

## NUMBER 5.

JOINT RESOLUTION instructing our representatives in congress to vote for aid in the construction of the Northern Pacific railroad.

WHEREAS, It has been ascertained that an interoceanic communication across the continent, between the city of New York and the mouth of the Columbia river, by the construction of the Northern Pacific railroad from the western boundary of Lake Superior, may be established, thus combining 1,700 miles of cheap water routes (in 1,300 miles of river, canal and lake on the east, and 400 navigable miles of the Columbia river on the west,) with 1,400 miles of railway, thus affording the cheapest mode of travel across the continent;

AND WHEREAS, A speedy development of the vast resources of our country is demanded by every consideration of sound financial policy, with a view to the easy and early liquidation of the public debt: therefore,

*Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring,* That our senators in congress be instructed and our representatives requested to vote to give government aid for the construction of the Northern Pacific railroad.

*Resolved,* That the governor shall forward to each of our senators and representatives in congress a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolution.

Approved February 27, 1867.

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NUMBER 6.

JOINT RESOLUTIONS in relation to aid by the national government to the Northern Pacific railway.

WHEREAS, The Northern Pacific railroad route from Pudget's Sound to the head of Lake Superior, has been shown to be a practicable and feasible route for the construction and operation of a railroad;

AND WHEREAS, The construction of a railroad upon said route would develop vast agricultural and mineral resources hitherto undeveloped, and open a more feasible and cheaper route for transportation between the Atlantic and Pacific coasts than any other within the limits of the United States;

AND WHEREAS, The rapid development of the resources of our

country is demanded by every consideration of sound policy, with a view to the early and easy liquidation of our national debt;

AND WHEREAS, The state of Wisconsin, from her geographical location, has a deep interest in the speedy opening of said route: therefore,

*Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring,* That our senators and representatives in congress be requested to use all proper efforts to secure the passage of an act granting such aid by the national government to the Northern Pacific railway as will secure its early construction.

*Resolved,* That the governor be and he is hereby requested to forward a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolution to each of our senators and representatives in congress, as soon as practicable.

Approved March 8, 1867.

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## NUMBER 7.

JOINT RESOLUTION relating to the improvement of the navigation of the Mississippi river, &c.

WHEREAS, At a delegate convention of the business men of the valley of the Mississippi, held at St. Louis, the following resolutions were adopted:

"1. *Resolved,* That the interest of the whole Mississippi valley requires the immediate improvement, by the national government, of the Mississippi river from the Balize to the falls of St. Anthony, including especially the bars at Balize, the upper and lower rapids, and the removal of obstructions above those rapids, and also of the Ohio river from Cairo to Pittsburg, and especially the work at the fall of the Ohio, said improvements to secure the navigation of said rivers free from all tolls or tribute.

"2. *Resolved,* That the vast importance of such action as will secure the needed improvement, at an early day, of the following rivers, is commended to the favorable and earnest consideration of congress, viz.: The Missouri river from its mouth to Fort Benton, the Illinois river, the Red river, the Tennessee river to Chattanooga, the Wisconsin river and Fox river, the Arkansas river to Fort Smith, and the Cumberland river to Nashville.

"3. *Resolved,* That when the financial condition of the country may justify, congress be requested to cause proper investigations