WISCONSIN.

From Pole Grove post office, Jackson county, to South Bend post office, Trempeleau county.

From Sparta, Monroe county, via Big Creek Ferry, Roaring Creek post office, in Jackson county, and Durand, to Prescott, in Pierce county.

From Wauzeka, Crawford county, to Viola post office, Richland county.

From Richland Centre, Richland county, via Rockbridge, East Henrietta, and Henrietta to Yuba.

From Towerville, Crawford county, via Rising Sun, thence west, crossing the Mississippi river, and via La Fayette, in Allemakee county, Iowa, and Columbus, Milton, and Wacon, to Decorah, Iowa.


From Fountain City, Buffalo county, to Maxville, same county.

From Sumner, via Mondovi, Chippewa, Waubeck, Galla, and Trimbelle, to Prescott, in Pierce county.

From Waupaca, via Ogdensburg and Union, to Shaw-wa-no.

From Mishicot, Manitowoc county, via Franklin, Montpelier, Casco, and Ahabpe, in Kewaunee county, Clay Banks, and White Fish Bay, to Bailey’s Harbor, Door county.

From Casco to Dykesville, Kewaunee county.

From Green Bay, via Suamico, to Little Suamico.

From Sextonville, Richland county, via Ithaca, Neptune, Loyd, Cazenovia, to Waucon, Jeneau county.

From Green Bay, via Suamico, to Little Suamico.

From Fond du Lac, via Foster and Waucousta, to Cascade, in Sheboygan county.

CHEROKEE NATION.

From Little Verdigris to Lenark Falls.

CHOCTAW NATION.

From Fort Washita, in the Choctaw Nation, via Burney Academy, to Gainesville, Cook county, Texas.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the Postmaster General shall be and he is hereby authorized to procure and furnish letter sheets with postage stamps impressed thereon, (combining in one both a sheet and envelope,) and to adopt such other improvements as may be deemed advisable, from time to time, in connection with postage stamps or stamped envelopes for letters or newspapers, subject to the provision that such stamps or envelopes shall be sold at the cost of procuring and furnishing the same as near as may be, and to all other provisions of the eighth section of an act of Congress entitled “An act to establish certain post roads and for other purposes,” approved August thirty-first, eighteen hundred and fifty-two.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That the penalty of fifty dollars, provided by section eighth of an act of Congress entitled “An act to establish certain post roads and for other purposes,” approved March third, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, shall apply as well to the using of a stamp cut from a stamped letter or newspaper envelope as to the re-use of the envelope entire.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That the fourth section of the act of Congress approved fifth August, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, entitled “An act making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Depart-

Provided, that said officer shall make a detailed report of his proceedings to Congress during the next session thereof.

That it shall be lawful for persons to subscribe for newspapers and periodicals to receive by post to any place, with two cents added to the ordinary rates of postage: Provided, That upon all letters or packets conveyed in whole or in part by steamers or steamships over any route upon which, or between vessels under contract with the Post Office Department, the same charge shall be levied, with the addition of two cents a letter or packet, as would have been levied if such letter or packet had been transmitted regularly through the mail.

That the joint resolution of Congress of eighteen August, eighteen hundred and fifty-six, which provides that there shall be "one principal messenger in each of the bureaus of the several Executive Departments, at an annual salary of eight hundred and forty dollars each," shall be understood to embrace within its true scope and meaning the offices of the three Assistant Postmasters General, entitling each to a messenger at an annual salary of eight hundred and forty dollars.

And be it further enacted, That letters which have been advertised under existing laws (vide section twenty-six, act of March three, eighteen hundred and twenty-five, and section five, act of March three, eighteen hundred and fifty-five) be and the same is hereby continued from the fifth day of August, eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, to the fifth of August, eighteen hundred and sixty.

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SEC. 12. And be it further enacted, That maps, engravings, lithographs, or photographic prints, on rollers or in paper covers; books, bound or unbound, phonograph paper, and letter envelopes, shall be deemed mailable matter, and charged with postage by the weight of the package, not in any case to exceed four pounds, at the rate of one cent an ounce, or fraction of an ounce, to any place in the United States under fifteen hundred miles, and at the rate of two cents an ounce, or fraction of an ounce, over fifteen hundred miles, to be prepaid by postage stamps.

SEC. 13. And be it further enacted, That cards, blank or printed, blanks in packages weighing at least eight ounces, and seeds or cuttings, in packages not exceeding eight ounces in weight, shall also be deemed mailable matter, and charged with postage at the rate of one cent an ounce, or fraction of an ounce, to any place in the United States under fifteen hundred miles, and at the rate of two cents an ounce or fraction of an ounce, over fifteen hundred miles, to be prepaid by postage stamps.

