public lands, not mineral, to said companies, to aid in the construction of road &c.



If any sections of land have been sold, or are occupied, other lands may be selected in lieu thereof.

When maps of survey are filed, lands to be withdrawn from sale.

Lands granted to be applied to building road in the States where they lie.

Remaining lands to be sold for what price.

Settlers under pre-emption laws may purchase at what price;

under homestead act may have not over eighty acres.

Right of way through public lands granted to said companies.

Materials for construction from adjacent lands.

Extent of grant of right of way.

Land for stations, &c.

When and how patents for these granted lands shall issue to said companies.

Conditions of grants.

public land, not mineral, designated by odd numbers, to the amount of twenty alternate sections per mile (ten on each side) of said railroad line; and when any of said alternate sections or parts of sections shall be found to have been granted, sold, reserved, occupied by homestead settlers, pre-empted, or otherwise disposed of, other lands, designated as aforesaid, shall be selected by said companies in lieu thereof, under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, in alternate sections designated by odd numbers as aforesaid, nearest to and not more than ten miles beyond the limits of said first-named alternate sections; and as soon as the said companies, or either of them, shall file in the office of the Secretary of the Interior a map of the survey of said railroad, or any portion thereof, not less than sixty continuous miles from either terminus, the Secretary of the Interior shall withdraw from sale public lands herein granted on each side of said railroad, so far as located and within the limits before specified. The lands herein granted shall be applied to the building of said road within the States, respectively, wherein they are situated. And the sections and parts of sections of land which shall remain in the United States within the limits of the aforesaid grant shall not be sold for less than double the minimum price of public lands when sold: *Provided*, That bona fide and actual settlers under the pre-emption laws of the United States may, after due proof of settlement, improvement, and occupation, as now provided by law, purchase the same at the price fixed for said lands at the date of such settlement, improvement, and occupation: *And provided, also*, That, settlers under the provisions of the homestead act, who comply with the terms and requirements of said act, shall be entitled, within the limits of said grant, to patents for an amount not exceeding eighty acres of the land so reserved by the United States, anything in this act to the contrary notwithstanding.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the right of way through the public lands be, and the same is hereby, granted to said companies for the construction of said railroad and telegraph line; and the right, power, and authority are hereby given to said companies to take from the public lands adjacent to the line of said road, earth, stone, timber, water, and other materials for the construction thereof. Said right of way is granted to said railroad to the extent of one hundred feet in width on each side of said railroad where it may pass over the public lands, including all necessary grounds for stations, buildings, workshops, depots, machine-shops, switches, side-tracks, turn-tables, water stations, or any other structures required in the construction and operating of said road.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That whenever the said companies, or either of them, shall have twenty or more consecutive miles of any portion of said railroad and telegraph line ready for the service contemplated by this act, the President of the United States shall appoint three commissioners, whose compensation shall be paid by said company, to examine the same, and if it shall appear that twenty consecutive miles of railroad and telegraph shall have been completed and equipped in all respects as required by this act, the said commissioners shall so report under oath to the President of the United States, and thereupon patents shall issue to said companies, or either of them, as the case may be, for the lands hereinbefore granted, to the extent of and coterminous with the completed section of said railroad and telegraph line as aforesaid; and from time to time, whenever twenty or more consecutive miles of the said road and telegraph shall be completed and equipped as aforesaid, patents shall in like manner issue upon the report of the said commissioners, and so on until the entire railroad and telegraph authorized by this act shall have been constructed, and the patents of the lands herein granted shall have been issued.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the grants aforesaid are made upon the condition that the said companies shall keep said railroad and



telegraph in repair and use, and shall at all times transport the mails upon said railroad, and transmit despatches by said telegraph line for the government of the United States, when required so to do by any department thereof, and that the government shall at all times have the preference in the use of said railroad and telegraph therefor at fair and reasonable rates of compensation, not to exceed the rates paid by private parties for the same kind of service. And said railroad shall be and remain a public highway for the use of the government of the United States, free of all toll or other charges upon the transportation of the property or troops of the United States; and the same shall be transported over said road at the cost, charge, and expense of the corporations or companies owning or operating the same, when so required by the government of the United States.

Railroad to be a public highway and free to the United States.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the said companies shall file their assent to this act in the Department of the Interior within one year after the passage hereof, and shall complete the first section of twenty miles of said railroad and telegraph within two years, and at least twenty miles in each year thereafter, and the whole on or before the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five; and the said railroad shall be of the same gauge as the "Central Pacific Railroad" of California, and be connected therewith.

Companies when to file assent to this act. Rate of progress to be made.

Gauge. To be connected with Central Pacific Railroad.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That the said companies named in this act are hereby required to operate and use the portions or parts of said railroad and telegraph mentioned in section one of this act for all purposes of transportation, travel, and communication, so far as the government and public are concerned, as one connected and continuous line; and in such operation and use to afford and secure to each other equal advantages and facilities as to rates, time, and transportation, without any discrimination whatever, on pain of forfeiting the full amount of damage sustained on account of such discrimination, to be sued for and recovered in any court of the United States, or of any State, of competent jurisdiction.

