

THE STATE OF WYOMING.

House Joint Resolution No. 1.

Be it Resolved by the Council and the House of Representatives of the Eleventh Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Wyoming, that the Congress of the United States of America, be Memorialized as Follows:

MEMORIAL.

The eleventh legislative assembly of the territory of Wyoming respectfully represents to the congress of the United States of America, the following:

The last preceding legislative assembly of this territory adopted and forwarded a memorial to congress, praying for admission into the Federal Union. Since that time, which was about two years ago, a bill for that purpose was introduced into each branch of congress, and reported favorably, in each house at the close of the last session, but too late for action by those bodies. Encouraged by these favorable movements on the part of the committees of congress the people of this territory, through the several boards of the county commissioners, petitioned the governor to proceed under the senate bill for the admission of Wyoming, to call a constitutional convention, and an election was ordered for such purpose. The members elect convened last September at the capitol of the territory, and after a thirty days session, framed a constitution for the State of Wyoming, which was submitted to the people at a special election held on the fifth day of November last, and adopted at that time, by a large majority. The proper committee of the constitutional convention, duly authorized thereby, has laid before your honorable bodies, the constitution, and their appeal for admission. We deem it our duty to renew the memorial adopted by our predecessors, which has been fortified by the vote of the people, a precedent followed by a number of states, which have obtained admission without an enabling act. All of the arguments for admission detailed in the memorial of the last legislative assembly, herein referred to, exist now in an augmented degree. The territory has largely increased in population and wealth. Our actual assessable property is nearly one hundred millions, while our territorial debt is but three hundred and twenty thousand dollars, representing an expenditure for public buildings, namely: a capitol, a university, an asylum for the insane, a deaf mute institute, and the preparation for a territorial penitentiary, which are worth much more than the sum expended in their erection. We annually expend for the support of our common schools, for county purposes, including internal improvements, for courts and for territorial purposes, more than twenty times the amount received from the government. Our territory will soon be traversed by three great trans-continental routes, in addition to one now crossing the southern part of the territory, and one piercing its center. Our great mineral resources are actual and no longer problematical, and with-

these, and our vast agricultural area and grazing area, we are fitted for a great, prosperous and stable commonwealth, while the small percentage of illiteracy within our limits demonstrates that we shall be governed wisely and economically by ourselves. Our people without regard to party affiliations, are ready and eager to assume and bear the additional burdens of statehood, and to escape from the disadvantages of territorial vassalage. We have witnessed the growth of three great commonwealths bordering us on three sides, and are impatient to share with them the benefits of home rule. Believing then, that the people of Wyoming are fully equipped for statehood, this legislative assembly, one branch of which is republican and the other democratic, in the name and by the authority of the people of this commonwealth, respectfully urges upon congress, the immediate admission of Wyoming, as a state of the federal union.

Be it further Resolved, That the governor be and he is hereby requested to forward a duly authenticated copy of these resolutions to the delegate in congress, to the end that the same may be speedily laid before the senate and the house of representatives.

STEPHEN W. DOWNEY,
Speaker of the House.
GEORGE T. BECK,
President of the Council.