

such corporation desiring to extend its territory beyond the town or towns in which it was originally organized, shall, within six months after the adoption of these statutes, file in the office of the county clerk of the county in which its office is located, a declaration signed by its president and secretary, and duly acknowledged by them, naming the town or towns in which it has heretofore transacted the business of insurance, and declaring its intention to continue its business in such towns thereafter.

SECTION 6. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed. Repealing section.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved April 11, 1885.

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CHAPTER 422.

AN ACT to amend chapter 200, of the laws of 1882, relating to the punishment of a father for abandonment of his children, and of a husband for abandonment of his wife.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows :

SECTION 1. Chapter 200, of the laws of 1882, is hereby amended, so as to read as follows: If any parent shall willfully abandon his or her child, or children, or either of them, leaving them, or either of them, in a destitute condition, or being of sufficient ability, shall refuse or neglect to provide for his or her child, or children, or either of them, such parent shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, on conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail, not less than thirty days, nor more than one year, or by fine, not exceeding five hundred dollars, or both, in the discretion of the court; provided, that the wife shall be a competent witness in all such cases, as provided in this section, to testify for or against her husband. Penalty for neglect of children.

Penalty for abandonment of wife.

SECTION 2. If any husband shall willfully abandon his wife, leaving her in a destitute condition, or being of sufficient ability, shall refuse or neglect to provide for her, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, on conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not less than thirty days nor more than one year, or by fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or both, in the discretion of the court; provided, that the wife shall be a competent witness in all such cases, as provided in this section, to testify for or against her husband.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 423.

AN ACT to authorize John S. Owen and others to construct and maintain piers and booms in the Chippewa river, in the county of Eau Claire.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

Authorized to maintain piers and booms.

SECTION 1. John S. Owen, his associates and assigns, are hereby authorized and empowered to construct, maintain and keep in repair, piers, booms, sheer and other kinds of booms in the Chippewa river, in the county of Eau Claire, and state of Wisconsin, east of the thread of said stream and in front of government lots two, three and four, in section thirty, town twenty-seven north, of range nine west, also in said Chippewa river west of the thread of said stream, and in front of all that portion of the bank thereof, which lies between Short street in the city of Eau Claire and the southern limits of said city; provided, the same be so constructed and maintained in said river, on or in front of lands now owned or which may hereafter be owned by the said John S. Owen, his associates or assigns, within the limits above specified, or upon or in front of lands which the said John S. Owen, his