

CHAP. 4.—An act to grant an American register to the ship Kenilworth.

February 4, 1890.

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 issue an American register to the foreign-built vessel Kenilworth wrecked in the waters of the United States, ordered to be sold, and bought and repaired by citizens of the United States.

"Kenilworth."
American register
granted to foreign-
built vessel.

Approved, February 4, 1890.

CHAP. 5.—An act to amend the first section of an act approved June third, eighteen hundred and eighty-four, entitled "An act to amend sections four, five, and nine of an act approved February twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, entitled 'An act to create the northern judicial district of the State of Texas, and to change the eastern and western judicial districts of said State, and to fix the time and places for holding courts in said districts,' and to provide for holding terms of the court of the western judicial district of Texas at the city of El Paso, and for other purposes,' and for other purposes."

February 4, 1890.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first section of an act approved June third, eighteen hundred and eighty-four, entitled "An act to amend sections four, five, and nine of an act approved February twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, entitled 'An act to create the northern judicial district of the State of Texas, and to change the eastern and western judicial districts of said State, and to fix the time and places for holding courts in said districts,' and to provide for holding terms of the court of the western judicial district of Texas at the city of El Paso, and for other purposes," is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Texas, western ju-
dicial district.
Terms of court.
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"That the fourth section of an act approved February twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, entitled 'An act to create the northern judicial district of the State of Texas, and to change the eastern and western judicial districts of said State, and to fix the time and places of holding courts in said districts,' is hereby amended as follows:

"**SEC. 4.** That the courts in the western judicial district shall be held twice in each year at Brownsville, San Antonio, the city of El Paso, and Austin. The courts shall be held at the city of Brownsville on the first Monday in January and the second Monday in June; at San Antonio on the first Mondays in May and November; at the city of El Paso on the first Mondays in April and October; at Austin on the first Mondays in February and July."

Terms.
Brownsville.
San Antonio.
El Paso.
Austin.

SEC. 2. That all writs, processes, pleas, recognizances, and bonds made or returnable to the terms of said courts, as now provided by law shall be considered as taken and returnable to the terms established by this act.

Process, etc.

SEC. 3. That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Approved, February 4, 1890.

CHAP. 6.—An act to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River at some accessible point within one mile north and one mile south and east of the mouth of the Kansas River.

February 6, 1890.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Missouri River and Land Improvement and Construction Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Kansas, or its assigns, is hereby authorized to construct and maintain a bridge across the

Missouri River and
Land Improvement
and Construction
Company may bridge
Missouri River, near
Kansas City, Mo.

Missouri River at such a point as may be hereafter selected by said corporation, or its assigns, within one mile north of the mouth of the Kansas River, in the county of Wyandotte, in the State of Kansas, and one mile south and east of the mouth of the Kansas River, in the county of Wyandotte, in the State of Kansas, and in the county of Jackson, in the State of Missouri, to the county of Clay, in the State of Missouri, as shall best promote the public convenience and welfare and the necessities of business and commerce; and also to construct accessory work to secure the best practicable channel-way for navigation and confine the flow of the water to a permanent channel at such point; and also to lay on and over said bridge a railway track or tracks for the more perfect connection of any railroads that are or shall be constructed to said Missouri River at or opposite said point; and said corporation may construct and maintain ways for wagons, carriages, horses, or other animals, and for foot-passengers, charging and receiving reasonable toll therefor as may be approved from time to time by the Secretary of War.

Railway, wagon, and foot bridge.

Tolls.

Secretary of War to approve plans, etc.

SEC. 2. That said bridge shall be constructed and built without interference with the security and convenience of navigation of said Missouri River beyond what is necessary to carry into effect the rights and privileges hereby granted; and in order to secure that object the said company or corporation shall submit to the Secretary of War, for his examination and approval, a design and drawings 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 Missouri River, the shore-lines at high and low water, the direction and strength of the currents at all stages, and the soundings accurately showing the bed of the stream, the location of any other bridge or bridges, and shall furnish such other information as may be required for a full and satisfactory understanding of the subject; and until the said plan and location of the bridge are approved by the Secretary of War the bridge shall not be built:

Proviso. If above Kansas River.

