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Idaho.  
Board of Missions  
of Protestant Episco-  
pal Church in.  
Patents in fee to.

*Provido.*  
Consent of Indians.

**CHAP. 177.**—An Act Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to issue patents in fee to the Board of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church for certain lands in the State of Idaho.

*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 is hereby authorized and directed to issue patents in fee to the Board of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States for the following described lands: The southeast quarter of section thirty-six, township four south, range thirty-four east, of Boise meridian, containing one hundred and sixty acres: *Provided,* That the said patent shall not issue until the Indians of the said reservation shall have given their consent to the grant through their business committee or council in such manner as the Secretary of the Interior shall provide.

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Bridges.  
Merrimac River.  
Vesper-Country  
Club may bridge, at  
Tyngs Island, Mass.

Okanogan River,  
Wash.  
County of Okano-  
gan, etc., may bridge.

Location.

Choctawhatchee  
River.  
Geneva County may  
bridge, near Geneva,  
Ala.

Colorado River.  
Arizona and Cali-  
fornia Railway Com-  
pany may bridge, at  
Parker, Ariz.  
*Ante,* p. 5.

Missouri River.  
Missouri Central  
Railroad Company  
may bridge, at Glas-  
gow, Mo.

**CHAP. 180.**—An Act Authorizing the construction of bridges across navigable waters, and to extend the time for the construction of bridges across navigable waters, and to legalize the construction of bridges across navigable waters.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the consent of Congress is hereby given to the Vesper-Country Club, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Massachusetts, for the construction of a bridge across the Merrimac River at Tyngs Island, Massachusetts.

That the county of Okanogan and the town of Okanogan, jointly or severally, corporations organized under the laws of the State of Washington, their successors and assigns, be, and they are hereby, authorized, jointly or severally, to construct, maintain, and operate a wagon bridge and approaches thereto across the Okanogan River from some convenient and practical point on the West bank of said river within the limits of said town of Okanogan to some convenient point on the east bank of said river in the south half of the Colville Indian Reservation in the State of Washington.

That the court of county commissioners of Geneva County, Alabama, its successors and assigns, be, and they are hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Choctawhatchee River, at a point to be approved by the Chief of Engineers and the Secretary of War, about six miles above the town of Geneva, Alabama.

That the Arizona and California Railway Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the Territory of Arizona, its successors and assigns, be, and they are hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge, and approaches thereto, across the Colorado River, at or near Parker, in the Territory of Arizona, as may be approved by the Secretary of War, for the passage of railroad trains by means of a single or double track, and also at the option of said company, its successors and assigns, to be used for the passage of wagons, vehicles, street cars, animals, and persons on foot and in vehicles.

That the Missouri Central Railroad Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Missouri, its successors and assigns, be, and they are hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Missouri River at a point just south of the city of Glasgow, being about five hundred yards south of the bridge now owned by the Chicago and Alton Railroad Company, to an opposite point in Saline County, in the State of Missouri.

That the Missouri Central Railroad Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Missouri, its successors and assigns, be, and they are hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Missouri River at a point near the city of Saint Charles, being about three and one-half miles south of west of said city of Saint Charles, to a point due south in Saint Louis County, all in the State of Missouri.

Missouri River.  
Missouri Central  
Railroad Company  
may bridge, at Saint  
Charles, Mo.

That the Mississippi, Hill City and Western Railway Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of South Dakota, its successors and assigns, be, and they are hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a railroad bridge and approaches thereto across the Mississippi River at section four, township fifty-two north, range twenty-three west, being in Aitkin County, in the State of Minnesota.

Mississippi River,  
Minn.  
Mississippi, Hill  
City and Western  
Railway Company  
may bridge.  
Location.

That the Iron Dyke Copper Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania, its successors and assigns, be, and they are hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a toll bridge and approaches thereto across the Snake River at a point to be selected between Homestead and Ballards Landing, on said river, between the States of Oregon and Idaho.

Snake River.  
Iron Dyke Copper  
Company may bridge,  
at Homestead, Oreg.

That section seven of the act approved March twenty-sixth, nineteen hundred and two, as amended by an Act approved June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and six, authorizing the South Omaha Railroad and Bridge Company to build a bridge and approaches thereto across Missouri River at or near the city of South Omaha, Douglas County, is hereby amended by extending the time for the construction of said bridge and approaches thereto to April fifteenth, nineteen hundred and ten.

