

## THE STATE BOARD OF CONSERVATION

Chapter 236, Acts of the Thirty-seventh General Assembly, and acts amendatory thereto, providing for the creation of a State Board of Conservation and the machinery wherewith to initiate a public state policy of reserving and administering areas as state parks, names as a member of the commission, the Curator of the Historical Department of Iowa; by election he was made and remains the secretary of the board. By a resolution of the Thirty-eighth General Assembly provision was made for an assistant secretary, and under an appointment of the Curator, on the 15th day of July, 1919, Mr. D. C. Mott accepted and has filled that position.

The Historical Department, therefore, more than has any other department of the state government contributed of its administrative and physical resources to the routine of initiation and promotion of this new public policy.

It appears fitting to the Curator of the Historical Department, that in the absence of some other official publication of the State Board of Conservation, and in view of the ex-officio character of his service on the board, that the *Annals of Iowa* should publish the essential facts touching the business of the board and, therefore, beginning with the next number the editorial department will carry an abstract of the minutes of the board.

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New Mail Route.—The legislature has authorized the postmasters at Dubuque, Iowa City and Keosauque, to hire a mail carrier to carry a one horse mail weekly during the present legislative session, from Dubuque through this city, via Washington and Mt. Pleasant to Keasauque.—*Iowa City Standard*, December 11, 1841. (In the newspaper collection of the Historical Department of Iowa.)

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Henry O'Reilly, Esq., formerly editor of the *Daily Advertiser and Republican*, has been appointed postmaster at Rochester. A very popular appointment.—*Albany, N. Y., The Jeffersonian*, June 2, 1838. (In the newspaper collection of the Historical Department of Iowa.)

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