Provided, That if said bridge be built above the mouth of the Kansas River it shall be built as a high bridge with unbroken and continuous spans, having at least one channel span of not less than four hundred feet clear channel-way, all other spans over the water-way to have a clear channel-way of not less than three hundred feet; and all said spans shall have a clear head-room of not less than fifty feet above high-water mark; and if it shall be built below the mouth of the Kansas River it shall be built as a high bridge with unbroken and continuous spans, all spans over the water-way to have a clear channel-way of not less than four hundred feet, and a clear head-room of not less than fifty-five feet above high-water mark. And the piers of said bridge shall be paralleled with the current of said river at the stage of water which is most important to navigation, and the bridge itself shall be built as nearly as may be at right angles thereto; and said company or corporation shall maintain, at its own expense, from sunset to sunrise, such lights or other signals on said bridge as the Light-House Board shall prescribe: *Provided, also*, That all railway companies desiring to use said bridge shall have and be entitled to equal rights and privileges in the passage of the same, and in the use of the machinery and fixtures thereof, and of all the approaches thereto, under and upon such terms and conditions as shall be prescribed by the Secretary of War, upon hearing the allegations and proofs of the parties, in case they shall not agree.

Below Kansas River.

Lights.

Use by other companies.

Terms.

Notification of approval.

SEC. 3. That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized and directed, upon receiving such plan and map and other information, and upon being satisfied that a bridge built on such plan, and with such accessory works, and at such locality, will conform to the prescribed conditions of this act, to notify the company that he approves the same; and upon receiving such notification the said company may proceed to an erection of said bridge, conforming strictly to the

approved plan and location; and should any change be made in the plan of the bridge or said accessory works, during the progress of work thereon, such change shall be subject likewise to the approval of the Secretary of War, and in case of any litigation arising from any obstruction or alleged obstruction to the free navigation of said Missouri River, caused or alleged to be caused by said bridge, the case may be brought in the circuit court of the United States of the State of Kansas or State of Missouri in which any portion of said obstruction or bridge may be located.

Changes.

Litigation.

SEC. 4. That the said bridge and accessory works, when built and constructed under this act and according to the terms and limitations thereof, shall be lawful structures; and said bridge shall be recognized and known as a post-route upon which also no higher charge shall be made for the transmission over the same of the mails, the troops, and the munitions of war of the United States than the rate per mile paid for the transportation over the railroads or public highways leading to said bridge; and said bridge shall enjoy the rights and privileges of other post-routes in the United States; and Congress reserves the right at any time to regulate by appropriate legislation the charges for freight and passengers over said bridge.

Lawful structure and post-route.

Right to regulate charges.

SEC. 5. That the United States shall have the right of way for such postal-telegraph lines across said bridge as the Government may construct or control.

Postal telegraph.

SEC. 6. That Congress shall have power at any time to cause to be removed all material and substantial obstructions to the navigation of said river by the construction of said bridge and its accessory works; and the expense of altering said bridge or removing such obstructions shall be at the expense of the owners of or persons controlling such bridge.

Removal of obstructions.

SEC. 7. 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 hereof.

Commencement and completion.

SEC. 8. Congress shall have power, at any time, to amend or repeal this act as in its judgment the public interests shall require.

Amendment, etc.

Approved, February 6, 1890.

CHAP. 7.—An act creating three additional land offices in the State of Colorado.

February 6, 1890.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all that portion of the State of Colorado bounded and described as follows: Commencing at the northeast corner of the State of Colorado; thence west along the north boundary line of said State to a point at the intersection of said line with the west line of range fifty-nine west; thence south along said west line of said range to its intersection with the first corrected line north in said State of Colorado; thence east along said first corrected line north to the eastern boundary line of said State of Colorado; thence north along the eastern boundary line of said State to the place of beginning be, and is hereby, constituted a new land district, to be called the Sterling land district.

Colorado. Additional land offices established. Sterling land district. Boundaries.

SEC. 2. That all that portion of the State of Colorado bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point where the first corrected line north in the said State intersects the eastern boundary line thereof; thence west along said corrected line north to its intersection with the seventh guide meridian west in said State; thence south along said seventh guide meridian to the point of its intersection with the first corrected line south in said State; thence east along said first corrected line to the point of its intersection with the eastern boundary line of said State; thence north along said eastern

Akron land district. Boundaries.