

south end of the power house extension, for a depth of about forty-five feet from G street, northwest, of the same height as the main building.

Approved, February 17, 1900.

[No. 8.] Joint Resolution To provide for pay to certain retired officers of the Marine Corps.

February 17, 1900.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the aggregate of all sums appropriated in an Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the naval service for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred, and for other purposes," approved March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, under the head "Pay, Marine Corps," shall be disbursed and accounted for in accordance with existing law as pay of the Marine Corps, and for that purpose shall constitute one fund; the provisions of this Act to take effect from June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine.

Marine Corps.
Pay of certain retired officers authorized.
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Approved, February 17, 1900.

[No. 9.] Joint Resolution Authorizing the President to appoint one woman commissioner to represent the United States and the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution at the unveiling of the statue of Lafayette at the exposition in Paris, France, in nineteen hundred.

February 23, 1900.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President may appoint one woman commissioner to represent the United States and the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution at the unveiling of the statue of Lafayette and the presentation of a tablet for said statue at Paris, France, in nineteen hundred, and at the exposition there to be held.

Lafayette statue, Paris.
Appointment of woman commissioner to represent United States at unveiling authorized.

Approved, February 23, 1900.

[No. 10.] Joint Resolution Providing for the acquisition of certain lands in the State of California.

March 8, 1900.

Whereas what are known as the "Mammoth Tree Grove" and "South Park Grove of Big Trees," species of *Sequoia gigantea*, located in Calaveras County, California, are now held in private ownership; and

Mammoth Tree Grove, etc.
Calaveras Company, Cal.
Preamble.

Whereas the owner thereof now contemplates the sale thereof for the purpose of felling said trees and their conversion into lumber, which said project is threatened of consummation at an early date; and

Whereas the trees *Sequoia gigantea* of these groves constitute the largest collection and probably the finest specimens of the same in the world; and

Whereas the destruction of these trees would be an irredeemable loss to science, and the loss of one of the marked wonders of the world: Therefore be it

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 is hereby, authorized and directed, at the earliest practicable date, to open negotiations for, and if possible procure a bond upon, the lands occupied by said groves of trees, in Calaveras and Tuolumne counties, California, with sufficient adjacent lands for

Preservation of, etc.