

and objection has been made by the Secretary of the Interior to the issuance of said patents, for the reason that said railway from Algona to Sheldon is not constructed on the exact line of definite location upon which said lands were reserved, but is constructed substantially upon said line, and on the exact line required by the act of the general assembly, granting to the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway Company said lands; and,

WHEREAS, All the lands withdrawn from market as applicable to said grant on the line as definitely located, would have appertained to the grant had the line of construction been the line of location, and no additional or different lands are required in consequence of said location from what would have been required had the line of construction been the line of location; now, therefore,

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

That our senators in congress be instructed, and our representatives requested, to give this subject their careful and diligent attention, and to secure, if possible, the issuing of said patents to the state of Iowa, in compliance with said grant; and,

Be it further resolved, That in case the said Secretary of the Interior insists upon his said objection, and declines to issue said patents, that then and in that case our said senators be instructed, and our representatives requested, to procure the passage by congress of a joint resolution legalizing the construction of said railroad on the line upon which it is constructed as a compliance with the grant so as aforesaid made by congress by the act of May 12, 1864, and giving to the state of Iowa all the lands so withdrawn on said located line in pursuance thereof, and directing the Secretary of the Interior to issue said patents to said state; and,

Be it further resolved, That the governor of this state be and he is hereby respectfully requested to transmit a copy of this memorial and these resolutions to each of our senators and representatives in congress from this state.

Approved, March 18, 1880.

NUMBER 11.

JOINT RESOLUTION, Proposing to Amend Article Eleven, Section One, of the Constitution of the State of Iowa, and to Provide for its Reference and Publication.

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

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

"Strike out the words one hundred (100) from the fourth (4th) line of section one (1), article eleven (11), and insert the words three hundred (300).

"Strike out the words three hundred (300) in the last line of section one (1), article eleven (11), and insert the words five hundred (500)."

Resolved, further, That the foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution of the state of Iowa, be and the same is hereby referred to the legislature to be chosen at the next general election for members of the general assembly, and that the secretary of state cause the same to be published for three months previous to the day of such election, in two weekly newspapers in each congressional district in the state.

Approved, March 22, 1880.

NUMBER 12.

JOINT RESOLUTION, Requesting the Members of the House of Representatives and Senators from Iowa in Congress, to Endeavor to Procure Such Modification of the Patent Laws as will Relieve Innocent Parties from Prosecution for Using Patented Devices.

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

1. That our representatives and senators in congress from Iowa are hereby requested to use all the influence in their power to procure such a modification of the patent laws of the United States as will relieve innocent parties using patented devices from liability to prosecution, and limiting prosecutions for infringement of our patent laws to manufacturers and vendors of articles which may be infringements of patents.

2. *Resolved,* That the secretary of state is hereby instructed to send a copy of the foregoing resolution to each of our senators and representatives in congress as soon as practicable.

Approved, March 22, 1880.

NUMBER 13.

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

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

That the assignment of rooms in the new capitol building indicated in the report of the joint committee appointed to assign the same, and shown by the exhibits therewith presented, be and the same are hereby agreed to, and the said assignments confirmed and made valid.

Approved, March 25, 1880.