

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.

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

to be made as to the necessity of improving hereafter all the other navigable rivers of the Mississippi valley.

"4. *Resolved*, That congress should so legislate on the subject of bridging the Mississippi and other navigable rivers of the United States as will, while recognizing the equal importance of railroad and river transportation, harmonize those interests, by securing proper facilities for both;"

AND WHEREAS, The people of Wisconsin are more especially interested in the improvement of the following named of the rivers recommended by the convention, to wit: the Wisconsin and Fox rivers, and the upper Mississippi, including its tributaries and the upper and lower rapids: therefore,

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the governor take such measures as he may find necessary and proper for the careful presentation to our representatives in congress of statistics relating thereto, and for inviting the attention of the general government to the improvement of the said rivers, and of the Rock river, and the great importance of the same to the national interests.

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

Approved March 8, 1867.

NUMBER 8.

JOINT RESOLUTION authorizing the superintendent of the institute for the blind to admit James Henderson.

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the superintendent of the institute for the blind be authorized to receive into the institute James Henderson, who lost his eyes while blasting stone in the state prison at Waupun, if in the judgment of the superintendent it is proper so to do.

Approved March 21, 1867.