

# PUBLIC ACTS OF THE FIFTIETH CONGRESS

OF THE

## UNITED STATES

*Passed at the first session, which was begun and held at the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, on Monday, the fifth day of December, 1887, and was adjourned without day on Saturday, the twentieth day of October, 1888.*

GROVER CLEVELAND, President; JOHN J. INGALLS, President of the Senate *pro tempore*; JOHN G. CARLISLE was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives December fifth, 1887; SAMUEL S. COX was elected Speaker *pro tempore* January seventeenth, 1888; Mr. CARLISLE resumed the duties of Speaker February sixth; SAMUEL S. COX was elected Speaker *pro tempore* February twenty-third; Mr. CARLISLE resumed the duties of Speaker March fourteenth; JAMES H. BLOUNT was elected Speaker *pro tempore* June twenty-eighth; Mr. CARLISLE resumed the duties of Speaker June thirtieth; BENTON McMILLIN was elected Speaker *pro tempore* July thirty-first; Mr. CARLISLE resumed the duties of Speaker August fourth; SAMUEL S. COX was elected Speaker *pro tempore* September seventeenth; Mr. CARLISLE resumed the duties of Speaker September twenty-fourth.

**CHAP. 1.**—An act to amend the law concerning the Commissioner of Fish and Fisheries. January 20, 1888.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled.* That section four thousand three hundred and ninety-five of the Revised Statutes of the United States be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

That there shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, a person of scientific and practical acquaintance with the fish and fisheries to be a Commissioner of Fish and Fisheries, and he shall receive a salary at the rate of five thousand dollars a year, and he shall be removable at the pleasure of the President. Said Commissioner shall not hold any other office or employment under the authority of the United States or any State.

Approved, January 20, 1888.

**CHAP. 2.**—An act relating to permissible marks, printing or writing, upon second, third, and fourth-class matter, and to amend the twenty-second and twenty-third sections of an act entitled "An act making appropriations for the service of the Post-Office Department for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty, and for other purposes." January 20, 1888.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled.* That mailable matter of the second-class shall contain no writing, print, or sign thereon or therein in addition to the original print, except as herein provided, to wit: the name and address of the person to whom the matter shall be sent, index figures of subscription book either printed or written, the printed title of the publication and the place of its publication, the printed or written name and address without addition of advertisement of the publisher or sender, or both, and written or printed words or figures, or both, indicating the date on which the subscription to such matter will end, the correction of any typographical error, a mark except by written or printed words, to designate a work or passage to which it is desired to call attention; the words "sample copy" when the matter is sent as such, the words "marked copy" when the matter contains a marked item or article, and publishers or news agents may inclose in their publications, bills,

receipts, and orders for subscriptions thereto, but the same shall be in such form as to convey no other information than the name, place of publication, subscription price of the publication to which they refer and the subscription due thereon. Upon matter of the third class or upon the wrapper or envelope inclosing the same or the tag or lable attached thereto the sender may write his own name, occupation, and residence or business address, preceded by the word "from," and may make marks other than by written or printed words to call attention to any word or passage in the text, and may correct any typographical errors. There may be placed upon the blank leaves or cover of any book or printed matter of the third-class a simple manuscript dedication or inscription not of the nature of a personal correspondence. Upon the wrapper or envelope of third-class matter or the tag or lable attached thereto may be printed any matter mailable as third-class, but there must be left on the address side a space sufficient for a legible address and necessary stamps. With a package of fourth-class matter prepaid at the proper rate for that class, the sender may inclose any mailable third-class matter, and may write upon the wrapper or cover thereof, or tag or label accompanying the same, his name, occupation, residence or business address, preceded by the word "from," and any marks, numbers, names, or letters for purpose of description, or may print thereon the same, and any printed matter not in the nature of a personal correspondence, but there must be left on the address side or face of the package a space sufficient for a legible address and necessary stamps. In all cases directions for transmit, delivery, forwarding, or return shall be deemed part of the address; and the Postmaster-General shall prescribe suitable regulations for carrying this section into effect.

Third class.

Fourth class.

Postmaster-General to prescribe regulations.

Penalties for violations.

SEC. 2. That matter of the second, third, or fourth class containing any writing or printing in addition to the original matter other than as authorized in the preceding section shall not be admitted to the mails, nor delivered, except upon payment of postage for matter of the first-class, deducting therefrom any amount which may have been prepaid by stamps affixed, unless by direction of the Postmaster-General such postage shall be remitted; and any person who shall knowingly conceal or inclose any matter of a higher class in that of a lower class, and deposit or cause the same to be deposited for conveyance by mail, at a less rate than would be charged for both such higher and lower class matter, shall for every such offense be liable to a penalty of ten dollars.

Approved, January 20, 1888.

January 31, 1888.

CHAP. 3.—An act to authorize the construction of a railroad, wagon, and foot-passenger bridge across the Mississippi River, at or near Burlington, Iowa.

Burlington and Illinois Bridge Company may bridge Mississippi River at Burlington, Iowa.

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Burlington and Illinois Bridge Company, its successors, and assigns, be, and they are hereby, authorized to construct and maintain, if in the opinion of the Secretary of War the same be a public necessity, a railroad, wagon, and foot-passenger bridge across the Mississippi River at a place suitable to the interests of navigation at a point at or near the city of Burlington, Iowa, and to lay on or over said bridge a track or tracks for the more perfect connection of any railroad or railroads that are or shall be constructed to said river, on either or both sides thereof, at or opposite said point, under the limitations and conditions hereinafter provided; that said bridge shall not interfere with the free navigation of said river beyond what is necessary in order to carry into effect the rights and privileges hereby granted;*

Free navigation not to be impaired.