

diers in Minnesota and other states who were entitled to the extra bounty provided for by said act of July twenty-eight (28th), one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six (1866) who were prevented from making their applications and having them allowed before the expiration of the time allowed by said act, and

WHEREAS A large number of claims of Minnesota soldiers for bounty have been allowed and have for a long time remained unpaid for the want of an appropriation to pay the same; Therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota.

That our senators and representatives in congress be requested to use their influence to secure the passage of an act enabling soldiers entitled to extra bounty under the act of July twenty-eight (28th), one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six (1866), to file their claims and secure the same amount which their comrades have already received, and also an act appropriating money for the payment of such bounty claims as have been allowed.

Resolved, That the secretary of state forward a certified copy of this resolution to each of our senators and representatives in congress forthwith.

Approved February 25th, 1887.

NUMBER 7.

[S. F. No. 20.]

A JOINT RESOLUTION REQUESTING OUR SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS TO GIVE THEIR SUPPORT TO A PENDING BILL TO REGULATE INTER-STATE COMMERCE AND TO PREVENT UNJUST DISCRIMINATION BY COMMON CARRIERS.

WHEREAS, Section four (4) of article ten (10) of the constitution of the state of Minnesota, provides that all corporations being common carriers, enjoying the right of way in pursuance of the provisions of this section, shall be bound to carry the mineral, agricultural and other productions of manufactures on *equal and reasonable terms*, and

WHEREAS, Many of the railroad corporations chartered and endowed with munificent grants, and valuable franchises, rights and privileges by this state, have by their extension through growth and consolidation, become inter-state common carriers, and as such claim freedom from state jurisdiction and regulation, and

WHEREAS, All attempts at state regulation designed to protect the people of the state from such common misuse of railroad corporate power as rebates, pooling and unequal and unreasonable traffic charges, have heretofore proved insufficient by reason of the position

of these corporations as being mediums of inter-state commerce as claimed by them.

WHEREAS, There is now pending in the senate branch of the congress of the United States, a bill for regulation of inter state commerce the application of the principles of which to the regulation of the common carriers of this state would be of great advantage to the agricultural, manufacturing and mercantile interests of our state, and

WHEREAS, Said pending bill does not, but should in our judgment, include a provision making it unlawful for any common carrier carrying freight from one state into another, to charge a higher rate per ton per mile for a longer than for a shorter continuous haul, and

WHEREAS, This conceded correct principle of traffic is constantly violated by the common carriers of this state and of the country, and its violation made a means to enforce unjust discrimination against and in favor of cities and towns of the state and country therefore

Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

That our senators and representatives in congress be and they are hereby requested to give their active and earnest support to the pending Inter-State Commerce Bill, and to introduce and support an amendment thereto as above indicated.

Resolved, That a copy of the above preamble and resolutions be sent by the governor of the state to our senators and representatives in congress and to our state agent.

Approved January 18, 1887.

NUMBER 8.

[S. F. No. 155.]

A JOINT RESOLUTION REQUESTING OUR SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS TO SECURE THE CANCELLING OF ENTRIES OF THE PUBLIC LANDS MADE BY THE WINONA AND ST. PETER RAILROAD COMPANY AND OTHER LAND GRANT COMPANIES OF THIS STATE IN EXCESS OF THEIR GRANTS, OR COMPEL PAYMENT BY SAID COMPANIES THEREFOR.

WHEREAS, It appears from the report of the Hon. Commissioner of the General Land Office, of the United States, that the amount of lands approved to the Winona and St. Peter Railroad Company, by virtue of the grant of lands made by the Congress of the United States to the State of Minnesota, to aid in the construction of said road, over and above and in excess of the lands so granted, reaches