

tion were not required to be recorded in the office of the register of deeds of the county in which such corporation was located, it shall be sufficient to record the certified copy of such amendment in the office of the register of deeds of the county in which such corporation is located, and to file a like certified copy with the secretary of state.

SECTION 2. This act shall be in force and take effect from and after its publication.

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## CHAPTER 67.

AN ACT authorizing the purchase of relics of General Joseph Bailey, hero of the episode of the Red river dam, in the late war of secession, and appropriating a sum of money therefor.

Whereas, In the month of March, 1864, General Banks, of the Union army, entered upon an important naval and military campaign against the enemies of the nation, who were then centered in the valley of the Red river, in Arkansas. With him upon this now famous expedition were actively employed several regiments of Wisconsin troops, to-wit, the fourth cavalry, and the eighth, fourteenth, twenty-third, twenty-ninth, and thirty-third infantry. In an account of this expedition, given in the book entitled "The Story of Wisconsin," written by Reuben Gold Thwaites, secretary of the State Historical society of Wisconsin, occurs the following passage, founded upon the official reports of the war: "The brightest honors of the expedition were won by Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Bailey, of the Fourth. The fleet had been carried safely

Gen. Bailey's war relics, their possession by the gallant general explained.

above the rapids at Alexandria, but upon the return it was found the water had lowered so that it was impossible to descend. The river was rapidly falling, the enemy were swarming upon both banks, the navy was in a most perilous situation, and complete destruction appeared to stare the expedition in the face. The one man who saved the union from so irreparable a loss was this modest Wisconsin officer, who now proved himself a genius. He was serving on General Franklin's staff as chief engineer, and proposed to build a system of dams by which the river was to be raised to a sufficient height, then an opening suddenly made, through which the vessels were to escape. The scheme appeared a visionary one to all of the other engineers, as well as to most of the leading officers; but while they laughed at him as an innocent, he was permitted to try his proposed experiment. With three thousand men he toiled unweariedly, from the thirtieth of April to the eighth of May. On the morning of the twelfth the great gunboats plunged through the boiling chute and triumphantly steamed away, to the great discomforture of the Confederates, who had thought to capture the expedition in the trap. Admiral Porter frankly wrote to headquarters that to 'the indomitable perseverance and skill of Lieutenant-Colonel Bailey, to whom belongs the entire credit of the enterprise, the fleet owed its safety.' The hero of the hour was presented by the naval officers in the expedition with a richly inlaid sword, a silver punch-bowl and other valuable souvenirs of his exploit, was thanked by the navy department, and soon after breveted brigadier-general. It was upon Wisconsin pinery streams, where great log rafts are sometimes 'lifted' by artificial rises of water, induced by dams, that Bailey had learned his wisdom; and it was the Wisconsin 'lumber boys' of the twenty-third and twenty-ninth regiments that he first asked for, when given permission to undertake his experiment in backwoods engineering."

Whereas, The valuable and interesting souvenirs of the late war, mentioned in the foregoing historical account, as being presented to General Bailey of Wisconsin, by Admiral Porter and other naval officers in the Red river expedition, were manufactured in New York city by Tiffany and company, at an expense of many thousands of dollars and are now the property of a daughter of the late General Bailey, Miss Ella Bailey; and

Cost of said relics.

Whereas, Miss Bailey is now in reduced circumstances, and desirous of disposing of the said relics to the state of Wisconsin at a price far below their market value, in order that they may be kept entire and as a permanent memorial of her father and his notable deed, which brought such lasting credit to the Wisconsin arms; therefore,

Offer to sell to the state.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. The governor is hereby authorized to purchase for the state, from Miss Ella Bailey, daughter of the late General Joseph Bailey, at a price not exceeding two thousand dollars, the sword, silver punch-bowl, and other souvenirs, if any, presented to said General Bailey by officers of the United States navy, in recognition of his services in connection with the episode of the Red river dam in May, 1864.

Governor authorized to purchase at \$2,000 for the lot.

SECTION 2. When such souvenirs shall be obtained by the governor, he shall cause them to be placed in the custody of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, to be forever kept by said society in trust for the state, in accordance with said society's customary regulations for the safe keeping and exhibition of valuable relics.

To be placed in the custody of the State Historical Society.

SECTION 3. There is hereby appropriated out of any money in the general fund of the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of two thousand dollars for the purpose cited in section 1, of this act.

Appropriation of \$2,000 authorized.

**SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 22, 1895.

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## CHAPTER 68.

**AN ACT** appointing trustees for the Perry Cemetery Association, of Ellsworth, Pierce county, Wisconsin.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

Cemetery  
association—  
trustees ap-  
pointed.

**SECTION 1.** Barney Maynard, Norris Kinne, John Hoffman, Frederick Endress, Hans B. Warner, J. B. Jenson and D. W. Woodworth are hereby appointed trustees of the Perry Cemetery association of the village of Ellsworth, in Pierce county, which association has acquired cemetery grounds in said village in which bodies have been interred and still remain, and which association has failed to keep up its organization.

Bodies may be  
re-interred.

**SECTION 2.** Said trustees are hereby authorized to remove all bodies interred in said cemetery grounds and re-inter the same, and empowered to convey by deed said cemetery grounds to the First Presbyterian church of Ellsworth, in Pierce county.

**SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 22, 1895.