

## NUMBER X.

A JOINT RESOLUTION ASKING CONGRESS TO CAUSE A SURVEY TO BE MADE OF THE WATER ROUTES BETWEEN THE NAVIGABLE WATERS OF THE MINNESOTA RIVER AND THE RED RIVER OF THE NORTH TO ASCERTAIN THE FEASIBILITY OF CONNECTING THE TWO BY CANAL.

WHEREAS, Surveys have been made of the Minnesota river and of the Red River of the North, and measures are progressing for improving the navigation of said rivers; that said surveys and improvements are not made with a view of connecting said rivers and making a continuous system of water navigation; and

WHEREAS, Between the points of possible steamboat navigation on said rivers there is nearly a continuous water route *via* Big Stone Lake and Lake Traverse and also *via* the Pomme de Terre and Otter Tail rivers, by either of which routes a canal would complete the water communication and afford cheap transportation between an extensive producing region and the markets; therefore

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:*

That congress is hereby requested to survey the said water routes between the navigable waters of the Minnesota river and Red River of the North, to ascertain the feasibility and estimate the cost of constructing a canal of sufficient capacity for the ready transportation of articles of merchandise.

*Resolved,* That the governor of the state be requested to forward copies of these resolutions to our senators and representatives in congress.

Approved February 23, 1875.

## NUMBER XI.

A JOINT RESOLUTION FOR A MAIL ROUTE, WITH SEMI-WEEKLY MAIL SERVICE, FROM FREEBORN, FREEBORN COUNTY, IN MINNESOTA, TO LAKE MILLS, WINNEBAGO COUNTY, IN THE STATE OF IOWA.

WHEREAS, The settlers in the towns of Freeborn, Carlston, Alden and Mansfield, in the county of Freeborn, and state of Minnesota, are, by reasons of their great distance from any postoffice or mail route, deprived of the conveniences of postal service; now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :*

That our senators and representatives in congress be requested to use their efforts to secure the establishment of a mail route from Freeborn, in Freeborn county, in Minnesota, by the way of the village of Alden and the town of Mansfield in said county and state, to Lake Mills, in Winnebago county, state of Iowa, with semi-weekly service thereon.

*Resolved*, That the secretary of state be requested to forward a copy of the foregoing joint resolution to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

Approved February 26, 1875.

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## NUMBER XII.

A JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STATE AUDITOR TO ABATE PENALTIES FOR NON-PAYMENT OF INTEREST ON STATE LANDS IN CERTAIN CASES.

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :*

That the state auditor is hereby authorized and directed to abate all penalties for non-payment of interest due or to become due for the years eighteen hundred and seventy-four and eighteen hundred and seventy-five, on unpaid purchase money of school, agricultural, college or internal improvement lands, in such portions of the state or belonging to such persons as have suffered from ravages of grasshoppers or hail storms if paid prior to the first day of October, eighteen hundred and seventy-five; *Provided*, That such abatement shall only be made upon the petition of the persons seeking such relief under the provisions of this resolution duly filed in the office of the state auditor, showing the necessity of such relief, which petition shall be duly verified and approved by the county treasurer and auditor of the county wherein said lands are situate.

Approved March 2, 1875.