

bridge, and in that case shall refer the matter without delay to the Attorney-General of the United States, whose duty it shall be to institute, in the name of the United States, proceedings in any circuit court of the United States within whose jurisdiction such bridge, or any part thereof, is located for the recovery of the amount so expended by the Government and all costs of such proceedings, and all moneys accruing from such proceedings shall be covered into the Treasury of the United States.

Commencement and completion.

SEC. 7. That if the construction of the bridge hereby authorized shall not be commenced within two years from the time this act takes effect, and be completed within five years after the same date, then this act shall be void, and all rights hereby conferred shall cease and determine.

Amendment, etc.

SEC. 8. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this act is hereby expressly reserved, and the right to require any changes in said structure, or its entire removal, at the expense of the owners, whenever the Secretary of War shall decide that the public interests require it, is also expressly reserved.

Approved, January 26, 1893.

January 27, 1893.

CHAP. 50.—An act to establish a life-saving station at Gay Head, on the coast of Massachusetts.

Gay Head, Mass.
Life-saving station established.

Proviso.
Cost.

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 establish a life-saving station at or near Gay Head, on the coast of Massachusetts, at such point as the General Superintendent of the Life-Saving Service may recommend: *Provided,* That the cost thereof shall not exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars.

Approved, January 27, 1893.

January 28, 1893.

CHAP. 51.—An act relating to post traderships.

Post traderships.
Vacancies not to be filled.

Proviso.
Closing business of deceased traders.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That where a vacancy now exists or hereafter occurs in the position of post trader at any military post it shall not be filled, and the authority to make such appointment is hereby terminated: *Provided,* That in the event of the death of a post trader his personal representative shall be allowed by the Secretary of War a reasonable time in which to close the business.

Approved, January 28, 1893.

January 28, 1893.

CHAP. 52.—An act to authorize the Court of Claims to hear and determine the claims of certain New York Indians against the United States.

New York Indians.
Claim to be tried in Court of Claims.

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Proceedings.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That jurisdiction is hereby conferred on the Court of Claims to hear and enter up judgment as if it had original jurisdiction of said case, the claim of the New York Indians, being those Indians who were parties to the treaty of Buffalo Creek, New York, on the fifteenth of January, eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, against the United States, growing out of the alleged unexecuted stipulations of said treaty on the part of the United States. In the hearing and adjudication of said case said court may proceed upon the finding of facts already made, upon a reference of said claim to said court, filed on the eleventh day of January, eighteen hundred

and ninety-two, and transmitted to Congress by John Randolph, assistant clerk of said court, on the sixteenth day of January, eighteen hundred and ninety-two. Or said court may, if in its opinion justice so requires, take other testimony as to facts. But in any judgment it may render against the United States, in favor of said claimants, interest shall not be allowed. The statute of limitations shall not be pleaded as a bar to recovery in said case. The Attorney-General is hereby directed to appear in behalf of the United States in said case. And from any judgment rendered by the court, either party may appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States. Said cause shall be advanced on the docket and tried without delay in any court which shall become invested with jurisdiction thereof by the provisions of this act.

Interest not allowed.

Bar of limitation raised.
Attorney-General to appear for Government.
Appeal.
Advancement.

Approved, January 28, 1893.

CHAP. 53.—An act to amend “An act authorizing the construction of a railway, street railway, motor, wagon, and pedestrian bridge over the Missouri River, near Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Omaha, Nebraska, and to extend the time for the completion of the bridge therein provided for.”

January 28, 1893.

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 authorizing the construction of a railway, street railway, motor, wagon, and pedestrian bridge over the Missouri River, near Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Omaha, Nebraska,” be amended to read as follows:

Bridge over the Missouri River at Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Omaha, Nebr.
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“SEC. 8. That this act shall be null and void if construction of said bridge shall not be commenced on or before the first day of January, eighteen hundred and ninety-two, and be completed on or before the first day of July, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight: *Provided*, That the navigation of the Missouri River shall not be obstructed by false works during the construction of the bridge.”

Time for construction extended.

Proviso.
Navigation not to be obstructed.

Approved, January 28, 1893.

CHAP. 54.—An act to amend an act entitled “An act to forfeit certain lands heretofore granted for the purpose of aiding in the construction of railroads, and for other purposes.”

January 31, 1893.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section three of an act entitled “An act to forfeit certain lands heretofore granted for the purpose of aiding in the construction of railroads, and for other purposes,” be, and the same is, amended so as to extend the time within which persons entitled to purchase lands forfeited by said act upon the line of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company between Wallula, Washington, and Portland, Oregon, shall be permitted to purchase the same in the quantities and upon the terms provided in said section to January first, eighteen hundred and ninety-four.

Forfeiture of railroad land grants.

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Extension of time for purchasers on line of Northern Pacific Railroad.

Approved, January 31, 1893.

CHAP. 56.—An act for the relief of William Smith and others.

February 2, 1893.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proper accounting officers of the Treasury are authorized and directed to credit Lieutenant-Colonel William Smith, deputy paymaster-general, United States

Army.
Credits in accounts of certain officers.
William Smith.