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A JOINT RESOLUTION REQUESTING OUR SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS TO SECURE THE PASSAGE OF LAWS PREVENTING THE ADULTERATION OF SWEETS, FOOD, &c.

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

THAT WHEREAS,

First—The sweets now in use in the United States, including cane sugar, maple sugar, syrups, candies, jellies, honey, etc., are often adulterated with glucose, and sometimes are manufactured entirely of it.

Second—That this glucose is manufactured from corn starch, by boiling the starch with sulphuric acid, (oil of vitrol) then mixing with lime. The glucose always retains more or less of sulphuric acid and lime, and sometimes it has copperas, sucrate of lime, etc.

Third—That seventeen specimens of common table syrups were recently examined by R. C. Kedzie, A. M., professor of chemistry in the Michigan State Agricultural College, at Lansing. Fifteen of these proved to be made of glucose; one of the fifteen contained 141 grains of sulphuric acid, (oil of vitrol) and 724 grains of lime to the gallon; and another, *which had caused serious sickness in a whole family*, contained 72 grains of sulphuric acid, 28 grains of sulphate of iron, (copperas) and 363 grains of lime to the gallon.

Fourth—That the American people are pre-eminently a sugar-eating people. The consumption of sugar, by each individual in our country, is shown by statistics to be about 40 pounds a year. It is seen at once that the adulterators of sugars and other sweets not only cheat our people in the quality of what they consume, since glucose contains only from 30 to 40 per cent. of sugar, but injure also the public health, by selling under false names, an article injurious to health, and

WHEREAS, tea, coffee, &c., and numerous articles of food are adulterated by poisons and articles injurious to the health,

Resolved, That our senators and representatives in congress be requested to use their influence to secure the passage of such laws as are necessary for the suppression of their illegal business, and to protect the people against such crimes.

Resolved, That a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Secretary of State to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

Approved February 12, 1879.