

JOINT RESOLUTION No. 3.

Memorial and Joint Resolution Relative to improving the Navigation of the Mississippi River.

WHEREAS, The citizens and tax-payers of the Muscatine Island Levee district, composed of lands lying adjacent to the Mississippi river in Muscatine and Louisa Counties, Iowa, have maintained for many years a levee at their own expense, which levee is of great benefit to the navigation of the Mississippi river, and protection to the lands and agricultural districts thereto adjoining; and

WHEREAS, The said levee is now in need of reconstruction and repairs, and the tax-payers of the said district are unable longer to maintain said levee at their own cost; and

WHEREAS, Said levee is a great help in restraining the waters of the Mississippi river in its channel, thereby improving the navigation of said river.

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of Iowa:

That our senators and representatives in Congress are requested to use their active influence to secure and to vote for such appropriations as will insure the reconstruction and repair of the said Muscatine Island levee, at the earliest possible date.

Resolved, that the Secretary of State be and is hereby instructed to forthwith transmit a copy hereof to each of our Senators and Representatives in congress from Iowa.

Approved Feb. 17th, 1896.

JOINT RESOLUTION No. 8.

Resolved, by the 26th General Assembly of Iowa that the 26th Gen. Assembly to whom the Governor has referred the application of A. F. Hockett, for pardon, advise the Gov. to grant such pardon.

JOINT RESOLUTION No. 9.

Joint Resolution for amendment to the constitution of the State of Iowa, proposing the repeal of sections 34, 35 and 36 of article three (3) of the constitution; and the substitute hereinafter proposed be adopted in lieu thereof.

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

That the following amendment to the constitution of the State of Iowa be and the same is hereby proposed:

That: sections 34, 35 and 36 of article three (3) of the constitution of the State of Iowa be repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof. SECTION 34. The Senate shall consist of fifty (50) members to be elected from the several senatorial districts established by law, and at the next session of the General Assembly following the taking of each state and national census they shall be apportioned

among the several counties of the state according to population as shown by the last preceding census:

SEC. 35. The House of Representatives shall consist of not more than one hundred and fifteen members. The ratio of representation shall be determined by dividing the whole number of the population of the State as shown by the last preceding state or national census, by the whole number of counties then existing or organized, and each county shall constitute a representative district and be intitled to one representative, but each county having a population in excess of the ratio number found as herein prescribed, of three-fifths or more of such ratio number, shall be entitled to one additional representative.

SEC. 36. The General Assembly shall, at the first regular session following the adoption of this amendment, and at each succeeding session following the taking of such census, fix the ratio of representation, and apportion the additional representatives as hereinbefore required.

Be it further resolved that this resolution and the foregoing amendments to the constitution of the state of Iowa be, and the same is hereby referred to the next succeeding General Assembly for action: And the Secretary of State is hereby directed to cause the same to be published for three months previous to the day of election of members of the next General Assembly, in manner as provided by law.

JOINT RESOLUTION No. 10.

Relative to the Trans-Mississippi Exposition to be held at Omaha, Nebraska in the year 1898.

WHEREAS, delegates representing the twenty-four states and territories lying west of the Mississippi river, at the Trans-Mississippi Congress of 1895, adopted a resolution providing for the holding of an exposition for the purpose of exhibiting the products, manufactures, arts and industries of these states and territories. And

WHEREAS, The said convention voted to hold the said exposition at the city of Omaha, Nebraska in the year 1898, and

WHEREAS, The common interest of the states and territories constituting this great region as well as of the country at large will be greatly promoted thereby and the interest of the state of Iowa, lying at its gateway will be especially benefited by such an exposition on her borders,—therefore—

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

That the holding of the said Trans Mississippi Exposition is hereby heartily approved.

And that the Senators and Representatives in Congress from Iowa, are requested to co operate with the Senators and Representatives from our sister state Nebraska, and the other Trans Mississippi states in procuring the passage at this session of Congress of a bill giving National recognition to said Exposition and providing for an