Companies to use and operate road as one continuous line, and to secure to each other equal advantages, &c.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That in case the said companies shall fail to comply with the terms and conditions required, namely, by not filing their assent thereto as provided in section six of this act, or by not completing the same as provided in said section, this act shall be null and void, and all the lands not conveyed by patent to said company or companies, as the case may be, at the date of any such failure, shall revert to the United States. And in case the said road and telegraph line shall not be kept in repair and fit for use, after the same shall have been completed, Congress may pass an act to put the same in repair and use, and may direct the income of said railroad and telegraph line to be thereafter devoted to the United States, to repay all expenditures caused by the default and neglect of said companies or either of them, as the case may be, or may fix pecuniary responsibility, not exceeding the value of the lands granted by this act.

If companies fail to comply with certain conditions, this act to be void, and the lands not conveyed to revert to the United States.

If road and telegraph line are not kept in repair, Congress may, &c.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That the said "California and Oregon Railroad Company" and the said "Oregon Company" shall be governed by the provisions of the general railroad and telegraph laws of their respective States, as to the construction and management of the said railroad and telegraph line hereinbefore authorized, in all matters not provided for in this act. Wherever the word "company" or "companies" is used in this act it shall be construed to embrace the words "their associates, successors, and assigns," the same as if the words had been inserted, or thereto annexed.

The companies to be governed by the laws of their respective States.

The word "company" to include "associates, successors, and assigns."

SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted*, That all mineral lands shall be excepted from the operation of this act; but where the same shall contain timber, so much of the timber thereon as shall be required to construct said road over such mineral land is hereby granted to said companies: *Provided*, That the term "mineral lands" shall not include lands containing coal and iron.

Mineral lands excepted from this grant.

Timber for construction. "Mineral" not coal and iron.



Companies to obtain consent of States, where road and telegraph line do not pass through public lands.  
Act may be amended, &c.

SEC. 11. *And be it further enacted*, That the said companies named in this act shall obtain the consent of the legislatures of their respective States, and be governed by the statutory regulations thereof in all matters pertaining to the right of way, wherever the said road and telegraph line shall not pass over or through the public lands of the United States.

SEC. 12. *And be it further enacted*, That Congress may at any time, having due regard for the rights of said California and Oregon railroad companies, add to, alter, amend, or repeal this act.

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July 25, 1866. CHAP. CCXLIII. — *An Act to change the Place of holding Court in the Northern District of Georgia.*

District court for northern district of Georgia to be held at Atlanta.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the district court for the northern district of Georgia shall hereafter be held at Atlanta, in-tead of Marietta; and the clerk of said northern district is hereby required to remove all the books, papers, and records belonging to his office from Marietta to Atlanta.

Process.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That all process made returnable to the court heretofore held at Marietta shall be taken and considered returnable to the court at Atlanta.

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July 25, 1866. CHAP. CCXLIV. — *An Act granting to A. Sutro the Right of Way, and granting other Privileges to aid in the Construction of a Draining and Exploring Tunnel to the Comstock Lode, in the State of Nevada.*

Right of way granted to A. Sutro, &c. to construct a mining, &c. tunnel, &c.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That, for the purpose of the construction of a deep draining and exploring tunnel to and beyond the "Comstock lode," so called, in the State of Nevada, the right of way is hereby granted to A. Sutro, his heirs and assigns, to run, construct, and excavate a mining, draining, and exploring tunnel; also to sink mining, working, or air shafts along the line or course of said tunnel, and connecting with the same at any point which may hereafter be selected by the grantee herein, his heirs or assigns. The said tunnel shall be at least eight feet high and eight feet wide, and shall commence at some point to be selected by the grantee herein, his heirs or assigns, at the hills near Carson River, and within the boundaries of Lyon County, and extending from said initial point in a westerly direction seven miles, more or less, to and beyond said Comstock lode; and the said right of way shall extend northerly and southerly on the course of said lode, either within the same, or east or west of the same; and also on or along any other lode which may be discovered or developed by the said tunnel.

Dimensions of tunnel, where to commence, &c.

Right of way to extend northerly and southerly &c.

A. Sutro may purchase not over two sections of public land at mouth of tunnel, for use thereof.  
Not to be mineral lands, &c.

Upon filing plat, land to be withdrawn from sale.

Patent to issue. Certain mineral veins and lodes may be purchased.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the right is hereby granted to the said A. Sutro, his heirs and assigns, to purchase, at one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, a sufficient amount of public land near the mouth of said tunnel for the use of the same, not exceeding two sections, and such land shall not be mineral land or in the bona fide possession of other persons who claim under any law of Congress at the time of the passage of this act, and all minerals existing or which shall be discovered therein are excepted from this grant; that upon filing a plat of said land the Secretary of the Interior shall withdraw the same from sale, and upon payment for the same a patent shall issue. And the said A. Sutro, his heirs and assigns, are hereby granted the right to purchase, at five dollars per acre, such mineral veins and lodes within two thousand feet on each side of said tunnel as shall be cut, discovered, or developed by running and constructing the same, through its entire extent, with all the dips, spurs, and angles of such lodes, subject, however, to the