

## NUMBER 18.

## PENSIONS.

MEMORIAL AND JOINT RESOLUTION in Reference to the Applications for Pensions.

WHEREAS, Thousands of applications for pensions are now pending in the United States pension offices and have been pending from two to ten years, and

WHEREAS, Many of the applicants gave the best years of their lives, their health, their strength in the defense of their country, and many gave up husband and father, and

WHEREAS, Many of them have now no means of support, but have, with their families, been reduced to abject poverty and want, therefore:

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

That these applications of right ought to be speedily adjusted, that the expectations, hopes and just rights of those who suffered wounds and disease for their country's good should not longer be delayed.

*Resolved, second,* That our senators and representatives in congress be and they are hereby requested to use all their influence to secure the most speedy and adequate adjustment practicable of all such claims.

*Resolved, third,* That the secretary of state be instructed to furnish a copy of this memorial and joint resolution to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

Approved, April 7, 1884.

## NUMBER 19.

JOINT RESOLUTION in Relation to Swamp Land Indemnity.

WHEREAS, The provisions of the act of congress of March 2, 1855, as extended by act of congress of March 3, 1857, granting indemnity to the states for swamp and overflowed lands disposed of by the United States, are held not to apply to sales and locations made after March 3, 1857, and,

WHEREAS, A large amount of land properly falling to the state and counties in Iowa, under the swamp grant, have been disposed of by the government since March 3, 1857, thereby compelling the counties and their grantees to abandon their claim to such lands or litigate with the purchasers of the government, and

WHEREAS, On the 4th day of February, 1884, the Hon. Mr. Cosgrove introduced a bill (H. R. 4505) in the house of representatives in congress, to

extend said indemnity provisions of said act of March 2, 1855, and making the same applicable to sales and locations made since March 3, 1857 which bill is pending in congress.

WHEREAS, Under the rulings of the department, certificates—called *scrip*, or *indemnity scrip*—issued for indemnity for swamp lands located with warrants, cannot be located on lands outside of the state, and there being no vacant land in Iowa on which scrip can be located, many of the counties in this state, after great expense, are unable to realize anything for their swamp lands so disposed of by warrant locations, and by that means are damaged to a large amount; and

WHEREAS, On the 6th day of February, 1884, Senator Allison introduced a bill (S. 1428) providing (amongst other things beneficial to the counties of Iowa) for the location of such indemnity scrip, on any public lands subject to entry, of the United States, in any state or territory, which bill is pending in the senate; therefore,

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

That our senators be instructed and our representatives in congress be requested to use all proper and lawful means in their power to secure the passage of both said bills (H. R. 4505 and S. 1428) or by the enactment in some other bill, of provision substantially as therein contained.

*Resolved further,* That the secretary of state transmit to each of our senators and representatives in congress, a copy of the resolutions.

Approved, April 14, 1884.

## NUMBER 20.

### ASSIGNMENT OF ROOMS IN NEW CAPITOL.

JOINT RESOLUTION Relative to the Assignment of Rooms in the New Capitol.

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

That the rooms of the new capitol in the basement and first story thereof be assigned to the several state officers, and boards of commissioners as designated in schedules A and B hereto attached and that such rooms as are not therein assigned be left subject to future assignment by the general assembly, or as may be provided by law, and that the capitol commissioners be directed to finish and furnish said rooms in a style most convenient for the purpose or purposes, for which each room is to be used as designated in said schedules.

#### SCHEDULE A. *First Story.*

- No. 1. Secretary of State, Private Office.
- No. 2. Secretary of State, Business Office.
- No. 3. Supreme Court Room.