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the mails, the troops, and the munitions of war of the United States than the rate per mile paid for the transportation of said mails, troops, and munitions over the railroads and public highways leading to said bridge; and the United States shall have the right of way for postal telegraph and telephone purposes over said bridge.

Postal telegraph, etc.

Commencement and completion.

SEC. 11. 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 of approval thereof.

Amendment, etc.

SEC. 12. 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 or the Secretary of War shall decide that the public interests require it, is also expressly reserved.

Approved, February 7, 1893.

February 7, 1893.

CHAP. 67.—An act to amend "An act authorizing the construction of a high wagon bridge across the Missouri River at or near Sioux City, Iowa," and so forth.

Bridge across Missouri River at Sioux City, Iowa.
Vol. 25, p. 850; Vol. 26, p. 79.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section seven of an act entitled "An act authorizing the construction of a high wagon bridge across the Missouri River at or near Sioux City, Iowa," approved March second, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, as amended by an act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act authorizing the construction of a high wagon bridge across the Missouri River at or near Sioux City, Iowa,'" approved April thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety, be amended so that it shall read as follows:

Time for construction extended.

SEC. 7. That this act shall be null and void if the construction of said bridge shall not be commenced within two years and be finished on or before March second, eighteen hundred and ninety-four.

SEC. 2. That section one of said act of April thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety, be amended to read as follows:

Addition of "assigns."
Vol. 26, p. 79.

"That it shall be lawful for the Pacific Short Line Bridge Company, or its assigns, to construct and maintain," and so forth.

And the addition of the words "and assigns" shall be made wherever in said section the words "the Pacific Short Line Bridge Company" appear: *Provided always*, That the franchises granted to said company by the aforesaid acts shall not be alienable until all judgments existing against said company at the time this act goes into effect have been paid and satisfied.

Proviso.

Alienation of franchise.

Approved, February 7, 1893.

February 8, 1893.

CHAP. 69.—An act to make Rockport, Texas, a subport of entry.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Aransas (Rockport) in the customs collection district of Corpus Christi, Texas, be, and is hereby, constituted a subport of entry in said district.

Rockport, Tex.

To be subport of entry, Corpus Christi district.

Approved, February 8, 1893.

February 9, 1893.

CHAP. 74.—An act to establish a court of appeals for the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there shall be, and there is hereby, established in the District of Columbia a court, to be known as the court of appeals of the District of Columbia, which shall consist

District of Columbia.

Court of appeals established.