

contained in an act entitled "An act to legalize and establish a pontoon bridge across the Mississippi River at Prairie du Chien," approved June sixth, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, except that in the bridge herein authorized one draw only shall be required, which shall not be less than three hundred and fifty feet in width in the clear: *And provided also*, That said draw shall be opened promptly upon reasonable signal for the passage of boats.

18 Stat., 62.

Proviso.

SEC. 3. That any bridge constructed under this act and according to its limitations shall be a lawful structure, and shall be known and recognized as a post-route, and the same is hereby declared to be a post-route, upon which also no higher charge shall be made for the transmission over the same of the mails, the troops, and the munitions of war of the United States, or for passengers or freight passing over said bridge, than the rate per mile paid for their transportation over the railroads and public highways leading to the said bridge; and the United States shall have the right of way for a postal telegraph across said bridge.

Draws to be maintained.

Declared a post-route, and a lawful structure.

Right of way for postal telegraph reserved to United States.

SEC. 4. That all railway companies desiring to use said bridge shall have and be entitled to equal rights and privileges in the passage of of the same, and in the use of the machinery and fixtures thereof and of all the approaches thereto, under and upon such terms, and conditions as shall be prescribed by the Secretary of War upon hearing the allegations and proofs of the parties in case they shall not agree.

All railway companies to have use of bridge.

SEC. 5. That the structure herein authorized shall be built and located under and subject to such regulations for the security of navigation of said river as the Secretary of War 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 said 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 bridge shall not be built; and should any change be made in the plan of said bridge during the process of construction such change shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War. And the said structure 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 structure; and to secure the safe passage of vessels at night there shall be displayed on said bridge from the hour of sunset to that of sunrise, such lights as may be prescribed by the Secretary of War; and the said structure shall be changed, at the cost and expense of the owners thereof, from time to time, as Congress may direct, so as to preserve the free and convenient navigation of said river; and the authority to erect and continue said bridge shall be subject to revocation and modification by law, whenever the public good shall in the judgment of Congress so require, without any expense or charge to the United States.

Built and located under regulations prescribed by Secretary of War.

Change in plan of construction to be subject to approval of Secretary of War.

Lights.

Free navigation of river preserved.

SEC. 6. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this act is hereby expressly reserved.

Act may be amended, etc.

SEC. 7. That this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, March 28, 1882.

CHAP. 52.—An act to extend the northern boundary of the State of Nebraska.

Mar. 28, 1882.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the northern boundary of the State of Nebraska shall be, and hereby is, subject to the provisions hereinafter contained, extended so as to include all that portion of the

Northern boundary of State of Nebraska extended.

proviso.

Conditions.

Territory of Dakota lying south of the forty-third parallel of north latitude and east of the Keyapaha River and west of the main channel of the Missouri River; and when the Indian title to the lands thus described shall be extinguished, the jurisdiction over said lands shall be, and hereby is, ceded to the State of Nebraska, and subject to all the conditions and limitations provided in the act of Congress admitting Nebraska into the Union, and the northern boundary of the State shall be extended to said forty-third parallel as fully and effectually as if said lands had been included in the boundaries of said State at the time of its admission to the Union; reserving to the United States the original right of soil in said lands and of disposing of the same: *Provided*, That this act, so far as jurisdiction is concerned, shall not take effect until the President shall, by proclamation, declare that the Indian title to said lands has been extinguished, nor shall it take effect until the State of Nebraska shall have assented to the provisions of this act; and if the State of Nebraska shall not by an act of its legislature consent to the provisions of this act within two years next after the passage hereof, this act shall cease and be of no effect

Approved, March 28, 1882.

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CHAP. 53.—An act to authorize the Secretary of War to release a right of way across lands of the United States at Plattsburgh, New York.

Right of way through United States lands in Plattsburgh, N. Y., granted to Chateaugay Railroad Company.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be authorized and empowered, in his discretion, and on such conditions and restrictions as he may think necessary to protect the interests of the United States, to release to the Chateaugay Railroad Company, for railroad purposes only, a right of way not exceeding four rods in width over and along the northerly side of the lands of the United States in Plattsburgh, Clinton County, New York, and extending from the Saranac River to the depot grounds of said company, a distance of about one hundred and thirty rods, or so much thereof as said company may require for said purpose.

Approved, March 28, 1882.

Mar. 31, 1882.

CHAP. 55.—An act to confirm certain instructions given by the Department of the Interior to the Indian agent at Green Bay Agency, in the State of Wisconsin, and to legalize the acts done and permitted by said Indian agent pursuant thereto.

Preamble.

Whereas on the twenty-eighth day of November, eighteen hundred and eighty-one, the Commissioner of Indian Affairs addressed to the Indian agent at the Green Bay Agency, in the State of Wisconsin, a letter of instructions as follows, namely:

“DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
“OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
“Washington, November 28, 1881.

“E. STEPHENS, United States Indian Agent

“Green Bay Agency, Wisconsin:

“SIR: I notice in your annual report a statement that the Indians of your agency complain that they are not allowed to dispose of the dead and down timber going to waste on their reserve.

“You are hereby informed that the sale of such timber is allowed by this office; but great care must be taken by you to see that the Indians dispose of only surplus dead or down wood which without such disposition would soon become worthless, and that they do not take advantage of this permission to cut other timber, in violation of section two hundred and sixty-two, ‘Instructions to Indian Agents’.