

CHAP. 64.—An act relating to the anchorage and movement of vessels in the port of Chicago.

February 6, 1893.

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 authorized and directed to define and establish anchorage grounds for vessels in the harbors of Chicago, and waters of Lake Michigan adjacent thereto, to adopt suitable rules and regulations in relation to the same, and also to adopt suitable rules and regulations governing the use of marked inshore channels in Lake Michigan in front of the city of Chicago, and to take all necessary measures for the proper enforcement of such rules and regulations.

Chicago, Ill.

Anchorage grounds, etc., to be established by Secretary of War.

SEC. 2. That in the event of the violation of any such rules or regulations by the owner, master, or person in charge of any vessel, such owner, master, or person in charge of such vessel shall be liable to a penalty of one hundred dollars, and the said vessel may be holden for the payment of such penalty, and may be seized and proceeded against summarily by libel for the recovery of the same in any United States district court for the district within which such vessel may be, and in the name of the officer designated by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Penalty for violation of rules.

Approved, February 6, 1893.

CHAP. 65.—An act to amend an act approved August sixth, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, entitled, "An act to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Alabama River."

February 7, 1893.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the rights, powers, and privileges granted to the Alabama Great Northwestern Railway Company by the act of Congress entitled "An act to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Alabama River," and approved August sixth, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, be, and the same are hereby, in all respects confirmed and extended to the Montgomery, Tuscaloosa and Memphis Railway Company, the successor of the said Alabama Great Northwestern Railway Company.

Rights of Alabama Great Northwestern Railway Company to bridge Alabama River extended to Montgomery, Tuscaloosa and Memphis Railway Company.
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SEC. 2. That the time within which said railway company was authorized to complete the construction of said bridge, which construction has already been begun in accordance with the provisions of said act be, and the same is hereby, extended for three years from the date of the passage of this act.

Time for construction extended.

Approved, February 7, 1893.

CHAP. 66.—An act to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Mobile River by the Chicago, Mobile and Gulf Ports Railroad Company.

February 7, 1893.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Chicago, Mobile and Gulf Ports Railroad Company, a corporation existing under the laws of Alabama, its successors and assigns, be, and is hereby, authorized to construct and maintain a bridge across the Mobile River at a place suitable to commerce and not interfering with navigation, at a point near Mount Vernon Landing, in the State of Alabama, and to lay on or over said bridge a track or tracks for the more perfect connection of any railroad or railroads that are or shall be constructed to said river, on either or both sides thereof, at or opposite said point, under the limitations and conditions hereinafter provided. That said bridge shall not interfere with the free navigation of said river, and in case of any litigation arising from any obstruction or alleged obstruction to

Chicago, Mobile and Gulf Ports Railroad Company may bridge Mobile River at Mount Vernon Landing, Ala.

Unobstructed navigation.

