

thereof, and shall be published for three months previous to the day of such election in one weekly newspaper in each congressional district of the State, under the direction of the Secretary of State.

Approved, March 29th, 1872.

N U M B E R X I I .

NIAGARA FALLS SHIP CANAL.

MEMORIAL AND JOINT RESOLUTION of the Legislature of Iowa, in Relation to the Niagara Falls Ship Canal.

Your memorialists, the legislatures of the State of Iowa, would state that the agricultural and other material interests of the entire West, and more especially of this State, require—indeed, demand—increased facilities for transportation between the grain fields of the West and the Eastern and European markets, than is now or ever can be afforded by the railroads and the partial and imperfect system of water transit now existing. So wide-spread and universal has this conviction become disseminated among the people of the West—indeed of the whole country—that efforts are now being made, and an enterprise inaugurated, to open up and perfect a system of continuous steam navigation between the valley of the Mississippi and the Atlantic ocean, by the way of the Wisconsin and Fox rivers to Lake Michigan, thence by the way of the northern lakes, river St. Lawrence, and Lake Champlain, whereby the rates of transportation can be so reduced that the cereals and other agricultural products of the Western States can at once command the provision markets of Western Europe, from which they are now practically excluded in consequence of the excessive cost of transportation thither. There is an equally strong conviction that by overcoming the barrier at Niagara Falls, all other obstructions to continuous steam navigation to the Atlantic seaboard will be speedily removed, probably as soon as the works at that point can be constructed; therefore,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be, and they are hereby, requested to give their earnest attention to this subject, and if in their judgment this enterprise should appear to be feasible, and that it will conduce to the object sought to be secured, (to-wit: cheap transportation,) to urge upon Congress that such aid be rendered by the General Government as will accomplish the end in view, to-wit: the construction of a ship canal around the Falls of Niagara, on the American side thereof, as speedily as possible.

Resolved, That duly authenticated copies of this memorial, and resolutions, be transmitted by the Secretary of State to each of our members of Congress and to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House, with request that they lay them before their respective Houses.

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NUMBER XIII.

IN REFERENCE TO STATE REVENUE STOLEN FROM COUNTY TREASURIES.

JOINT RESOLUTION Giving certain Authority to the State Auditor in Respect to the Credits claimed by the Counties of Harrison, Howard, Marion, Jasper, Louisa, and Bremer, for State Revenue alleged to be stolen from said Counties.

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, WHEREAS, It is claimed and averred by the treasurers of the counties hereinafter named, respectively, that in addition to losses from other funds, the following sums belonging to the general revenue of the State have been lost from their respective county treasuries by robbery or theft, namely:

1. From the treasury of Harrison county, two thousand eight hundred and sixty-two 66-100 dollars;
2. From the treasury of Howard county, one thousand two hundred and twelve 49-100 dollars;
3. From the treasury of Marion county, three thousand seven hundred and sixteen 88-100 dollars;
4. From the treasury of Jasper county, six hundred and thirty-three 44-100 dollars;
5. From the treasury of Louisa county, four thousand five hundred and ninety-two 28-100 dollars;
6. From the treasury of Bremer county, one thousand nine hundred and eighty-three 11-100 dollars;
7. From the treasury of Winnebago county, six hundred and fifty dollars; and

WHEREAS, It is further averred that said several counties had, at the time, provided a suitable safe for the safe-keeping of said funds, and in which, at the time of the robbery or theft, the same were deposited; and that the proper officers had used due care for the protection of said funds, and have used due diligence for the recovery of the moneys and the arrest of the criminals; and that, notwithstanding, the said several sums, or parts thereof, remain irrecoverable, and that said counties severally ought to be discharged from liability therefor; therefore,