

five hundred and eighty-one (1581), one thousand five hundred and eighty-two (1582), seven hundred and ten (710), seven hundred and eleven (711) and two hundred and eighty-six (286). That the same shall be destroyed in the presence of the State Auditing Board, in the same manner as other State bonds that have been paid; and the same evidence of the cancellation and destruction of said bonds shall be filed as is now required by law as the practice of the department in case of other bonds.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March, 5, 1881.

NUMBER 11.

A JOINT RESOLUTION REQUESTING OUR SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS TO SUPPORT A PROPOSED CHANGE IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT LAWS.

THAT WHEREAS, the people in large portions of the State of Minnesota are compelled to use what is known as the driven well in obtaining water on their lands, and barbed wire fencing in enclosing their lands, and,

WHEREAS, the settlement of this State and development of its resources would be very materially retarded if such means of improvement were withheld from the people, and,

WHEREAS, said driven well and barbed wire fencing is claimed to be covered by letters patent of the United States, the validity of which is disputed, and,

WHEREAS, it is impossible for our people to determine the validity of the various claims for royalty made and threatened to be made against them for the use of said driven well and barbed wire fencing, therefore,

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

That our Senators and Representatives in Congress are requested to use their utmost effort to secure the passage of the bill now understood to be pending in Congress for the protection of innocent purchasers of patented articles and especially to see that our people are relieved from liability to claims of patentees whose rights cannot be determined, and be it further *resolved*, that the Secretary of State upon the passage of this resolution, forward to each of our Senators and Representatives a certified copy of the same.

Approved March 3, 1881.

NUMBER 12.

A Memorial to the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled:

Your memorialists, the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, would most respectfully represent, that