Missouri River.  
Time extended for  
bridging, by South  
Omaha Railroad and  
Bridge Company, at  
South Omaha, Nebr.  
Vol. 32, p. 92.  
Vol. 34, p. 817,  
amended.

That the Copper River Railway Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Washington, its successors and assigns, be, and they are hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate two bridges across the Copper River, in the Territory of Alaska, below the Abercrombie Canyon, to be located as follows: The first, or lower bridge, to cross the said Copper River at a point below Childs Glacier; and the second, or upper bridge, to cross said Copper River at some point between Childs Glacier and Miles Glacier, and slightly upstream from the location that has been selected as a bridge crossing by the Alaska Pacific Railway and Terminal Company, and a sufficient distance therefrom to avoid interference with the construction or operation of the bridge across said river that may lawfully be erected by said last-named company.

Copper River,  
Alaska.  
Copper River Rail-  
way Company may  
bridge.  
Two bridges; loca-  
tions.

That the Copper River and Northwestern Railway Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Nevada, be, and is hereby, authorized to construct, operate, and maintain a bridge and its approaches thereto across Bering Lake, in the Territory of Alaska.

Bering Lake, Alas-  
ka.  
Copper River and  
Northwestern Rail-  
way Company may  
bridge.

That section six of an Act authorizing the Winnipeg, Yankton and Gulf Railroad Company to construct a combined railroad, wagon, and foot-passenger bridge across the Missouri River at or near the city of Yankton, South Dakota, approved April fifth, nineteen hundred and four, as amended by the Act approved February nineteenth, nineteen hundred and seven, be, and the same is hereby, so amended that the time within which the said bridge is required to be commenced shall be within one year and the time within which it is required that the said bridge shall be completed shall be within three years from the date of the approval of this Act.

Missouri River.  
Time extended for  
bridging, by Winne-  
peg, Yankton and  
Gulf Railroad Com-  
pany, at Yankton, S.  
Dak.  
Vol. 33, p. 157.  
Vol. 34, p. 897,  
amended.  
Post, p. 658.

That the Rock River Traction Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Illinois, its successors and assigns, be, and they are hereby, authorized to construct a bridge across Rock River at a point between the first section line south of the Colona Ferry (the section line between sections nine and ten, township seventeen north, range one east) and the first section line east of the Cleveland Ferry

Rock River, Ill.  
Rock River Traction  
Company may bridge.

Location.

(the section line between sections twenty-nine and thirty, township eighteen north, range two east), said bridge to be built across Rock River between the counties of Henry and Rock Island, in the State of Illinois.

Rainy River, Minn.  
Time extended for  
bridging, by Interna-  
tional Bridge and Ter-  
minal Company.

That the Act of Congress entitled "An Act to provide for the construction of a bridge across Rainy River, in the State of Minnesota," approved February seventh, nineteen hundred and three, is hereby revived and reenacted.

That section six of the aforesaid Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

Time of construc-  
tion.  
Vol. 32, p. 802,  
amended.

"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 July first, nineteen hundred and eight; and that the construction shall not be commenced until the Government of the Dominion of Canada has authorized the construction and maintenance of that part of said bridge which shall occupy that portion of the river which is under the jurisdiction of said Dominion government."

Construction within  
Canadian jurisdic-  
tion.

Red Lake River.  
Highland, Minn.,  
may bridge.

That the board of supervisors of the town of Highland, Red Lake County, Minnesota, be, and they are hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a highway bridge and approaches thereto across the Red Lake River on the section line between sections twenty-nine and thirty, township one hundred and fifty-three north, range forty west, in the State of Minnesota.

Location

Mississippi River.  
Bemidji, Minn., may  
bridge.

That the city of Bemidji, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Minnesota, its successors and assigns, be, and they are hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a highway bridge and approaches thereto across the Mississippi River, at section sixteen, township one hundred and forty-six, range thirty-three, in the State of Minnesota.

Location.

Bayou D'Arbonne,  
La.  
Ruston, Natchi-  
toches and Northeast-  
ern Railroad Com-  
pany may bridge.

That the Ruston, Natchitoches and Northeastern Railroad Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, its successors and assigns, be, and they are hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a drawbridge and approaches thereto across Bayou D'Arbonne in the State of Louisiana at a suitable point on said stream on the line of its road between the cities of Farmerville, in Union Parish, and Ruston, in Lincoln Parish, in the State of Louisiana.

Location.

Mississippi River.  
Bridge between  
Clough and Fort  
Ripley, Minn., legal-  
ized.

