SEC. 3. That the Secretary of War is authorized and directed, upon
receiving such plan, map, and other information, and upon being satis-
fied that the bridge built upon such plan and with such accessory
works and at such locality will conform to the prescribed conditions
of this act, to notify said company or corporation that he approves
the same; and upon receiving such notification said company or corpora-
tion may proceed to the erection of said bridge, conforming to the
approved plan and location; and should any change be made in the
plan of the bridge or said accessory works, either during the pro-
gress of the work thereon or after it shall be completed, such change
shall be subject likewise to the approval of the Secretary of War;
and in case of any litigation arising from any obstruction or alleged
obstruction to the free navigation of said river caused or alleged to
be caused by said bridge, the case may be brought in the circuit court
of the United States of the district where said bridge or any part
thereof is located.

SEC. 4. That the said bridge and accessory works, when built and
constructed under this act and according to the terms and limita-
tions thereof, shall be lawful structures, and shall be recognized and
known as a post-route having the rights and privileges accorded to
other post-routes; that no higher charge shall be made for the trans-
mission over the same of the mails, the troops, and the munitions
of war of the United States than the rate per mile paid for the trans-
portation over the railroads or public highways leading thereto, and
that the United States shall have the right of way across said bridge
for postal-telegraph lines.

SEC. 5. That all railroad companies desiring the use of said bridge
shall have and be entitled to equal rights and privileges relative to
the passage of railway trains or cars over the same, and over the
approaches thereto, upon payment of a reasonable compensation for
such use; and in case the owner or owners of said bridge and the
several railroad companies, or any one of them, desiring such use
shall fail to agree upon the sum or sums to be paid, and upon rules
and conditions to which each shall conform in using said bridge, 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. 6. That Congress shall have power at any time to cause to be
removed all material and substantial obstructions to the navigation
of said river by the construction of said bridge and its accessory
works, and the expense of altering said bridge or removing such ob-
structions shall be borne by the owners of or persons controlling the
same.

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 hereof.

SEC. 8. Congress shall have power, at all times, to amend or repeal
this act as in its judgment the public interests shall require.

Approved, February 21, 1890.

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CHAP. 18.—An act to amend and alter an act entitled "An act to authorize the
construction of a railroad, wagon, and foot-passenger bridge across the Mississippi
River at or near Burlington, Iowa," approved August sixth, eighteen hundred and
eighty-eight.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
United States of America in Congress assembled, That the time for
commencement and completion of the bridge authorized by said act,
as provided in section six thereof, be, and is hereby, each extended
two years from the passage of this act.

SEC. 2. That the said Burlington and Illinois Bridge Company, its
successors and assigns, be, and are hereby, authorized to construct
and maintain, under the provisions of said act, as far as applicable, except as herein modified, altered, or amended, either a railroad, wagon, and foot-passenger bridge, or a railroad, or wagon and foot-passenger bridge, and in the event that only a wagon and foot-passenger bridge be built that the provisions in said act for the passage of railroad trains and rights of railway companies incident thereto shall not apply.

Sec. 3. That in case the bridge authorized at or near Burlington, Iowa, by an act approved August sixth, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, be constructed in the immediate vicinity of the existing railroad bridge, the length of spans required by said act may be so modified as to make the clear channel-ways correspond in length and location to the clear channel-ways of the existing bridge: Provided, That in the opinion of the Secretary of War the interests of navigation be not materially affected thereby.

Approved, February 21, 1890.

Chap. 19.—An act to require the Superintendent of Census to ascertain the number of people who own farms and homes, and the amount of mortgage indebtedness thereon.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall be the duty of the Superintendent of Census, in addition to the duties now required of him by law, to ascertain the number of persons who live on and cultivate their own farms, and who live in their own homes, and the number who hire their farms and homes, and the number of farms and homes which are under mortgage, the amount of mortgage debt, and the value of the property mortgaged. He shall also ascertain whether such farms and homes have been mortgaged for the whole or part of the purchase money for the same, or for other purposes, and the rates of interest paid upon mortgage loans.

Sec. 2. That for the purposes of this act the sum of one million dollars is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Sec. 3. That the provisions of sections thirteen, fourteen, fifteen and sixteen of the “Act to provide for taking the Eleventh Census and subsequent censuses,” approved March first, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, shall apply to the provisions of this act.

Approved, February 22, 1890.

Chap. 20.—An act to authorize the President to confer brevet rank on officers of the United States Army for gallant services in Indian campaigns.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered, at his discretion, to nominate, and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint to brevet rank all officers of the United States Army, now on the active or retired list, who by their department commander, and with the concurrence of the commanding general of the Army, have been or may be recommended for gallant service in action against hostile Indians since January first, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven.

Sec. 2. That such brevet commissions as may be issued under the provisions of this act shall bear date only from the passage of this act: Provided, however, that the date of the particular heroic act for which the officer is promoted shall appear in his commission.

Approved, February 27, 1890.