

WHEREAS, They have numerously petitioned for the establishing of a post office at the store of S. W. Olsen, in section twenty-eight (28), in the township of Nessell, and for the appointment of said S. W. Olsen postmaster; and

WHEREAS, There is at present a mail route from Grantsburg on the east, connecting with the Lake Superior railroad at Rush City, and another mail route from the west, connecting with the Lake Superior railroad at Harris, a point seven (7) miles south of Rush city; and

WHEREAS, The consolidating of these two (2) routes into a continuous route from Grantsburg, in Wisconsin, to Cambridge, in Minnesota, running through these towns before mentioned over the State road from Rush City to Cambridge, would be a great benefit to that portion of country; therefore,

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

[SECTION 1.] That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be respectfully requested to use their united efforts to secure the establishing of a continuous tri-weekly mail service from Grantsburg, in Wisconsin, to Cambridge, in Minnesota, via Rush City and Rush Lake, running over the State road from Rush City to Cambridge, and also to secure the establishing of a post office at the store of S. W. Olsen, on section twenty-eight (28), in the town of Nessell, and the appointing of said S. W. Olsen as postmaster of said office.

[SEC. 2.] *Be it further resolved,* That the Secretary of State be requested to forward copies of this resolution to our Senators and Representatives at Washington, and also to the Postmaster General.

Approved February 22, 1877.

NUMBER 15.

A JOINT RESOLUTION REQUESTING OUR SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS TO OPPOSE THE PASSAGE OF HOUSE FILE NUMBER THREE HUNDRED AND NINETY-FOUR (394), RELATING TO PENSIONS, UNLESS THE SAME BE AMENDED.

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

THAT WHEREAS, a certain bill relating to pensions (the same being House File No. 394) has been introduced into the House of Representatives by Representative Willis, which said bill provides that all applicants for pensions (insane persons and the minor children of deceased

soldiers excepted) must file their applications for same prior to January first (1st), one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven (1877), or forfeit all claims upon the government of the United States to any pension previous to the filing of their said application; therefore,

Be it Resolved, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to oppose the passage of said bill, (House File No. 394,) unless amended by extending the period of limitation for forfeiture of prior claim at least two years, or until January first, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine (1879).

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be instructed to forward to our Senators and Representatives in Congress, a certified copy of this joint resolution, as soon as possible after its passage.

Approved February 12, 1877.

NUMBER 16.

A MEMORIAL TO CONGRESS ASKING EXTENSION OF THE GRANT OF THE HASTINGS AND DAKOTA RAILWAY.

To the Congress of the United States:

Your memorialists, the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, represent that the United States, by an act approved July four (4), one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six (1866), granted to this State certain public lands in aid of the construction of a line of railroad from the Mississippi River at Hastings to Big Stone Lake in this State.

That said grant of lands was thereupon conferred upon the Hastings and Dakota and Red River of the North Railroad Company, now known as the Hastings and Dakota Railroad, with certain conditions of forfeiture to this State in case of non-construction, and that thereupon said line of railroad was duly surveyed and located, the larger portion of which then passed through an entirely unsettled country.

That thereupon, on the faith of said grant, the unsettled portions of said line for over a hundred (100) miles has been largely settled and improved by persons who have purchased the even numbered sections at double minimum prices upon the faith of said grants.

That owing to financial embarrassment and other causes, said company has only been able to construct and operate seventy-five (75) miles of said road, extending from Hastings to Glencoe, McLeod county, and that in consequence of the non-performance of conditions precedent by said company, this State is about to become invested with the title of said lands pertaining to the uncompleted portions of said road, in trust for