

shores of the Gulf of Mexico; and inasmuch as their swarms seem to be increasing rapidly in size from year to year, so that it appears reasonable to believe that, if not arrested by organized effort on the part of the people inhabiting the afflicted regions, they will gradually extend over the entire country.

AND WHEREAS, it is clearly the duty of the general government to assist in all efforts to prevent the destruction of those great crops of grain upon which largely rest the prosperity of the West and the revenues of the nation; and to imitate the example set by various nations of the world, including Russia, Greece, Turkey, France, Italy, Hungary, Spain, and China; all of which governments pay rewards for the destruction of the grasshoppers or their eggs; therefore,

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

First. That our Senators and Representatives in Congress are requested to use their efforts to secure such legislation as will devote the proceeds of the sales of public lands in the several States and Territories now or hereafter afflicted by the grasshoppers to those States; and that said funds be used by said States and Territories in the payment of bounties for the destruction of grasshoppers or their eggs.

Second. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to furnish copies of these resolutions to the members and Senators in Congress from the State of Minnesota, and also to the Senators and Representatives and Delegates from the several States and Territories hereinbefore enumerated.

Approved January 17, 1877.

NUMBER 21.

A JOINT RESOLUTION REQUESTING OUR SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS TO USE THEIR EFFORTS TO SECURE A BOUNTY FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF GRASSHOPPERS AND THEIR EGGS.

WHEREAS, The people of the western and southwestern parts of this State are greatly afflicted by grasshoppers, called Rocky Mountain locusts, having by their ravages lost their crops, valued at millions of dollars; and,

WHEREAS, The Rocky Mountain locusts have become a national calamity that may in time extend to all parts of the Union; therefore,

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

That our Senators and Representatives in Congress are requested to use their best efforts to secure, without delay, such legislation by Congress as will furnish a liberal bounty for their destruction and the destruction of their eggs.

Resolved, That the Governor of this State be requested to forward copies of these resolutions to our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Approved January 23, 1877.

NUMBER 22.

A JOINT RESOLUTION IN REFERENCE TO THE REMONETIZATION OF SILVER.

WHEREAS, The House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States has recently, by a large majority, passed a bill to restore to silver coin the legal-tender character, for all amounts, which it possessed from the foundation of our government down to the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two (1872), and the said bill is now pending before the United States Senate; therefore,

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

FIRST.

That our Senators in the Congress of the United States are hereby requested to use all proper efforts to secure the passage of the said bill at as early a date as practicable.

SECOND.

That they are also requested to secure such legislation as will enable all parties owning silver bullion to have the same coined at the mints of the United States, and without regard to the amount of silver coin in circulation.

THIRD.

That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to forward copies of this preamble and resolution to our Senators in Congress.

Approved January 23, 1877.