

NUMBER 6.

CANAL FROM MISSISSIPPI RIVER TO HENNEPIN.

JOINT RESOLUTION in relation to Proposed Canal from some point between the Mouth of the Rock River and Clinton, Iowa, on the Mississippi River, to the Illinois River, at Hennepin.

WHEREAS, The question of cheap transportation for the surplus products of the Mississippi valley to a profitable market, is at the present time the paramount question; and

WHEREAS, We believe that the construction of a canal from some point between the mouth of the Rock river and Clinton, Iowa, to Hennepin, in the state of Illinois would open an unbroken water-communication to the eastern markets from the largest agricultural region tributary to any single artificial waterway which has been proposed; and

WHEREAS, This line has been surveyed by authority of congress and has been found to be practicable, to be a distance of only sixty miles, and to be capable of construction at small cost in comparison with other projects of this character; therefore,

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

That our senators in congress be instructed, and our representatives therein be requested, to vote for, and to use their active influence to secure such legislation by the national legislature as will insure the construction of this canal at an early day.

Resolved, That the secretary of state be, and he is hereby instructed to transmit a copy hereof to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

Approved February 24, 1876.

NUMBER 7.

WILSON'S PATENT ON FEED-MOTION.

JOINT RESOLUTION Instructing our Senators and Requesting our Representatives in Congress to Prevent an Extension of Patents on "Wilson's Patent on Feed-motion," and Similar Patents on Sewing Machines.

WHEREAS, Parties are asking congress for a third term of seven years extension of the patent on what is known as "Wilson's patent on feed-motion," used by Wheeler and Wilson, Singer and other manufacturers of sewing machines, the grant of which will place an oppressive monopoly of the same in the hands of such parties and maintain the high prices of such machines unnecessarily, therefore

Be it resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Iowa:

That our senators be instructed and our representatives be requested to oppose and use all honorable means to prevent the extension of such patents and all other similar patents on such machines so far as the same may be done in justice to inventors and for the best interests of the people.

Approved March 4, 1876.