

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,

with interest thereon since the 4th day of April, 1874, being the balance computed and awarded to the said Elias A. Calkins, by the commissioners acting under the provisions of chapter two hundred and seventy-four of the laws of 1874, entitled "An act for the appointment of commissioners in the matter of the claim of Elias A. Calkins and James K. Proudfit against the state," and it was the true intent and meaning of the legislature in enacting said law, that no further or other award or allowance should ever be made to said Elias A. Calkins, Calkins & Proudfit, Calkins & Webb, or either of them, or their assignees, or the assignees or personal representatives of either of them, by the state of Wisconsin, arising out of any claim heretofore existing in favor of said parties or either of them.

Approved March 19, 1878.

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[No. 24, S.]

No. 6.

JOINT RESOLUTION relative to the gift of Ex-Governor Washburn.

*Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring,* That the gift of Ex-Governor C. C. Washburn, of his residence at Edgewood for an industrial school for girls, be accepted by the state; and the property may be used for the purpose mentioned in his communication to Governor Smith, of January 11, 1878, or for such other purpose as may be approved by the donor.

*Resolved, further,* That the governor be authorized and directed to take such formal action as may be necessary to secure the title to the state of the property mentioned, for the purposes authorized by this resolution.

Approved March 20, 1878.

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[No. 12, A.]

No. 7.

JOINT RESOLUTION, relating to the revision of the statutes, the printing of the bill reported therefor, and to provide for the incorporation of the general acts of this session therewith, and to prevent conflicting legislation upon the subject embraced therein, and relating, also, to an adjournment of the legislature.

*Resolved, by the Assembly, the Senate concurring,* That the bill reported by the revisers of the statutes, entitled "A bill to revise the general statutes," having been printed in pursuance of the provisions of chapter 298, of the laws of 1877, no printing of the same under the rules is required.