

NUMBER 7.

PAY OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

JOINT RESOLUTION Relative to an Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, in Regard to the Compensation of Members of Congress.

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That our senators in congress be instructed, and our representatives be requested, to vote to submit to the several state legislatures, for their ratification, an amendment to the constitution of the United States, providing that no congress shall increase the compensation of its members.

Resolved, That the secretary of state be instructed to furnish a certified copy of these resolutions to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

Approved February 9th, 1874.

NUMBER 8.

NEWSPAPER POSTAGE.

JOINT RESOLUTION Relative to Postage on Newspapers in the Counties where published.

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That our senators in congress be instructed, and our representatives requested, to favor by their influence and votes the immediate repeal of the law enacted by the 42d Congress, by which the postage is required to be paid in advance on newspapers sent to subscribers in the county in which said papers are published.

Resolved, That the secretary of state be instructed to furnish, as soon as practicable, to each of our senators and representatives in congress a copy of this concurrent resolution.

Approved February 9th, 1874.

NUMBER 9.

FOR RELIEF OF HOMESTEADERS.

PREAMBLE AND JOINT RESOLUTION Relating to Relief for Homesteaders in case of Conflict of Title to Lands with Railroad Corporations.

WHEREAS, There are existing in this state many cases of conflict of title to lands between homesteaders and railroad or other corporations claiming title under legislative grant; and,

WHEREAS, Experience has clearly proved that individual homesteaders are too often unable to claim their rights in a contest with such corporations; and,

WHEREAS, A bill is now before congress, introduced by Hon. J. W. McDill, of this state, to confirm the title to the land in such cases in the homestead settlers, provided they make satisfactory proof that said settlements were made in good faith, and by the action and authority of the local land officers in said land districts ; therefore,

Be it Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That our senators and representatives in congress are hereby respectfully requested to use their influence in favor of the passage of said bill, or some act having for its object the confirming of the title to the lands in such cases in the homestead settler.

Resolved, That the secretary of state be directed to forward a copy of this preamble and joint resolution to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

Approved February 13th, 1874.

NUMBER 10.

AGAINST FURTHER LAND-GRANTS.

JOINT RESOLUTION Asking our Members of Congress to pass a Law preventing the Granting of any more Lands to Corporations for Pecuniary Profit, or Railroad Companies.

WHEREAS, The disposition of the public lands by congress have been extravagant, millions of acres of these lands have been granted railroad and other corporations ; and

WHEREAS, The public lands are owned by the non-residents, speculators who intend to grow rich on the fruits of other people's toil, or are included within the grant to railroads, are tied up by a mortgage, and are inaccessible to all settlers, and are thus creating a vicious system of land-monopolies detrimental to the prosperity of the country ; and

WHEREAS, This fruitful soil of ours was not created to enrich speculators but to produce food to satisfy the hungry of mankind and a home for all ; therefore

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That our senators in congress be instructed and our representatives be requested to use their utmost influence and so vote as to prevent the granting any more lands to corporations for pecuniary profit or selling the same to non-residents, and that the public lands be subject only to entry by actual settlers, or under the homestead law.

Resolved, That the secretary of state be and is instructed to forward a duly certified copy of the foregoing memorial and joint resolution to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

Approved February 14th, 1874.