

JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

NUMBER 1.

JOINT RESOLUTION instructing our senators and requesting our representatives in congress to oppose the passage of a bill for the remission of import duties on building material to be used in rebuilding the burnt district of Chicago.

WHEREAS, A bill now pending before congress provides, among other things, for the remission of import duties on all material used in rebuilding the burnt district of the city of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, We believe that such an enactment will be detrimental to the mercantile and manufacturing interests of many localities, and especially of the states of Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota, where immense amounts of capital are invested, and thousands of persons are engaged in the manufacture of lumber, brick and other building materials, whose interests would be seriously crippled by the introduction of foreign competition with free duties, and that while individual capitalists of Illinois, and especially of the city of Chicago, would reap all the benefit, the mercantile and manufacturing population of the neighboring states would sustain all the damage, and an incredible derangement of their business; and

WHEREAS, We deem it to be unjust and partial to donate relief in the manner intended by the provisions of this bill, to one locality which has suffered, while it ignores other localities which have suffered as much from the same cause, and takes from the treasury of the United States a large sum of money for the benefit of one class and one locality at the expense of other classes, (even in the same city), and of other localities; and

WHEREAS, While we deeply sympathize with Chicago in her affliction, and are willing and anxious for liberal legislation in her behalf, we believe that legislation should be of such a character as will not bear with undue hardship on

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,