

in and by the act aforesaid, to the state of Wisconsin in aid of the construction of the railroad above mentioned, or procuring an act of congress granting to the Madison and Portage City Railroad Company out of and from any lands of the United States in the state of Wisconsin, the same number of acres as was granted by the act of congress hereinbefore mentioned, upon their complying with the terms and conditions of said act, and authorizing the governor of this state to convey such lands to said company when selected, with the same force and effect as if granted under the acts aforesaid.

Approved March 14, 1870.

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NUMBER 10.

JOINT RESOLUTION requesting our senators and representatives in congress to use their efforts to procure the passage of a law providing for connecting with our present postoffice facilities, a system of telegraphing.

*Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring,* That the senators and representatives now in congress assembled, from the state of Wisconsin be and they are hereby each of them earnestly and respectfully requested to use their most efficient efforts to procure at an early day, the passage of a law providing for connecting with and adding to the present postoffice facilities a complete system of telegraphy, so as to bring within the reach and means of the great mass of the people, this most desirable means of communication.

*Resolved,* That the governor of the state of Wisconsin be requested to transmit to each of our senators and representatives in congress, a copy of the above resolution.

Approved March 14, 1870.

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NUMBER 11.

JOINT RESOLUTION instructing representatives in congress to favor an amendment to the election law.

WHEREAS, by virtue of a federal law, members of the congress of the United States are hereby required to be elected

in the several states, on the second Tuesday of October in each year, in which they are required to be elected.

WHEREAS, the constitution of this state requires a general election to be held therein annually on the Tuesday next succeeding the first Monday in November, for the election of such state and county officers as are required to be elected in any year, and,

WHEREAS, under such provision of the state constitution a general election is required to be held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November, in each of the years 1870 and 1871, for the election of certain of the members of the state legislature and other state and county officers, and,

WHEREAS, under a general law of this state, elections for members of congress have heretofore been held biennially on the day fixed as aforesaid for holding elections, and,

WHEREAS, the constitution of this state can only be amended after a proposal therefor has been first submitted by two consecutive legislatures, and thereafter ratified by a majority of the people of this state, and can not be accomplished before November, 1871, and,

WHEREAS, two elections, one in October and the other in November, would occasion great trouble, inconvenience and expense to the people of this state, therefore,

*Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring,* That the congress of the United States are hereby most earnestly requested to except the state of Wisconsin until the first day of January 1871, from the operation of any law requiring the election of members of congress in the several states on a particular day.

*Resolved further,* that the governor be, and is hereby requested to forward a copy of the foregoing to each of our senators and representatives in the congress of the United States.

Approved March 17, 1870.

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## NUMBER 12.

JOINT RESOLUTION amending section four of article four of the constitution of this state.

WHEREAS, The congress of the United States has passed the following: A bill to establish a uniform time for holding