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he shall enter an order upon the records of the court, legalizing such adoption and making such child an heir at law of such petitioner the same as if such child was born to such petitioner. If the child has no parent or guardian the judge shall appoint a guardian ad litem.

Guardian.

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CHAP. 135.—An Act To authorize the construction of a bridge across the Yellowstone River, in the county of Dawson, State of Montana.

Dawson County may bridge Yellowstone River, Glendive, Mont.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the county of Dawson, in the State of Montana, is hereby authorized and empowered to erect, establish, and maintain, or authorize the erection, establishment, and maintenance of a wagon bridge across the Yellowstone River at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, from a point on the easterly bank of said river in the town of Glendive, in said county, so as to connect with the opposite shore of said river; that said bridge shall not interfere with the free navigation of said river beyond what is necessary in order to carry into effect the rights and privileges hereby granted.

Drawbridge.

SEC. 2. That the bridge under this Act shall be constructed as a pivot drawbridge, with the draw over the main channel of the river at an accessible and navigable point, and with a span of not less than one hundred feet in length in the clear on each side of the central or pivot pier of the draw, measured at right angles to the axis of the channel:

Proviso. Opening draw.

Provided, That the said draw shall be opened promptly on reasonable signal for the passage of boats, vessels, and other water craft whose construction shall be such as not to admit of their passage under said bridge.

Lawful structure and post route.

SEC. 3. That any bridge constructed under this Act and according to its provisions and conditions shall be a lawful structure, over which may be transmitted the mails, troops, and munitions of war of the United States free of charge; and the United States shall have the right of way for postal-telegraph purposes across said bridge.

Secretary of War to approve plans, etc.

SEC. 4. That the structure herein authorized shall be built and located under and subject to such regulations for the security of the navigation of said river as the Secretary of War shall prescribe, and to secure that object the corporation named shall submit to the Secretary of War, for his examination and approval, a design and drawing 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 current, and the soundings, accurately showing the bed of the stream, and shall furnish such other information as shall be required for a full and satisfactory understanding of the subject; and until the said plans and location of the bridge are decided by the Secretary of War to be such as will not materially affect the interest of navigation the bridge shall not be commenced or 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; and in case the approach and passage of the drawspan openings be found at any time dangerous or difficult of access by the river traffic, the persons owning said bridge shall construct, at their own expense, such works of channel regulation and such aids to navigation as the Secretary of War shall order, to render the approach and passage reasonably safe and easy; and the said structure shall at all times be so kept and managed as to offer reasonable and proper means for the passage of vessels through or under said structure; and for the safety of vessels passing at night there shall be displayed on said bridge, from the hours of sunset to sunrise, such lights as may be prescribed by the Light-House Board; and the said

Changes.

Lights, etc.

structure shall be changed or removed, at the cost and expense of the owners thereof, from time to time, as Congress may direct, so as to preserve the free and convenient navigation of said river; and the authority to erect and continue said bridge shall be subject to revocation and modification by law when the public good shall, in the judgment of Congress, so require, without any expense or charge to the United States. Revocation, etc.

SEC. 5. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved. Amendment, etc.

SEC. 6. 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 thereof. Commencement and completion.

Approved, February 26, 1895.

CHAP. 137.—An Act To amend the Articles for the Government of the Navy relative to punishment on conviction by court-martial. February 27, 1895.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Articles for the Government of the Navy be, and the same are hereby, amended by adding thereto the following: Navy. Articles amended. R. S., sec. 1624, p. 284, amended.

"ARTICLE 63. Whenever, by any of the Articles for the Government of the Navy of the United States, the punishment on conviction of an offense is left to the discretion of the court-martial, the punishment therefor shall not, in time of peace, be in excess of a limit which the President may prescribe." Punishment for offenses in time of peace.

Approved, February 27, 1895.

CHAP. 138.—An Act Making the surveyor of the District of Columbia a salaried officer, and to provide for more efficient service in the surveyor's office. February 28, 1895.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the passage of this Act the surveyor of the District of Columbia shall receive a salary of three thousand dollars per annum in lieu of fees, and shall be appointed by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia for a term of four years unless sooner removed for cause and shall be under the direction and control of the said Commissioners. District of Columbia. Surveyor to be appointed. Salary, term. R. S. D. C., ch. 16, p. 56.

SEC. 2. That the surveyor shall give bond to the United States in the penalty of twenty thousand dollars, with two sureties, to be approved by the Commissioners, conditioned for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office, and shall take and subscribe an oath or affirmation before the Commissioners that he will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of his office, which bond and oath shall be deposited with the Commissioners of the District of Columbia. Bond. Oath.

SEC. 3. That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, on the recommendation of the surveyor, be, and they are hereby, authorized to appoint one assistant surveyor, at a salary of one thousand eight hundred dollars per annum, and such employees as may in the judgment of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia be required for the surveyor's office and operations at an aggregate expense of not exceeding five thousand two hundred dollars in any one year. Assistant, etc.

SEC. 4. That the surveyor shall, as speedily as possible, execute any order of survey made by any court or private individual of any lot or square within the city of Washington, or of any land within the District of Columbia outside of said city, and shall make due return of a true plat and certificate thereof. Executing orders.