

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.

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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-

ington and Georgetown and the county of Washington, and for which said cities and county are, respectively, liable to pay one dollar and fifty cents a week, which shall hereafter be one dollar and seventy-five cents a week; and the amount due from said cities and county, respectively, shall be paid on demand; and if not paid within ten days after the amount shall be audited, the amount due shall draw interest at the rate of one per centum per month until paid.

penses of certain boys.

Amount due to be paid on demand; when to draw interest.

SEC. 2. That hereafter any boy under sixteen years of age who is destitute of a home or means of support, or who is idle and incorrigible or wandering about uncared for by relatives or friends, and whose parents, if he has any living within this District, are unable to pay the expenses of his support in the reform school, may be sent to the said school at the expense of the city or county in which he may be found by the judge of the police court, the governor of the Territory, or the president of the board of trustees of said school.

Certain boys under sixteen may be sent to such school, and by whom.

SEC. 3. That every boy sent to the reform school shall remain therein until he is twenty-one years of age, unless sooner discharged or bound as an apprentice to some proper person by the board of trustees; but no boy shall be retained after the superintendent shall have reported him fully reformed.

Boys sent to the school to remain until, &c.

SEC. 4. That whenever there shall be as large a number of boys in the school as can be properly accommodated, it shall be the duty of the president of the board of trustees to give notice to the criminal and police courts of the fact, whereupon no boys shall be sent to the school by the said courts until notice shall be given them by the president of the board that more can be received.

When the school is full, notice to be given, and no more boys sent until, &c.

SEC. 5. That if any person shall entice, or attempt to entice, away from said school any boy legally committed to the same, or shall harbor, conceal, or aid in harboring or concealing, any boy who shall have escaped from said school, such person shall, upon conviction thereof, be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall pay a fine of not less than ten nor more than one hundred dollars, which shall be paid to the treasurer of the board of trustees; and any trustee, or the superintendent of said school, and any policeman, shall have power, and it is hereby made their duty, to arrest any boy, when in their power so to do, who shall have escaped from said school, and return him thereto.

Penalty for enticing away, &c., inmates of the school, or concealing, &c., such as have escaped.

Who may arrest and return boys to the school.

SEC. 6. That the sum of ten thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay the annual salaries of the superintendent, one thousand five hundred dollars; two assistant superintendents, seven hundred and fifty dollars each; and the matron, six hundred dollars; and for assistant teachers and others, incidental expenses, including clothing, fuel, servant-hire.

Appropriation for salaries and pay of officers, teachers, &c.

SEC. 7. That the Secretary of the Interior be authorized to purchase a new site for said school, to be selected by himself and the board of trustees, on which buildings for the accommodation of three hundred boys shall be erected, under the supervision of the said Secretary, the board of trustees, and the architect of the Capitol; and for these purposes the sum of one hundred thousand dollars is hereby appropriated: *Provided*, That before any part of this appropriation shall be drawn, plans and specifications of the building to be erected shall be made by the architect of the Capitol, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior; and the amount expended for the purchase of said site and the erection of said building shall not exceed the sum hereby appropriated.

New site to be purchased and buildings erected for the school.

Appropriation.

Plans, &c., to be first made and approved, and cost not to exceed appropriation.

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