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recognized as a post route, and the same is hereby declared to be a post route, and it shall enjoy the same rights and privileges as 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 than the rate per mile paid for their transportation over the railroads leading to said bridge; and the United States shall have the right of way for a postal telegraph across said bridge.

Postal telegraph.

Use by other companies.

SEC. 4. That all railroad companies desiring the use of said bridge shall have and be entitled to equal rights and privileges relative to the passage of railroad trains over the same and the approaches thereto, and in the use of the machinery and fixtures thereof, upon payment of a reasonable compensation for such use, and in case the owner or owners of said bridge and the railroad companies, or any of them, desiring such use, shall fail to agree upon the sum or sums to be paid as such compensation, and upon rules and conditions to which each shall conform in using said bridge, or either of said matters, then all matters in dispute or at issue between them or any of them shall be decided by the Secretary of War upon a hearing of the allegations and proofs of the parties.

Compensation.

Secretary of War to approve plans, etc.

SEC. 5. That the structure herein authorized 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 said 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 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 commenced or built, and should any change be made in the plan of said bridge during the process of construction, such change shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War; and the said bridge shall be at all times so managed and kept as to offer reasonable and proper means for the passage of vessels through or under said structure; and such aids to the passage of the draw, in the form of pile or crib guides, as the Secretary of War may deem necessary, shall be constructed by the said company; and to secure the safe passage of vessels at night there shall be maintained on said bridge, at the expense of the owners thereof, from the hour of sunset to that of sunrise, such lights as may be prescribed by the Light-House Board, and the said structure shall be changed, at the cost and expense of the owners thereof, from time to time, as the Secretary of War may direct, so as to preserve the free and convenient navigation of said river.

Changes.

Aids to navigation.

Lights, etc.

Commencement and completion.

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 hereof.

Amendment, etc.

SEC. 7. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, May 21, 1896.

May 21, 1896.

CHAP. 225.—An Act Donating condemned cannon and cannon balls.

Condemned cannon. Donated to Grand Army posts, Sparta, Ill., Morenci, Mich., Enid, Okla., Northville, Mich.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to deliver to Grand Army of the Republic post of Sparta, Illinois, one condemned cannon and five cannon balls for the purpose of decorating the soldiers' monument in said place, and two condemned cannon and five cannon balls for the

Grand Army of the Republic Post at Morenci, Michigan; also, to donate to McDowell Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of Enid, Oklahoma, one condemned cannon and fifteen cannon balls; also to donate one condemned cannon to the Allen M. Harmon Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Northville, Michigan: *Provided*, That in the judgment of the Secretary of the Navy such articles can be spared without detriment to the public interests: *And provided further*, That the United States shall not be subjected to any expense on account of such donation.

Provisos. Condition.

Expense.

Approved, May 21, 1896.

CHAP. 226.—An Act Donating one condemned cannon and cannon balls to Grand Army of the Republic, L. W. Cooper Post, Department of Missouri, Numbered Eighty-one, of Lathrop, Missouri.

May 21, 1896.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to deliver to L. W. Cooper Post, Department of Missouri, Numbered Eighty-one, of the Grand Army of the Republic, of Lathrop, Missouri, one condemned cannon and five cannon balls: *Provided*, That the same can be spared without detriment to the service, and that no expense is hereby incurred by the Government.

Condemned cannon. Donated Grand Army post, Lathrop, Mo.

Proviso. Expense.

Approved, May 21, 1896.

CHAP. 227.—An Act Granting to Budlong Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of Westerly, Rhode Island, two condemned mounted brass cannon.

May 21, 1896.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to deliver to Budlong Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of Westerly, Rhode Island, two condemned mounted brass cannon for the purpose of decorating the grounds around the memorial building of said post: *Provided*, That the same can be spared without detriment to the service and that no expense is thereby incurred by the Government.

Condemned cannon. Donated Grand Army post, Westerly, R. I.

Proviso. Expense.

Approved, May 21, 1896.

CHAP. 230.—An Act Donating two condemned cannon to Custer Post, Numbered Thirty-eight, Grand Army of the Republic, of Etna, Pennsylvania, and two condemned cannon to James G. Clark Post, Numbered One hundred and sixty-two, Grand Army of the Republic, of Allegheny, Pennsylvania.

May 22, 1896.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized and directed to deliver to Custer Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of Etna, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, two condemned cannon, and two condemned cannon to James G. Clark Post, Numbered One hundred and sixty-two, Grand Army of the Republic, of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, for monumental purposes: *Provided*, That said cannon can be spared from the public service.

Condemned cannon. Donated Grand Army posts, Etna and Allegheny, Pa.

Proviso. Condition.

Approved, May 22, 1896.

CHAP. 231.—An Act To authorize the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy to make certain disposition of condemned ordnance, guns, and cannon balls in their respective Departments.

May 22, 1896.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy are each hereby authorized, in their discretion, to loan or give to soldiers' monument associations, posts of the Grand Army of the Republic, and municipal corporations, condemned

Condemned cannon. Secretaries of War and of Navy may donate to soldiers' monument associations, etc.