

to so notify said county of Roane. Upon receiving such notification the said county of Roane may proceed to construct said bridge, conforming strictly to the approved design, drawings, and specifications.

Lawful structure and post route.

SEC. 5. That any bridge built under this Act, according to its limitations, shall be a lawful structure, and shall be recognized and known as a post route, upon which the mails, troops, and munitions of war of the United States shall be transmitted free of charge.

Right to amend, etc.

SEC. 6. That the right is hereby expressly reserved to alter, amend, or repeal this Act.

Commencement and completion.

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.

Approved, June 9, 1897.

June 18, 1897.

CHAP. 6.—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the construction of a steel bridge over the Saint Louis River between the States of Wisconsin and Minnesota," approved April twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, as amended by an Act approved August fourth, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, entitled "An Act to amend an Act to authorize the construction of a steel bridge over the Saint Louis River between the States of Minnesota and Wisconsin."

Bridge across St. Louis River.
Vol. 28, pp. 65, 67.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That sections three and nine of the above-entitled original Act and section three of the same, as amended by the said Act approved August fourth, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, entitled "An Act to amend an Act to authorize the construction of a steel bridge over the Saint Louis River between the States of Minnesota and Wisconsin," be amended so as to read, respectively, as follows:

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Aids to navigation.

"SEC. 3. That the accessory works referred to in the preceding section shall be such booms, dikes, piers, or other suitable and proper structures for confining the flow of water to a permanent channel, and for the guiding of steamboats, rafts, and other water craft safely through the draw and rafting spans, as shall be required by the Secretary of War; and in addition thereto, and before the construction of the bridge to be built under this Act, the company or persons owning or holding such bridge shall be required, under the direction of the Secretary of War, or such officer as he shall designate, to dredge above and below said bridge to such depth and for such distance as in the judgment of the Secretary of War, or of such other officer as he shall designate, shall have been rendered necessary by the erection of the piers to said bridge."

Dredging.

Depth of, etc., to be determined by Secretary of War, etc.

Commencement and completion.

"SEC. 9. That this Act shall be null and void if actual construction of the bridge therein authorized be not commenced within one year and completed on or before August first, anno Domini eighteen hundred and ninety-seven."

Repeal.

SEC. 2. That all acts or parts of acts in conflict with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

Approved, June 18, 1897

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CHAP. 7.—An Act To authorize the construction of a bridge across Pearl River, in the State of Mississippi.

Marion Co., Miss., may bridge Pearl River at Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the board of supervisors of Marion County, in the State of Mississippi, be, and is hereby, authorized to construct and maintain a highway bridge and approaches thereto across Pearl River, at or near the town of Columbia, in said county and State.

Secretary of War to approve plans, etc.

SEC. 2. That said bridge shall be located and built under and subject to such regulations for the security of navigation as the Secretary

of War may prescribe, and to secure that object the said board of supervisors shall submit for his examination a design and drawing of the bridge and a map of the location, and until the said plan and location are approved by him the bridge shall not be commenced or built; and should any change be made in said bridge before or after completion, such change shall be likewise subject to the approval of the Secretary of War.

SEC. 3. That the said bridge shall be so kept and managed as to offer reasonable and proper means for the passage of vessels and other craft through or under the same, and for the safety of vessels passing at night there shall be displayed on said bridge, from sunset to sunrise, at the expense of the owners thereof, such lights or other signal as the Light-House Board may prescribe; and any changes in said bridge which the Secretary of War may, at any time, deem necessary and order in the interests of navigation shall be made by the owners thereof at their own expense.

SEC. 4. That this Act shall be null and void if actual construction of the said bridge be not commenced in one year and completed in three years from the date hereof.

SEC. 5. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, June 18, 1897.

Aids to navigation.

Lights.

Changes.

Commencement and completion.

Right to amend, etc.

CHAP. 8.—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the entry of lands in Greer County, Oklahoma, to give preference rights to settlers, and for other purposes," approved January eighteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

June 23, 1897.

Greer Co., Okla.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the time for the exercise of the preference right of entry granted to bona fide occupants of land within the territory established as Greer County, Oklahoma, by section one of an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the entry of lands in Greer County, Oklahoma, to give preference rights to settlers, and for other purposes," approved January eighteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, be, and the same is hereby, extended to January first, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight.

Extension of time to occupants of land to exercise preference right of entry.

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Approved, June 23, 1897.

CHAP. 9.—An Act Making appropriations to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, and for prior years, and for other purposes.

July 19, 1897.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the fiscal year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, and for prior years, and for other objects hereinafter stated, namely:

Deficiencies appropriations.

STATE DEPARTMENT.

Department of State.

CONTINGENT EXPENSES: For care and subsistence of horses and repairs of wagons, carriage, and harness, rent of stable and wagon shed, care of clocks, telegraphic and electric apparatus, and repairs to the same, and for miscellaneous items not included in the foregoing, on account of fiscal years as follows:

Contingent expenses.

For the fiscal year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, five hundred dollars.