SEC. 14. And be it further enacted, That the act of third of March, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, entitled "An act further to amend the act entitled 'An act to reduce and modify the rates of postage in the United States, and for other purposes,'" passed March third, eighteen hundred and fifty-one, be and the same is hereby so modified as to require the ten cent rate of postage to be prepaid on letters conveyed in the mail from any point in the United States east of the Rocky Mountains, to any State or Territory on the Pacific, and from any State or Territory on the Pacific to any point in the United States east of the Rocky Mountains. And all drop letters shall be prepaid by postage stamps.

SEC. 15. And be it further enacted, That the Postmaster General is hereby authorized and directed to advertise for proposals for the daily transportation of the entire mail, overland, between Saint Joseph, Missouri, or some other point on the Missouri river, connected by railroad with the East, which may be selected by the contractor, and Placerville, California, over the central route, the bids to be received till the first Monday of April, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, and the service to commence July first, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, or as soon thereafter as possible, and to terminate July first, eighteen hundred and sixty-five. And the Postmaster General is hereby directed to award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder furnishing ample guarantees of his ability and disposition to perform his contract: Provided, That the amount of his bid shall not exceed eight hundred thousand dollars per year: Provided, That the contractor shall supply Denver City and Great Salt Lake City at least semi-weekly without extra charge: And provided, further, That the letter and newspaper mail shall be carried through in twenty days, and the pamphlet, magazine, periodical, and public document mail in thirty-five days. But the Postmaster General may authorize the carrying of said pamphlet, magazine, periodical, and public document portion of the mail by steamship route, at least semi-monthly to San Francisco, if desired by the contractor, and if said service is performed at the contractor's expense: And provided, further, That the contractor shall not be required, in addition to the letter mail, to carry more of the newspaper mail by the twenty days schedule than will make the average weight of the whole mail one thousand pounds per day; and the remainder, if any, of the newspaper mail shall be carried on the thirty-five day schedule above provided for.

SEC. 16. And be it further enacted, That the Postmaster General is hereby directed to extend the existing mail contract on route eight thousand and seventy-six, in the State of Texas, so that it will expire with connecting route twelve thousand five hundred and seventy-eight, known as the Butterfield route, provided it can be done at an additional expense not exceeding eighty thousand dollars per annum, and provide for a semi-weekly connection with the city of New Orleans, but the Post-
master General shall have the same authority over this route as over all others; and after said daily overland mail has gone into operation, the postage between any State or Territory east of the Rocky Mountains, and any State or Territory on the Pacific, on each newspaper, periodical, unsealed circular, or other article of printed matter, not exceeding three ounces in weight, shall be one cent, and for every additional ounce, or fraction of an ounce, one cent additional.

SEC. 17. And be it further enacted, That the cost of the service on the routes named in this act shall be paid, after annual appropriation, by the Secretary of the Treasury, upon the certificate of the Postmaster General. And that the rate of letter postage between any State or Territory east of the Rocky Mountains, and any State or Territory on the Pacific coast, shall be ten cents per half ounce.

SEC. 18. And be it further enacted, That the Postmaster General is authorized to provide temporary steamship service by the nearest and most expeditious route between New York and San Francisco, at a cost not exceeding three hundred and fifty thousand dollars a year, reserving to the Government the privilege of annulling the contract, after the commencement of the overland service, upon sixty days' notice.

SEC. 19. And be it further enacted, That the cost of the service authorized in the three preceding sections of this act, and that now performing on the inland routes numbered eight thousand nine hundred and eleven, twelve thousand eight hundred and one, twelve thousand five hundred and seventy-eight, and eight thousand and seventy-six, shall be paid, after annual appropriation, by the Secretary of the Treasury, upon the certificate of service from the Postmaster General, except so far as appropriations may already have been made for such service.

APPROVED, February 27, 1861.

February 28, 1861.

CHAP. LVIII. — An Act making Appropriations for the Consular and Diplomatic Expenses of the Government for the Year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-two.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the objects hereafter expressed, for the fiscal year ending the thirtieth June, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, namely:

For salaries of envoys extraordinary, ministers, and commissioners of the United States at Great Britain, France, Russia, Prussia, Spain, Austria, Brazil, Mexico, China, Chili, Peru, Portugal, Switzerland, Rome, Sardinia, Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Sweden, Turkey, New Granada, Bolivia, Ecuador, Venezuela, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Sandwich Islands, Costa Rica, Honduras, Argentine Confederation, Paraguay, and Japan, three hundred and one thousand dollars.

For salaries of secretaries of legation, forty-three thousand three hundred and fifty dollars.

For salaries of assistant secretaries of legation at London and Paris, three thousand dollars.

For salary of the interpreter to the legation at China, five thousand dollars.

For salary of the secretary of legation to Turkey, acting as interpreter, three thousand dollars.

For compensation to the interpreter to the mission to Japan, two thousand five hundred dollars.

For contingent expenses of all the missions abroad, forty thousand dollars.

For contingent expenses of foreign intercourse, forty thousand dollars.