

SEC. 4. That all railroad companies desiring the use of the bridge constructed under 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 payment of a reasonable compensation for such use; and in case the parties interested shall fail to agree upon the sum or sums to be paid and upon the rules and conditions to which each shall conform in using said bridge, all matters at issue between them shall, upon the application of either party, be determined by the district court of the United States in and for any district in which any portion of said bridge may be; and equal privileges in the use of said bridge shall be granted to all telegraph and telephone companies.

Use by other roads.

Compensation.

Telegraph, etc., privileges.

SEC. 5. 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 approval of this Act.

Time of construction.

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

Amendment.

Approved, April 28, 1904.

CHAP. 1824.—An Act To provide for additional United States judges in the Indian Territory, and for other purposes.

April 28, 1904.
[H. R. 12647.]

[Public, No. 256.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, four additional judges of the United States court in the Indian Territory, one for the northern district, one for the western district, one for the central district, and one for the southern district. And said judges shall have all the authority and exercise all the powers, perform like duties, and receive the same salary as other judges of said court, and shall each serve for a term of four years from date of appointment, unless said offices are sooner abolished by law. Neither the additional judges, nor their successors in office, shall be members of the court of appeals for the Indian Territory, but they shall hold such courts, in their respective districts, as may be directed by the court of appeals of the Indian Territory, or majority of the judges thereof in vacation: *Provided,* That none of said judges shall have power to appoint clerks of courts, United States commissioners, or United States constables in said districts, and hereafter at least three terms of court shall be held in each year, at each place of holding court in the Indian Territory, the times to be fixed in the manner now provided by law.

Indian Territory.
Additional judges
authorized.

Powers, term, etc.

Not members of
court of appeals.

Proviso.
Limit on power.

Terms.

SEC. 2. All the laws of Arkansas heretofore put in force in the Indian Territory are hereby continued and extended in their operation, so as to embrace all persons and estates in said Territory, whether Indian, freedmen, or otherwise, and full and complete jurisdiction is hereby conferred upon the district courts in said Territory in the settlements of all estates of decedents, the guardianships of minors and incompetents, whether Indians, freedmen, or otherwise. That the sum of twenty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the payment of salaries of the judges hereby authorized, the same to be immediately available.

Extension of laws
to all persons and estates.

Appropriation for
judges' salaries.

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[H. R. 12899.]

[Public, No. 257.]

Customs.
Coal City, Ill.
Made port of deliv-
ery with immediate
transportation privi-
leges.
R. S., sec. 2601, p. 514,
amended.
Vol. 21, p. 174.

CHAP. 1825.—An Act Constituting Coal City, Grundy County, Illinois, a port of delivery.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Coal City, Grundy County, Illinois, be, and hereby is, constituted a port of delivery in the customs collection district of Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, and that the privileges of immediate transportation of dutiable merchandise conferred by the seventh section of the Act of June tenth, eighteen hundred and eighty, entitled "An Act to amend the statutes in relation to immediate transportation of dutiable goods, and for other purposes," be, and the same are hereby, extended to said port.

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April 28, 1904.
[H. R. 13083.]

[Public, No. 258.]

Philippine Islands.
Cancellation of cer-
tain export bonds on
articles shipped to.

Time for presenting
claims.

CHAP. 1826.—An Act To relieve obligors on bonds given to the United States upon the exportation to the Philippine Islands prior to November twentieth, nineteen hundred and one, of articles subject to internal-revenue tax.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all bonds given to the United States prior to November twentieth, nineteen hundred and one, upon the transportation and shipment to the Philippine Islands of articles subject under existing statutes to the payment of internal-revenue tax, which are in form given for the proper exportation of the article therein described to a foreign country free of internal-revenue tax, or with benefit of drawback, as the case may be, shall be treated in all respects as if given for and upon a shipment to a foreign country, and shall be canceled upon presentation of evidence of the shipment to a port of the Philippine Islands, or of landing at such port, as the case may be, the same as if such port were a port of a foreign country. The obligors upon any of such bonds shall have such reasonable time from and after the passage of this Act as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury within which to present the evidence required by existing statutes for the cancellation of such bonds.

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[H. R. 13773.]

[Public, No. 259.]

District of Columbia.
Amounts of dis-
bursing officers' out-
standing checks to be
deposited in the
Treasury.

Permanent appro-
priation account.

R. S., sec. 306, p. 51.

Payment to holders.

CHAP. 1827.—An Act To provide for the settlement of certain outstanding checks drawn by the disbursing officers of the District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter, at the beginning of each fiscal year, or as soon thereafter as may be practicable, the respective amounts represented by checks drawn by the disbursing officer of the District of Columbia, or by any former disbursing officer of said District, which have remained outstanding, unsatisfied, and unpaid for three years or more, shall be deposited by the Treasurer of the United States and covered back into the Treasury by warrant to the credit of a permanent appropriation account to be denominated "Outstanding liabilities, District of Columbia," and shall be carried to the credit of the respective parties in whose favor such checks were issued upon the books of the auditor of the District of Columbia, in like manner as the amounts represented by checks of disbursing officers of the United States which have remained outstanding, unsatisfied, and unpaid for three years or more are covered back into the Treasury.

SEC. 2. That the payee or bona fide holder of any check drawn by the disbursing officer of the District of Columbia, or by any former disbursing officer of said District, the amount of which has been so covered back into the Treasury of the United States, shall, upon appli-