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and power conferred by this act in case the free navigation of said river shall at any time be substantially or materially obstructed by said bridge, or for any other reason, and to direct the removal or necessary modifications thereof at the cost and expense of the owners of said bridge; and Congress may at any time alter, repeal, or amend this act. The right is reserved to the United States for the establishment of a postal telegraph across said bridge.

Right for postal telegraph reserved.

SEC. 5. That the consent of the Mexican state of Tamaulipas and of the proper authorities of the Republic of Mexico shall have been obtained before said bridge shall be built or commenced.

Consent of State of Tamaulipas to be obtained.

Approved, May 29, 1884.

CHAP. 59.—An act to amend an act entitled. "An act to authorize the construction of a ponton wagon bridge across the Mississippi River at or near the city of Dubuque, in the State of Iowa.

May 29, 1824.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act entitled. "An act to authorize the construction of a ponton wagon-bridge across the Mississippi River at or near the city of Dubuque, in the State of Iowa", approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, be amended by striking out of section two of said act the word "five" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "four,"

Act authorizing ponton wagon-bridge across Mississippi River at Dubuque, Iowa, amended.

18 Stat., 522.

Approved, May 29, 1884.

CHAP. 60.—An act for the establishment of a Bureau of Animal Industry, to prevent the exportation of diseased cattle, and to provide means for the suppression and extirpation of pleuro-pneumonia and other contagious diseases among domestic animals.

May 29, 1884.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioner of Agriculture shall organize in his Department a Bureau of Animal Industry, and shall appoint a Chief thereof, who shall be a competent veterinary surgeon, and whose duty it shall be to investigate and report upon the condition of the domestic animals of the United States, their protection and use, and also inquire into and report the causes of contagious, infectious, and communicable diseases among them, and the means for the prevention and cure of the same, and to collect such information on these subjects as shall be valuable to the agricultural and commercial interests of the country; and the Commissioner of Agriculture is hereby authorized to employ a force sufficient for this purpose, not to exceed twenty persons at any one time. The salary of the Chief of said Bureau shall be three thousand dollars per annum; and the Commissioner shall appoint a clerk for said Bureau, with a salary of one thousand five hundred dollars per annum.

Bureau of Animal Industry.

Appointment of a chief.

Duties.

Clerks.

Salary.

Clerk, salary.

SEC. 2. That the Commissioner of Agriculture is authorized to appoint two competent agents, who shall be practical stock-raisers or experienced business men familiar with questions pertaining to commercial transactions in live stock, whose duty it shall be, under the instructions of the Commissioner of Agriculture, to examine and report upon the best methods of treating, transporting, and caring for animals, and the means to be adopted for the suppression and extirpation of contagious pleuro-pneumonia, and to provide against the spread of other dangerous contagious, infectious, and communicable diseases. The compensation of said agents shall be at the rate of ten dollars per diem, with all necessary expenses, while engaged in the actual performance of their duties under this act, when absent from their usual place of business or residence as such agent.

Agents; duties.

Compensation.