

corporations reasonable notice of the time and place of the consideration of said plans and maps by him or by any officer of his Department, and the said corporations shall have a right to appear with their engineers and attorneys, or either, before such officer, and be heard in behalf of said plans before him, as well as before any officer authorized by him to report upon the same.

SEC. 9. That in case of any litigation arising by reason of any obstruction of the free navigation of said river, by reason of said bridge, the cause may be tried before the circuit court of the United States for the States of Minnesota or Wisconsin, and the said corporations herein authorized to construct said bridge, or either of them so constructing the same, under the authority herein granted, their or its successors and assigns, for the purpose of acquiring necessary rights of way for the construction of necessary abutments and approaches for said bridge, and the lines and tracks of railroad thereon, shall have the power to acquire the same by purchase, gift, or conveyance, or by the exercise of the power of eminent domain, and, for such latter purpose, may institute proceedings in the proper court having jurisdiction in each or either of said States wherein the premises sought to be condemned are located, or in the circuit court of the United States in the proper district or division of either of said States, said proceedings to be conducted in all respects in conformity with the provisions of law in such State or States, for the acquisition by condemnation of private property, and appropriating the same to public use, by corporations authorized to exercise the power of eminent domain.

Litigation.

Condemnation proceedings.

SEC. 10. That if such bridge hereby authorized to be built shall not be commenced within one year and finished within three years from the date hereof, the rights and privileges hereby granted shall determine and cease.

Commencement and completion.

SEC. 11. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Amendment, etc.

Approved, May 1, 1894.

CHAP. 68.—An Act To ratify the reservation of certain lands made for the benefit of Oklahoma Territory, and for other purposes.

May 4, 1894.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the reservation for university, agricultural college, and normal school purposes, of section thirteen in each township, of the lands known as the Cherokee Outlet, the Tonkawa Indian Reservation, and the Pawnee Indian Reservation, in the Territory of Oklahoma, not otherwise reserved or disposed of, and the reservation for public buildings of section thirty-three in each township of said lands, not otherwise disposed of, made by the President of the United States in his proclamation of August nineteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, be, and the same are hereby, ratified, and all of said lands and all of the school lands in said Territory may be leased under such laws and regulations as may be hereafter prescribed by the legislature of said Territory; but until such legislative action the governor, secretary of the Territory, and superintendent of public instruction shall constitute a board for the leasing of said lands under the rules and regulations heretofore prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior, for the respective purposes for which the said reservations were made, except that it shall not be necessary to submit said leases to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval; and all necessary expenses and costs incurred in the leasing, management, and protection of said lands and leases may be paid out of the proceeds derived from such leases.

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Lands reserved for educational and building purposes ratified.

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Leases.

Expenses.

Approved, May 4, 1894.