

March 2, 1903.

[Public, No. 130.]

CHAP. 973.—An Act To authorize the construction of a bridge across the Arkansas River at or near Moors Rock, in the State of Arkansas.

Arkansas River.
Arkansas Coal and
Mineral Railway Com-
pany may bridge, at
Moors Rock, Ark.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Arkansas Coal and Mineral Railway Company, a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Arkansas, its successors and assigns, are hereby authorized to construct, operate, and maintain a bridge across the Arkansas River at Moors Rock, or within two miles above or below said Moors Rock, on the boundary line between the counties of Crawford and Sebastian. Said bridge shall be constructed in accordance with such plans as may be approved by the Secretary of War: *Provided*, That before the construction of any bridge herein authorized is commenced the said company shall submit to the Secretary of War, for his examination and approval, a design and drawing of such bridge and map of the location, giving sufficient information to enable the Secretary of War to fully and satisfactorily understand the subject; and unless the plan and location of such bridge are approved by the Secretary of War the structure shall not be built; and should any change be made in said bridge before or after completion, such changes shall likewise be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War; and any changes in said bridge which the Secretary of War may at any time deem necessary and order in the interests of navigation shall be made by the owners thereof at their expense: *Provided further*, That for the safety of vessels passing at night the owners of said bridge shall maintain thereon, at their own expense, from sunset to sunrise, such lights or other signals as the Light-House Board may prescribe.

Provisos.
Secretary of War to
approve plans, etc.

Changes.

Lights, etc.

Use by other roads.

Compensation.

Telegraph, etc.,
rights.

Lawful structure
and post route.

SEC. 2. That all railroad companies desiring the use of said bridge shall have equal rights and privileges relative to the passage of railway trains or cars over the same and over the approaches thereto upon payment of a reasonable compensation for such use; and in case the owners of said bridge and any railroad company desiring such use shall fail to agree upon the sums to be paid or the conditions to be observed, all matters at issue shall be decided by the Secretary of War upon hearing the allegations and proofs of the parties; and equal privileges in the use of said bridge shall be granted to telegraph and telephone companies.

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 a postal telegraph across said bridge.

SEC. 4. 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 approval of this Act.

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

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CHAP. 974.—An Act To create a new division of the eastern judicial district of Texas, and to provide for terms of court at Texarkana, Texas, and for a clerk for said court, and for other purposes.

United States courts.
Texas eastern ju-
dicial district.
New division.
R. S., sec. 548, p. 92.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the counties of Bowie, Franklin, and Titus shall constitute a division of the eastern judicial district of Texas.

SEC. 2. That terms of the circuit and district courts of the United States for the said eastern district of Texas shall be held twice in each year at the city of Texarkana, and that until otherwise provided by law the judges of said courts shall fix the times at which said courts shall be held at Texarkana, of which they shall make publication and give due notice.

Term at Texarkana.

SEC. 3. That all civil process issued against persons resident in the said counties of Bowie, Franklin, and Titus, and cognizable before the United States courts, shall be made returnable to the courts, respectively, to be held at the city of Texarkana, and all prosecutions for offenses committed in any of said counties shall be tried in the appropriate United States court at the city of Texarkana: *Provided*, That no process issued or prosecution commenced or suit instituted before the passage of this bill shall be in any way affected by the provisions hereof.

Return of process.

Proviso.
Pending cases.

SEC. 4. That the clerks of the circuit and district courts of said district shall maintain an office, in charge of themselves or a deputy, at the said city of Texarkana, which shall be kept open at all times for the transaction of the business of said division.

Clerks.

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CHAP. 975.—An Act Making appropriation for the support of the Army for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and four.

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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, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the support of the Army for the year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and four:

ARMY appropriations.

COMMANDING GENERAL'S OFFICE OR THAT OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF.

Commanding General, or Chief of Staff.

To defray the contingent expenses of the Commanding General's Office or that of the Chief of Staff in his discretion, three thousand dollars.

Contingent expenses.

CONTINGENCIES OF THE ARMY: For all contingent expenses of the Army not provided for by other estimates, and embracing all branches of the military service, to be expended under the immediate orders of the Secretary of War, twenty-five thousand dollars.

Contingencies of the Army.

ARMY WAR COLLEGE: For expenses of the Army War College, being for the temporary hire of office rooms, purchase of the necessary stationery, office, toilet, and desk furniture, text-books, books of reference, scientific and professional papers and periodicals, binding, maps, police utensils, and for all other absolutely necessary expenses, fifteen thousand dollars.

Army War College.

UNDER THE CHIEF OF ARTILLERY.

Under Chief of Artillery.

SCHOOL OF SUBMARINE DEFENSE, FORT TOTTEN, NEW YORK: For incidental expenses of school and depot, including fuel, lights, chemicals, stationery, hardware, extra-duty pay to soldiers necessarily employed for periods not less than ten days as artificers on work in addition to and not strictly in line with their military duties, such as carpenters, blacksmiths, draftsmen, printers, lithographers, photographers, engine drivers, telegraph operators, teamsters, wheelwrights, masons, machinists, painters, overseers, laborers, repairs of and for material to repair public buildings, boats used in connection with the school, office furniture and fixtures, machinery, and unforeseen expenses, ten thousand dollars.

Submarine defense school.
Incidental expenses.