

any considerable difference between the value of dollars in gold and silver, we should regard it as a wise policy to re-adjust the weight of the two coins, either by increasing the weight of silver, or decreasing the weight of gold, as proposed by the honorable John Sherman in 1868, or both, so as to secure their harmonious circulation as the money of account of the United States; but in the opinion of this legislature, it will be impossible to determine their relative value, until the two metals shall have been placed upon an equal footing, by a restoration of the law, in relation to the silver dollar as it stood prior to February 12th, 1873.

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[No. 18, S.]

No. 4.

JOINT RESOLUTION to amend the patent laws.

*Resolved, by the Senate, the Assembly concurring,* That our present patent laws are unjust, oppressive, the cause of much litigation and expense to the people.

*Resolved,* That our senators in congress are hereby instructed, and our representatives in congress are requested to support such legislation as will relieve the people from the oppression of patent right monopolies.

*Resolved,* That the owners of patents should have recourse for damages only upon the manufacturers, and not upon those who use the article patented.

*Resolved,* To prevent monopoly, that the manufacture of all articles should be free to all, by the manufacturer paying a reasonable royalty to the owner of the patent.

*Resolved,* That the secretary of state be directed to transmit copies of these resolutions to each of our senators and members in congress.

Approved March 19, 1878.

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[No. 52, A.]

No. 5.

JOINT RESOLUTION relating to the claim of E. A. Calkins.

*Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring,* That it is hereby declared as the only intent and object of this legislature in the passage of senate bill number forty-one, entitled "A bill to complete the payment of a certain award and adjusted account," to provide for the payment to Elias A. Calkins, of the sum of three thousand two hundred and eighty-one dollars and forty-two cents,