

SEC. 2. That said bridge shall be constructed with unbroken and continuous spans, and the main span shall be over the main navigable channel of the river, and shall give a clear width of waterway not less than one hundred and sixty-five feet, and shall give clear headroom the full length of said span of not less in any case than thirty-six feet above extreme high-water mark, as understood at the point of location. The remaining spans shall each give a clear width of waterway not less than one hundred and twenty-five feet, and a clear headroom not less in any case than seven feet between extreme high-water mark and the lower chords of the superstructure. Said bridge shall be constructed at right angles to and its piers parallel with the current of the river.

Spans, etc.

SEC. 3. That this Act shall be null and void if actual construction of the bridge herein authorized be not commenced within twelve months and completed within three years from the date of the passage hereof.

Commencement and completion.

SEC. 4. That the bridge built under this Act, and subject to its limitations, shall be a lawful structure, and shall be known and recognized as a post route, upon which also no higher charge shall be made for the transportation over the same of the mails, the troops, and the munitions of war of the United States than the rate per mile paid for transportation of said mails, troops, and munitions over the railroads and public highways leading to said bridge; 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 purposes: *Provided*, That all railroad companies desiring the use of the bridge authorized by 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 the payment of a reasonable compensation for such use; and in case the owner or owners of said bridge and the several railroad companies, or any one of them, desiring such use shall fail to agree upon the sum or sums to be paid, and upon rules and conditions to which each shall conform in using said bridge, all matters at issue between them shall be decided by the Secretary of War upon a hearing of the allegations and proofs of the parties; and equal privileges in the use of said bridge shall be granted to all telegraph and telephone companies.

Lawful structure and post route.

Telegraph, etc., lines.

Proviso. Right of railroad to use.

SEC. 5. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Amendment.

Approved, February 12, 1901.

CHAP. 363.—An Act Making appropriations for the payment of invalid and other pensions of the United States for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and two, and for other purposes.

February 12, 1901.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the payment of pensions for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and two, and for other purposes, namely:

Pensions appropriations.

For army and navy pensions, as follows: For invalids, widows, minor children, and dependent relatives, army nurses, and all other pensioners who are now borne on the rolls, or who may hereafter be placed thereon under the provisions of any and all Acts of Congress, one hundred and forty-four million dollars: *Provided*, That the appropriation aforesaid for navy pensions shall be paid from the income of the navy pension fund, so far as the same shall be sufficient for that pur-

Invalid, etc., pensions.

Provisos. Navy pensions.

Accounts. pose: *Provided further*, That the amount expended under each of the above items shall be accounted for separately.

Examining surgeons. For fees and expenses of examining surgeons, for services rendered within the fiscal year nineteen hundred and two, seven hundred thousand dollars. And each member of each examining board shall, as now authorized by law, receive the sum of two dollars for the examination of each applicant whenever five or a less number shall be examined on any one day, and one dollar for the examination of each additional applicant on such day: *Provided*, That if twenty or more applicants appear on one day, no fewer than twenty shall, if practicable, be examined on said day, and that if fewer examinations be then made, twenty or more having appeared, then there shall be paid for the first examinations made on the next examination day the fee of one dollar only until twenty examinations shall have been made:

—fees, etc. *Provided further*, That no fee shall be paid to any member of an examining board unless personally present and assisting in the examination of applicant: *And provided further*, That the report of such examining surgeons shall specifically state the rating which in their judgment the applicant is entitled to, and the report of such examining surgeons shall specifically and accurately set forth the physical condition of the applicant, each and every existing disability being fully and carefully described. The reports of the special examiners of the Bureau of Pensions shall be open to inspection and copy by the applicant or his attorney, under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe.

Proviso. Examinations.

No fee unless service rendered. *Provided further*, That the report of such examining surgeons shall specifically state the rating which in their judgment the applicant is entitled to, and the report of such examining surgeons shall specifically and accurately set forth the physical condition of the applicant, each and every existing disability being fully and carefully described. The reports of the special examiners of the Bureau of Pensions shall be open to inspection and copy by the applicant or his attorney, under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe.

Reports to state rating, etc.

—to be open to examination.

Agents' salaries. For salaries of eighteen agents for the payment of pensions, at four thousand dollars each, seventy-two thousand dollars.

Clerk hire. *Proviso*. Apportionment. For clerk hire, four hundred and thirty thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the amount of clerk hire for each agency shall be apportioned as nearly as practicable in proportion to the number of pensioners paid at each agency, and the salaries paid shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

Rents. For rents, twelve thousand four hundred and eighty dollars.

Stationery, etc. For stationery and other necessary expenses, including fuel and lights, thirty thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars.

Approved, February 12, 1901.

February 12, 1901. **CHAP. 364.**—An Act To authorize Jefferson County, Arkansas, to construct and maintain a free bridge across the Arkansas River within five miles of Pine Bluff Jefferson County, Arkansas.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the county of Jefferson, in the State of Arkansas, be, and is hereby, authorized to construct and maintain a road bridge for the free passage of wagons, vehicles, and pedestrians across the Arkansas River at such point as may be selected by such county and approved by the Secretary of War, within the boundary lines of Jefferson County, Arkansas, and within five miles of the city of Pine Bluff, in said county, said bridge to be so constructed as not to obstruct the navigation of said river and to be provided with a suitable draw: *Provided*, That any bridge constructed under this Act and according to its limitations shall be a lawful structure, and shall be known and recognized as a post route, upon which, also, no higher charge shall be made for the transportation over the same of the mail, the troops, and munitions of war of the United States than the rate per mile paid for transportation over railroads or public highways leading to the said bridge; and the United States shall have the right of way for a postal telegraph across said bridge.

Jefferson County, Ark., may bridge Arkansas River, Ark.

—location, etc.

Proviso. Lawful structure and post route.

Postal telegraph.