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road companies desiring the use of said bridges and approaches shall have and be entitled to equal rights and privileges relative to the passage of trains over the same upon 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, or upon rules and conditions to which each shall conform in using said bridges and approaches, 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.

Secretary of War to approve plans.

SEC. 4. That the bridges authorized to be constructed under this Act shall be located and built under and subject to such regulations for the security of the navigation of said rivers as the Secretary of War shall prescribe; and the said company or corporation shall submit to the Secretary of War, for his examination and approval, designs and drawings of the proposed bridges and maps of the locations, giving, for the space of one-fourth of a mile above and one-fourth of a mile below the proposed locations, the topography of the banks of the rivers, the shore lines at high and low water, the direction and strength of the currents, and the soundings, accurately showing the bed of the streams, and shall furnish such other information as may be required for a full and satisfactory understanding of the subject; and until the said plans and locations of the bridges are approved by the Secretary of War no work upon the said bridges shall be commenced; and should any change be made in the plans of said bridges during the progress of construction or after completion such change shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War.

Amendment. Alterations.

SEC. 5. That Congress reserves the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act at any time; and that if at any time the navigation of said rivers shall in any manner be obstructed or impaired by the said bridges the Secretary of War shall have authority, and it shall be his duty, to require the said railroad company to alter and change the said bridges, at its own expense, in such manner as may be proper to secure free and complete navigation without impediment.

Draws.

Lights.

SEC. 6. That the draws provided for the bridges herein authorized to be constructed shall be opened promptly, upon reasonable signal, for the passing of boats or other craft; and the said company or corporation shall maintain at its own expense from sunset to sunrise, such lights or other signals on said bridges as the Light-House Board may prescribe; and if actual construction of the bridges herein authorized shall not be commenced within one year from the passage of this Act, and be completed within three years from same date, the rights and privileges hereby granted shall cease and be determined.

Commencement and completion.

Approved, May 4, 1900.

CHAP. 349.—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act to prevent forest fires on the public domain," approved February twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

May 5, 1900.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That an Act entitled "An Act to prevent forest fires on the public domain," approved February twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

Public lands. Vol. 29, p. 594, amended.

"That any person who shall willfully or maliciously set on fire, or cause to be set on fire, any timber, underbrush, or grass upon the public domain, or shall leave or suffer fire to burn unattended near any timber or other inflammable material, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof in any district court of the United States having jurisdiction of the same shall be fined in a sum

Penalty for setting fire to timber, etc.

not more than five thousand dollars or be imprisoned for a term of not more than two years, or both.

—for failure to extinguish before leaving fire.

"SEC. 2. That any person who shall build a fire in or near any forest, timber, or other inflammable material upon the public domain shall, before leaving said fire, totally extinguish the same. Any person failing to do so shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof in any district court of the United States having jurisdiction of the same shall be fined in a sum not more than one thousand dollars or be imprisoned for a term of not more than one year, or both.

Disposition of fines collected.

"SEC. 3. That in all cases arising under this Act the fines collected shall be paid into the public-school fund of the county in which the lands where the offense was committed are situated."

Approved, May 5, 1900.

May 7, 1900.

CHAP. 384.—An Act For the appointment of an additional United States commissioner in the northern judicial district of the Indian Territory.

Indian Territory.
Appointment of additional United States commissioner at Wewoka, authorized.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the judge of the United States court in the Indian Territory presiding in the northern judicial district thereof is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint an additional United States commissioner within said district, who shall be permanently located at Wewoka, in the Seminole Nation, and to prescribe by metes and bounds the portion of the district for which such commissioner is appointed.

Approved, May 7, 1900.

May 9, 1900.

CHAP. 385.—An Act In amendment of sections two and three of an Act entitled "An Act granting pensions to soldiers and sailors who are incapacitated for the performance of manual labor, and providing for pensions to widows, minor children, and dependent parents," approved June twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and ninety.

Pensions.
Vol. 26, p. 182, amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That sections two and three of an Act entitled "An Act granting pensions to soldiers and sailors who are incapacitated for the performance of manual labor, and providing for pensions to widows, minor children, and dependent parents," be, and the same are hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

Invalid pensions to disabled soldiers and sailors.

"SEC. 2. That all persons who served ninety days or more in the military or naval service of the United States during the late war of the rebellion and who have been honorably discharged therefrom, and who are now or who may hereafter be suffering from any mental or physical disability or disabilities of a permanent character, not the result of their own vicious habits, which so incapacitates them from the performance of manual labor as to render them unable to earn a support, shall, upon making due proof of the fact, according to such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may provide, be placed upon the list of invalid pensioners of the United States, and be entitled to receive a pension not exceeding twelve dollars per month and not less than six dollars per month, proportioned to the degree of inability to earn a support; and in determining such inability each and every infirmity shall be duly considered, and the aggregate of the disabilities shown be rated, and such pension shall commence from the date of the filing of the application in the Bureau of Pensions, after the passage of this Act, upon proof that the disability or disabilities then existed, and shall continue during the existence of the same: *Provided*, That persons who are now receiving pensions under exist-

—maximum, etc., pension.

Determination of inability to earn support.
Commencement and continuance of pension.

Provisos.