

navigation of said river and allow the easy passage of vessels through said bridge.

SEC. 2. That the right to alter or amend this act so as to prevent or remove all material obstructions to the navigation of said river by the construction of said bridge is hereby expressly reserved, and any change needful to that end shall be made at the expense of the counties in which such bridge shall be erected. Right to amend act reserved.

Approved, June 22, 1874.

**CHAP. 405.**—An act to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Mississippi River at or near the city of La Crosse, in the State of Wisconsin. June 22, 1874.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Milwaukee and Saint Paul Railway Company may construct and maintain a bridge across the Mississippi River at a point heretofore selected by said company between the county of La Crosse, in the State of Wisconsin, and the county of Houston, in the State of Minnesota: *Provided,* That the Secretary of War shall convene a board of engineer officers, whose duty it shall be to ascertain and report whether a bridge at the location selected by said company can be constructed and maintained without material interference with the security and convenience of navigation of said river at that point, and shall also ascertain and report what accessory works it will be necessary to construct and maintain to secure the best practicable straight channel-way for navigation of said river at and near that point; the board shall further determine the necessary height of said bridge, the location of its piers, and make such recommendations for the security and convenience of navigation as may be deemed essential and proper; and that upon the approval of the report and recommendations of the board by the Secretary of War, the said company, upon being so notified, may proceed to construct said bridge in accordance with said report and recommendations, subject to the provisions and limitations of the act entitled "An act to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Mississippi River at or near the town of Clinton, in the State of Iowa, and other bridges across said river, and to establish them as post-roads," approved April first, eighteen hundred and seventy-two: *And provided further,* That said company shall construct and maintain all the accessory works found to be necessary as hereinbefore provided, for the security and convenience of navigation at their own expense, and subject to such supervision as the Secretary of War may prescribe, and that until the said works shall have been constructed to the satisfaction of the Secretary of War, and are approved by him, the superstructure of the bridge shall not be commenced: *And provided further,* That this act shall not be so construed as to relieve said company from the provisions of any existing laws, except as to the location and height of said bridge: *And provided further,* That said company shall not charge more than three dollars a car for each freight-car transported across said bridge.

Approved, June 22, 1874.

**CHAP. 406.**—An act supplementary to the act entitled "An act to incorporate the Texas Pacific Railroad Company, and to aid in the construction of its road, and for other purposes." June 22, 1874.  
1871, ch. 122, vol. xvi, pp. 573, 579.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Texas and Pacific Railway Company is hereby empowered to secure, by one or more mortgages upon the whole or any portion of its line, the construction-bonds heretofore authorized to be issued, and to cancel the mortgage now on record with the Secretary of the Interior so far as the same can be done Texas and Pacific Railroad Company authorized to secure construction bonds by new mortgages. To cancel mortgage on record with Secretary of the Interior.

Bridge across the Mississippi River may be constructed by Milwaukee and Saint Paul Railroad Company.

Secretary of War to convene board of engineer officers to ascertain and report, &c.

Power of board.

Upon approval of report, &c., construction may be commenced.

Provisions and limitations. 1872, ch. 73, vol. xvii, pp. 44-46.

Railroad company to construct accessory works, &c.

Proviso.

Charge for transportation of freight-cars limited.

To substitute mortgages authorized by this act.

Limit heretofore fixed not to be exceeded.

What new mortgages shall embrace.

Consolidated roads, how to be deemed.

No other or further rights granted.

without prejudice to existing rights, and to substitute therefor the mortgage or mortgages hereby authorized, which substituted mortgages shall expressly reserve all rights which may have been acquired under the existing mortgage: *Provided*, That the aggregate of the said bonds to be issued under and secured by said mortgage or mortgages shall not exceed the limit heretofore fixed by Congress; and said mortgages for the division east of Fort Worth shall embrace the roads and property of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company and of the Southern Trans-continental Railway Company, heretofore merged in and consolidated with the said Texas and Pacific Railway Company, under the authority and requirements of the laws of the State of Texas; and which roads so merged as aforesaid shall for that and all other purposes be deemed and taken to be a part of the said Texas and Pacific Railway, and shall hereafter be subject to all the provisions and limitations of the act of Congress incorporating said company and of the supplements thereto: *And provided further*, That nothing in this act shall be construed or have the effect to entitle said corporation to any other or further rights to public lands, or in any other respect as against the United States, than such as by law it is now entitled to.

Approved, June 22, 1874.

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**CHAP. 407.**—An act to change the name of the brig Sidi to Sea Waif.

American register to brig Sidi.

Name changed to Sea Waif.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That there be granted to the brig Sidi, lately wrecked at the mouth of the Columbia river, Oregon, and now owned by an American citizen, an American register by the name of Sea Waif, and that the proper maritime papers be granted by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Approved, June 22, 1874.

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**CHAP. 408.**—An act to authorize the issue of an American register to the ship "Alhambra."

American register to ship "Alhambra".

*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 is hereby authorized and directed to issue an American register to the British ship "Alhambra," built in Boston, State of Massachusetts, in eighteen hundred and fifty-nine.

Approved, June 22, 1874.

June 22, 1874.

**CHAP. 409.**—An act relinquishing the rights of the United States in certain lands in the State of Michigan.

Rights of United States to certain land in Saginaw River relinquished to riparian owners.

Saving clause. Proviso.

Certain rights not affected.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That all rights and title of the United States to the middle ground or island in the Saginaw River, lying within the prescribed limits of fractional section five, in township thirteen north, of range five east, and sections twenty-nine and thirty-two, in township fourteen north, of range five east, in the State of Michigan, are hereby relinquished to the riparian owners respectively of the lands on the shores of said river in front of or opposite to said island, saving and reserving to all persons or parties other than the United States any legal rights acquired therein: *Provided*, That this act shall not be construed or held to imply a claim of title on the part of the United States to said middle ground, but only as a relinquishment of any apparent right therein to the persons respectively to whom the lands on said shores were patented, their heirs and assigns: *Provided further*, That nothing contained in this act shall be construed to affect in any manner the rights of Stephen Marston, one of the proprietors and occupants of said middle ground.

Approved, June 22, 1874.