

NUMBER 11.

A MEMORIAL TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES RELATING TO THE TIME FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD.

To the Congress of the United States:

Your memorialists, the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, would most respectfully represent, that the people of Minnesota feel the deepest interest in the building and completion of the Northern Pacific Railroad, deeming it of the greatest importance for the development of the boundless resources of the country through which said road is to pass, as well as for the opening of new avenues of travel to the whole country.

That the Northern Pacific Railroad Company has done its utmost to comply with the law fixing the time for the completion of said road, and gives assurance that the great enterprise shall be prosecuted to its final consummation without delay.

That without Congress extending the time for completing the road and saving the grant of land donated for that purpose to the company, the great enterprise would fail.

Wherefore. Your memorialists would urge upon Congress to grant the extension of time for the completion of the Northern Pacific Railroad asked for by the company.

Approved January 25, 1878.

NUMBER 12.

A MEMORIAL TO CONGRESS TO SECURE AN ADEQUATE APPROPRIATION FOR A PROMPT AND THOROUGH IMPROVEMENT OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled:

Your memorialists, the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, would respectfully but urgently represent, that you take such speedy and prompt action as will result in the permanent deepening of the channel and improvement of the navigation of the Mississippi river from St. Anthony Falls to New Orleans, in accordance with the action of the River Improvement Convention that assembled in the city of St. Paul, Min-

nesota, October 11th and 12th, 1877, and the objects of which have already been presented to your honorable body in the form of a memorial by the committee of said convention.

Approved February 21, 1878.

NUMBER 13.

A MEMORIAL TO CONGRESS ASKING THE EXTENSION OF THE LAND GRANT OF THE ST. PAUL AND PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY.

To the Congress of the United States :

Your memorialists, the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, represent that the United States, by an act approved March third (3d), one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven (1857), and subsequent acts amendatory thereto, granted to the Territory and State of Minnesota, certain public lands to aid in the construction of a branch line of railroad from St. Cloud to St. Vincent, on the Red river, in this State, in connection with a main line from St. Paul to Breckenridge, in this State.

That said grants of land were conferred upon the St. Paul and Pacific Railroad Company, with certain conditions of forfeiture to this State in case of non-construction.

That thereupon said line of railroad was duly surveyed and located, a large portion of it at the time of such location, passing through an unsettled country.

That upon the faith of said grants, the unsettled portion of said line for one hundred and fifty (150) miles has been largely settled and improved by persons who have purchased the even numbered sections at double minimum prices upon the faith of said grants.

That said St. Paul and Pacific Railroad Company has completed its said main line, and has expended over four millions of dollars (\$4,000,000) obtained from the sale of its bonds secured by trust deed of the lands covered by said grant, in the partial construction of said extension line between St. Cloud and St. Vincent, in said State, and has completed and is operating about one-half of said line of road between St. Cloud and St. Vincent, and has graded nearly all the road-bed of said railroad, leaving said line partially incomplete and unfinished.

That owing to financial embarrassment, and to the pending of various suits in the courts of said State and the United States, growing out of said trust deeds, and from other causes, said company has not been able to fully complete said line of railroad from St. Cloud to St. Vincent, and that in consequence of the non-completion of the same, this State is about to become invested with the title to said lands pertaining to the uncompleted portion of said road, in trust for the purposes in said acts of Congress named; and if said grants are extended to this State, it will be able to secure the speedy construction of said entire line of rail-