

CHAP. 916.—An act to construct a wagon bridge across the Mississippi River at Hastings, Minnesota. September 25, 1890.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the city of Hastings, a municipal corporation existing under the laws of the State of Minnesota, be, and is hereby, authorized to construct and maintain, at a point suitable to the interest of navigation, a wagon or a combined wagon and foot bridge across the Mississippi River from a point at or near the foot of Sibley street, in the said city of Hastings, Minnesota, on the west bank to a point at or near the graded road nearly opposite on the east bank: *Provided,* That said bridge shall not interfere with the free navigation of said river beyond what is necessary to carry into effect the rights and privileges hereby granted; and in case of any litigation arising from any obstruction, or alleged obstruction, to the free navigation of said river, or damage resulting from the same, the cause may be tried before the circuit court of the United States in and for any district in which any portion of said bridge or obstruction touches.

SEC. 2. That any bridge built under this act shall be constructed as a high bridge with a channel-span giving a clear width of waterway of not less than three hundred and eighty feet and a clear head room of not less than fifty-five feet above high water mark.

SEC. 3. That any bridge constructed under this act, according to its limitations, shall be a lawful structure, and shall be known as a post-route, and the same is hereby declared to be a post-route, upon which no charge shall be made for the transmission over the same of the mails, the troops, and the munitions of war of the United States; and the United States shall have the right of way for postal telegraph purposes across said bridge. For the passage of all kinds of vehicles, for the transit of all kinds of animals, and for the passage of foot-passengers the said bridge shall be free to the public.

SEC. 4. 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 city shall submit to the Secretary of War for examination and approval a design and drawing of the bridge and a map of the location, giving the topography of the banks of the river, the shore-lines at high and low water, and the soundings, accurately showing the bed of the stream, and shall furnish such other information as shall be required for a full and satisfactory understanding of the subject; and until the said plan and location of the bridge are decided by the Secretary of War to be such as will not materially affect the interests of navigation the bridge shall not be commenced or built. And should any change be made in the plan of said bridge during the progress of construction such changes shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War. And the said bridge shall be constructed with such aids to the passage of said bridge, in the form of booms, dikes, piers, or other suitable and proper structures for confining the flow of water to a permanent and easily navigated channel, and for the guiding of rafts, steam-boats, and other water craft safely under said bridge, as the Secretary of War shall prescribe and at any time order to be constructed and maintained at the expense of the city of Hastings; 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 and other water-craft under said structure; and for the safety of vessels passing at night there shall be displayed on said bridge, from the hours of sunset to sunrise, such lights or other signals as may be prescribed by the Light House Board. And the aid structure shall be changed or removed at the cost and expense of the said city of Hastings, from time to time, as Congress may direct, so as to preserve

Hastings, Minn., may bridge Mississippi River at Sibley street, Hastings, Minn.

Wagon, or wagon and foot bridge.

Proviso.

Free navigation.

Litigation.

High bridge.

Lawful structure and post-route.

Postal telegraph.

Free transit.

Security of navigation.

Secretary of War to approve plans, etc.

Change in plan.

Aids to navigation.

Lights, etc.

Removal, etc.

Authorization re-
vocable, etc.

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 when the public good shall, in the judgment of Congress, so require, without any expense or charge to the United States.

Amendment, etc.

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

Commencement and
completion.

SEC. 7. 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 thereof.

Approved, September 25, 1890.

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CHAP. 917.—An act to create a port of entry at Eagle Pass, Texas, in lieu of Indianola, Texas.

Eagle Pass, Tex.,
made a port of entry
in lieu of Indianola,
Tex.
R. S., sec. 2578, p.
510, amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That paragraph two of section twenty-five hundred and seventy-eight of the Revised Statutes be amended so as to read as follows:

“Second. The district of Saluria; to comprise all the waters and shores of the State from and including the counties of Matagorda and Wharton as bounded on the third day of March, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, to the county of Refugio as bounded on the twenty-eighth day of July eighteen hundred and forty-seven; in which Eagle Pass shall be the port of entry, and Matagorda, Copano, Lavaca and San Antonio, ports of delivery.”

R. S., sec. 2579, p.
510, amended.

That paragraph two of section twenty-five hundred and ninety-nine of the Revised Statutes be amended so as to read as follows:

Collector at Eagle
Pass.

“Second. In the district of Saluria, a collector who shall reside at Eagle Pass.”

Withdrawal for ex-
port to Mexico.

SECTION. 2. That section three thousand and four of the Revised Statutes be, and the same is hereby, amended by substituting the words “Eagle Pass” for the word “Indianola.”

R. S., sec. 3004, p.
579, amended.

Approved, September 25, 1890.

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CHAP. 918.—An act to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Mississippi River at Winona, Minnesota.

Winona, Minn., may
bridge Mississippi
River at Winona,
Minn.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the city of Winona, in the State of Minnesota, is hereby authorized and empowered to erect, establish, and maintain, or authorize the erection, establishment, and maintenance of a foot and carriage bridge across the Mississippi River at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, from the city of Winona, State of Minnesota, so as to connect with the opposite shore of said river in the State of Wisconsin; that said bridge shall not interfere with the free navigation of said river beyond what is necessary in order to carry into effect the rights and privileges hereby granted; and in case of any litigation arising from any obstruction or alleged obstruction to the free navigation of said river, the cause may be tried before the circuit court of the United States in and for any district in which any portion of said bridge or obstruction touches. Said bridge shall be constructed to provide for the passage of wagons and vehicles of all kinds, for the transit of animals, and for foot passengers, for such reasonable rates of toll as may be fixed from time to time by the Secretary of War.

Foot and carriage
bridge.

Free navigation.

Litigation.

Tolls.

Construction option-
al.

SEC. 2. That any bridge built under the provisions of this act may, at the option of the city of Winona building the same, be built as a