

corporations reasonable notice of the time and place of the consideration of said plans and maps by him or by any officer of his Department, and the said corporations shall have a right to appear with their engineers and attorneys, or either, before such officer, and be heard in behalf of said plans before him, as well as before any officer authorized by him to report upon the same.

SEC. 9. That in case of any litigation arising by reason of any obstruction of the free navigation of said river, by reason of said bridge, the cause may be tried before the circuit court of the United States for the States of Minnesota or Wisconsin, and the said corporations herein authorized to construct said bridge, or either of them so constructing the same, under the authority herein granted, their or its successors and assigns, for the purpose of acquiring necessary rights of way for the construction of necessary abutments and approaches for said bridge, and the lines and tracks of railroad thereon, shall have the power to acquire the same by purchase, gift, or conveyance, or by the exercise of the power of eminent domain, and, for such latter purpose, may institute proceedings in the proper court having jurisdiction in each or either of said States wherein the premises sought to be condemned are located, or in the circuit court of the United States in the proper district or division of either of said States, said proceedings to be conducted in all respects in conformity with the provisions of law in such State or States, for the acquisition by condemnation of private property, and appropriating the same to public use, by corporations authorized to exercise the power of eminent domain.

Litigation.

Condemnation proceedings.

SEC. 10. That if such bridge hereby authorized to be built shall not be commenced within one year and finished within three years from the date hereof, the rights and privileges hereby granted shall determine and cease.

Commencement and completion.

SEC. 11. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Amendment, etc.

Approved, May 1, 1894.

CHAP. 68.—An Act To ratify the reservation of certain lands made for the benefit of Oklahoma Territory, and for other purposes.

May 4, 1894.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the reservation for university, agricultural college, and normal school purposes, of section thirteen in each township, of the lands known as the Cherokee Outlet, the Tonkawa Indian Reservation, and the Pawnee Indian Reservation, in the Territory of Oklahoma, not otherwise reserved or disposed of, and the reservation for public buildings of section thirty-three in each township of said lands, not otherwise disposed of, made by the President of the United States in his proclamation of August nineteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, be, and the same are hereby, ratified, and all of said lands and all of the school lands in said Territory may be leased under such laws and regulations as may be hereafter prescribed by the legislature of said Territory; but until such legislative action the governor, secretary of the Territory, and superintendent of public instruction shall constitute a board for the leasing of said lands under the rules and regulations heretofore prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior, for the respective purposes for which the said reservations were made, except that it shall not be necessary to submit said leases to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval; and all necessary expenses and costs incurred in the leasing, management, and protection of said lands and leases may be paid out of the proceeds derived from such leases.

Oklahoma.
Lands reserved for educational and building purposes ratified.

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Leases.

Expenses.

Approved, May 4, 1894.

May 7, 1894.

CHAP. 69.—An Act To authorize the reconstruction of a bridge across the Niobrara River near the village of Niobrara, Nebraska, and making an appropriation therefor.

Niobrara River.
Appropriation for
bridge across, at Niobrara, Nebr.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for the purpose of reaching the Ponca and Yankton Sioux Indian reservations, and for carrying supplies thereto, the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed without unnecessary delay to cause to be reconstructed across the Niobrara River near the village of Niobrara, Nebraska, the Government bridge recently destroyed by floods. Said bridge shall be a substantial wooden or iron bridge, with the necessary approaches, and the sum of seven thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to reconstruct said bridge, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Contract.

SEC. 2. That no part of the appropriation made by this act shall be paid out of the Treasury until a contract is entered into with responsible parties, with good and sufficient sureties, to be approved by the Secretary of War, for the construction and completion of said bridge, including the approaches, at a cost not exceeding the sum hereby appropriated. Said bridge, when reconstructed, shall be free to all travelers.

Free bridge.

Effect.

SEC. 3. That this act shall be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Approved, May 7, 1894.

May 7, 1894.

CHAP. 70.—An Act To authorize the construction of a bridge over the Monongahela River in the city of Pittsburg:

Pittsburg, Pa., may
bridge Monongahela
River.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the city of Pittsburg, a municipal corporation created by and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, its successors and assigns, be, and they are hereby, authorized and empowered to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge over the Monongahela River, from a point on the south shore of said Monongahela River at or near Twenty-second street, in the twenty-fifth ward of the city of Pittsburg, to a point on Brady street directly across said river, and on the north shore thereof and within the said city of Pittsburg, county of Allegheny, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The said city of Pittsburg shall not commence the construction of its bridge, bridge piers, abutments, causeway, and other works over or in said Monongahela River until the location and plan of the same shall have been submitted to and approved by the Secretary of War.

Inconsistent laws
repealed.

SEC. 2. That any Act of Congress or part of an Act inconsistent herewith, so far as it affects the same, is hereby repealed.

Secretary of War to
approve plans, etc.

SEC. 3. That any bridge 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 river as the Secretary of War shall prescribe; and to secure that object the said city of Pittsburg shall submit to the Secretary of War, for his examination and approval, a design, plan, and drawing of the bridge, and a map of the location, giving for the space of one half mile above and one-half mile below the proposed location the high and low water lines upon the banks of the river, the direction and strength of the currents at high and low water, with the soundings, accurately showing the bed of the stream, and the location of any other bridge or bridges; such map to be in sufficient detail to enable the said Secretary of War to judge of the proper location of said bridge, and shall furnish such other information as may be required for a full and satisfactory understanding of the subject; and until the said plan and location of the bridge are approved by the Secretary of War the bridge shall not be commenced or built; and should

Changes.