- the free navigation of said river, by reason of the construction of said bridge, the cause may be tried before the circuit court of the United States in and for any district in whose jurisdiction any portion of said obstruction or bridge may be. Said bridge shall be constructed to provide for the passage of railroad trains.
- Railroad bridge. SEC. 2. That said bridge shall be provided with one or more draw openings, each having not less than one hundred feet clear channel way at low water, and in addition to said draw openings one or more fixed channel spans, each having not less than one hundred feet clear channel way; and every part of the superstructure of said bridge shall give a clear headroom of not less than ten feet above extreme known high-water mark: *Provided*, That all spans shall be so located as to afford the greatest possible accommodation to the river traffic, and a draw opening shall, if practicable, be located next or near shore: *Provided also*, That if the physical characteristics of the locality so require, and the interest of navigation be not injured thereby, the lengths of the fixed spans or the number of draw openings may be reduced: *Provided also*, That for any two adjacent draw openings of one hundred feet each, one draw opening of two hundred feet or more may be substituted if in the opinion of the Secretary of War the interest of navigation be not injured thereby.
- Draw openings. SEC. 3. That all draw spans authorized by this act shall be operated by steam or other reliable power, and shall be opened promptly upon reasonable signal for the passage of boats, except when trains are passing over said span or spans; but in no case shall unnecessary delay occur in opening said draw after the passage of trains; and also that in case the opening of a draw is delayed by reason of the passing of a train after the signal has been given from a boat ready to pass through, the draw shall be opened for the passage of such boat before another train is allowed to pass over the said span or spans; nor shall there be any unnecessary delay in the passage of trains over the bridge.
- Provisos.* SEC. 4. That all piers shall be built as near as may be parallel with the current of the river at that stage of water which is most important for navigation, and the bridge itself shall be built as nearly as may be at right angles thereto; and that riprapping or other protection for imperfect foundations which will lessen the required water way shall not be permitted; and also that piers which will produce cross currents or bars dangerous to navigation shall not be constructed; and if after construction any piers or accessory works are found to produce the above-mentioned effects, or if any riprapping or other protection prohibited by this section is found to exist, the nuisance shall be abated or corrected under the direction of the Secretary of War, at the expense of the company or persons owning, controlling, or operating said bridge.
- Spans. SEC. 5. That the approaches to said bridge shall be so designed and constructed as not to interfere with the free discharge of said river in seasons of flood; and any encroachment on the high-water cross section by piers, solid embankments, or otherwise, which will result in unduly accelerating the high-water current at the site of the bridge shall not be allowed.
- Fixed spans. SEC. 6. That any corporation, company, or persons, owning, controlling, or operating the bridge built under the authority of this act, shall build and maintain at all times as accessory works to such bridge, such booms, piers, dikes, guard fences, and similar devices as may be necessary to insure at all times a permanent channel for a sufficient distance above and below the bridge site, and for the guiding of rafts, steamboats, and other water craft safely under or through said bridge; and if at any time after the construction of the bridge and its accessory works, the approaches to draw openings, channel spans, or raft passages in said bridge are found to be dangerous or difficult of access by river traffic, the Secretary of War may, upon the recommendation of the Chief of Engineers, United States Army, order the corporation,
- Draw spans, Piers. Approaches. Aids to navigation.

company, or persons owning controlling or operating said bridge to construct under his direction, and to maintain such additional sheer booms, dikes, and other devices as will obviate the difficulty mentioned, which additional sheer booms, dikes, and other devices shall be built and maintained at their own expense by said company or persons; and that said company or persons shall maintain, at their own expense, from sunset to sunrise, throughout the season of navigation, such lights and other signals on said bridge as may be required by the Light-House Board for the security of navigation.

Lights, etc.

SEC. 7. That the bridge authorized to be constructed by this act shall be located and built under and subject to such regulations for the security of navigation on said river as the Secretary of War shall prescribe; and to secure that object said corporation shall submit for his examination a design and drawings of the bridge, piers, approaches and accessory works, and a map of the location, giving, for a space of at least three miles above and one mile below the proposed location, the topography of the banks of and the shore lines at high and low water. This map shall be accompanied by others drawn on the scale of one inch to two hundred feet, giving, for a space of one-half of a mile above the line of the proposed bridge and one-quarter of a mile below, an accurate representation of the bottom of the river, by contour lines five feet apart determined by accurate soundings, and also showing over the whole width of this part of the river the force and direction of the currents at low water, at high water, and at least one intermediate stage by triangulated observations on suitable floats. The maps shall also show the location of other bridges in the vicinity, and shall give such information as the Secretary of War may require for a full and satisfactory understanding of the subject; and the construction of the proposed bridge shall not be commenced until the location and plans thereof are approved by the Secretary of War.

Secretary of War to approve plans, etc.

