

consideration Black Hawk in this speech rivals Keokuk in the fair object of all speech, namely, in producing results.

The moving planes of racial or tribal life have ever produced heat at their friction edges. The Indian life is ideally typified in the life and words of Black Hawk. The transition from savage toward civilized life is ideally typified in the life of Keokuk. The contrast and conflict in the two lives, if not in their respective utterances, present the ideal setting for drama in aboriginal life, for they reveal the elements of American frontier war.

Black Hawk, the loser, was defeated, deposed, driven "forty miles from the Mississippi," disgraced and denied all but a few friends at his death and burial at Iowaville. His grave was desecrated, his bones dragged forth for exhibition about the country as a curiosity, and only escaped that degradation by a timely accidental fire. Keokuk, blue-eyed, mixed blooded, exalted and bonused throughout the era of sale and dispossession from their ancient lands of his race, was vouchsafed the honors and ease of royalty until his death in Kansas.

Black Hawk's was the reward of loyalty to the ideals of a declining race; Keokuk's the reward of attachment to the ideals of a race ascendant. Black Hawk's speech, as set out by Doctor Galland, is among the greatest of the type which, in face of a lost cause, induces a population to throw its all upon the altar of its race.

ABSTRACT OF THE MINUTES OF THE STATE BOARD OF CONSERVATION

SEPTEMBER 19, 1919

Reports by the Chairman.—That progress is being made on arrangements for the dedication of Backbone Park in Delaware County; that gentlemen from Emmetsburg desire a conference with the Executive Council and this Board concerning Medium Lake; that citizens have appointed committees to further the project of securing park land bordering on Twin Lakes, Calhoun County.

Area Visited.—The Board, in company with a committee of Fairfield gentlemen visited the proposed park near Fairfield known as the Chautauqua grounds and made note of its advantages and desirability.

OCTOBER 7, 1919

Inspecting Tours.—The secretary was directed to prepare specimen tours based on travel conveniences, to be ready for the 1920 season.

Dedication of Parks.—The dates of the dedication of the Keosauqua and Farmington parks were ordered left to the convenience of the people in those localities.

Caretakers of Park.—All matters relating to the employment of caretakers for the parks to be left to the Committee on Rules and "rules" to be construed to embrace the governance of the Board as well as the park areas.

Exhibit Photos of Scenes.—Invitation of the Mid-West Horticultural Exposition to display the Board's pictures of scenic places in Iowa at their meeting in the Coliseum in Des Moines, November 10-14, was accepted.

Action on Areas.—Eldora-Steamboat Rock area is declared suitable to be considered for reservation as a state park; Big Boulder, near Nashua, certified to Executive Council with the request that it be acquired; Pisgah area, Harrison County, and Grove Township, Shelby County, referred to Harlan; areas in Jackson County referred to Kelso for investigation and report.

OCTOBER 17, 1919

Van Buren County Co-operation.—The co-operation of Van Buren County citizens in helping the state acquire park areas is approved and recommended.

Resolutions on Keosauqua Area.—Recommended to Executive Council to acquire 657 acres more, making in all 1,126 acres, at a total cost of \$46,110, the citizens to pay \$6,400.

NOVEMBER 15, 1919

System of Accounts.—That Mr. Ford and assistant secretary and some one from the Board of Audit, or Accountant Paul, be requested to audit the Board's available funds and make a system of account-keeping for the Board.

Action on Areas.—The matter of a dam at Turtle Lake and letter relating to Sunk Grove Lake, referred to Pammel and Albert; Stone House area on Yellow River, referred to Harlan; Harlan directed to get in touch with the Muscatine committee concerning Wild Cat Den area; secretary directed to write P. K. Ware that when deed and abstract of Farmington area are received, the Board will recommend to Executive Council to use \$500 in constructing dam and roads; progress reported on Tama area; Pammel to go to Eldora and ask all interested there to unite on one project; Ledru Willitts, of Mt. Pleasant, reports progress on Oakland Mills area.

Acquisition of Books.—Executive Council is requested to set aside \$100 for acquisition by the Board of books and authorities on parks and conservation.

