

printed blanks and blank-books, with printed matter therein, and for printing all books and pamphlets required by said county during the ensuing year.

Advertisement to be inserted six days.

Contract to be awarded to lowest bidder.

Contractor to give bonds.

SECTION 2. Said advertisement shall be inserted in the official papers of said county for six successive days, and at the hour appointed in said advertisement, the proposals shall be publicly opened by said county board of supervisors, and the contract awarded to the lowest bidder.

SECTION 3. Any person to whom a contract shall be awarded under the provisions of this chapter shall give bonds in double the estimated amount of the work needed during the year.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 4, 1875.

CHAPTER 250.

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AN ACT to provide for the free and unobstructed navigation of the west branch of the Kickapoo river between certain points therein designated.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

West branch of Kickapoo river to be public highway.

SECTION 1. That the west branch of the Kickapoo river in all its meanderings between the north line of township twelve (12) north, range three (3) west in Vernon county, state of Wisconsin, and the junction of said west branch with the main Kickapoo river in said county, shall hereafter be held to be a public highway or thoroughfare, of free and unobstructed navigation, to all persons, for the purposes of rafting lumber and timber.

Unlawful to obstruct same.

SECTION 2. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons, in any way or by any means whatever, to obstruct said west branch of said Kickapoo river, so as to hinder or obstruct the free navigation thereof as provided in the next preceding section of this act.

Penalty for violation.

SECTION 3. Any person or persons offending against the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be ad-

judged to pay a fine of not less than five dollars nor more than twenty dollars, with costs of suit.

SECTION 4. Justices of the peace shall have jurisdiction to hear, try and determine all cases which may arise under the provisions of this act; *provided, however*, that the defendant shall not be deprived of trial by jury, nor of his right of appeal as in other cases.

Justice of the peace to have jurisdiction.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 4, 1875.

CHAPTER 251.

AN ACT to provide for increased shelving for the Historical Society, the transfer of miscellaneous books from the state library to the society, and an assistant for the library, and appropriating money therefor.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. The state superintendent of public property is hereby authorized and directed to contract for, and cause to be fitted up, such iron-work for shelving and a connected gallery-walk, as in the judgment of the library committee of the state historical society, may be necessary to meet the present necessity of the society, the plan of such work, and the work itself, to meet the approval of the secretary of state, state treasurer and the library committee of the society, leaving the shelving and any other needed wood-work to be done by the mechanics in the employ of the state; *provided*, that not more than fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500) shall be expended under the provisions of section one (1).

Improvements in State Historical Rooms provided for.

Not to exceed \$1,500

SECTION 2. The state librarian is hereby authorized, and directed to transfer to the state historical society the miscellaneous books in the state library, reserving to the state officers, judges, attorneys, and suitors of the supreme court, and members of the legislature, all privileges of using the books that they now enjoy, the historical society having the right to dispose of, or exchange any duplicates that may be found in the collection, for the benefit of the library.

Transfer of miscellaneous books from State Library to State Historical Society.

SECTION 3. The historical society is hereby empowered to select and employ an assistant in the library,

Providing for employment of assistant.