

NUMBER VI.

A Memorial to Congress for the Establishment of a Mail Route from Garden City in Blue Earth County State of Minnesota, via Gray's, Fairmount and Tuttle's, to Spirit Lake in the State of Iowa.

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, in Congress assembled.

The Legislature of the State of Minnesota would respectfully represent:

That a great inducement for immigration and settlement in a new country, is the early establishment of mail routes and postal facilities.

That affording the pioneer direct and accessible mail facilities with the east, removes one of the greatest privations experienced by the early settlers, and induces others to join him in making it their homes.

That although mail routes in sparsely settled counties, may not pay, in a pecuniary sense, yet it may more than double pay by the more speedy settlement and advancement of the country.

And would further represent, that a large portion of our country, lying chiefly within the bounds of our own State, between Garden City, Blue Earth county, State of Minnesota, and Spirit Lake, in the State of Iowa, is without convenient and acceptable mail facilities, and thereby the settlers in that locality have not the means of communication with the east, and the settlement and advancement of that country is impaired and hindered.

Therefore your Memorialists, the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, would respectfully ask for the immediate establishment of a mail route commencing at Garden City, in Blue Earth county, in the State of Minnesota, by the way of Gray's, in town one hundred and five, (105) north, of range twenty-eight (28) west, Fairmount, the county seat of Martin county, and Tuttle's, to Spirit

To establish a mail route from Garden City to Spirit Lake

Lake, in the State of Iowa, and mail service ordered thereon.

And your Memorialists will ever pray.

Approved March 4th, A. D. 1861.

NUMBER VII.

A Memorial to the Congress of the United States for a Post Route.

The Legislature of the State of Minnesota respectfully represents :

For post route

That the settlers in the vicinity of Lake Superior, Crow Wing, Otter Tail City, Georgetown and immediately, have opened and are improving a direct line of road through the above localities. That the increasing products of the region traversed by the above route, find market according to the demand at the military and trading posts of the northwest and the mining districts of Lake Superior. That the business, in the estimation of the memorialists, of the route demands mail facilities to accommodate the present residents, and that such facilities will encourage the settler, induce immigration, and develop the natural resources of that locality. That a weekly mail from Duluth, *via* Oneota, Fondulac, Superior, Crow Wing, Chippewa Agency, Wadena, Leaf City, and Otter Tail City, to Georgetown on Red River, will meet the present wants of the settlers and at an early day be remunerative to the Post Office Department.

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