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removal, shall be made by the corporation owning or controlling the same at its own expense. Furthermore, if the construction of said bridge shall not be commenced before January first, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and completed before January first, nineteen hundred and one, all privileges conferred hereby and this Act shall become null and void."

Approved, February 17, 1897.

CHAP. 243.—An Act To amend an act authorizing the West Braddock Bridge Company to construct a bridge over the Monongahela River from the borough of Rankin to Mifflin Township.

February 17, 1897.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section eight of an Act to authorize the West Braddock Bridge Company to construct a bridge over the Monongahela River from the borough of Rankin to Mifflin Township, approved April twenty-first, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

Bridge across Monongahela River, Allegheny County, Pa.
Vol. 28, p. 58.

"SEC. 8. That this Act shall be null and void if actual construction of the bridge authorized to be built be not commenced and completed within one year from the date of the approval of the plans of said bridge by the Secretary of War, and the authority to construct said bridge in accordance with said plans is hereby extended and confirmed in accordance with the provisions of said original Act as hereby amended."

Time extended for construction.

Approved, February 17, 1897.

CHAP. 244.—An Act Relating to the improvement of Eastchester Creek, State of New York.

February 17, 1897.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized, in his discretion, to expend the whole or any portion of any appropriation heretofore made for the improvement of Eastchester Creek, in the State of New York, in accordance with the surveys and report for such improvement, upon that portion of the improvement included in recent surveys extending the improvement to the head of tide water.

Eastchester Creek, New York.
Expenditure of appropriation for improving.
Vol. 28, p. 347.
Ante, p. 216.

Approved, February 17, 1897.

CHAP. 250.—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act to forfeit certain lands heretofore granted for the purpose of aiding in the construction of railroads, and for other purposes," approved September twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred and ninety, and the several acts amendatory thereof.

February 18, 1897.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section three of an Act entitled "An Act to forfeit certain lands heretofore granted for the purpose of aiding in the construction of railroads, and for other purposes," approved September twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred and ninety, and the several acts amendatory thereof, be, and the same is, amended so as to extend the time within which persons entitled to purchase lands forfeited by said Act shall be permitted to purchase the same, in the quantities and upon the terms provided in said section and the amendments thereto, at any time prior to January first, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to interfere with any adverse claim that may have attached to the lands or any part thereof.

Forfeited land grants.
Right of settlers to purchase extended two years.
Vol. 26, p. 496; Vol. 27, pp. 59, 427; Vol. 28, p. 15.
Ante, p. 4.

Proviso.
Adverse claims.

Approved, February 18, 1897.