

August 27, 1894.

CHAP. 344.—An Act To provide for the improvement of the building and grounds of the United States court and post-office at Little Rock, Arkansas.

Little Rock, Ark.
Extension, etc., of
public building.

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 and directed to cause the following improvements to be made on the building and grounds of the United States court and post-office at Little Rock, Arkansas, and at a cost not exceeding the following, to wit:

First. To construct an addition to said building for the purpose of creating more room therein, and enlarging the judge's chamber and the offices of the marshal and clerk of the circuit and district courts, at a cost not exceeding fifty-four thousand dollars.

Second. To put an elevator in said building, at a cost not exceeding four thousand dollars.

Plans and estimates.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Treasury shall cause proper plans and estimates to be made for each of the improvements above contemplated, so that no expenditure shall be made or authorized for the full completion of either of them beyond the amount above provided therefor; said amount to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury.

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CHAP. 345.—An Act To authorize the construction of a bridge across the Saint Croix River between Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Osceola, Wis., may
bridge Saint Croix
River.

Wagon and foot
bridge.

Free navigation.

Litigation.

Toll.

Drawbridge.

Proviso.
Opening draw.

Lawful structure.

Postal telegraph.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the village of Osceola, Polk County, in the State of Wisconsin, a municipal corporation existing under the laws of the State of Wisconsin, is hereby authorized and empowered to erect, establish, and maintain, or authorize the erection, establishment, and maintenance of a foot and wagon bridge across the Saint Croix River at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, from a point in section twenty-seven, township thirty-three, range nineteen west, in Polk County, Wisconsin, so as to connect with the opposite shore of said river in the State of Minnesota; that said bridge shall not interfere with the free navigation of said river beyond what is necessary in order to carry into effect the rights and privileges hereby granted, and in case of any litigation arising from any obstruction or alleged obstruction to the free navigation of said river the cause may be tried before the circuit court of the United States in and for any district in which any portion of said bridge or obstruction is located. Said bridge shall be constructed to provide for the passage of wagons and vehicles of all kinds, for the transit of animals, and for foot passengers, for such reasonable rates of toll as may be fixed by the said village of Osceola from time to time and approved by the Secretary of War.

SEC. 2. That the bridge under this Act shall be constructed as a pivot drawbridge, with the draw over the main channel of the river at an accessible and navigable point, and with a low-water span of not less than one hundred and ten feet in length in the clear on each side of the central or pivot pier of the draw, measured at right angles to the axis of the channel: *Provided,* That the said draw shall be opened promptly on reasonable signal for the passage of boats, vessels, and other water craft whose construction shall be such as not to admit of their passage under said bridge.

SEC. 3. That any bridge constructed under this Act and according to its provisions and conditions shall be a lawful structure, over which may be transmitted the mails, troops, and munitions of war of the United States free of charge; and the United States shall have the right of way for postal-telegraph purposes across said bridge.

SEC. 4. That the structure herein authorized shall be built and located under and subject to such regulations for the security of the navigation of said river as the Secretary of War shall prescribe, and to secure that object the corporation named shall submit to the Secretary of War, for his examination and approval, a design and drawing of the bridge and a map of the location, giving, for the space of one mile above and one mile below the proposed location, the topography of the banks of the river, the shore lines at high and low water, the direction and strength of the current, and the soundings, accurately showing the bed of the stream, and shall furnish such other information as shall be required for a full and satisfactory understanding of the subject; and until the said plans and location of the bridge are decided by the Secretary of War to be such as will not materially affect the interest of navigation the bridge shall not be commenced or built; and should any change be made in the plan of said bridge during the progress of construction such change shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War; and the said structure shall at all times be so kept and managed as to offer reasonable and proper means for the passage of vessels through or under said structure; and for the safety of vessels passing at night there shall be displayed on said bridge, from the hours of sunset to sunrise, such lights as may be prescribed by the Light-House Board; and the said structure shall be changed or removed, at the cost and expense of the owners thereof, from time to time, as Congress may direct, so as to preserve the free and convenient navigation of said river; and the authority to erect and continue said bridge shall be subject to revocation and modification by law when the public good shall, in the judgment of Congress, so require, without any expense or charge to the United States.

Secretary of War to approve plans, etc.

Changes.

Lights.

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

Amendment, etc.

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 the date thereof.

Commencement and completion.

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CHAP. 346.—An Act Authorizing the issue of a patent to the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions for certain lands on the Omaha Indian reservation for school purposes.

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Whereas the location of the old mission school on the Omaha Indian reservation, in the State of Nebraska, has become unsuitable for school purposes, and it being necessary to replace the buildings thereon by such as shall be more convenient and commodious, the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions propose to relinquish all claims to the land situate in section twelve, township twenty-five, range nine east of the sixth principal meridian, on said reservation, in the State of Nebraska, occupied for mission purposes for nearly forty years, to the United States, the same to become a part of the reservation wherein it is located; and

Preamble.

Whereas the Omaha Indians, in consideration of said relinquishment and the promise of said board to erect on a proposed new site a building, to be used for school purposes, of the value of seven thousand five hundred dollars, for the benefit of the children and youth of the Omahas, have agreed to relinquish to said board all their right and title in and to the following-described land, for the purpose above named, to wit: the southwest quarter of northeast quarter and west half of southeast quarter and northeast quarter of southeast quarter of fractional section numbered twenty-nine, township twenty-five, range eight east, of the sixth principal meridian, on said Omaha reservation, in Thurston County, Nebraska: Therefore,