

"SEC. 2. That it shall be unlawful to fish, catch, or kill any salmon of any variety, except with rod or spear, above the tide waters of any of the creeks or rivers of less than five hundred feet width in the Territory of Alaska, except only for purposes of propagation, or to lay or set any drift net, set net, trap, pound net, or seine for any purpose across the tide waters of any river or stream for a distance of more than one-third of the width of such river, stream, or channel, or lay or set any seine or net within one hundred yards of any other net or seine which is being laid or set in said stream or channel, or to take, kill, or fish for salmon in any manner or by any means in any of the waters of the Territory of Alaska, either in the streams or tide waters, except Cook Inlet, Prince William Sound, Bering Sea, and the waters tributary thereto, from midnight on Friday of each week until six o'clock antemeridian of the Sunday following; or to fish for or catch or kill in any manner or by any appliances, except by rod or spear, any salmon in any stream of less than one hundred yards in width in the said Territory of Alaska between the hours of six o'clock in the evening and six o'clock in the morning of the following day of each and every day of the week.

Fishing prohibited above tide waters, except with rod or spear.

Nets, etc., in tide waters.

Total prohibition Saturdays.

No fishing at night except by rod or spear.

"SEC. 3. That the Secretary of the Treasury may, at his discretion, set aside any streams as spawning grounds, in which no fishing will be permitted; and when, in his judgment, the results of fishing operations on any stream indicate that the number of salmon taken is larger than the capacity of the stream to produce, he is authorized to establish weekly close seasons, to limit the duration of the fishing season, or to prohibit fishing entirely for one year or more, so as to permit salmon to increase: *Provided, however,* That such power shall be exercised only after all persons interested shall have been given a hearing, of which hearing due notice must be given by publication: *And provided further,* That it shall have been ascertained that the persons engaged in catching salmon do not maintain fish hatcheries of sufficient magnitude to keep such streams fully stocked.

Spawning grounds.

Close seasons.

Provisos. Notice.

Hatcheries.

Inspectors authorized.

"SEC. 4. That to enforce the provisions of law herein, and such regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury may establish in pursuance thereof, he is authorized and directed to appoint one inspector of fisheries, at a salary of one thousand eight hundred dollars per annum, and two assistant inspectors, at a salary of one thousand six hundred dollars each per annum, and he will annually submit to Congress estimates to cover the salaries and actual traveling expenses of the officers hereby authorized and for such other expenditures as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of the law herein.

"SEC. 5. That any person violating the provisions of this Act or the regulations established in pursuance thereof shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars or imprisonment at hard labor for a term of ninety days, or both such fine and imprisonment, at the discretion of the court; and, further, in case of the violation of any of the provisions of section one of this Act and conviction thereof a further fine of two hundred and fifty dollars per diem will be imposed for each day that the obstruction or obstructions therein are maintained."

Punishment for violations.

Approved, June 9, 1896.

CHAP. 394.—An Act Changing the time for holding circuit court of the United States at Hartford, in the district of Connecticut.

June 10, 1896.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That a term of the United States circuit court in the district of Connecticut shall be held at Hartford, in said district, on the second Tuesday of October, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, and thereafter in each year on the second Tuesday of October, and that after the third Tuesday of September, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, the term of said circuit court now by law provided to be held annually on the third Tuesday in September shall be discontinued.

Connecticut judicial district. Terms, Hartford. R. S., sec. 656, p. 120.

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CHAP. 395.—An Act To extend the routes of the Eckington and Soldiers' Home Railway Company and of the Belt Railway Company, of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

District of Columbia.
Eckington and Belt
Railway companies to
use compressed-air
motors.

Post, p. 698.

Trial.

Horsepower to cease
in six months.

Underground electric,
if compressed air
not successful.

Proviso.
North Capitol street
branch.

Penalty.

North and south
branch of Eckington
line.

Location.

Eckington line.
May issue stock or
bonds for construction.

Provisos.
Amount.

Prior deed of trust.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That within three months from the passage of this Act the Eckington and Soldiers' Home Railway Company and the Belt Railway Company, both of the District of Columbia, respectively, shall begin to equip those portions of their respective lines which are situated within the boundaries of the city of Washington with compressed-air motors. If after a trial of three months the said compressed-air motors shall, in the judgment of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, prove to be in all respects a proper and satisfactory motive power for the speedy and convenient propulsion of street cars, then the said Commissioners are hereby authorized and directed to issue to the said railway companies, respectively, permits to equip their lines within the District of Columbia with such compressed-air motors; and within six months from the passage of this Act the said railway companies shall cease to use horsepower on any and all of their respective lines. In the event that the said compressed-air motors shall not be approved as herein provided for, then within eighteen months from the passage of this Act the said companies, respectively, shall construct and put into full operation on all their lines in the city of Washington the underground electric system. No extension of any of the lines in this Act provided for shall be operated by horsepower: *And provided further,* That within thirty days from the passage of this Act cars shall be regularly run over the existing tracks, beginning at the intersection of G street and New Jersey avenue, thence across New Jersey avenue to and along G street to North Capitol street, thence north on North Capitol street to T street, according to a schedule satisfactory to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia. Neglect or failure to comply with the provisions of this section shall subject the corporation so neglecting or failing to a penalty of fifty dollars for each and every day during which such failure or neglect continues, said penalty to be recovered by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia in any court of competent jurisdiction.

SEC. 2. That the Eckington and Soldiers' Home Railway Company of the District of Columbia be, and the same hereby is, authorized to lay down and operate a street railway in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, through and along the following-named streets and avenues, to wit:

Beginning at the junction of Eighth and D streets northeast; thence by double track south along Eighth street to C street south; thence by single track as follows: west on C street south to Seventh street east; thence south on Seventh street east to M street south; thence east on M street south to Georgia avenue; thence northeast on Georgia avenue to Ninth street east; thence north on Ninth street east to C street south; thence west on C street south to Eighth street east.

SEC. 3. That said Eckington and Soldiers' Home Railway Company is authorized to increase its capital stock or to issue bonds for such amount as may be necessary to pay the actual cost of constructing and equipping the extensions hereinbefore authorized: *Provided,* That the question as to the amount to be provided for in connection with such extension and the method of providing for the same, whether by issuance of stock or bonds, shall be decided by a majority in value of the stockholders at a meeting to be called for the purpose after reasonable notice; and authority is hereby conferred upon said company, in case of issuance of bonds, to make due conveyance of its corporate franchises and property for the purpose of securing the same: *Provided, however,* That any such conveyance by way of mortgage shall be subject to the prior lien already created by deed of trust dated June first, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, and recorded in liber fifteen hundred and eighty, folio three hundred and twenty-seven and following, of the land records of the District of Columbia, which conveys all the real