

so much needed, and also to secure liberal appropriation for improvement of the navigation of the Mississippi, Wisconsin, and Fox rivers.

Resolved, That in thus memorializing Congress we do not surrender the right of the General Assembly of this State to control freight and passenger tariffs on railroads within its borders.

Approved January 25, 1873.

NUMBER III.

JOINT RESOLUTION to Provide for Printing the Report of, and Evidence taken by the Rankin Investigating Committee.

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That the Secretary of State be directed to print 600 copies of the report and evidence taken before the joint committee appointed to investigate the alleged defalcation of Samuel E. Rankin, late State Treasurer, and late Treasurer of the Agricultural College, for the use of this General Assembly.

Approved January 30, 1873.

NUMBER IV.

MEMORIAL AND JOINT RESOLUTION of the Legislature of Iowa asking Congress to pass a law granting 160 acres of land to honorably discharged soldiers and sailors of the war of the rebellion.

WHEREAS, Measures are now pending in Congress whereby honorably discharged soldiers and sailors, their widows and orphan children, may acquire homesteads on the public lands of the United States; and

WHEREAS, It has been the custom of our government after all former wars, as a token of gratitude for heroic services performed for the republic, to grant to the honorably discharged soldiers engaged therein, warrants or bounty lands, and no such grant having yet been made to the soldiers of the war of the rebellion, therefore,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives be requested, to give their earnest attention to this subject and if, in

their judgment, the bill which passed the House of Representatives in the early part of the present session, will properly guard the interests of those who by their bravery and endurance saved our country in its hour of peril, that they endeavor to secure its immediate passage and thereby strengthen our national unity by thus gratefully remembering the services of those who fought in the battles of the Union in the late war.

Resolved, That the Secretary of State is hereby instructed to furnish a copy of these resolutions to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Approved February 11th, 1873.

NUMBER V.

JOINT RESOLUTION, Appointing a Trustee for the Iowa Hospital for the Insane, at Independence.

Resolved, by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That Dr. John G. House, of Buchanan county, is hereby appointed a trustee of the Iowa Hospital for the Insane, at Independence, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of the Rev. John M. Boggs.

Approved February 13th, 1873.

NUMBER VI.

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of [the State of] Iowa, That the Governor be authorized to appoint a committee of not less than three nor more than five persons whose duty it shall be to examine the work done at Anamosa in constructing a new penitentiary, the doings of the Anamosa penitentiary commission in connection therewith, to ascertain the amount expended, whether the same has been judiciously done and the amount of money required to complete said structure; to examine also fully as to the present condition of the penitentiary at Ft. Madison, its capacity and wants, and make such report of their investigation to the next General Assembly as will enable said body to act intelligently as to the prison wants of the State.

Approved February 13, 1873.