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and specifications for its construction shall have been submitted to and approved by the Secretary of War; and any change in the plan of such construction or any alteration in the bridge after its construction, shall be subject to the like approval; and whenever said bridge shall, in the opinion of the Secretary of War, substantially obstruct the free navigation of said river, he is hereby authorized to cause such change or alteration of said bridge to be made as will effectually obviate such obstruction; and all such alterations shall be made, and all such obstructions be removed, at the expense of the owner or owners of said bridge, or persons controlling the same; and in case of any litigation arising from any obstruction or alleged obstruction to the free navigation of the Missouri River, at or near the crossing of said bridge, caused or alleged to be caused thereby, the cause shall be commenced and tried in the circuit courts of either judicial district of Kansas or Missouri in which the said bridge or any portion of such obstruction touches.

Location, etc., to be approved by Secretary of War.

Declared a post-route and a lawful structure.

SEC. 4. That any bridge built under this act, and according to its limitations, 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 transportation over the same of the mails, the troops, and munitions of war of the United States than the rate per mile paid for their transportation over the railroad or public highways leading to such bridge. Such lights shall be kept upon said bridge as the Light-House Board shall direct; and said bridge shall moreover be provided with all proper safeguards for the security of person and property. The United States shall also have the right to construct, without charge therefor, telegraph or telephone lines across said bridge.

Lights and safeguards for security of persons, etc.

Right of way for telegraph or telephone lines.

SEC. 5. That Congress may at any time alter, amend, or repeal this act.

Received by the President June 11, 1884.

[NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.—The foregoing act having been presented to the President of the United States for his approval, and not having been returned by him to the house of Congress in which it originated within the time prescribed by the Constitution of the United States, has become a law without his approval.]

June 24, 1884.

CHAP. 119.—An act to authorize the Oregon Pacific Railroad Company to construct one or more bridges across the Willamette River, in the State of Oregon, and to establish them as post-roads.

Bridges across the Willamette River, Oregon.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall be lawful for the Oregon Pacific Railroad Company, a corporation created and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Oregon, to build one or more bridges across the Willamette River, in said State, at such points, not exceeding two, between Salem and the head of the navigation of said Willamette River, as may be selected by the said railroad company, and to lay on or over said bridge or bridges railway tracks for the more perfect connection of the railway tracks they may hereafter build to the points to be selected for crossing the said river.

Construction.

Proviso. Continuous spans.

SEC. 2. That any bridge built under the provisions of this act may, at the option of said railway company, be built as a draw-bridge, or with unbroken or continuous spans: *Provided*, That if any such bridge shall be made with unbroken and continuous spans, the spans thereof over and above the channel or channels of said river shall not be less than two hundred feet in length in the clear, and the main span shall be over the main channel of the river. The lowest part of the superstructure of said bridge shall be of such height above extreme high-water mark, as understood at the point of location, as the Secretary of War may prescribe, and the bridge shall be at right angles to and its piers parallel with the current of the river: *Provided*, That if any

Proviso.

bridge built under this act shall be constructed as a draw-bridge, the same shall be constructed with an opening over the center of the channel, of such width as the Secretary of War shall determine, and which shall be at least one hundred feet in the clear, and the piers of said bridge shall be parallel with the current, and the draw of said bridge shall be over the main or deep channel of the river, as may be fixed and determined by the Secretary of War: *Provided also*, That said draw shall be opened promptly upon reasonable signal for the passage of boats, vessels, or other water-crafts, and in no case shall unnecessary delay occur; and said company or corporation shall maintain, at its own expense, from sunset to sunrise, such lights or other signals on said bridge as the Light House Board shall prescribe, and such sheer-booms or other structures as may be necessary to safely guide vessels, boats, rafts, or other water crafts safely through said draw openings as shall be designated and required by the Secretary of War: *And provided also*, That said bridge, at the option of the corporation or company 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.

Draw-bridge.

Piers.

Proviso.

Lights, signals.
Sheer-booms.

Proviso.
Toll.

SEC. 3. That any bridge authorized to be constructed under this act shall be a lawful structure, and shall be recognized and known as a post-route, and it shall enjoy the rights and privileges of other post-roads in the United States, upon which also no higher charge shall be made for the transmission over the same of the mails, the troops, and the munitions of war of the United States, or for through passengers or freight passing over said bridge, than the rate per mile for their transportation over the railroads leading to the said bridge; and the United States shall have the right of way for a postal telegraph and telephone lines without charge therefor across said bridge. Said bridge shall be built and located under and subject to such regulations for the security of navigation of said river as the Secretary of War shall prescribe; and to secure that object the said company or corporation shall submit to the Secretary of War, for his examination and approval, a design and drawings of the bridge, and a map of the location, giving, for the space of one mile above and one mile below 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 currents at all stages, and the soundings, accurately showing the bed of the stream, the location of any other bridge or bridges, and shall furnish such other information as may be required for a full and satisfactory understanding of the subject; and until the said plan and location of the bridge are approved by the Secretary of War the bridge shall not be built; and should any change be made in the plan of said bridge during the progress of construction, such change shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War.

Declared a post-route and a lawful structure.

Right of way for telegraph and telephone lines.

Plans and location of bridge to be submitted to Secretary of War for his approval.

SEC. 4. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this act is hereby expressly reserved; and the right to require any changes in said structure, or its entire removal, at the expense of the owners thereof, or the corporations or persons controlling the same, whenever Congress shall decide that the public interest requires it, is also expressly reserved.

Approved, June 24, 1884.

Right to amend, etc.

CHAP. 121.—An act to remove certain burdens on the American merchant marine and encourage the American foreign carrying trade and for other purposes.

June 26, 1884.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the last clause of section forty-one hundred and thirty-one of the Revised Statutes be amended so as to read as follows:

R. S. 4131, 795.