

Feb. 28, 1887.

**CHAP. 285.**—An act to authorize the Fremont, Elkhorn and Missouri Valley Railroad to build its road across the Fort Meade Military Reservation.

Fremont, Elkhorn and Missouri Valley R. R. Co. to have right of way across Fort Meade Reservation.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Fremont, Elkhorn, and Missouri Valley Railroad Company, a corporation in the State of Nebraska, be, and is hereby, granted a right of way, not to exceed one hundred feet in width, across the Fort Meade Military Reservation, upon such line as may be approved by the Secretary of War.*

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**CHAP. 286.**—An act for the construction of a building for stable and carpenter shop for the accommodation of the offices of the House of Representatives.

Appropriation for stable, etc., House of Representatives.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of six thousand five hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be immediately available, to be expended under the Architect of the Capitol, for the construction of a brick stable, carpenter shop, and wagon-sheds necessary, and fence inclosing the same, for the post-office and other offices of the House of Representatives, to be erected on the lot on the east side of Third street between Maryland avenue and B street southwest, in the city of Washington, now occupied by and the property of the United States.*

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**CHAP. 287.**—An act to effect a rearrangement of grades of office in the Adjutant-General's Department of the Army.

Adjutant-General's Department, Army.  
Grade of officers rearranged.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Adjutant-General's Department of the Army shall consist of one Adjutant-General, with the rank, pay, and emoluments of brigadier-general; four assistant adjutants-general, with the rank, pay, and emoluments of colonel; six assistant adjutants-general, with the rank, pay, and emoluments of lieutenant-colonel; and six assistant adjutants-general, with the rank, pay, and emoluments of major: Provided, That the vacancies in the grade of colonel and lieutenant-colonel created by this act shall be filled by the promotion by seniority of the officers now in the Adjutant-General's Department.*

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**CHAP. 288.**—An act relating to the importing and landing of mackerel caught during the spawning season.

Importing or landing mackerel between 1st of March and 1st of June forbidden.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for the period of five years from and after the first day of March, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, no mackerel, other than what is known as Spanish mackerel, caught between the first day of March and the first day of June, inclusive, of each year, shall be imported into the United States or landed upon its shores: Provided however, That nothing in this act shall be held to apply to mackerel caught with hook and line from boats, and landed in said boats, or in traps and weirs connected with the shore.*

*Proviso.*

SEC. 2. That section forty-three hundred and twenty-one of the Revised Statutes is amended, for the period of five years aforesaid, so as to read before the last sentence as follows: "This license does not grant the right to fish for mackerel, other than for what is known as Spanish mackerel, between the first day of March and the first day of June, inclusive, of this year." Or in lieu of the foregoing there shall be inserted so much of said period of time as may remain unexpired under this act.

Fishing licenses to include prohibition.  
R. S., sec. 4321, p. 836, amended.

SEC. 3. That the penalty for the violation or attempted violation of this act shall be forfeiture of license on the part of the vessel engaged in said violation, if a vessel of this country, and the forfeiture to the United States, according to law, of the mackerel imported or landed, or sought to be imported or landed.

Penalty.

SEC. 4. That all laws in conflict with this law are hereby repealed.

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CHAP. 311.—An act to organize the Hospital Corps of the Army of the United States, to define its duty and fix its pay.

March 1, 1887.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Hospital Corps of the United States Army shall consist of hospital stewards, acting hospital stewards, and privates; and all necessary hospital services in garrison, camp, or field (including ambulance service) shall be performed by the members thereof, who shall be regularly enlisted in the military service; said Corps shall be permanently attached to the Medical Department, and shall not be included in the effective strength of the Army nor counted as a part of the enlisted force provided by law.

Hospital Corps of the Army. Established.

Attached to Medical Department.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of War is empowered to appoint as many hospital stewards as, in his judgment, the service may require; but not more than one hospital steward shall be stationed at any post or place without special authority of the Secretary of War.

Hospital stewards to be appointed.

SEC. 3. That the pay of hospital stewards shall be forty-five dollars per month, with the increase on account of length of service as is now or may hereafter be allowed by law to other enlisted men. They shall have rank with ordnance-sergeants and be entitled to all the allowances appertaining to that grade.

Pay.

Rank.

SEC. 4. That no person shall be appointed a hospital steward unless he shall have passed a satisfactory examination before a board of one or more medical officers as to his qualifications for the position, and demonstrated his fitness therefor by service of not less than twelve months as acting hospital steward; and no person shall be designated for such examination except by written authority of the Surgeon-General.

Examination.

SEC. 5. That the Secretary of War is empowered to enlist, or cause to be enlisted, as many privates of the Hospital Corps as the service may require, and to limit or fix the number, and make such regulations for their government as may be necessary; and any enlisted man in the Army shall be eligible for transfer to the Hospital Corps as a private. They shall perform duty as wardmasters, cooks, nurses, and attendants in hospitals, and as stretcher-bearers, litter-bearers, and ambulance attendants in the field, and such other duties as may by proper authority be required of them.

Enlistment of privates.

Duties.

SEC. 6. That the pay of privates of the Hospital Corps shall be thirteen dollars per month, with the increase on account of length of service as is now or may hereafter be allowed by law to other enlisted men; they shall be entitled to the same allowances as a corporal of the arm of service with which on duty.

Pay.

Rank.

SEC. 7. That privates of the Hospital Corps may be detailed as acting hospital stewards by the Secretary of War, upon the recommendation of the Surgeon-General, whenever the necessities of the service require it;

Details as acting hospital stewards.