

Proviso.

*Provided*, That such minor shall have such parents or guardians entitled to his custody and control.

Penalty upon officers who knowingly violate this law.

SEC. 2. That in case any officer knowingly violates the provisions of this act by the enlistment or muster of a minor, he shall be liable to be arrested and tried by a court-martial, and, upon conviction, shall be dismissed from the service, or suffer such other punishment as such court may direct.

APPROVED, May 15, 1872.

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CHAP. CLXIII. — *An Act to authorize the West Wisconsin Railway Company to keep up and maintain a Bridge for Railway Purposes across Lake Saint Croix, at the City of Hudson, in the State of Wisconsin.*

West Wisconsin railway company may maintain the bridge across Lake Saint Croix.

Bridge, how constructed.

All railroad companies may use the bridge upon terms, &c.

Structure to be built as the Secretary of War shall prescribe;

to be changed, &c., at cost of owners, as Congress may direct.

If there is litigation, cause to be tried where.

This act may be altered, &c.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the West Wisconsin Railway Company is hereby authorized to keep up and maintain the bridge heretofore constructed by it for the uses and purposes of its railway across Lake Saint Croix, at the city of Hudson, in the county of Saint Croix, and State of Wisconsin, the said bridge having been constructed as follows, namely: With a draw of three hundred and twenty feet in length, affording two spans of one hundred and forty feet each in the clear, for the passage of steamboats and other craft; also, with a span of one hundred and thirty-six feet in the clear, for the passage of rafts; that the draw to said bridge shall be opened promptly, upon reasonable signal, for the passage of boats; that said bridge so constructed shall be deemed and taken to be a legal structure, and shall be a post-road for the transmission of the United States mails. And all railroad companies desiring to use said bridge shall have and be entitled to use and run their trains over the same, as now built and track laid over it and its approaches, under and upon such terms, rental, or remuneration, first to be fixed by the Secretary of War, after hearing all the evidence and proofs of both parties, in case the parties cannot agree on terms.

SEC. 2. That the structure herein authorized shall be built under and subject to such regulations for the security of the navigation of said river and lake as the Secretary of War shall prescribe, 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 and under said structure; 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 lake; and the authority to erect and continue said bridge shall be subject to revocation by law whenever the public good shall, in the judgment of Congress, so require.

SEC. 3. That in case of any litigation arising from any obstruction or alleged obstruction to the free navigation of the Saint Croix river at or near the crossing of said bridge, and caused or alleged to be caused thereby, the cause shall be commenced and tried in the district court of the United States for either the district of Minnesota or the western district of Wisconsin.

SEC. 4. That the right to alter or amend this act, so as to prevent or remove all material obstructions to the navigation of said river by the construction of bridges, is hereby expressly reserved.

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CHAP. CLXIV. — *An Act relating to the Reform School of the District of Columbia.*

See *Ante*, p. 35.

Trustees of reform school in the District of Columbia to render monthly accounts of ex-

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the board of trustees of the Reform School of the District of Columbia shall cause monthly accounts to be rendered to the proper accounting officers of the Territory of the District of Columbia for the expenses of such boys as have been sent to the said school by the proper authorities from the cities of Wash-