

Secretary of War shall have authority, and it shall be his duty, to require the said Montgomery and Autauga Bridge Company to alter and change the said bridge, at their own expense, in such manner as may be proper to secure free and complete navigation without impediment.

SEC. 4. That the draw provided for the bridge herein authorized to be constructed shall be opened promptly upon reasonable signal for the passing of boats; and said Montgomery and Autauga Bridge Company shall maintain at its own expense, from sunset to sunrise, such lights or other signals on said bridge as the Light-House Board shall prescribe.

SEC. 5. That all street-railway companies desiring to use said bridge shall be allowed to do so upon paying a reasonable compensation for such use, and all telephone and telegraph companies shall be granted equal rights and privileges in the construction and operation of their lines across said bridge; and if actual construction of the bridge herein authorized shall not be commenced within one year and be completed within three years from same date the rights and privileges hereby granted shall cease and be determined.

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

Approved, March 3, 1901.

Draw.

Lights.

Use by street railways.

Telephone, etc., companies.

Commencement and completion.

Amendment.

CHAP. 841.—An Act To provide an American register for the steam yacht May.

March 3, 1901.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioner of Navigation be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to cause the foreign-built steam yacht May, owned by a citizen of the United States, to be registered as a vessel of the United States.

Approved, March 3, 1901.

Steam yacht May granted American register.

CHAP. 842.—An Act Authorizing the Texas and Pacific Railway Company to construct a bridge across Red River, Louisiana.

March 3, 1901.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Texas and Pacific Railway Company is hereby authorized and empowered to construct and maintain a bridge across the Red River, Louisiana, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation at or near Turnbulls Island, so as to connect its lines south of Red River with proposed lines on the opposite or north bank of said river.

Texas and Pacific Railway may bridge Red River at Turnbulls Island, La.

SEC. 2. That said bridge shall be so constructed that a reasonable, free, and unobstructed passageway may be secured and maintained by proper draws to all water craft navigating said river at the point aforesaid, and that said draw or draws shall be opened promptly upon reasonable signal for the passage of boats and vessels. The owners thereof shall maintain at their own expense from sunset to sunrise such lights or other signals thereon as the Light-House Board shall prescribe.

Aids to navigation.

Lights.

SEC. 3. That said bridge shall not be built or commenced until the plans and location of the same shall have been submitted to and approved by the Secretary of War; that no change shall be made in this construction, and no alteration of it after its construction, unless such change or alterations shall in like manner receive the approval of the Secretary of War: *Provided, That if said bridge shall at any time, substantially or materially, obstruct the free navigation of said river,*

Secretary of War to approve plans, etc.

—changes.

or shall, in the opinion of the Secretary of War, obstruct such navigation, he is hereby authorized to cause such change or alteration of said bridge to be made as will effectually obviate such obstruction; and such alteration shall be made and all such obstructions be removed at the expense of the owner or owners of said bridge.

—notification of approval, etc.

SEC. 4. That the Secretary of War upon receiving the designs, drawings, and specifications of said bridge, and a map of the location, and such other information as he may call for, and upon being satisfied that the bridge, when built according to such designs and drawings, will be in accordance with the requirements of this Act and will not unreasonably obstruct the navigation of said river, be, and is hereby, authorized and directed to approve said designs, drawings, and specifications, and to so notify the said railway company, and upon receipt of such notification the said railway company may proceed to construct said bridge, conforming strictly to the approved designs, drawings, and specifications.

Commencement and completion.

SEC. 5. This Act shall be null and void if the actual construction of the bridge herein authorized be not commenced within one year from the date of approval of this Act, and so forth, and completed within three years from the date thereafter.

Lawful structure and post route.

SEC. 6. That said bridge built under this Act and subject to its limitations shall be a lawful structure and 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 munitions of war of the United States than the rate per mile paid for the transportation over the railroad or public highways leading to the said bridge, and shall enjoy the rights and privileges of other post roads in the United States; and equal privileges in the use of said bridge shall be granted to all telegraph and telephone companies, and the United States shall have the right of way across said bridge and its approaches for postal telegraph and telephone purposes.

Telegraph, etc., companies.

Rights of railroads to use.

SEC. 7. That all railroad companies desiring the use of said bridge shall have and be entitled to equal rights and privileges relative to the passage of railway trains over the same and the approaches thereto upon payment of a reasonable compensation for such use; or, in case of disagreement, upon such terms and conditions as shall be prescribed by the Secretary of War upon hearing the allegations and proofs of the parties in interest.

Amendment.

SEC. 8. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, March 3, 1901.

March 3, 1901.

CHAP. 843.—An Act Authorizing the board of supervisors of Pima County, Arizona Territory, to issue fifty-year four per centum bonds of Pima County, Arizona Territory, to redeem certain bonded indebtedness of said county.

Pima County, Ariz., may issue bonds to redeem certain existing bonds.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the board of supervisors of Pima County, Arizona Territory, be, and they are hereby, authorized to prepare, execute, sell, and deliver, from time to time, bonds of the said Pima County, in accordance with the provisions of title thirty-one, chapter two, county indebtedness, of the revised statutes of Arizona, approved March second, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, bearing interest not exceeding four per centum per annum, both principal and interest payable only in gold coin of the United States of America of present standard, the proceeds to be used only for the redemption of the one hundred and forty-seven negotiable coupon bonds, each in the sum of one thousand dollars, and dated June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, issued by the supervisors of Pima