

dise, and products, between the States of Iowa and Illinois, affording safety and dispatch to the carrying of the same, without any delay or danger from ice or freshets, thereby greatly facilitating the requirements of commerce, and more particularly on account of the safe transmission of the mails of the United States; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Iowa, That our honorable Senators and Members of the House of Representatives in Congress assembled, at Washington, be and are hereby requested to obtain the early passage of a bill that shall declare and establish the said bridges and track across Little Rock Island a post or mail route, with same powers and restrictions as are given and required of other mail routes.

Resolved, That this Resolution be certified by the presiding officers of the two Houses, and Clerks of the same, and copies forwarded to each of our Senators and Representatives.

NUMBER 23.

ESCORT FOR COLONEL SAWYERS.

WHEREAS, We deem it to be true policy, as well as the duty of the Government to encourage and protect emigration to the gold fields of Idaho and Montana; and

Whereas, A wagon road has been opened by the Government from the Missouri River up the Niobrah [Niobrarah] Valley to Virginia City; and

Whereas, A large number of emigrants are preparing to pass over said route under the charge of Col. Sawyers, to the gold fields of Idaho and Montana, as soon as the season will permit; and

Whereas, In the opinion of the Legislature, the lives of many emigrants will be protected and the best interests of a large region of country subserved by furnishing a military escort to Col. Sawyers for said trip; therefore,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That the military authorities having control of this matter are respectfully requested and urged to furnish said escort at as early a day as the public good will permit, and that the Secretary of State be instructed to forward copies of this Resolution to Major Generals Sherman and Pope.

NUMBER 24.

THE DRAFT.

WHEREAS, During the months of August and September, 1864, the people of the State of Iowa were subjected to a draft to fill up the armies of the United States, the State having furnished her full quota, and being at that time entitled to an extra credit of about 12,000 men according to the usual one-year system of computation, as shown by the communication from the Governor of the 18th January last; and

Whereas, The honor of the State was impugned by this arbitrary proceeding, and a great injustice done to many worthy citizens, whereby severe pecuniary losses were incurred; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That our Senators in Congress be instructed and our Representatives be requested to use all honorable means to effect the passage of a law calculated to *redeem the noble record of our beloved young Iowa* from this unwarrantable injustice, and to *wipe out this stain upon her escutcheon*, by placing all our drafted men, who either served in person or furnished an accepted substitute, upon the same footing as one year's volunteers.

NUMBER 25.

TRUSTEES OF THE INSANE ASYLUM.

A Joint Resolution passed both branches of the General Assembly, appointing the following named persons Trustees of the Hosptsal for the Insane, viz.:

Maturin L. Fisher, of Clayton county; John R. Needham, of Mahaska county; and Benjamin Crabb, of Washington county, for the full term, commencing July 4th, 1866.

Andrew W. McClure, of Henry county, to fill a vacancy ending July 4, 1870.

John R. Needham, of Mahaska county, to fill a vacancy ending July 4th, 1866.

NUMBER 26.

TRUSTEES OF THE "IOWA SOLDIERS' ORPHANS' HOME."

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,