

Chas. H. Rogers, President of the Tradesmen's Bank, Philadelphia, moved the appointment of a Committee to draft resolutions expressive of the views of the excursionists. The motion was agreed to.

The following Committee was appointed, viz.:

Chas. H. Rogers, Chairman, Pennsylvania; W. W. Taylor, President Union National Bank, Baltimore; J. B. Lippincott, Pennsylvania; Frederick Schley, Maryland; Col. J. E. Schley, West Virginia; Cyrus Yale, New Orleans; Hon. Frank Jordan, Secretary of State, Pennsylvania.

During the absence of the Committee to prepare resolutions, an address was delivered by the President, Hon. Simon Cameron.

Chas. H. Rogers, Esq., on behalf of the Committee on resolutions, presented the following preamble and resolutions, viz.:

*Whereas*, An excursion party from the States of New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Hampshire, Maryland, District of Columbia, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, West Virginia, Michigan and Kansas, have this day reached Fort Harker, Kansas, a point on the Union Pacific Railway, Eastern Division, 1,525 miles west of the Atlantic Ocean, on the direct route to California and the shores of the Pacific, and now desire to give expression to their views in regard to the Pacific Railway, Eastern Division, and the courtesies which they have received in the West; and

*Whereas*, They realize as their own belief, and that of the American people, that our mission extends as a nation not only to the promotion of liberty, fraternity and equality; but to the encouragement of great works of art, which shall be as enduring as our national fame, and which shall bind together by the strong ties of commercial interest the cities on the shores of two widely separated Oceans; and

*Whereas*, Foremost among these works is a Pacific Railway, a project bold and daring in its inception, and worthy of a people whose enterprise has already studded the mountains and plains of a continent with the evidences of national prosperity. Therefore we, the excursionists, assembled at a point almost in the centre of the American continent, have

*Resolved*, That, as guests of the Union Pacific Railway Co., Eastern Division, having travelled over fifteen hundred miles in the same cars, with every possible comfort, receiving a generous hospitality, and enjoying a constant succession of agreeable and instructive incidents, we hereby tender our acknowledgments to the President, Directors, officers and agents of the Company, for the rare opportunity, the liberal provisions for our comfort, and all the realizations of this remarkable journey from the seaboard almost to the base of the Rocky Mountains.

*Resolved*, That we congratulate the President and managers of the Union Pacific Railway, Eastern Division, upon the rapid and substantial progress of their work, a miracle of labor, art and capital, and a splendid monument of their energy and enterprise, and that we congratulate the nation upon the prospect of an early completion of this magnificent avenue of commerce, which promises so much for the rapid settlement of an almost boundless domain — for enlarging the field of labor and production, and which will be at all seasons of such immeasurable value and importance to our country in times of war and of peace.

*Resolved*, That we commend to the fostering care of the Government and the people of the United States this great undertaking as one that will materially promote the development of the mineral, agricultural and commercial resources of the extreme Western States and Territories, and as a great highway between the oceans, believing that it will add immeasurably to the wealth and prosperity of the nation, to provide the necessary aid for its early completion.

*Resolved*, That our acknowledgments are also due to the citizens of St. Louis, Leavenworth, Lawrence, Topeka, Salina, Junction City, Tonganoxie, Hermann, and the various cities and towns on our way, and to Gen. Hancock, U. S. A., commanding the department of Missouri, and his associate officers on the line of the Union Pacific Railway, Eastern Division, for civilities and courtesies grace-