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dollars authorized to be appropriated and expended for continuing improvement of the Missouri River from its mouth to Sioux City, Iowa, for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred, by the "Act making appropriations for the construction, repair and preservation of certain public works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes," which became a law on June third, eighteen hundred and ninety-six.

Capitol Police.

CAPITOL POLICE.

To continue the employment during the six months beginning January first, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, of not exceeding eighteen additional Capitol policemen (privates), at the rate of nine hundred and sixty dollars per annum each, eight thousand six hundred and forty dollars.

House of Representatives.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

For stationery for Members of the House of Representatives on account of the fiscal year eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, five thousand dollars.

Supreme Court, U.S.
Clerk's office.

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES.

For fireproof cases for the office of the clerk of the Supreme Court of the United States, six thousand dollars, to be immediately available.

Approved, January 5, 1899.

January 10, 1899.

CHAP. 42.—An Act To authorize the Choctaw and Memphis Railroad Company to construct bridges across the Arkansas and other navigable rivers in the State of Arkansas.

Choctaw and Memphis Railroad may bridge Arkansas River, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Choctaw and Memphis Railroad Company, a corporation created and existing by virtue of the law of the State of Arkansas, its successors and assigns, be, and is hereby, authorized to construct and maintain bridges across the Arkansas River and such other navigable rivers in the State of Arkansas as may be necessary for the crossing of said rivers with its railroad line at such points as may be selected by the said railroad company and approved by the Secretary of War. Said bridges shall be constructed to provide for the passage of railroad trains, and, at the option of said railroad company by which they may be built, may be used for the passage of wagons and vehicles of all kinds, for the transit of animals, and for foot passengers, for such reasonable rates of toll as may be fixed by the said railroad company and approved by the Secretary of War.

Transit of vehicles, etc.

Tolls.

To be lawful structures and post routes.

SEC. 2. That any bridges built under this Act and subject to its limitations shall be lawful structures, and shall be recognized and known as post routes; and they shall enjoy the same rights and privileges as other post roads in the United States; and equal privileges in the use of said bridges shall be granted to all telegraph and telephone companies; and the United States shall have the right of way across said bridges and their approaches for postal telegraph purposes.

Telegraph and telephone.

Railroads.
—equal rights to use.

SEC. 3. That all railroad companies desiring the use of said bridges shall have and be entitled to equal rights and privileges relative to the passage of railway trains over the same and over the approaches thereto, upon the payment of a reasonable compensation for such use; and in case the owner or owners of said bridges and the several railroad companies, or any of them desiring such use, shall fail to agree upon the sum or sums to be paid, and upon the rules and conditions to which each shall conform in using said bridges, 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.

—disagreements of with owner of bridges.

SEC. 4. That all bridges authorized to be constructed under this Act shall be built under and subject to such regulations for the security of the navigation of the rivers over which they may be built 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 designs and drawings of the bridges and maps of locations selected; and until the said plans and locations are approved by the Secretary of War the bridges shall not be commenced or built; and should any changes be made in the plans of said bridges, or any one of them, during the progress of construction, such changes shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War, and all changes in said bridges, or any one of them, required by the Secretary of War at any time, or their entire removal, shall be at the expense of the corporations or persons owning or operating said bridges.

Secretary of War to approve plans, etc.

—changes.

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

Amendment.

SEC. 6. That this Act shall be null and void if actual construction of the bridges herein authorized is not commenced within one year and completed within three years from the date thereof.

Commencement and completion.

Approved, January 10, 1899.

CHAP. 43.—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the Oregon and Washington Bridge Company to construct and maintain a bridge across the Columbia River, between the State of Oregon and the State of Washington, and to establish it as a post road."

January 10, 1899.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That "An Act to authorize the Oregon and Washington Bridge Company to construct and maintain a bridge across the Columbia River, between the State of Oregon and the State of Washington, and to establish it as a post road," approved March twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and ninety, be, and the same is hereby, extended, revived, and declared to be in full force and effect from and after March twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and ninety-two. Section twelve of said Act, which provides that said Act shall be null and void if actual construction of the bridge therein authorized be not commenced within two years and completed within four years from the date of the approval thereof, shall be, and the same is hereby, so amended that the time within which said bridge is required to be commenced shall be within one year and the time within which it is required that said bridge be completed shall be within three years from the date of approval of this Act.

Time extended for Oregon and Washington Bridge Co. to bridge Columbia River.
Vol. 26, p. 28.

Approved, January 10, 1899.

CHAP. 44.—An Act Granting the Saginaw Southern Railroad Company a right of way for railroad purposes through the San Francisco Mountains Forest Reserve.

January 10, 1899.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Saginaw Southern Railroad Company, a corporation created and existing under the laws of the Territory of Arizona, is authorized to construct and maintain a railroad over and through the San Francisco Mountains Forest Reserve (heretofore reserved from entry and settlement and set apart as a public reserve by William McKinley, President of the United States, by proclamation dated the seventeenth day of August, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight). Said railroad to be constructed upon and across the said San Francisco Mountains Forest Reserve from a point on the line of the Santa Fe Pacific Railroad Company at the town of Williams, in the county of Coconino, Territory of Arizona, thence in a southerly direction by the most practical route to the town of Jerome, in the

Saginaw Southern Railroad granted right of way through San Francisco Mountains Forest Reserve.

Post, p. 1782.
Location.