

patent. The authority of such foreign executor or administrator shall be proved by certificate of a diplomatic or consular officer of the United States;" so that the section so amended shall read as follows:

"SEC. 4896. When any person, having made any new invention or discovery for which a patent might have been granted, dies before a patent is granted, the right of applying for and obtaining the patent shall devolve on his executor or administrator, in trust for the heirs at law of the deceased, in case he shall have died intestate; or if he shall have left a will disposing of the same, then in trust for his devisees, in as full manner and on the same terms and conditions as the same might have been claimed or enjoyed by him in his lifetime; and when the application is made by such legal representatives, the oath or affirmation required to be made shall be so varied in form that it can be made by them. The executor or administrator duly authorized under the law of any foreign country to administer upon the estate of the deceased inventor shall, in case the said inventor was not domiciled in the United States at the time of his death, have the right to apply for and obtain the patent. The authority of such foreign executor or administrator shall be proved by certificate of a diplomatic or consular officer of the United States."

When and on what oath executor or administrator may obtain patent.

Right of executor, etc., in case inventor dies abroad.

Certificate of authority.

R. S., sec. 4902, p. 948, amended.

SEC. 4. That section forty-nine hundred and two is amended by striking out the words "citizen of the United States" in the first line thereof, and substituting the word "person" in place thereof, and by striking out the last clause of said section; so that this section so amended shall read as follows:

"SEC. 4902. Any person who makes any new invention or discovery and desires further time to mature the same may, on payment of the fees required by law, file in the Patent Office a caveat setting forth the design thereof and of its distinguishing characteristics and praying protection of his right until he shall have matured his invention. Such caveat shall be filed in the confidential archives of the office and preserved in secrecy, and shall be operative for the term of one year from the filing thereof; and if application is made within the year by any other person for a patent with which such caveat would in any manner interfere the Commissioner shall deposit the description, specification, drawings, and model of such application in like manner in the confidential archives of the office and give notice thereof by mail to the person by whom the caveat was filed. If such person desires to avail himself of his caveat he shall file his description, specifications, drawings, and model within three months from the time of placing the notice in the post-office in Washington, with the usual time required for transmitting it to the caveator added thereto, which time shall be indorsed on the notice."

Filing and effect of caveat. Any person may file by payment of fee.

Time limit.

Interference.

Notice.

Specifications, etc., must be filed within three months.

Approved, March 3, 1903.

CHAP. 1020.—An Act To provide certain souvenir medallions for the benefit of the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Association of the United States.

March 3, 1903.

[Public, No. 170.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for the purpose of aiding in the erection at the city of Washington, District of Columbia, of an appropriate memorial to the author of the Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson, the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to have prepared in the United States mint at Philadelphia four dies for medallions of such design and size as may be designated by the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Association of the United States and approved by him; and he shall have made and struck from these dies such number of medallions out of silver or bronze, not to exceed

District of Columbia. Souvenir medallions for Thomas Jefferson Memorial Association.

Limit.

one hundred and fifty thousand, as may be requested by the said memorial association, the net proceeds from the sale of the said proposed medallions to be applied to the fund for the erection of the proposed memorial under the auspices of the said memorial association.

Material.

SEC. 2. That the material from which the said proposed medallions are to be made shall be furnished to the director of the United States mint at Philadelphia at the expense of the said Thomas Jefferson Memorial Association of the United States, a body corporate under the laws governing the District of Columbia.

Approved, March 3, 1903.

March 3, 1903.

[Public, No. 171.]

**CHAP. 1021.**—An Act To increase the pension of Mexican war survivors to twelve dollars per month.

Pensions.  
Mexican war sur-  
vivors', increased.

*Be it enacted 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 is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, at the rate of twelve dollars per month, all Mexican war survivors now on the roll, or who may hereafter be placed on the roll, under the Acts of January twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, and February fifth, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

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Vol. 24, p. 371.  
Vol. 26, p. 1081.  
Vol. 31, p. 147.