

before recited) are hereby authorized to
 construct a railroad and telegraph line
 from the Missouri river, at the mouth of
 the Kansas river, on the south side thereof
 so as to connect with the Pacific Railroad
 of Missouri, to the aforesaid point on the
 one hundredth meridian of longitude
 west from Greenwich" And Whereas it is
 further provided in section five (5) of said
 act as follows: That for the purposes herein
 mentioned, the Secretary of the Treasury
 shall upon certificate in writing of said Com-
 missioners, of the completion and equipment
 of forty consecutive miles of said railroad
 and telegraph in accordance with the
 provisions of this act, issue to said company
 bonds of the United States, of one thousand
 dollars each, payable in thirty years after
 date, bearing six per centum per annum interest
 (said interest payable semi-annually) which interest
 may be paid in United States Treasury notes, or
 any other money or currency which the United
 States have or shall declare lawful money
 and a legal tender, to the amount of sixteen
 of said bonds per mile for such section of forty miles.
 It was further provided by the terms and
 conditions of said bonds of said company
 herein described, that the same shall be
 convertible into said bonds of the United States
 at the option of the said company, or of the
 holders or owners of said bonds of said
 company, or either or any of said bonds
 upon the terms and conditions following
 to wit: So soon as the first forty consecutive
 miles of said railroad, in said act of
 Congress described shall be completed
 and equipped, and the certificate of said
 Commissioners obtained, as provided in said