

January 9, 1893.

CHAP. 25.—An act to amend an act approved March second, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Red River, Louisiana, by the Rapides Bridge Company, limited.

Bridge across Red River, Alexandria, La.
Time for constructing extended!
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act approved March second, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, entitled "An act authorizing the Rapides Bridge Company, limited, to construct and maintain a bridge across the Red River at or near Alexandria, Louisiana," be, and is hereby, amended so that the time within which the actual construction of said bridge may be commenced is hereby extended for the period of one year from the date of the approval of this act.

Approved, January 9, 1893.

January 10, 1893.

CHAP. 28.—An act authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Columbia River, in the State of Washington.

Saint Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba Railway Company may bridge Columbia River, Wash.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the assent of Congress is hereby given to the Saint Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba Railway Company, a corporation existing under the laws of the State of Minnesota, but empowered by the laws of the State of Washington to construct, maintain, and operate a railway within that State, and to its successors and assigns, to construct and maintain a bridge and approaches thereto across the Columbia River, in the State of Washington, at such point on said river between the counties of Douglas and Kittitas as may accommodate the line of railway which said corporation may build to said point. Said bridge shall be constructed to provide for the passage of railway trains, and at the option of the said corporation may be used for the passage of wagons and vehicles of all kinds, and for the transit of animals and for foot passengers for such reasonable rates of toll as may be fixed by the Secretary of War, and the Secretary of War shall have the right from time to time to revise such rates.

Railway, wagon, and foot bridge.

Tolls.

Unobstructed navigation.

SEC. 2. That the said bridge shall be so constructed that a free and unobstructed passage may be secured to all water craft, rafts, or logs navigating said river at the point aforesaid. The said bridge shall be located, built, and operated under and subject to such regulations for the securing of the navigation of said river and such requirements as to location and direction of piers and spans, clear heading in high water, and clear spans at low water, as the Secretary shall prescribe; and to secure that object the said company shall submit to the Secretary of War, for his examination and approval, drawings of said bridge and piers, and a map of the location, giving, for the space of one mile below and one mile above the proposed location, the topography of the banks of the river, the shore lines at high and low water, the direction and strength of the current at ordinary high and low stages, and the soundings, accurately showing the bed and channel of the stream, and shall furnish such information as shall be required for a full and satisfactory understanding of the subject; and, until the said location and plan of the bridge hereby authorized to be constructed are approved by the Secretary of War, the said bridge shall not be commenced or built; and should any change be made in the plan of such bridge during the progress of construction or after completion thereof, such change shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War: *Provided,* That the persons or corporation owning said bridge shall maintain, at their own expense, from sunset to sunrise, such lights or other signals on said bridge as the Light-House Board shall prescribe.

Secretary of War to approve plans, etc.

Proviso.
Lights, etc.

Lawful structure and post route.

SEC. 3. The bridge authorized to be constructed under this act shall be a lawful structure and shall be recognized and known as a post route, upon which, also, no higher charge shall be made for the transmission over the same of the mails, troops, and munitions of war of