

panies receiving grants of land from the general government to locate their roads and select their lands within a certain time specified."

Approved March 6, 1869.

### NUMBER 6.

**JOINT RESOLUTION**, ratifying the proposed amendment to the constitution of the United States.

**WHEREAS**, The congress of the United States has pursuant to article V of the constitution, proposed to the legislatures of the several states the following amendment to the constitution of the United States named Article Fifteen: "1. The right of the citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude. 2. The congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation;" therefore,

*Resolved by the senate and assembly of the state of Wisconsin, in legislature assembled*, That the said article as such proposed amendment to the constitution of the United States be and the same is hereby ratified.

Approved March 9, 1869.

### NUMBER 7.

**JOINT RESOLUTION**, proposing an amendment to the constitution of the state so as to authorize the abolishment of the grand jury system.

*Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring*, That section eight of article 1 of the constitution of the state of Wisconsin be amended so as to read as follows: Section 8. No person shall be held to answer for a criminal offense without due process of law, and no person for the same offense, shall be put twice in jeopardy of punishment, nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself. All persons shall before conviction be bailable by sufficient sureties, except for capital offenses when the proof is evident or the presump-