

route from Chaska, in Carver county, to Excelsior, in Hennepin county.

*Resolved further*, That the secretary of state be requested to forward a copy of these resolutions to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

Approved February 29, 1876.

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### NUMBER VIII.

#### A JOINT RESOLUTION FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE MINNESOTA RIVER.

WHEREAS, The practicability and feasibility of improving the navigation of the Minnesota river is clearly shown and demonstrated by the surveys thereof made by the war department, by a system of locks and dams, whereby permanent navigation of said river during the season thereof can be secured, to the great relief of the grain producing interests of this state; therefore,

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

That our senators in congress be instructed and our representatives therein be requested to use their influence in behalf of legislation favorable to the improvement of the Minnesota river by a system of dams and locks whereby permanent navigation of said river may be obtained during the season of navigation in said state of Minnesota.

*Resolved*, That the secretary of state forward a copy of this resolution to each of our senators and members of congress.

Approved February 10, A. D. 1876.

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### NUMBER IX.

#### A MEMORIAL TO CONGRESS ASKING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO PRE-EMPTION LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES.

WHEREAS, An amendment to the pre-emption laws of the United States, permitting the applicants thereunder to make yearly or semi-yearly partial payments for the lands held by them would greatly ease and assist such persons in paying for their land.

AND WHEREAS, Such laws so amended would induce a greater emigration to, and settlement upon the lands subject to pre-emption, and thus become of individual and general benefit and work no loss to the treasury of the United States; therefore,

*Be it resolved:*

That the senators and representatives of this state in congress be and hereby are requested to use their influence to secure such amendment to the present pre-emption laws of the United States as will allow the applicant thereunder to make annual or semi-annual payments for any legal subdivision of the land he may be entitled to hold within the time now prescribed for proving up and to receive a patent therefor.

Approved February 3, A. D. 1876.

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#### NUMBER X.

A JOINT RESOLUTION ASKING CONGRESS TO ESTABLISH A MAIL ROUTE FROM HASTINGS TO CANNON FALLS.

*Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:*

SECTION 1. That our representatives in congress be requested to use their efforts to secure the establishment of a post route, and to secure mail services thereon, from Hastings, in Dakota county, Minnesota, to Cannon Falls, in Goodhue county, *via* Bellwood and Douglas.

SEC. 2. That the postmaster is requested to put service on said route as soon as established.

SEC. 3. That the governor of this state is requested to forward copies of these resolutions to our representatives in congress.

Approved January 27, A. D. 1876.