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CHAP. 470.—An Act To declare a branch of the Mississippi River opposite the city of La Crosse, Wisconsin, and known as West Channel, to be unnavigable, and that the said city be relieved of necessity of maintaining a draw or pontoon bridge over said West Channel.

Mississippi River. West channel declared unnavigable.

City of La Crosse exempted from maintaining bridge.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the branch of the Mississippi River flowing between Grand Island and the mainland opposite the city of La Crosse, State of Wisconsin, and known as the West Channel, be, and the same is hereby, declared unnavigable, and the said city of La Crosse is, from and after the passage of this Act, relieved of the necessity of maintaining a draw or pontoon bridge over said West Channel.

Approved, February 23, 1901.

February 25, 1901.

CHAP. 472.—An Act To incorporate the National Society of United States Daughters of Eighteen Hundred and Twelve.

National Society of United States Daughters of 1812 incorporated.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Mrs. Flora Adams Darling, of New York; Mrs. William Garry Slade, of New York; Mrs. Louis W. Hall, of Pennsylvania; Mrs. Edward Roby, of Illinois; Mrs. M. A. Ludin, of New York; Mrs. Le Roy Sunderland Smith, of New York; Miss Helen G. Bailey, of New Hampshire; Mrs. Alfred Russell, of Michigan; Mrs. William Lee, of Massachusetts; Mrs. William Tod Helmuth, of New York; Mrs. Nelson V. Titus, of Massachusetts, their associates and successors, are hereby created a body corporate and politic in the District of Columbia, by the name of the National Society of United States Daughters of Eighteen Hundred and Twelve, for patriotic, historical, educational, and benevolent purposes,

—objects.

the objects of which are as follows: To perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who were identified with the war of eighteen hundred and twelve by publication of memoirs of famous women of the United States during that period, and the investigation, preservation, and publication of authentic records of men in the military, naval, and civil service of the United States during the said period; by making the society one of the factors of educational and patriotic progress, and by the promotion and erection of a house or home where the descendants of the zealous and brave patriots who achieved American independence who have need of such a home may be sheltered from the storms of life.

Powers.

SEC. 2. That the said society is authorized to hold real and personal estate in the United States, so far only as may be necessary to its lawful ends, to an amount not exceeding two hundred thousand dollars, and may adopt a constitution and make by-laws not inconsistent with law, and may adopt a seal.

Amendment.

SEC. 3. That Congress reserves the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act.

Approved, February 25, 1901.

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CHAP. 473.—An Act Granting authority to Alafia, Manatee and Gulf Coast Railroad Company to build railroad bridges across the Manatee River and Gasparilla Sound and to lay railroad tracks thereon.

Alafia, Manatee and Gulf Coast Railroad may bridge Manatee River and Gasparilla Sound, Fla.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Alafia, Manatee and Gulf Coast Railroad Company, a railroad corporation organized under the law of Florida, be, and it hereby is, authorized and empowered to construct, maintain, and operate one bridge across each of the following