

That the Secretary of State place in the hands of the Secretary of the Agricultural College so many of the Reports of the State Agricultural Society as may be necessary to make up sets of said Reports for the use of those members and officers of the Legislature who have not received sets; and that the Secretary of State distribute the remaining copies of said Report to the members of the Legislature equally, for the use of Agricultural Societies, reserving not less than one hundred copies of each year.

Approved February 25th, 1864.

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NUMBER 8.

REPORT OF HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE.

*Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring,* That one thousand additional copies of the Report of the Iowa Hospital for the Insane be printed for the use of the Institution.

Approved February 26th, 1864.

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NUMBER 9.

DISCHARGED SOLDIERS.

*Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring,* That we earnestly recommend that discharged soldiers who have been disabled by wounds or disease in the service of their country, should have the preference, as far as they are competent, in being employed in all positions within the gift of the Federal Government.

*Resolved,* That the Secretary of State furnish each member of Congress from this State with a copy of this Resolution, and that he also send a copy to each of the heads of Departments at Washington.

Approved February 27th, 1864.

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NUMBER 10.

AFRICAN SOLDIERS.

*Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring,* That we heartily endorse the policy of paying soldiers and seamen

of African descent, in the service of the United States, the same pay as is paid to othersoldiers and seamen of the same grade.

*Resolved*, That we recognize the right of soldiers and seamen of African descent, in the service of the United States, the same protection that other soldiers and seamen are entitled to by the laws of War.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of State be instructed to forward to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress a copy of the above resolutions.

Approved February 27th, 1864.

## NUMBER 11.

### PACIFIC RAILROAD.

A JOINT RESOLUTION recommending certain changes in the Act of Congress approved July 1st, 1862, establishing a Pacific Railroad and branches.

WHEREAS, In the Act of Congress approved July 1st, 1862, entitled, "An Act to aid in the construction of a Railroad and Telegraph line from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean, and for other purposes," provision is made in Sec. 14, for the construction of a branch road from Sioux City to unite with the main trunk not further West than the One Hundredth Meridian of Longitude West from Greenwich. And by another provision of this Act, Sec. 8, the main trunk of the Road (at its standing point) cannot be located North of the Valley of the Platte River; and as the topography of the country will require the road to cross the main chain of the Rocky Mountains at or in the vicinity of the "South Pass," this North or Sioux City branch will thus be compelled to run South-west at least one hundred and fifty miles out of its most direct, natural and legitimate course to unite with the main trunk; and will also be required to run at right angles with all the tributaries of the Platte, including the Elk Horn and Loup Fork, and their numerous tributaries, and all other streams across which it will run. These streams cut deep, narrow and abrupt channels in the light alluvial soil of their beds through their entire course. The country is also rough, broken and hilly, without timber or other material for building a Railroad or supporting more than a sparse population. These unfavorable characteristics of the country will compel the employment of a very large amount of extra and unnecessary capital in its construction. And

WHEREAS, In consequence of the increased distance, the unfortunate and unnatural direction of the road to unite with the main