

and especially to prevent its spreading from districts now infected to the cattle-producing fields and ranges of the west.

Resolved, That the secretary of state be requested to furnish a copy of this memorial to each of the senators and representatives of the state of Iowa.

Approved, March 6, 1884.

NUMBER 8.

HOME FOR DISABLED SOLDIERS.

JOINT RESOLUTION in Relation to a Branch Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.

WHEREAS, the Hon. W. B. Allison has a bill now pending in congress, for the location and erection of a branch home for disabled volunteer soldiers, at some suitable point, in either the states of Iowa, Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri or Nebraska, to cost two hundred and fifty thousand dollars; and,

WHEREAS, It is desirable for Iowa to secure said institution for disabled volunteer soldiers and sailors; therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That a committee of five—three from the house and two from the senate—be appointed to confer with the board of managers of the home for disabled volunteer soldiers, and if possible secure the location of said branch home in Iowa.

Approved, March 14, 1884.

NUMBER 9.

RAILROAD LAND-GRANTS.

JOINT RESOLUTION in Regard to Grants of Public Lands to Railroads.

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

FIRST. That in view of the rapid absorption of the public lands of the United States fit for settlement, we do hereby earnestly request our senators and representatives in congress to use their influence so that where grants of public land have been made directly to any corporation to aid in building railroads, and the terms of said grants have not been substantially complied with, steps may be immediately taken to have the unearned por-

tion of such lands revert to the United States that the same may be thrown open to settlement.

SECOND. That the secretary of state be and he is hereby instructed to transmit a copy of the foregoing resolution to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

Approved, March 27, 1884.

NUMBER 10.

PORTRAITS OF DECEASED GOVERNORS FOR NEW CAPITOL.

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

That the governor of the state, Hon. Buren R. Sherman, be and he is hereby authorized and directed to procure to be executed in oil by competent artists the portraits of Hon. Ralph P. Lowe one of the former governors, and of Hon. Augustus C. Dodge, one of the former representatives and U. S. Senators of the State of Iowa, Governor Chambers and Governor Glark, territorial governors, and all deceased state governors which the state does not already possess, with the appropriate mounting, to be placed in the executive chamber or other appropriate place in the capitol, and to meet the cost thereof, there is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, a sum sufficient to pay the same to be paid upon warrants drawn upon the treasurer by the auditor upon the order of the governor.

Approved, March 27, 1884.

NUMBER 11.

MEMORIAL AND JOINT RESOLUTION, Relative to Free Homes for all Surviving Soldiers and Sailors of the Union Army.

WHEREAS, Under the provisions of the homestead laws of congress, it is impossible for many of the soldiers and sailors of the late war to avail themselves of the provisions of said law, by reason of ill-health, caused by injuries and disease, received and contracted while in the service of their country, and for want of means to locate and improve homesteads as required by law; and,

WHEREAS, There is yet belonging to the United States Government enough land to give every soldier and sailor a home without detriment to the public interest; therefore,