

tion, at a point on said railroad two hundred and seventy-nine miles west of Omaha ; and

“ *Whereas*, Said excursionists have passed over all or parts of the following railways, and lines of travel, to-wit :— the New Jersey Central Railroad ; the Allentown Railroad ; the Pennsylvania Central Railroad ; the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad ; the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad ; the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad ; the Des Moines Valley Railroad ; the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad ; the steamers Denver and Colorado from St. Joseph to Omaha ; and the Union Pacific Railroad.

“ *And Whereas*, This excursion was designed to celebrate the formal opening of the Union Pacific Railroad—so far as finished—for travel and the transportation of commerce to and from the great interior of, and across, the North American continent, with its vast agricultural and mineral resources.

“ *Resolved*, That this excursion party here assembled in the centre of this vast continent, now offer up our heartfelt gratitude and thanks to Almighty God for His manifold blessings, among which we enumerate that country subject to the jurisdiction of the United States of America, republican institutions, civil and religious liberty, the freedom of speech and the press, a Union unbroken and indestructible, with all the material resources necessary for the comfort of mankind in a high and rapidly advancing state of development ; and with a vast net-work of railroads and telegraphs essential not only to our national prosperity and the interests of all our people ; but also to the civilization and commerce of the world, including among the most important of them all, that vast work—THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD.

“ *Resolved*, That it is the deliberate opinion of this excursion party that our nation and the world have abundant reason to rejoice that the Union Pacific Railroad was projected, and is in successful progress to completion, and we