

now in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing; also "a picture of Governor William Allen, of Ohio, on a saw blade," now in the possession of the Secret Service Division of the Treasury Department; also copies of charts of Hell Gate, the Battery, and other New York City points, to be printed from original copperplates now in the possession of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, and such other articles in said bureaus as may be of interest to the printing trades.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized in his discretion to exhibit at said exposition medical catalogues, old volumes, works in Russian and other foreign tongues, now in the possession of the Surgeon-General of the Army; also samples of work and manuscripts written on stumps, and so forth, by generals in the war of the rebellion, now in the possession of the Rebellion Records Division of the War Department, and such other articles as may be of interest to the printing trades. —by the Secretary of War.

SEC. 3. That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized in his discretion to exhibit at said exposition such general exhibit of patents as may be of interest to the printing trades. —by the Secretary of the Interior.

SEC. 4. That the secretary of the Smithsonian Institution be, and he is hereby, authorized in his discretion to exhibit at said exposition the old Ben Franklin printing press and such other articles now in the National Museum as may be of interest to the printing trades. —Smithsonian Institution.

SEC. 5. That all expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of this joint resolution shall be paid by the directors of the New York Printing Exposition, under such regulations as shall be adopted by the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Interior, and the secretary of the Smithsonian Institution. Expenses.

Approved, April 23, 1900.

[No. 22.] Joint Resolution Providing for the printing of three thousand copies of House Document Numbered One hundred and forty-one, relating to the preliminary examination of reservoir sites in Wyoming and Colorado. April 30, 1900.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there be printed for the use of the Senate and House of Representatives three thousand copies of House of Representatives Document Numbered One hundred and forty-one, Fifty-fifth Congress, second session, being "Preliminary examination of reservoir sites in Wyoming and Colorado," one thousand copies for the use of the Senate and two thousand copies for the use of the House of Representatives. "Preliminary examination of reservoir sites in Wyoming and Colorado." Printing authorized.

Approved, April 30, 1900.

[No. 23.] Joint Resolution To provide for the administration of civil affairs in Porto Rico pending the appointment and qualification of the civil officers provided for in the Act approved April twelfth, nineteen hundred, entitled, "An Act temporarily to provide revenues and a civil government for Porto Rico, and for other purposes." May 1, 1900.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That until the officer to fill any office provided for by the Act of April twelfth, nineteen hundred, entitled "An Act temporarily to provide revenues and a civil government for Porto Rico, and for other purposes," shall have been appointed and qualified, the officer or officers now performing the civil duties pertaining to such office may continue to perform the same under the authority of said Act; and no officer of the Army shall lose his commission by reason thereof: *Provided,* That nothing herein contained shall be held to extend the time for the appointment and qualification of any such officers beyond the first day of August, nineteen hundred. Porto Rico. Existing officers to serve pending appointment of successors. *Ante,* p. 81.  
Commission of army officer unaffected. *Proviso.* —limit of time for appointment.

Franchises to be approved by President.  
*Ante*, p. 83.

SEC. 2. That all railroad, street railway, telegraph and telephone franchises, privileges or concessions granted under section thirty-two of said Act shall be approved by the President of the United States, and no such franchise, privilege, or concession shall be operative until it shall have been so approved.

—provisions required in charters granting.

SEC. 3. That all franchises, privileges or concessions granted under section thirty-two of said Act shall provide that the same shall be subject to amendment, alteration, or repeal; shall forbid the issue of stock or bonds, except in exchange for actual cash, or property at a fair valuation, equal in amount to the par value of the stock or bonds issued; shall forbid the declaring of stock or bond dividends; and, in the case of public-service corporations, shall provide for the effective regulation of the charges thereof and for the purchase or taking by the public authorities of their property at a fair and reasonable valuation. No corporation shall be authorized to conduct the business of buying and selling real estate or be permitted to hold or own real estate except such as may be reasonably necessary to enable it to carry out the purposes for which it was created, and every corporation hereafter authorized to engage in agriculture shall by its charter be restricted to the ownership and control of not to exceed five hundred acres of land; and this provision shall be held to prevent any member of a corporation engaged in agriculture from being in any wise interested in any other corporation engaged in agriculture. Corporations, however, may loan funds upon real estate security, and purchase real estate when necessary for the collection of loans, but they shall dispose of real estate so obtained within five years after receiving the title. Corporations not organized in Porto Rico, and doing business therein, shall be bound by the provisions of this section so far as they are applicable.

Functions of corporations limited.

Approved, May 1, 1900.

May 3, 1900.

[No. 24.] Joint Resolution Recognizing the gallantry of Frank H. Newcomb, commanding the revenue cutter Hudson; of his officers and men; also retiring Captain Daniel B. Hodgson, of the Revenue-Cutter Service, for efficient and meritorious services in command of the cutter Hugh McCulloch at Manila.

Lieut. Frank H. Newcomb, etc., medals presented to.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That in recognition of the gallantry of First Lieutenant Frank H. Newcomb, of the Revenue-Cutter Service, commanding the revenue cutter Hudson, his officers and the men of his command, for their intrepid and heroic gallantry in the action at Cardenas, Cuba, on the eleventh day of May, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, when the Hudson rescued the United States naval torpedo-boat Winslow in the face of a most galling fire from the enemy's guns, the Winslow being disabled, her captain wounded, her only other officer and half her crew killed. The commander of the Hudson kept his vessel in the very center of the hottest fire of the action, although in constant danger of going ashore on account of the shallow water, until finally he got a line made fast to the Winslow and towed that vessel out of range of the enemy's guns. In commemoration of this signal act of heroism it is hereby enacted that the Secretary of the Treasury be authorized and directed to cause to be prepared and to present to First Lieutenant Frank H. Newcomb, Revenue-Cutter Service, a gold medal, and to each of his officers a silver medal, and to each member of his crew a bronze medal.

Capt. Daniel B. Hodgson, retired.

That in recognition of the efficient and meritorious services of Captain Daniel B. Hodgson, United States Revenue-Cutter Service, while in command of the United States revenue cutter Hugh McCulloch, under the orders and in cooperation with the fleet commanded by Rear-Admiral George Dewey, United States Navy, at the battle of