

Secretary of War to
adjust disputes.

Railway, wagon, and
footbridge.

Existing laws.
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Proviso.

Commencement and
completion.

Amendment.

all matters at issue between them shall be decided by the Secretary of War, upon a hearing of the allegations and proofs of the parties.

SEC. 5. That said bridge shall be constructed to provide for the passage of railway trains and, at the option of the corporation by which it may be built, may be used 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 approved, from time to time, by the Secretary of War.

SEC. 6. That the said bridge shall be built under the provisions of the act of seventeenth December, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, and authorizing the construction of bridges across the Ohio River and the amendatory act of fourteenth February, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, except in so far as the provisions of said acts may be modified or changed by the provisions of this act: *Provided*, That if the construction of said bridge shall not be commenced within one year, and completed within four years after the passage of this act, all privileges conferred hereby, and this act, shall become null and void.

SEC. 7. That Congress shall have power at any time to alter, amend or repeal this act.

Approved, May 14, 1888.

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CHAP. 247.—An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to award a gold medal of the first class to Captain Thomas Sampson, of New York City, for rescuing five boys from drowning.

Thomas Sampson.
Awarded a gold life-
saving medal.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to award to Captain Thomas Sampson, of New York City, a gold medal of the first class, for bravery in rescuing, at the peril of his own life, five boys from drowning—three in June, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, and two in June, eighteen hundred and fifty-six.

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CHAP. 248.—An act to grant a right of way to the Kansas City and Pacific Railroad Company through the Indian Territory, and for other purposes.

Kansas City and Pa-
cific Railroad Com-
pany may build railway,
telegraph, and tele-
phone line through In-
dian Territory.
Location.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Kansas City and Pacific Railroad Company, a corporation created under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Kansas, be, and the same is hereby, invested and empowered with the right of locating, constructing, owning, equipping, operating, using, and maintaining a railway, telegraph, and telephone line through the Indian Territory, beginning at any point to be selected by said railroad company on the south line of the State of Kansas, in the county of Labette or Montgomery, at or near Coffeyville, and running thence by the most practicable route through the Indian Territory to a point on the southern boundary of the said Indian Territory, and within three miles of where the line of the Denison and Wichita Valley Railroad crosses Red River, with a branch commencing at Ockmulgee, and running thence westerly or southwesterly, to the south line of said Indian Territory, at or near the mouth of the north fork of Red River, with the right to construct, use, and maintain such tracks, turnouts, branches, sidings, and extensions as said company may deem it to their interest to construct along and upon the right of way and depot grounds herein provided for.

Dimension of right
of way.

SEC. 2. That said corporation is authorized to take and use for all purposes of a railway, and for no other purpose, a right of way one