

alleged obstruction, to the free navigation of said river, caused, or alleged to be caused by said bridge, a case may be brought in any court of the United States in the State of North Dakota in which any portion of said bridge may be located: *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 protection of the navigation of rivers, or to exempt this bridge from the operation of the same: *Provided further*, That this bridge shall not be open to traffic until all piling and other false work used in constructing the bridge shall have been wholly removed, to the satisfaction of the Secretary of War.

Provisos.
Existing laws not affected.

Piling, etc., to be removed.

Lawful structure and post route.

SEC. 4. That said bridge and accessory works, when built and constructed under this Act, and according to the terms and limitations thereof, shall be lawful structures, and said bridge shall be recognized and known as a post route, upon which also no higher charge shall be made for the transmission over the same of the mails, the troops, and the munitions of war of the United States than the rate per mile paid for the transportation over the railroads or public highways leading to such bridge; and said bridge shall enjoy the rights and privileges of other post routes of the United States; and Congress reserves the right at any time to regulate by appropriate legislation the charges over said bridge.

Toll.

SEC. 5. That the United States shall have the right of way for such postal telegraph lines across said bridge as the Government may construct or control. And all street-railroad companies desiring the use of said bridge shall have and be entitled to equal rights and privileges upon reasonable terms relative to the passage of railway trains or cars over the same and over the approaches thereto, and all telephone and telegraph companies shall be granted equal rights and privileges in the construction and operation of their lines across the bridge.

Telegraph, etc., rights.

Use by other roads.

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 thereof.

Time of construction.

SEC. 7. That Congress reserves the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act at any time.

Amendment.

Approved, March 25, 1904.

CHAP. 838.—An Act To confirm and validate patents to certain lands situated in the Bitter Root Valley, State of Montana, above the mouth of the Lo Lo Fork of the Bitter Root River.

March 25, 1904.
[H. R. 6787.]

[Public, No. 71.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all patents heretofore issued for lands in the Bitter Root Valley, State of Montana, above the mouth of the Lo Lo Fork of the Bitter Root River, designated in the Act of June fifth, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, in desert entries, preemption entries, mining entries, entries under the Act of June third, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, as extended to all the public-land States by the Act of August fourth, eighteen hundred and ninety-two, commonly known as the timber and stone law, and for lands selected for the benefit of the university of the State of Montana prior to the passage of the Act of August third, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, are hereby confirmed and said patents validated, to all intents and purposes the same as if the law under which said patents were issued was applicable to said lands.

Bitter Root Valley, Mont.

Patents to certain lands in, confirmed. Vol. 17, p. 226.

Vol. 20, p. 89.

Vol. 27, p. 343.

Vol. 28, p. 222.

Approved, March 25, 1904.

March 28, 1904.
[H. R. 3761.]
[Public, No. 72.]

Saint Joseph, Mo.
Grant of land for
street purposes to.

CHAP. 848.—An Act Ceding certain land appertaining to the custom-house at Saint Joseph, Missouri, for use as a street.

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 to grant, relinquish, and convey to the city of Saint Joseph, in the State of Missouri, a strip of land ten feet in width off of the west side of the site of the Federal building in said city of Saint Joseph, and extending along Eighth street, from Edmond to Charles street, a distance of two hundred and forty-three feet, more or less, the said strip of land to be used for street purposes only.

Approved, March 28, 1904.

March 28, 1904.
[H. R. 8385.]
[Public, No. 73.]

United States courts.
Wisconsin eastern
judicial district.
R. S., secs. 572, 658,
pp. 101, 123.
Vol. 27, p. 12,
amended.

Terms.

Green Bay added.
Effect.

CHAP. 849.—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act to determine the sessions of the circuit and district courts of the United States for the eastern district of Wisconsin," approved March thirty-first, eighteen hundred and ninety-two, chapter twenty-eight.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That said Act, entitled "An Act providing the terms and places of holding the courts of the United States in the eastern district of Wisconsin," approved March thirty-first, eighteen hundred and ninety-two, be amended so as to read as follows:

"That the regular terms of the circuit and district courts of the United States for the eastern district of Wisconsin shall be held at the times and places following: At Milwaukee on the first Mondays of January and October, and at Oshkosh on the second Tuesday in June of each year, and at Green Bay the first Tuesday in April of each year."

SEC. 2. That this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, March 28, 1904.

March 29, 1904.
[S. 4640.]
[Public, No. 74.]

Missouri River.
Time extended for
bridging, at Kansas
City, Mo.

Vol. 32, p. 920,
amended.

CHAP. 851.—An Act To supplement and amend an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River, and to establish it as a post-road," approved February twenty-eighth, nineteen hundred and three.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section eight of the Act entitled "An Act to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River, and to establish it as a post-road," be, and the same is hereby, so supplemented and amended as to extend the time for the commencement of the construction of the bridge and approaches, by said Act authorized, until the twenty-eighth day of August, nineteen hundred and four, and to extend the time for the completion of said bridge to February twenty-eighth, nineteen hundred and seven.

Approved, March 29, 1904.

March 29, 1904.
[H. R. 11449.]
[Public, No. 75.]

Mississippi River.
Sherburne and
Wright counties,
Minn., may bridge.
Post, p. 540.

CHAP. 852.—An Act To authorize the counties of Sherburne and Wright, Minnesota, to construct a bridge across the Mississippi River.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the counties of Sherburne and Wright, in the State of Minnesota, through their corporate authorities, are hereby authorized and empowered to construct and