

particular branches of industry in any part of the country; therefore

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the passage of said bill would, in our opinion, be injurious to the state of Wisconsin, and our senators in congress are hereby instructed, and our representatives in congress are hereby requested to oppose the passage of said bill.

Approved February 6, 1872.

NUMBER 2.

JOINT RESOLUTION instructing superintendents and others in the matter of insuring public buildings.

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the superintendents and trustees, and any and all persons having the charge and control of the charitable, benevolent and penal institutions of the state of Wisconsin be and the same hereby are prohibited from expending any money for the insurance of any of the buildings belonging to the state of Wisconsin.

Approved February 8, 1872.

NUMBER 3.

JOINT RESOLUTION relating to the improvement of the Fox and Wisconsin rivers.

WHEREAS, The subject of cheaper freights between the grain producing regions of the west and the markets of the east is one of paramount and overshadowing interest to the western producers, and

WHEREAS, It is clearly demonstrated that the Fox and Wisconsin rivers can be so improved at a moderate expense as to open to commerce a reliable water channel during the usual seasons of navigation, admitting of the easy and rapid transit of grain-carrying vessels, thereby tending to greatly reduce the carrying rates of western produce to eastern markets, and

WHEREAS, This subject is now before the congress of the United States; therefore,

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That his excellency the governor of Wisconsin be and he is hereby authorized and requested to take such action in behalf of the state as will in his judgment lead to the most efficient co-operation with our senators and representatives in congress, in pressing at the present session the great importance of the interest hereinbefore referred to, and in securing early and favorable action upon the same.

Approved February 14, 1872.

NUMBER 4.

JOINT RESOLUTION requesting Hon. R. C. Schenck to solicit from the British Government for the library of the State Historical Society, a set of Historical Records of the British Army.

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That Hon. R. C. Schenck, our American minister to Great Britain, be respectfully requested to use his kind offices in soliciting from the British government, for the library of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, a set of the Historical Records of the British Army, prepared under the direction of the adjutant general.

Be it further resolved, That his excellency, the governor be requested to forward to Mr. Schenck a properly certified copy of the preceding resolution.

Approved February 21, 1872.

NUMBER 5.

JOINT RESOLUTION instructing our senators and requesting our representatives to use their endeavors to secure a grant of land for the benefit of farm mortgagors.

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That our senators in congress be instructed, and our representatives requested to use their best endeavors to secure the passage of a bill making a grant of lands to the state of Wisconsin for the relief of the farm mortgagors in said state, as prayed for in the memorial of this legislature, passed at the session of 1871, and heretofore forwarded to congress.

Approved February 21, 1872.