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CHAP. 348.—An act authorizing the Inter-State Rapid Transit Railway Company to build a bridge across the Kansas River. May 17, 1886.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Inter-State Rapid-Transit Railway Company, a corporation duly and legally organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Kansas, its successors or assigns, be, and is hereby, authorized to construct and maintain a bridge, and approaches thereto, over the Kansas River, in Wyandotte County, in the State of Kansas, between the city of Wyandotte and the city of Kansas, Kansas, at the point where said company's line of railway, as now projected, crosses said river, near the mouth thereof. Said bridge shall be constructed to provide for the passage of its railway trains, and, at the option of said 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.

Inter-State Rapid-Transit Railway Company authorized to bridge the Kansas River, between Wyandotte and Kansas, Kans.

Wagon and foot bridge.

Tolls.

SEC. 2. That the bridge that shall be built under this act 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, the troops, and the munitions of war of the United States than the rate per mile paid for the transportation over the railroad or public highways leading to the said bridge; and it shall enjoy the rights and privileges of other post-roads in the United States.

Post-route.

SEC. 3. That no bridge shall be erected or maintained under the authority of this act which shall at any time substantially or materially obstruct the free navigation of said river; and if any bridge erected under such authority shall, in the opinion of the Secretary of War, obstruct such navigation, 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; 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 in and for the district of Kansas: *Provided*, That nothing in this act shall be so construed as to repeal or modify any of the provisions of law now existing in reference to the protection of the navigation of rivers, or to exempt said bridge from the operation of the same.

Free navigation not to be obstructed.

Secretary of War to prevent.

Litigation.

Proviso.

SEC. 4. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this act is hereby expressly reserved.

Right to amend, etc., reserved.

Approved, May 17, 1886.

CHAP. 349.—An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to purchase an additional strip of ground on the east side of the United States court-house and post-office building at Fort Wayne, Indiana, to be paid for out of the appropriation already made. May 17, 1886.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to purchase, out of moneys already appropriated for the construction of the United States court-house, post-office, and so forth, building at Fort Wayne, Indiana, a strip of land adjacent to the present site of the said building and on the east thereof, having a frontage of sixty feet on Berry street and running back with same width to an alley: *Provided*, That in no event shall the cost of said additional land exceed the sum of nine thousand dollars: *Provided further*, That no money shall be paid from the Treasury on account of said purchase until the Attorney-General of the United States shall certify that the title to said land is complete in the United States.

Fort Wayne, Ind.
Purchase of land adjacent to public building.

Provisos.
Limit of cost.

Title.

Approved, May 17, 1886.