DECEMBER 6, 1919

Action on Areas.—Recommended to Executive Council that the gift of Irvin Lepley of a tract of land near Union, Hardin County, be accepted and an additional tract connecting it with the Iowa River be acquired; citizens of Mt. Pleasant present proposition concerning the Oakland Mills area and it is recommended it be accepted in accordance with offer of the Mt. Pleasant Commercial Club [Negotiations on behalf of the Board were in the main carried on by the secretary. A general statement of intended payment in part by local citizens was made to the secretary by Mr. L. C. Willitts, A. W. Miller, W. T. Wright, and _____, on behalf of the Mt. Pleasant Chamber of Commerce and others. The secretary endeavored to obtain a definite amount proposed, the citizens naming at one time four thousand dollars and at other times larger amounts. They, however, proceeded to complete all their negotiations with the Executive Council in the absence of the Board of Conservation and on April 6, 1920, without making any payment,

obtained warrants for the payment of their lands in the amount of \$14,295.50.—E. R. H.]; Mr. Ford reported progress on Wild Cat Den area; secretary was authorized to secure legal descriptions, etc., of Farmington area; proposed gift of C. M. Mather of a tract near Greene, referred to Harlan.

Committee to Draft Bill.—Chairman Pammel and State Treasurer Hoyt, of the Executive Council, were appointed to draft a bill to be presented to the next General Assembly listing desirable options of lake and park lands, carrying a direct appropriation therefor.

DECEMBER 13, 1919

Lake Areas Suitable to be included in General Appropriation Bill.—Chairman Pammel reported that the Committee on Lakes has inspected the following lakes and that they recommend that areas bordering on them be included in a general appropriation bill: Medium Lake, Palo Alto County; Blue Lake, Monona County; Manawa Lake, Pottawattamie County; Twin Sisters', Cornelia, Elm and Wall Lakes, Wright County; Rice Lake, Winnebago County; Silver Lake, Worth County; Clear Lake, Cerro Gordo County; Crystal, Eagle and East and West Twin Lakes, Hancock County; North and South Twin Lakes, Calhoun County; Storm Lake, Buena Vista County; Sunk Grove Lake, Pocahontas County; Okoboji, Hottes, Marble and Spirit Lakes, Dickinson County; Tuttle, Iowa, West Swan and High Lakes, Emmet County; Wall Lake, Sac County; Little Wall Lake, Hamilton County.

Other Areas Suitable to be included in General Appropriation Bill.—Chairman Pammel also reported the following list had been reported to the Executive Council as desirable to be included in a general appropriation bill: Ledges, Boone County; Woodman's Hollow and Boneyard Hollow, Webster County; Steamboat Rock, Hardin County; Falling Spring, Fayette County; Devil's Backbone, Madison County; Ice Cave, Dunning Spring and Ft. Atkinson, Winneshiek County; Morehead Caves and Tete des Morts, Jackson County; Wild Cat Den, Muscatine County; Stone Park, Woodbury County; Palisades, Linn County; Red Rock and Big Tree, Marion County; Cedar Bluffs, Mahaska County; Pictured Rocks, Jones County; Cedar Valley and Rochester, Cedar County; Pisgah and Missouri Valley, Harrison County; Buckingham area, Mills County; Hepburn Park, Page County; Monkey Mountain and Agency House, Wapello County; Myerholz Lake and Toolsboro Mounds, Louisa County; Yellow River and Waterville, Allamakee County; Bixby Park, Clayton County; Oakland, Pottawattamie County; Cherokee, Cherokee County; Big Boulder, Floyd County; Waverly Park, Bremer County; Hackberry Grove, Cerro Gordo County; Tama Indian Reservation, Tama County; Keokuk and Montrose, Lee County; Jasper Pool, Lyon County; Peterson, Clay County; Ocheydan Mound, Osceola County; Davis City, Decatur County; Marble Rock, Floyd County; Nashua, Chickasaw County; Swiss Hollow and Durango Road, Dubuque County; Perry and Farlow Ford, Dallas County; Pilot Mound, Hancock County.

To Codify Rules.—Mr. Harlan was directed to codify rules and regulations for the government of parks and that the Board then take them up with the Executive Council.

Reports on Areas.—Mr. Ford reported that the committee to whom was referred the Oakland Mills area made a report to a joint meeting of the Executive Council and the Board recommending the acquisition of the area, and that the report was adopted; also as to the Buckingham Lake area, they regarded the land priced too high, and the same as to lands desired to be acquired adjacent to Oakland Chautauqua Park, Pottawattamie County. These matters were again referred to Ford and Hoyt.

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