

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

of the government, in crushing the rebellion and bringing the leaders thereof to condign punishment.

Resolved, That our thanks are due, and are hereby tendered to our army and navy for their gallantry in defending and upholding the flag of our country, and principles dear to every patriotic heart.

Resolved, That we recognize in Abraham Lincoln, president of the United States, a statesman of liberal and enlarged views, great ability and unswerving integrity; and if the wishes of the people of the state of Wisconsin are complied with by the national union convention that assembles to nominate a candidate for the presidency, Abraham Lincoln will again be nominated.

Approved March 5, 1864.

NUMBER 5.

JOINT RESOLUTION relative to the Niagara ship canal.

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That, whereas, the vast and rapidly increasing products of the western states require additional means of water communication between Lake Erie and the seaboard; and, whereas, the safety of the commerce and commercial cities of the upper lakes, as well as the security and independence of the government, demand a channel within our own lines adequate for the passage, in times of war, of war vessels between those lakes and the Atlantic ocean—we deem the Niagara ship canal a work of unqualified national character, and of great military and commercial importance, and we invoke for its construction, in preference to any work of its kind, the active aid of congress at the earliest period when the condition of the national finances shall admit of the expenditure.

Approved March 18, 1864.

NUMBER 6.

JOINT RESOLUTION relative to the Northwestern ship canal convention.

WHEREAS, The house of representatives of the state of Iowa, by resolution duly authenticated under the seal of said state, through the Hon. W. J. Gilchrist, one of its members, has transmitted to the legislature of Wisconsin an invitation to attend the