

[No. 22.] Joint resolution providing for an investigation relative to the "slums of cities."

July 20, 1892.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioner of Labor be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to make a full investigation relative to what is known as the slums of cities, confining such investigation to cities containing two hundred thousand inhabitants and over, as shown by the Eleventh Census. The investigation shall relate to the occupations, earnings, sanitary surroundings, and other essential facts necessary to show the condition of residents of such localities, and to show so far as it may be done the condition of such residents compared with residents of cities of similar size in other countries. The sum of twenty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to defray the expenses of said investigation, said sum being in addition to the regular appropriations for the Department of Labor, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Slums of cities. Commissioner of Labor to investigate.

Appropriation.

Approved, July 20, 1892.

[No. 23.] Joint resolution extending the time in which certain street railroads compelled by act of Congress, approved August sixth, eighteen hundred and ninety, to change their motive power from horse power to mechanical power, for one year.

July 22, 1892.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the time within which the street railroad companies availing themselves of the privileges granted by the act making appropriations to provide for the government of the District of Columbia, and approved August sixth, eighteen hundred and ninety, so far as it extends to the Metropolitan Railroad, is hereby extended for one year from the date of the passage of this act: *Provided,* That so fast as the cars now building are equipped with storage batteries they shall be placed on the road: *And provided further,* That pending the change the present equipment of the road shall be put, kept and maintained in good condition; and any failure to comply with any of the foregoing requirements as to equipment shall render the said Metropolitan Railway Company liable to a fine of not exceeding twenty-five dollars for each day so in default, to be recovered by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, as other fines are recovered in the District of Columbia.

Metropolitan Railroad, District of Columbia. Time extended for changing motive power. Vol. 26, p. 310.

Provisos. Cars to be put on as ready. Present equipments to be kept in good condition. Penalty for failure.

"Sec. 2. Congress reserves the right to alter, amend or repeal this act"

Approved, July 22, 1892.

[No. 24.] Joint resolution to authorize and direct the Secretary of State to affix the great seal of the United States to a certain document therein stated.

July 21, 1892.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of State be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to affix the great seal of the United States to the document entitled "The administration of the United States Government at the beginning of the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of America."

Great seal to be affixed to a document.

Approved, July 23, 1892.

[No. 25.] Joint resolution requesting the loan of certain articles for the Worlds Columbian Exposition.

July 23, 1892.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President be, and he hereby is, authorized to request of the Government of her majesty

World's Columbian Exposition.

Loan of relics of
Columbus requested.

the Queen Regent of Spain, of the municipal government of Genoa, of the Duke of Veragua, the descendants of Columbus, and of such other persons or corporations as may be thought proper, the loan of articles, papers, books, maps, documents, and other relics of Christopher Columbus and those who were associated with him or with the discovery and early settlement of America, for exhibition at the Worlds Columbian Exposition; that the Secretary of State shall make such provision as may be necessary for their reception, exhibition, safe custody, and return; and that the Secretary of the Navy shall have authority, if necessary, to detail one or more vessels for their transportation.

Approved, July 23, 1892.

July 26, 1892.

[No. 26.] Joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to prepare and send to the World's Columbian Exposition models, drawings, and so forth, prepared or invented by women.

World's Columbian
Exposition.
Models of women's
inventions to be ex-
hibited.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he hereby is, authorized to prepare and send for exhibition in the Woman's Building of the World's Columbian Exposition, any articles, models, or drawings now in his custody, or deposited in the Patent Office, prepared or invented by women.

Approved, July 26, 1892.

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[No. 27.] Joint resolution giving authority for the erection of overhead wires for the illumination of the city of Washington during the encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, during September, eighteen hundred and ninety-two.

Preamble.

Whereas, It is proposed during the approaching reunion of the Grand Army of the Republic to make provision for the suitable illumination of the streets, avenues and public grounds, which illumination can not be effected unless additional over-head wires, for electrical purposes, are temporarily strung, and

Whereas, The Commissioners of the District of Columbia are prohibited by existing law from authorizing any overhead wires for electrical purposes to be strung on or over any street or avenue of the said city: Therefore,

National Encamp-
ment, Grand Army of
the Republic.
Temporary overhead
electric wires permit-
ted.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia are hereby authorized to permit the Committee on Illumination of the Citizens' Executive Committee for the Entertainment of the Twenty-sixth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, to stretch suitable conductors, with sufficient supports, wherever necessary, for the purpose of effecting the said illumination:

Provisos.
Removal after use.

Provided, That the said conductors shall not be used for the conveying of electrical currents after September twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and ninety-two, and shall, with their supports, be fully and entirely removed from the streets and avenues of the said city of Washington on or before November first, eighteen hundred and ninety-two: *Provided, further,* That the stretching and removing of the said wires shall be under the supervision of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, who shall see that the provisions of this resolution are enforced, that all needful precautions are taken for the protection of the public, and that the pavement of any street, avenue or alley disturbed is replaced in as good condition as before entering upon the work herein authorized:

Supervision.

No expense to be in-
curred.

Provided, further, That no expense or damage on account of, or due to the stretching, operation, or removing of the said temporary overhead conductors shall be incurred by the United States or the District of Columbia.

Approved, July 26, 1892.