That the bridge constructed across the Mississippi River between the townships of Clough, in Morrison County, and Fort Ripley, in Crow Wing County, State of Minnesota, by the authorities of said counties of Morrison and Crow Wing, be, and the same is hereby, legalized, and the consent of Congress is hereby given to its maintenance by said authorities: *Provided*, That any changes in the said structure which the Secretary of War may at any time deem necessary and order in the interest of navigation shall be promptly made by the owners thereof at their own expense.

*Proviso.*  
Changes.

Manistee River.  
Manistee, Mich.,  
may bridge.

That the township of Manistee, in the county of Manistee, State of Michigan, a municipal corporation organized under the laws of the State of Michigan, its successors and assigns, be, and they are hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a highway bridge, and approaches thereto, across the south branch or channel of the Manistee River in said township, in the State of Michigan.

Morris and Cum-  
mings channel.  
Aransas Harbor Ter-  
minal Company may  
bridge, at Aransas  
Pass, Tex.

That the Aransas Harbor Terminal Railway Company, a corporation organized under Texas law, be, and they are hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a railroad bridge and approaches thereto across the Morris and Cummings channel at a point near Aransas Pass, Texas, from the mainland to Harbor Island.

Rio Grande River.  
St. Louis, Brown-  
ville and Mexico Rail-  
way Company may  
bridge, at Brownsville,  
Tex.

That the Saint Louis, Brownsville and Mexico Railway Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Texas, its successors and assigns, be, and they are hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a railway, wagon, and foot bridge and approaches

thereto across the Rio Grande River, at Brownsville, in the State of Texas, connecting the city of Brownsville, Texas, with the city of Matamoros, Mexico: *Provided*, That the construction of the said bridge shall not be commenced until the consent of the proper authorities of the Republic of Mexico for the erection of the structure shall have been obtained.

*Post*, p. 576.

*Proviso.*  
Consent of Mexico required.

That the Yellowstone Valley Steel Bridge Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Montana, its successors and assigns, be, and they are hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Missouri River at or within one mile west of the east boundary line of Montana, in the State of Montana.

Missouri River, Mont.  
Yellowstone Valley Steel Bridge Company may bridge.

Location.

That an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River at a point to be selected within five miles north of the Kaw River in Wyandotte County, State of Kansas, and Clay County, State of Missouri, and to make the same a post route," approved December seventeenth, nineteen hundred and two, be, and the same is hereby, revived and declared to be in full force and effect, and that section eight of said Act is hereby amended so as to read as follows: "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 first day of May, nineteen hundred and eight."

Missouri River, Kans., and Mo.  
Time extended for bridging, by Kansas City Outer Belt and Electric Railroad Company.  
Vol. 32, p. 755, amended.

Time of completion.

That the county of Muskegon, in the State of Michigan, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Michigan, its successors and assigns, be, and they are hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a highway bridge and approaches thereto across the Muskegon River on the line between the counties of Muskegon and Newaygo, in said State of Michigan.

Muskegon River, Muskegon County Mich., may bridge.

Location.

SEC. 2. That all of the bridges authorized to be constructed by this Act shall be constructed in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March twenty-third, nineteen hundred and six.

Construction.  
Vol. 34, p. 84.

SEC. 3. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Amendment.

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**CHAP. 181.**—An Act To authorize the drainage of certain lands in the State of Minnesota.

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[H. R. 19541.]

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That all lands in the State of Minnesota, when subject to entry, and all entered lands for which no final certificates have issued, are hereby made and declared to be subject to all of the provisions of the laws of said State relating to the drainage of swamp or overflowed lands for agricultural purposes to the same extent and in the same manner in which lands of a like character held in private ownership are or may be subject to said laws: *Provided*, That the United States and all persons legally holding unpatented lands under entries made under the public-land laws of the United States are accorded all the rights, privileges, and benefits given by said laws to persons holding lands of a like character in private ownership.

Public lands.  
In Minnesota, subject to State drainage laws.

*Proviso.*  
Rights, etc., to be accorded.

SEC. 2. That the cost of constructing canals, ditches, and other drainage works incurred in connection with any drainage project under said laws shall be equitably apportioned among all lands held in private ownership, all lands covered by unpatented entries, and all unentered public lands affected by such project; and officially certified lists showing the amount of the charges assessed against each smallest legal sub-

Apportionment of cost.

Certified lists of assessed charges.