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Postal telegraph, etc.

the right of way across said bridge and its approaches for postal-telegraph purposes, and all telegraph or telephone companies shall have equal rights.

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 railway trains over the same, and over the approaches

Compensation.

thereto, upon payment of a reasonable compensation to the owners of said bridge, and should the several railroad companies, or any one of them, desiring such use, fail to agree upon the sum or sums to be paid, and upon rules and conditions to which each shall conform in using said bridge, all matters at issue between them shall be decided by the Secretary of War upon a hearing of the allegations and proofs of the parties; and all telephone and telegraph companies shall have equal rights and privileges in constructing and operating their lines across said bridge.

Telephone and telegraph companies.

Commencement and completion.

SEC. 5. 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.

Changes.

SEC. 6. That such alterations or changes as may be required by the Secretary of War or Congress in the bridge constructed under the provisions of this Act shall be made by the said railroad company at its own expense, and at any time after the completion of the bridge; and

Amendment, etc.

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.

Approved, January 27, 1897.

January 28, 1897.

CHAP. 106.—An Act To detach the county of Audrain from the western district of Missouri and to attach the same to the eastern district of said State of Missouri.

Audrain County, Mo.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the county of Audrain,

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in the State of Missouri, be, and the same is hereby, detached from the western judicial district of the State of Missouri and attached to the eastern judicial district of said State of Missouri.

Process, etc.

SEC. 2. That all process, civil and criminal, hereafter issued against persons residing in said county of Audrain shall be made returnable to

Pending suits.

the courts held at Saint Louis, in the State of Missouri, and all suits and prosecutions now pending in the circuit or district courts of the United States against persons residing in the said county of Audrain, at Jefferson City, in said State of Missouri, shall be determined in said courts.

Approved, January 28, 1897.

January 29, 1897.

CHAP. 108.—An Act To authorize the Muskogee, Oklahoma and Western Railroad Company to construct and operate a line of railway through Oklahoma and the Indian Territory, and for other purposes.

Muskogee, Oklahoma and Western Railroad Company granted right of way, Oklahoma and Indian Territories.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Muskogee, Oklahoma and Western Railroad Company, a corporation created and existing under the laws of the Territory of Oklahoma, be, and the same is hereby, invested and empowered with the right of locating, constructing, owning, equipping, operating, using, and maintaining a railway, telegraph, and telephone line through the Indian allotments in severalty in the Territory of Oklahoma along such line or route as may be granted it by the laws

Location.

thereof, and through the Indian Territory, beginning at a point on the northern line of the Creek Nation, Indian Territory, at or near the mouth