

WHEREAS, By their report it is evident that such contemplated improvement would be of great importance to the interests of the state, and should receive our fostering care and attention; and

WHEREAS, It is evident that a canal from the intersection of the Catfish with Rock river, through the chain of the four lakes to the Wisconsin river, at some point in the county of Sauk, would be of like importance to the interests of the state; therefore

*Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring,* That the governor appoint a committee to examine said proposed route for a canal from Rock river to the Wisconsin river, whose duty it shall be to carefully examine said route, and report thereon to him before the next session of the legislature; *provided,* that the state shall not be liable for any portion of the expense of such examination.

Approved March 5, 1868.

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## NUMBER 19

JOINT RESOLUTION authorizing the state historical society to donate books to the orphans' home.

*Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring,* That the state historical society is hereby authorized to donate to the soldiers' orphans' home such juvenile books as they can spare for that purpose.

Approved March 6, 1868.

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## NUMBER 20.

JOINT RESOLUTION in regard to correcting the records of the war department by expunging the names of persons erroneously returned as deserters.

WHEREAS, It appears from the transcript procured by this state from the records of the war department at Washington, giving the names of persons, who being residents of this state

have been returned and are enrolled in the office of the secretary of war as deserters from the military or naval service or from a draft duly ordered into such service, that sundry persons, some of whom have been brave and true soldiers in the national army, have been erroneously returned and recorded as deserters; and,

**WHEREAS**, It is fit that the republic should take care that none of its citizens may stand unjustly charged with crime upon its official records, and especially that it should jealously and tenderly watch over and vindicate the honor and good name of the faithful defenders of its flag; therefore

*Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring*, That our senators in congress be instructed and our representatives requested to enquire what, if any, legislation is necessary to correct the records of the war department in relation to deserters and to enable persons erroneously enrolled as deserters to have their names expunged from such record.

*Resolved further*, That the governor is hereby requested to forward copies of the above preamble and resolutions to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

Approved March 6, 1868.

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## NUMBER 21.

JOINT RESOLUTION amending title to bill No. 19, A.

*Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring*, That the title of bill No. 19, assembly, entitled "a bill to abolish the office of superintendents of county poor in the county of Dane, and vesting all powers pertaining to the same in the county board of supervisors of said county," be amended so as to read as follows: "A bill to prohibit the boards of supervisors and the superintendents of county poor to make any contract or agreements for the purchase of provisions or other things for the use of the county poor, except in their official capacity."

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