

deviated from or added to, either during the construction or after the completion of the bridge, until the proposed change shall have been submitted to the Secretary of War and received his approval; and the said bridge shall be at all times so kept and managed as to offer reasonable and proper means for the passage of vessels through or under said bridge, and if said bridge be built with a draw said draw shall be opened promptly, upon reasonable signal, for the passage of boats or other craft; and whatever kind of bridge is built the said company or corporation shall maintain, at its own expense, from sunset to sunrise, such lights or other signals thereon as the Light-House Board shall prescribe; and if at any time the navigation of said river shall in any manner be obstructed or impaired by the bridge authorized by this Act to be constructed, the Secretary of War shall have authority, and it shall be his duty, to require said company to alter and change said bridge at its own expense in such manner as may be proper to secure free and complete navigation without impediment.

Unobstructed navigation.

Lights, etc.

Changes.

SEC. 3. That the bridge constructed, maintained, and operated under this Act and according to its limitations shall be a lawful structure, and shall be recognized and known as a post route, upon which also no higher charge shall be made for the transportation over the same of the mails, the troops, and the munitions of war of the United States than the rate per mile paid for transportation of said mails, troops, and munitions over the railroads and public highways leading to said bridge; and the United States shall have the right of way for postal, telegraph, and telephone purposes over said bridge; and all telephone and telegraph companies shall be granted equal rights and privileges in the construction and operation of their lines across said bridge.

Lawful structure and post route.

Telegraph, etc. rights.

SEC. 4. That this Act shall be null and void if actual construction of the bridge herein authorized be not commenced within two years and completed within four years of the date hereof.

Time of construction.

SEC. 5. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Amendment.

Approved, April 15, 1902.

CHAP. 506.—An Act Confirming title to the State of Nebraska of certain selected indemnity school lands.

April 15, 1902.

[Public, No. 73.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That title be, and is hereby, confirmed to the State of Nebraska to all those certain tracts of land in the O'Neill, Nebraska, land district, aggregating two thousand two hundred and twenty-eight acres and nine hundredths of an acre, heretofore selected by the State as indemnity for granted school lands, which selections were approved by the Secretary of the Interior May twenty-second, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, in list numbered one, and duly certified to the State of Nebraska by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, but which certification was on May fifth, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, declared by the Secretary of the Interior to be null and void and ineffectual to convey to the State any right or title: *Provided,* That the State of Nebraska shall not hereafter be entitled to further indemnity for the specific losses accruing to said State in lieu of which said selections were made.

Public lands, Nebraska school land indemnity confirmed.

Proviso.
No further indemnity.

Approved, April 15, 1902.