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pany shall have the right to survey and locate its railway immediately after the passage of this Act.

Maps to be filed.

SEC. 8. That said company shall cause maps showing the route of its located lines through said Territories to be filed in the office of the Secretary of the Interior, and also to be filed in the office of the principal chief of each of the nations or tribes through whose lands said railway may be located. After the filing of said maps no claim for a subsequent settlement and improvement upon the right of way shown by said maps shall be valid as against said company: *Provided*, That when a map showing any portion of said railway company's located line is filed as herein provided for said company shall commence grading said located line within six months thereafter or such location shall be void; and said location shall be approved by the Secretary of the Interior, in sections of twenty-five miles, before the construction of any such section shall be begun.

Proviso. Grading to begin on filing maps.

Employees may reside on right of way.

SEC. 9. That the officers, servants, and employees of said company necessary to the construction and management of said railroad shall be allowed to reside, while so engaged, upon such right of way, but subject to the provisions of the Indian intercourse laws and such rules and regulations as may be established by the Secretary of the Interior in accordance with said intercourse laws.

Construction.

SEC. 10. That said railway company shall build at least seventy-five miles of its railway in said nation within three years after the passage of this Act, or the rights herein granted shall be forfeited as to that portion not built; that said railway company shall construct and maintain continually all roads and highway crossings and necessary bridges over said railway wherever said roads and highways do now or may hereafter cross said railway's right of way, or may be by the proper authorities laid out across the same.

—forfeiture of rights.

Crossings, etc.

Condition of acceptance.

SEC. 11. That the said Nebraska, Kansas and Gulf Railway Company shall accept this right of way upon the express condition, binding upon itself, its successors and assigns, that they will neither aid, advise, nor assist any effort looking toward the changing or extinguishing the present tenure of the Indians in their land, and will not attempt to secure from the nations or tribes any further grant of land or its occupancy than is hereinbefore provided: *Provided*, That any violation of the condition mentioned in this section shall operate as a forfeiture of all the rights and privileges of said railway company under this Act.

Proviso. —violation to forfeit.

Record of mortgages.

SEC. 12. That all mortgages, deeds of trust, and other conveyances executed by said railway company conveying any portion of its railroad, telegraph, and telephone lines, with its franchises, that may be constructed in said Territories shall be recorded in the Department of the Interior, and the record thereof shall be evidence and notice of their execution, and shall convey all rights and property of said company as therein expressed.

Amendment.

SEC. 13. That Congress may at any time amend, add to, alter, or repeal this Act.

Assignment of right of way, etc.

SEC. 14. That the right of way herein and hereby granted shall not be assigned or transferred in any form whatever prior to the construction and completion of the road, except as to mortgages or other liens that may be given or secured thereon to aid in the construction thereof.

Approved, March 30, 1898.

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CHAP. 105.—An Act To authorize the relocation and rebuilding of a pontoon bridge across the Mississippi River at Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin.

Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway may rebridge, etc., Mississippi River at Prairie du Chien, Wis., etc. Vol. 18, p. 62.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the railway pontoon bridge across the Mississippi River and an island therein, between Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, and North McGregor, Iowa, legalized and established by the Act of Congress approved June sixth, eighteen hundred and

seventy-four, may be relocated and rebuilt by the Chicago, Milwaukee and Saint Paul Railway Company, the present owner of the bridge, in accordance with such plans and at such location as may be approved by the Secretary of War and subject to the same limitations and requirements, except as to the changes in structure approved by the Secretary of War, as are provided in the Act of Congress approved June sixth, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, hereinbefore named: *Provided*, That the length of channel spans of the new structure shall not be less than the length of such spans in the existing bridge.

Changes.

Proviso. Length of channel spans.

Approved, March 30, 1898.

CHAP. 113.—An Act To authorize the Monroe Railway and Construction Company to construct a bridge across Red River, at or near Grand Ecore, Louisiana.

April 4, 1898.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Monroe Railway and Construction Company be, and is hereby, authorized to construct and maintain a railroad bridge and approaches thereto across Red River at or near the town of Grand Ecore, in the parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana.

Monroe Railway and Construction Company may bridge Red River, Louisiana.

SEC. 2. That said bridge shall be located and built under and subject to such regulations for the security of navigation as the Secretary of War may prescribe; and to secure that object the said construction company shall submit for his examination a design and drawing of the bridge and a map of the location, and until the said plan and location are approved by him the bridge shall not be commenced or built; and should any change be made in said bridge before or after completion, such change shall likewise be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War.

Secretary of War to prescribe regulations.

—to approve plans, etc.

—changes.

SEC. 3. That said bridge shall be built with a suitable draw so kept and managed as to offer safe, reasonable, and proper means for the passage of vessels and other craft through and under same; and for the safety of vessels passing at night there shall be displayed on said bridge, from sunset to sunrise, at the expense of the owners thereof, such lights or other signals as the Light-House Board may prescribe; and any changes in said bridge which the Secretary of War may at any time deem necessary, and order in the interests of navigation, shall be made by the owners thereof at their own expense.

Draw.

Lights.

Changes, expense of.

SEC. 4. That said bridge built under this Act and subject to its limitations shall be a lawful structure, and shall be recognized and known as a post-route, upon which also no higher charge shall be made for the transmission over the same of the mails, the troops, and munitions of war of the United States than the rate per mile paid for the transportation over the railroad or public highways leading to the said bridge, and shall enjoy the rights and privileges of other post-roads in the United States; and equal privileges in the use of said bridge shall be granted to all telegraph and telephone companies; and the United States shall have the right of way across said bridge and its approaches for postal-telegraph purposes.

To be lawful structure and post route.

Telegraph, etc., companies.

SEC. 5. That all railroad companies desiring the use of said bridge shall be entitled to equal rights and privileges relative to the passage of railway trains over the same and the approaches thereto upon payment of a reasonable compensation for such use; or, in case of disagreement, upon such terms and conditions as shall be prescribed by the Secretary of War, upon hearing the allegations and proofs of the parties in interest.

Equal rights to railroads, etc.

SEC. 6. That this Act shall be null and void if actual construction of said bridge be not commenced in one year and completed in three years from the approval hereof.

Commencement and completion.

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

Amendment.

Approved, April 4, 1898.