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Proviso. Mineral deposits reserved.

ery: *Provided, however*, That no patent shall issue for the said land or any part thereof until the Secretary of the Interior shall ascertain by such examination, prospecting, and mineral tests as he may deem necessary and proper the existence of any valuable and merchantable deposits of coal or other mineral upon such premises; and any such merchantable deposits of coal or other mineral so determined, together with the right of ingress or egress, shall be excluded from said patent. The right of entry and egress for the purposes of such examinations and tests shall further be reserved in said lease.

Right to sell, etc., restricted.

SEC. 4. That the rights and privileges hereby granted shall not be sold, assigned, transferred, or conveyed to any person or persons, firm, or corporation whatsoever, save and except upon the express permission in writing of the Secretary of the Interior. And in case of any violation of this provision the lease and privileges hereby granted shall at once and forever cease and determine.

Forfeiture.

Approved, March 27, 1906.

March 28, 1906.
[H. R. 15583.]
[Public, No. 70.]

CHAP. 1349.—An Act To authorize the Madison Bridge Company to construct a bridge across the Saint Francis River in Saint Francis County, Arkansas, at or near the town of Madison, in said county and State.

Saint Francis River. Madison Bridge Company may bridge, at Madison, Ark.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Madison Bridge Company, a corporation duly authorized and existing under the laws of the State of Arkansas, its successors and assigns, be, and it is hereby, authorized and empowered to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto over and across the Saint Francis River at or near the town of Madison, in said county and State.

Secretary of War to approve plans, etc.

SEC. 2. That any bridge constructed under the authority of this Act shall be built and located under and subject to such regulations for the security of the navigation of said river as the Secretary of War shall prescribe, and to secure such object said corporation or its assigns shall submit to the Secretary of War, for his examination and approval, a design and drawing of the bridge and a map of the location; and until the said plan and location are approved by the Secretary of War the bridge shall not be commenced or built, and should any change be made in the plans of said bridge during its construction or after its completion such change shall be likewise subject to the approval of the Secretary of War, and any changes in said bridge required by the Secretary of War at any time shall be made promptly by the said corporation or its assigns at its expense: *Provided*, That if the bridge herein authorized be built as a drawbridge the draw shall be opened promptly, on reasonable signal, for the passage of boats; and whatever kind of bridge is built the said corporation or its assigns shall maintain thereon, from sunset to sunrise, such lights or other signals as the Light-House Board shall prescribe.

Changes.

Proviso. Opening draw.

Lights, etc.

Wagon and foot bridge.

SEC. 3. That said bridge shall be constructed to provide for the passage of wagons and vehicles of all kinds, for the transit of animals, and for foot passengers, under such rules and regulations as may be laid down by the proper officers of said corporation not inconsistent with the rules and regulations laid down by the Secretary of War, and said corporation or its assigns shall be allowed to charge such reasonable toll for each passage over said bridge as may be approved by the Secretary of War.

Toll.

Lawful structure and post route.

SEC. 4. That the bridge to be built under this Act, and subject to its limitations, shall be a lawful structure and shall be recognized and known as a post-road, upon which no higher charge shall be made for the transportation over the same of the mails, troops, and munitions of war of the United States than the rate per mile paid for such trans-

portation over the public highways leading to said bridge; and said bridge 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, and telephone purposes, and equal privileges in the use of said bridge shall be granted to all telegraph and telephone companies.

Telegraph, etc rights.

SEC. 5. That this Act shall be null and void if actual construction of the bridge herein authorized is not commenced within one year and completed within three years of the date of the approval hereof.

Time of construction.

SEC. 6. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Amendment.

Approved, March 28, 1906.

CHAP. 1350.—An Act Authorizing the sale of timber on the Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation for the benefit of the Indians belonging thereto.

March 28, 1906.
[H. R. 15848.]
[Public, No. 71.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized, under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe, to sell or otherwise dispose of any or all of the timber on the Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation in New Mexico, whether allotted or unallotted; if allotted, with the consent of the allottee, the proceeds to be deposited in the United States Treasury, to be expended by the Secretary of the Interior for the benefit of said Indians, in such manner as in his judgment will tend to promote their welfare and advance them in civilization.

Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation, N. Mex.
Sale of timber on, for benefit of Indians.

Approved, March 28, 1906.

CHAP. 1351.—An Act To consolidate the city of South McAlester and the town of McAlester, in the Indian Territory.

March 29, 1906.
[H. R. 12845.]
[Public, No. 72.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act of consolidation adopted by the city of South McAlester and the town of McAlester, in the Indian Territory, is approved, and that the city of McAlester is hereby created a city of the first class in the Indian Territory, with legal succession to all public property now belonging to the incorporated city of South McAlester and the town of McAlester, and said city of McAlester shall have power to exercise municipal jurisdiction over the area of territory embraced in and platted as the town sites of South McAlester and McAlester by the Choctaw Town Site Commission, according to Act of June twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and subsequently.

Indian Territory.
Consolidation of South McAlester and town of McAlester in, approved.
City of McAlester created.
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SEC. 2. That all indebtedness due by either of said municipalities at the date of passage of this bill shall become the debt of the city of McAlester.

Indebtedness assumed by new municipality.

SEC. 3. That the present city government of the city of South McAlester shall exercise all municipal powers over the city of McAlester created by this Act until their successors are elected and qualified in accordance with existing law, and that at the municipal election held on the first Tuesday in April, nineteen hundred and six, there shall be elected from the territory heretofore known as McAlester four additional members of the city council of the city of McAlester created by this Act.

Municipal government.
Election.
City council increased.

Approved, March 29, 1906.