

CHAPTER 121.

Yellowstone National Park.

House Joint Resolution and Memorial No. 2.—A Memorial to the Honorable Senate and the Honorable House of Representatives of the United States in Congress Assembled.

Your memorialists, the members of the Eighth Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Wyoming, respectfully represent, that the Yellowstone National Park, as at present set apart and devoted to public use by act of congress, has practically all of its area within the limits of the Territory of Wyoming, and that all the objects of interest to its visitors and the natural curiosities therein are wholly situated within said Territory; and that owing to the fact that there has not been heretofore sufficient qualified electors to fill offices or to act as jurors therein, no effort has been made on the part of this Territory to make any special provisions for the government of the park or the protection of its game, fish, timber, objects of interest and scenic attractions; but your memorialists represent that there are now at least one hundred people within the limits of said park, and that railways and excellent wagon roads are built, that already

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have made the park readily accessibly to this Territory. and that other railways and roads are projected and soon to be built as to more fully connect all portions of this Territory with said park; and that in consequence of such settlement and road building the present Legislative Assembly of this Territory have passed laws appointing and locating justices of the peace and constables in said park, at two prominent points therein; have provided for the speedy trial of all offenders, and sufficient means to assist the government in the detection and punishment of all kinds of vandalism and spoliation therein; that

the portion of said park outside of this Territory does not contain any natural objects of interest, curiosities or scenic attractions, and ought not to be included within its limits; that within the boundaries of said park, as they are proposed to be extended by pending legislation, there already exist vested mining rights of great extent, and representing a large amount of capital, all of which is tributary to the Territory for the purposes of taxation, and this country proposed to be included in the Park on the east and south does not add any objects of interest to the park, but is a mountainous country, heavily timbered, and that the extension of the southern and eastern boundaries of the park will work a great hardship to *bona fide* investors of capital, and would be an injustice to this Territory.

Protest.

Your memorialists therefore earnestly protest against the transfer of any portion of the park within our limits to any other jurisdiction, as our people would universally regard such action as a humiliation to a prosperous and loyal people, who have manifested their desire to aid the government to preserve and keep intact forever this royal spot within our limits.

We court the fullest investigation as to our financial condition, as, although young and but sparsely populated, yet there is no Territorial debt, and our Territory is abundantly able to meet the large appropriation made for the government of the park without embarrassment.

Prayer.

Your memorialists therefore pray that our efforts be recognized and appreciated, and that our boundaries be not mutilated or our sovereignty impaired, and that this common heritage of our common country be not severed from our domain; and that the park be made to conform to the boundaries of this Territory, or the Territorial jurisdiction extended over that portion thereof lying out-

side of its limits, and that the park be not extended in the east and south, and your memorialists as in duty bound will ever pray.

*Be it resolved by the Council of the Territory of Wyoming, Resolution.
the House of Representatives concurring therein :*

That the accompanying memorial be forwarded to Hon. Morton E. Post, our delegate in congress, and that he be requested to cause the same to be presented to the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives for their consideration and action.

Approved March 7, 1884.