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shall be decided by the Secretary of War upon a hearing of the allegations and proofs of the parties; and equal privileges in the use of said bridge and approaches shall be granted to all telegraph and telephone companies.

Use by telegraph, etc., companies.

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 two years and completed within four years from the date of approval thereof.

Amendment, etc.

SEC. 8. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this act is hereby expressly reserved; and the right to require the entire removal of the bridge constructed under the provisions of this act, at the expense of the owners thereof, whenever Congress shall decide that the public interests require it, is also expressly reserved.

Removal.

Approved, December 26, 1890.

December 26, 1890.

CHAP. 34.—An act authorizing the Bowling Green and Northern Railroad Company to bridge Green and Barren Rivers.

Bowling Green and Northern Railroad Company may bridge Green and Barren Rivers, Ky.

Locations.

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 Bowling Green and Northern Railroad Company, a corporation created and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Kentucky, to build or cause to be built a bridge across Green River at a point near the mouth of Bear Creek; also one across Barren River near Graham's Landing, or at such other points as may be selected by the said railroad company and approved by the Secretary of War, 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 said rivers.

Railway bridges.

Draw or span.

SEC. 2. That any bridge or bridges 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 or bridges shall be built with unbroken and continuous spans the spans thereof over and above the channels of said river or rivers shall not be less than two hundred feet in length in the clear, and the main span or spans shall be over the main channels of the above-mentioned rivers. The lowest part of the superstructure of said bridges shall be of such height above extreme high-water mark, as understood at the points of location, as the Secretary of War may prescribe, and if any such bridge is constructed as a low bridge, it shall have such clear height and be provided with draw-openings of such width and at such location as shall be prescribed by the Secretary of War. The bridges shall be at right angles to and their piers parallel with the current of the rivers: *And provided also*, That said bridges, at the option of the corporation or company by which they 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.

Provisos.

Spans.

Length, etc.

Height.

Draw-openings, etc.

Piers, etc.

Optional use for wagons and foot-passengers.

Tolls.

Lawful structures and post-routes.

SEC. 3. That any bridge or bridges authorized to be constructed under this act shall be lawful structures, and shall be recognized and known as post-routes, and they shall enjoy all 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 or bridges and approaches, than the rate per mile paid for transportation over the railroads leading to said bridge or bridges; and the United States shall have the right of way for postal telegraph and telephone purposes without charge therefor across said bridge or bridges and approaches.

Railroad charges.

Postal telegraph, etc.

Said bridge or bridges shall be built and located under and subject to such regulations for the security of navigation 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 or bridges, and a map of the location or locations, giving, for the space of one mile above and one mile below the proposed location or locations, the high and low water lines upon the banks of the river or rivers, the direction and strength of the current at all stages of the water, with the soundings, accurately showing the bed of the stream, and the location of any other bridge or bridges, such map to be sufficiently in detail to enable the Secretary of War to judge of the proper location of said bridge, 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 or bridges are approved by the Secretary of War the bridge or bridges shall not be built, and should any change be made in the plan of said bridge or bridges during the progress of construction or after completion such changes shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War.

Security of navigation.

Secretary of War to approve plans, etc.

Change in plan.

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 corporation or persons controlling the same, whenever the public interest requires it, is also expressly reserved.

Amendment, etc.

Removal.

SEC. 5. On any bridge or bridges constructed under the provisions of this act there shall be maintained, at the expense of the company or corporation owning or controlling the same, such lights and other signals as may be prescribed by the Light-House Board.

Lights, etc.

SEC. 6. That this act shall be null and void if actual construction of the bridges herein authorized be not commenced within one year and completed within three years from the date hereof.

Commencement and completion.

Approved, December 26, 1890.

CHAP. 38.—An act to provide for the purchase of a site and the erection of a public building thereon at Beatrice, in the State of Nebraska.

December 27, 1890.

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 he is hereby, authorized and directed to acquire, by purchase, condemnation, or otherwise, a site, and to cause to be erected thereon a suitable building, including fire-proof vaults, heating and ventilating apparatus, elevators, and approaches for the use and accommodation of the United States post-office and other Government offices in the city of Beatrice, and State of Nebraska, the cost of said site and building, including said vaults, heating and ventilating apparatus, elevators and approaches complete, not to exceed the sum of sixty thousand dollars.

Beatrice, Nebr.

Public building, etc.

Site.

Building.

Cost.

Proposals for the sale of land suitable for said site shall be invited by public advertisement in one or more of the newspapers of said city of largest circulation for at least twenty days prior to the date specified in said advertisement for the opening of said proposals.

Proposals to be advertised for.

Proposals made in response to said advertisement shall be addressed and mailed to the Secretary of the Treasury, who shall then cause the said proposed sites, and such others as he may think proper to designate, to be examined in person by an agent of the Treasury Department, who shall make written report to said Secretary of the results of said examination, and of his recommendation thereon, and the reasons therefor, which shall be accompanied by the original proposals and all maps, plats, and statements which shall have come into his possession relating to the said proposed sites.

Responses.

Examination, etc. by Treasury agent.