first section of this act, be subject to occupancy and control by the board
of trustees of said city of Cheyenne, and their successors in office; _Provided,
That if at any time the said board of trustees shall occupy, or per-
mit to be occupied, said land for any purpose not contemplated by this
act, or shall fail for the period of two years to commence the use of it for
said purpose, or shall abandon the same, the said land shall revert to
the United States: _Provided further, That nothing in this act contained shall
be construed or have the effect to impair the rights of any person in or
to any portion of said lands, acquired under any law of the United
States.

APPROVED, May 28, 1872.

CHAP. CCV.—An Act relating to certain Lands in the State of Alabama.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled, That all the lands heretofore
certified to the State of Alabama by the commissioner of the general
land office for the benefit of the railroad from Selma to Gadsden, then
known as the Alabama and Tennessee River railroad, under act of Con-
gress, entitled “An act granting public lands in alternate sections to the
State of Alabama to aid in the construction of certain railroads,” ap-
proved June third, eighteen hundred and fifty-six, be, and the same are
hereby, confirmed to the said State of Alabama for the sole use and ben-
efit of the Selma, Rome, and Dalton Railroad Company, the successors
of the said Alabama and Tennessee Railroad Company.

ARROVSN, May 28, 1872.

CHAP. CCVI.—An Act to provide Homes for the Pottawatomie and Absentee Shawnee
Indians in the Indian Territory.

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 and directed to issue certificates by which
allotments of land lying within the thirty-mile square tract theretofore
selected for the Pottawatomie Indians, and lying next west of the Seminole
reservation in the Indian Territory, shall be made to each member of the
Pottawatomie band, known as the Pottawatomie citizen band, as follows,
vis.: To each head of a family, and to each other member twenty-one years
of age, not more than one-quarter section, and to each minor of the tribe
not more than eighty acres; and such allotments shall be made to include,
as far as may be practicable for each family, the improvements which they
may have made. Certificates of such allotments shall be made in severalty,
specifying the names of individuals to whom they have been assigned, and
that said tracts are set apart for the exclusive and perpetual use and benefit
of such assignees and their heirs. Until otherwise provided by law such
tracts shall be exempt from levy, taxation, or sale, and shall be alienable in
fee, or leased or otherwise disposed of only to the United States, or to per-
sons of Indian blood, lawfully residing within said Territory with permission
of the President and under such regulations as the Secretary of the Interior
shall prescribe: _Provided, That such allotments shall be made to each of
the above-described persons as have resided or shall hereafter reside three
years continuously on such reservation, and that the cost of such lands to the
United States shall be paid from any fund now held, or which may be here-
after held by the United States for the benefit of such Indians, and charged
as a part of their distributive share, or shall be paid for by said Indians

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before such certificates are issued: Provided, Said Pottawatomi Indians
shall neither acquire nor exercise under the laws of the United States any
rights or privileges in said Indian territory, other than those enjoyed by
the members of the Indian tribes lawfully residing therein. And for the
protection of the rights of persons and property among themselves, they
may enforce the laws and usages heretofore enforced among them as an
Indian tribe, not inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of the United
States, and shall be entitled to equitable representation in the general
territorial council, and subject to the general laws which it may legally
enact.

SEC. 2. When it shall be shown to the satisfaction of the Secretary
of the Interior that any Indian of pure or mixed blood of the Absentee
Shawnees, being a head of a family, or a person over twenty-one years of
age, has resided, continuously, for the term of three years within the
thirty-mile square tract lying west of the Seminole reservation in the
Indian territory, and has made substantial improvements thereon, it shall
be the duty of the Secretary of the Interior to issue to said Indian a cer-
ertificate of allotment for eighty acres of land, to include, so far as may be
practicable, his or her improvements, together with an addition of twenty
acres for each child under twenty-one years of age belonging to the family
of said Indian, which certificate shall include the same provisions as are
included in the certificates of allotments of lands to be issued under the
provisions of the first section of this act.

APPROVED, May 28, 1872.

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CHAP. CCXIII. — An Act to authorize the Construction of a Bridge, and to establish
the same as a Post-road.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall be lawful for any
person or persons, company or corporation, having authority from the
States of Iowa and Illinois, to build a bridge across the Mississippi river
at Fort Madison, Iowa, Railway
tracks.

Navigation
not to be interfered with.

Litigation in
courts of the
United States.

Bridge may be
built across the
Mississippi river
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Litigation in
courts of the
United States.