gate whether or not the charter and all the franchises of the Union Pacific Railroad Company and of the Central Pacific Railroad Company have not been forfeited, and to institute all necessary and proper legal proceedings; also to investigate whether or not said companies have or have not made any illegal dividends upon their stock, and if so to institute the necessary proceedings to have the same reimbursed; and also to investigate whether any of the directors or any other agents or employees of said companies have or not violated any penal law, and if so to institute the proper criminal proceedings against all persons who have violated such laws.

Attorney-General to investigate whether the charter of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific railroads have not been forfeited, &c.; to institute criminal proceedings, if, &c.

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[No. 20.] *Joint Resolution granting Right of Way for the Construction of a Railroad from a Point at or near Portland, Oregon, to a Point west of the Cascade Mountains, in Washington Territory.*

April 10, 1869.

*Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Northern Pacific Railroad Company be, and hereby is, authorized to extend its branch line from a point at or near Portland, Oregon, to some suitable point on Puget Sound, to be determined by said company, and also to connect the same with its main line west of the Cascade mountains, in the Territory of Washington; said extension being subject to all the conditions and provisions, and said company in respect thereto being entitled to all the rights and privileges conferred by the act incorporating said company, and all acts additional to and amendatory thereof: *Provided*, That said company shall not be entitled to any subsidy in money, bonds, or additional lands of the United States, in respect to said extension of its branch line as aforesaid, except such lands as may be included in the right of way on the line of such extension as it may be located: *And provided further*, That at least twenty-five miles of said extension shall be constructed before the second day of July, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, and forty miles per year thereafter until the whole of said extension shall be completed.

Northern Pacific R. R. Co. may extend its branch line from Portland to Puget Sound, and connect same with its main line west of the Cascade mountains.

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