SEC. 8. That any bridge constructed under the authority of this act shall be built under the general supervision of the Secretary of War, and no changes or alterations in plans shall be made during the construction of said bridge or after its completion, unless said changes or alterations conform to the provisions of this act and are authorized by the Secretary of War; that such alterations and changes as may be required by the Secretary of War in said bridge so as to preserve free and convenient navigation shall be made under the direction of the Secretary of War at the expense of the company or persons owning, controlling, or operating said bridge. That during original construction or in carrying out any authorized changes or repairs of said bridge a navigable channel shall be preserved at the site of the bridge at all times, and the water way of the river shall not be obstructed to a greater extent than is absolutely necessary; and such lights and buoys shall be kept on all coffer dams, piles, and so forth, as may be necessary for the security of navigation.

Changes, etc.

SEC. 9. That all railroad companies desiring the use of the bridge authorized by this act shall have and be entitled to equal rights and privileges relative to the passage of railway trains or cars 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 such bridge and the several railroad companies, or any one of them, desiring such use shall fail to agree upon the sum or sums to be paid, and upon rules and conditions to which each shall conform in using said bridge, 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; and equal privileges in the use of said bridge shall be granted to all telegraph and telephone companies.

Use by railroad companies.

Compensation.

SEC. 10. That the bridge constructed, maintained and operated under this act and according to its limitations shall be a lawful structure, and shall be recognized and known as a post route, upon which also no higher charge shall be made for the transportation over the same of

Lawful structure and post route.

the mails, the troops, and the munitions of war of the United States than the rate per mile paid for the transportation of said mails, troops, and munitions over the railroads and public highways leading to said bridge; and the United States shall have the right of way for postal telegraph and telephone purposes over said bridge.

Postal telegraph,
etc.

Commencement and
completion.

Amendment, etc.

SEC. 11. 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 approval thereof.

SEC. 12. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this act is hereby expressly reserved; and the right to require the entire removal of the bridge constructed under the provisions of this act, at the expense of the owners thereof, whenever Congress or the Secretary of War shall decide that the public interests require it, is also expressly reserved.

Approved, February 7, 1893.

February 7, 1893.

CHAP. 67.—An act to amend "An act authorizing the construction of a high wagon bridge across the Missouri River at or near Sioux City, Iowa," and so forth.

Bridge across Mis-
souri River at Sioux
City, Iowa.
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26, p. 79.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section seven of an act entitled "An act authorizing the construction of a high wagon bridge across the Missouri River at or near Sioux City, Iowa," approved March second, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, as amended by an act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act authorizing the construction of a high wagon bridge across the Missouri River at or near Sioux City, Iowa,'" approved April thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety, be amended so that it shall read as follows:

Time for construc-
tion extended.

SEC. 7. That this act shall be null and void if the construction of said bridge shall not be commenced within two years and be finished on or before March second, eighteen hundred and ninety-four.

SEC. 2. That section one of said act of April thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety, be amended to read as follows:

Addition of "as-
signs,"
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"That it shall be lawful for the Pacific Short Line Bridge Company, or its assigns, to construct and maintain," and so forth.

And the addition of the words "and assigns" shall be made wherever in said section the words "the Pacific Short Line Bridge Company" appear: *Provided always,* That the franchises granted to said company by the aforesaid acts shall not be alienable until all judgments existing against said company at the time this act goes into effect have been paid and satisfied.

Proviso.
Alienation of fran-
chise.

Approved, February 7, 1893.

February 8, 1893.

CHAP. 69.—An act to make Rockport, Texas, a subport of entry.

Rockport, Tex.
To be subport of
entry, Corpus Christi
district.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Aransas (Rockport) in the customs collection district of Corpus Christi, Texas, be, and is hereby, constituted a subport of entry in said district.

Approved, February 8, 1893.

February 9, 1893.

CHAP. 74.—An act to establish a court of appeals for the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

District of Colum-
bia.
Court of appeals es-
tablished.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there shall be, and there is hereby, established in the District of Columbia a court, to be known as the court of appeals of the District of Columbia, which shall consist