

NUMBER 2.

JOINT RESOLUTION relative to the extension of time for the payment of government bounties to volunteers.

WHEREAS, The time limited for the payment of bounties to volunteers, by the government, expires on the first day of March, 1864, and the quotas required to be furnished by the state of Wisconsin, under the late calls of the president, are not yet filled; and

WHEREAS, Under the patriotic action of the people, the business of recruiting has been going forward for several weeks past, and is now going on, with much vigor, and recruits are coming forward as rapidly as they can be conveniently mustered into service or provided with camp accommodations, and there is good reason to believe that if the payment of bounties shall be continued for a few weeks longer, the full number of soldiers required from this state will be supplied, and the necessity for a draft will be obviated: Therefore,

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the senators and members in congress from this state, be requested to use all possible exertions to procure an extension of the time for the payment of bounties to volunteers in and for the state of Wisconsin, until the first day of April, 1864.

Approved February 26, 1864.

NUMBER 3.

JOINT RESOLUTION relative to railroads running from Sioux City to Hudson on the St. Croix lake, and asking congressional aid therefor.

WHEREAS, The government of the United States has granted to the state of Kansas and to the territory of Nebraska, certain aid for railroads therein, forming branches to and connecting the through Pacific road; and

WHEREAS, It is material and important to the prosperity of the Pacific road, that roads running from Sioux City to Lake Superior should be speedily built, thus developing the rich and uncultivated resources of the states of Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, In a military point of view, the fact that, in case of a war with England, the short Sault Saint Marie canal, the only connection Lake Superior has with the great chain of lakes, would be in great danger of being rendered unnavigable, thus compelling

the mining population of the settlements on the lakes, to abandon the country; and

WHEREAS, The settlers of the region thus to be developed, are now constantly threatened by hostile and semi-hostile bands of Indians, whose presence would cease with the immigration that must follow the completion of such roads: Therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That our senators and representatives in congress are hereby instructed to use their most earnest endeavors to procure the same aid to the railroad companies running from Sioux City, in the state of Iowa, through St. Paul, to Hudson, on the Saint Croix lake, and from thence to Superior or Bayfield, on Lake Superior, that congress has heretofore granted to roads in the state of Kansas and territory of Nebraska.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolution, duly authenticated, be transmitted by the secretary of state to the president of the senate and speaker of the house of representatives of the United States, with the request that the same be laid before their respective houses.

Approved February, 26, 1864.

NUMBER 4.

JOINT RESOLUTION relative to the vigorous prosecution of the war, the duty of congress and the people, tendering thanks to the army and navy, and suggesting the renomination of Abraham Lincoln.

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That as our country and the very existence of the best government ever instituted by man, are imperiled by the most causeless and wicked rebellion the world has ever seen, and believing, as we do, that the only hope of saving the county and preserving the government, is in the power of the sword, we are for the most vigorous prosecution of the war, until the constitution and the laws shall be enforced and obeyed in all parts of the United States; and to that end, we oppose any armistice, intervention or mediation from any source whatever, so long as rebels are found in arms against the government; and we ignore all party lines, names and issues, and recognize but two parties, *patriots and traitors*.

Resolved, That we hold it to be the duty of congress to pass all necessary bills to supply men and money, and the duty of the people to render every aid in their power to the constituted authorities