

Resolved, That in our opinion, whenever any people have entered in good faith upon a struggle against tyranny and for the inestimable rights of liberty, American law and American policy require that the general government should observe strict neutrality between the contestants, and that while it should scrupulously observe every duty it owes to established governments, it should also, (remembering our own history, and thanking God for our deliverance) abstain in act and policy from anything which might prejudice the cause of liberty or aid the interests of oppression.

Resolved, That the course of the Hon. Matt. H. Carpenter of Wisconsin, in the United States senate, in his expressions of sympathy for the cause of the Cuban patriots in their heroic efforts to shake off the shackles of oppression, and secure the sacred right of self government receives the endorsement of this legislature, as we believe it does that of the American people.

Approved March 11, 1870.

NUMBER 9.

JOINT RESOLUTION relative to a grant of land to aid in the construction of a railroad from Madison to Portage City.

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That our senators in congress be instructed and our representatives requested to lend their aid and influence in procuring an extension of the time for the completion of the railroad from Madison to Portage City until the first day of July, 1874, and procuring an amendment of the act of congress, approved June 3, 1856, so as to authorize the Madison and Portage City Railroad Company upon the completion of said road according to the provisions of said act, by and with the consent of the governor of this state, to select, subject to the approval of the secretary of the interior, from any lands of the United States in the state of Wisconsin that are now subject to sale and entry, to the same extent and quantity as mentioned and provided for in said act of congress, and to extend said grant to the state of Wisconsin for the benefit of the Madison and Portage City Railroad Company, so that the governor of the state may select from any lands of the United States in the state of Wisconsin that are subject to sale and entry, the quantity of land granted

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.

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.

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