

maintain thereon, from sunset to sunrise, such lights or other signals as the Light-House Board may prescribe.

Lights, etc.

SEC. 4. That this Act shall be null and void if actual construction of the bridges herein authorized be not commenced within one year and completed within three years of the date hereof.

Commencement and completion.

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

Amendment, etc.

Approved, January 25, 1895.

**CHAP. 50.**—An Act Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to correct errors where double allotments of land have erroneously been made to an Indian, to correct errors in patents, and for other purposes.

January 26, 1895.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That in all cases where it shall appear that a double allotment of land has heretofore been, or shall hereafter be, wrongfully or erroneously made by the Secretary of the Interior to any Indian by an assumed name or otherwise, or where a mistake has been or shall be made in the description of the land inserted in any patent, said Secretary is hereby authorized and directed, during the time that the United States may hold the title to the land in trust for any such Indian and for which a conditional patent may have been issued, to rectify and correct such mistake and cancel any patent which may have been erroneously and wrongfully issued, whenever in his opinion the same ought to be canceled for error in the issue thereof, or for the best interests of the Indian, and, if possession of the original patent can not be obtained, such cancellation shall be effective if made upon the records of the General Land Office; and no proclamation shall be necessary to open the lands so allotted to settlement.

Public lands.  
Errors in allotments and patents to Indians to be corrected.

Approved, January 26, 1895.

**CHAP. 54.**—An Act To authorize the Laporte, Houston and Northern Railroad Company to construct and maintain a bridge across Galveston Bay, Buffalo Bayou, and Clear Creek, in the State of Texas.

February 1, 1895.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Laporte, Houston and Northern Railroad Company, incorporated by the State of Texas and now existing under the laws of said State, is hereby authorized to construct, operate, and maintain, a bridge across Galveston Bay at or near Virginia Point, and across Clear Creek at a point between the bridge of the Galveston, Houston and Henderson Railroad and the mouth of the said creek at Clear Lake, and across Buffalo Bayou at any point from Clinton to the city of Houston, subject to the laws of the State of Texas, and upon the following terms, limitations, and conditions:

Laporte, Houston and Northern Railroad Company may bridge Galveston Bay, Buffalo Bayou, and Clear Creek, Tex.

First. That the precise location of said bridges shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War.

Location.

Second. Said company may locate, construct, and maintain over such bridges and approaches thereto railroad tracks for the use of railroads: *Provided,* That any railroad on either side of said bridges shall be permitted to connect its tracks with the said bridge approaches, and shall have equal rights of transit for its rolling stock, cars, passengers, and freight upon equal and equitable terms, and if a dispute as to the equality or equity of the terms shall arise it shall be submitted to and decided by the Secretary of War.

Railway bridge.

*Proviso.*  
Use by other roads.

Third. That any bridge built under the authority of this Act shall be constructed with such span and at such elevation as the Secretary of War shall approve and require.

Spans, etc.

Secretary of War to approve plans, etc.

Fourth. That the said company, availing itself of the privilege of this Act, shall file with the Secretary of War an acceptance of its terms, and within six months after the passage hereof shall submit to him drawings, showing plans and specifications and designated location, and shall within two years of the passage of this Act complete said bridges, and unless said bridges shall be constructed within said time this Act shall be null and void as to any bridge not so constructed.

Completion.

Opening draw.

Fifth. That if any bridge herein authorized shall be built as a draw-bridge, said draw shall be opened promptly, upon reasonable signal, for the passage of vessels and other water craft; and whatever kind of bridges are constructed the said company shall maintain thereon, at its own expense, from sunset to sunrise, such lights and other signals as the Light-House Board may prescribe.

Lights, etc.

Amendment, etc.

SEC. 2. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, February 1, 1895.

February 4, 1895.

**CHAP. 55.**—An Act To amend an Act entitled “An Act to divide the judicial district of North Dakota,” and to provide for the fees and compensation of the officers of the circuit and district courts of the said judicial district.

North Dakota judicial district. Vol. 26, p. 67, amended.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That sections three and five of the Act approved April twenty-sixth, eighteen hundred and ninety, entitled “An Act to divide the judicial district of North Dakota,” are hereby amended to read as follows:

Terms of district court.

“SEC. 3. That the terms of the district court for the district of North Dakota shall be held at Bismarck on the first Tuesday of March in each year; at Fargo on the third Tuesday of May in each year; at Grand Forks on the second Tuesday of November in each year, and at Devils Lake on the first Tuesday of July in each year. And the provisions of law now existing for the holding of said court on the first Monday in April and February of each year is hereby repealed.”

Terms of circuit court.

“SEC. 5. That the circuit court of the United States for the said district shall be held at Bismarck on the first Tuesday of March in each year, and at Fargo on the third Tuesday of May in each year, and at Grand Forks on the second Tuesday of November of each year, and at Devils Lake on the first Tuesday of July of each year. When the circuit court and district court is held, as provided in this Act, at the same time and place, one grand and one petit jury only shall be summoned and serve in both said courts: *Provided,* That all suits, prosecutions, and processes, recognizances, bail bonds, and other proceedings of whatever nature pending in or returnable to said district and circuit courts, respectively, on the days named in the Act to which this is an amendment, are hereby transferred to and shall be made returnable and have force in the said respective terms of said district and circuit courts, respectively, as provided in this Act, in the same manner and with the same effect as they would be returnable and have effect in said courts, respectively, at the terms thereof as now fixed by the Act to which this is amendatory, as though this Act had not been passed.”

Proviso. Returns of pending actions, etc.

Fees, etc., of marshal, attorney, and clerks. R. S., secs. 837, 840; pp. 158, 159.

SEC. 2. The marshal, district attorney, and clerks of the circuit and district courts of said district, and all other officers and persons performing duties in the administration of justice therein, shall, for the services they may perform, receive the fees and compensation allowed by law to other similar officers and persons performing similar duties in the State of Oregon.

Approved, February 4, 1895.