

January, 15, 1903.

[Public, No. 27.]

CHAP. 188.—An Act To authorize the Pensacola, Alabama and Tennessee Railway Company to erect, maintain, and operate a railway bridge across the Alabama River in Wilcox County, in the State of Alabama.

Alabama River, Ala.
Pensacola, Alabama
and Tennessee Rail-
way Company may
bridge.

Location.

Unobstructed navi-
gation.

Changes.

Litigation.

Proviso.
Existing laws not
affected.

Secretary of War to
approve plans, etc.

Lights, etc.

Use by other com-
panies.

Compensation.

Lawful structure
and post route.

Telegraph, etc.,
privileges.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Pensacola, Alabama and Tennessee Railway Company, a railroad corporation organized under the laws of the States of Florida and Alabama, its successors and assigns, are hereby authorized and empowered to erect, establish, maintain, and operate a railway bridge across the Alabama River at such point in Wilcox County, State of Alabama, as may be by said company selected and approved by the Secretary of War; and if said bridge erected and maintained under the authority of this Act shall at any time unreasonably obstruct the free navigation of said river, or shall, in the opinion of the Secretary of War, unreasonably obstruct such navigation, he is hereby authorized to cause such change or alteration of said bridge to be made as will effectually obviate such obstruction; and such alteration shall be made and all such obstructions be removed at the expense of the owners or operators of said bridge; and in case of any litigation arising from any obstruction or alleged obstruction to free navigation of said river by reason of the construction of said bridge, the same shall be instituted and determined in the district court of the United States for the southern district of Alabama: *Provided,* That nothing in this Act shall be so construed as to repeal or modify any of the provisions of law now existing in reference to the navigation of rivers, or to exempt this bridge from the operation of the same.

SEC. 2. That the bridge authorized to be constructed under this Act shall be located and built subject to such regulations for security of navigation of said river as the Secretary of War shall prescribe; and to secure that object the said company shall submit to the Secretary of War, for his examination and approval, a general design and drawing of said bridge and a map of the location, giving, for the space of one mile above and one mile below the proposed location, the topography of the banks of the river, the shore lines at high and low water, soundings showing the bed of the stream, and such other information as the Secretary of War may require for a full and satisfactory understanding of the subject; and until the plan and location of the bridge are approved by the Secretary of War the construction of said bridge shall not be commenced.

SEC. 3. That the draw of the bridge herein authorized to be constructed shall be opened promptly upon reasonable signal for the passing of boats, and such lights or signals as the Light-House Board shall prescribe shall be displayed, from sunset until sunrise, on said bridge by the owners thereof at their own expense.

SEC. 4. That all railroad companies desiring the use of said bridge 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 payment of a reasonable compensation for such use; and in case of disagreement between the parties in regard to the compensation to be paid, or the conditions to be observed, all matters at issue shall be determined by the Secretary of War.

SEC. 5. That the bridge to be built under this Act and according to its limitations shall be held to be a lawful structure, and shall be recognized and known as a post route, upon which also no higher charge shall be made for transportation over the same of the mails, troops, and munitions of war of the United States than the rate per mile paid for their transportation over the railroad leading to such bridge; and it shall enjoy the rights and privileges of other post roads in the United States; and the United States shall have the right of way across said bridge and its approaches for postal-telegraph pur-

poses; and all telegraph and telephone companies shall have equal right and privileges in constructing and maintaining their lines across said bridge.

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

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

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Time of construction.

Amendment.

CHAP. 189.—An Act To provide rebate of duties on coal, and for other purposes.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to make full rebate of duties imposed by law on all coal of every form and description imported into the United States from foreign countries for the period of one year from and after the passage of this Act.

Coal.
Rebate of duty on,
for one year.
Vol. 30, p. 190.

SEC. 2. That the provisions of paragraph four hundred and fifteen of the tariff Act of July twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, shall not hereafter be construed to authorize the imposition of any duty upon anthracite coal.

All anthracite coal
admitted free.
Vol. 30, p. 190.

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CHAP. 190.—An Act To increase pension for total deafness.

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[Public, No. 29.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the passage of this Act all persons on the pension roll of the United States, or who may hereafter be placed thereon, receiving pension for total loss of hearing due to causes originating in the military or naval service of the United States and in the line of duty, shall be entitled to receive, in lieu of the amount now paid in case of such disability, the sum of forty dollars per month: *Provided,* That said increase shall in no manner affect the rate of pension now being paid and allowable for partial deafness, the rating for which shall be continued and determined in accordance with the provisions of existing law.

Pensions.
Increase for total
deafness.
R. S., sec. 4698, p. 915,
amended.

Proviso.
Rating for partial
deafness continued.

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CHAP. 192.—An Act To grant title to the town of Juneau, Alaska, of lands occupied for school purposes, and for other purposes.

January 16, 1903.

[Public, No. 30.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That certain real property now situated in the town of Juneau and district of Alaska, upon which the public-school building of the town of Juneau is now situated, and belonging to the United States of America, known as Government reservation numbered two, being all of block twenty-three except lots numbered five and six in the town of Juneau, as the same appears of record on the official plat of the town-site trustee, be, and the same is hereby, granted to the incorporated town of Juneau for school purposes, and the Secretary of the Interior is hereby directed to cause a patent to be issued therefor to such municipality upon proof of its incorporation.

Juneau, Alaska.
Granted land for
public school.

Approved, January 16, 1903.