

nized all over the civilized world," which resolution is still pending before the senate of the United states; therefore be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring: That our representatives in the United States senate be, and they are hereby earnestly requested, to secure the passage of said resolution before the close of the present session of congress, so that the will of the people of Wisconsin, as expressed by law, may be made effective.

Resolved. That the governor be, and is hereby requested to forward a copy of these resolutions to our senators and representatives in congress.

[No. 20, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2.

On the death of Honorable James G. Blaine.

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring: That the legislature of Wisconsin records its appreciation of the great loss sustained by the republic in the death of the Honorable James G. Blaine. In him were blended in rare degree elements of great personal and intellectual strength. Genial and attractive in his personality, of profound and varied scholarship, of peculiar grace and power as an orator, a prince among the parliamentarians, of marvelous quickness and resources, in debate wise, but aggressive and brilliant, as a party leader subtle, farsighted and skillful as a diplomat, his career compelled the admiration of men, and running through it all was a steady and steadfast devotion to American interests which won for him the respect of all our people, regardless of party ties. His hold upon the love and confidence of the masses of those whose political principles were in harmony with his own was unrivalled in this or any other generation, and that he held in the highest degree the respect of his political adversaries, finds significant evidence in the proceedings of the last national democratic convention, and in the universality of the sorrow which his death has caused. The death of such a man cannot be otherwise than a great public calamity.

Resolved. That we tender to the widow and surviving children of the deceased statesman the sympathy of the people of Wisconsin.

Resolved further, That this resolution be spread upon the journals of both houses, and that an attested copy of the same be transmitted to the family of the deceased under the official signature and seal of the Secretary of State.

[No. 11. S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3.

In relation to immigration.

WHEREAS, A bill has been introduced in the senate of the United States by Hon. William E. Chandler, a senator from the state of New Hampshire, to totally prohibit the landing of immigrants in the United States for a period of one year after the first of March next, the main reason assigned for this proposed legislation being that it is necessary to protect the public health from cholera, and

WHEREAS, Such prohibition of immigration would be unjust and opposed to the best interests of the state of Wisconsin, whose traditional policy has always been that of welcoming to its borders all persons, irrespective of nationality or creed, who were industrious, willing and able to work, and

WHEREAS, The great development of the agricultural and industrial interests of the state of Wisconsin is in a large degree due to the thrift, industry and progressive spirit of a desirable class of immigrants who have settled within this state, and

WHEREAS, It is the opinion of this legislature that cholera and other diseases can be successfully kept out of this country by means less obnoxious than the total prohibition of immigration; therefore,

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring: That we earnestly protest against the passage by congress of the so-called Chandler bill, or any other measure tending to prohibit the coming to this country of immigrants, other than paupers, idiots, insane persons, persons under contract to perform labor, persons afflicted with contagious diseases, or criminals. Be it further,

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution, properly attested, be sent to our senators and representatives in congress, and that they be requested to use every honorable effort to prevent the passage of any measure that will prevent the landing of desirable immigrants.