

sembly of Iowa Territory met in November, 1838, it proceeded, among other things, to re-enact those of the Wisconsin statutes it desired, and among others it re-enacted this particular one which is set out in Galland's book, and it received the governor's approval on January 25, 1839, the very last day of the session. (See Statutes of the Territory of Iowa, First Session, page 389.) Dr. Galland must have had the copy of the Wisconsin statute with its date of approval before him when he wrote the copy for his book, but at the date of publication which the book bears, 1840, the Iowa statute with its date of approval, was the one he should have used.

Mr. Edmundson also corrects a footnote in "Beginnings" by Tacitus Hussey, where at page 32 Mr. A. D. Jones is credited with laying out the city of Council Bluffs. We set out below a copy of an affidavit narrating the truth with respect to this:

THOMAS TOSTEVIN (THOS)

AFFIDAVIT

TO

Sworn 19 January, 1904

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On oath states:—I am and have been since the year 1854 a resident of the City of Council Bluffs, Iowa; my profession is that of a Civil Engineer and Surveyor; that I am familiar with the location of the land for which Franklin Street, as County Judge of Pottawattamie County, Iowa, received Patent from the United States Government, which are as follows:—(among other) SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 25, Township 75, Range 44.

That in the spring of 1854 under the direction of Franklin Street, County Judge as aforesaid, I completed a survey of a portion of said lands which survey was made for the purpose of assisting said County Judge in carrying out the provisions of the Act of the Legislative Assembly of the State of Iowa, relative to the disposal of said lands, that I surveyed the different claims of the various occupants, giving each a description by metes and bounds and numbered each and all of said claims as lots, which from that time were and still are designated as Original Plat Lots in said City; that same metes and bounds descriptions are of record in the office of the Recorder of Pottawattamie County, Iowa, in Book K, of said records.

Sworn 19 January, 1904, before H. F. Rohling, Notary Public (seal) Pottawattamie County, Iowa.

GREGG'S DOLLAR MONTHLY.

In this issue we are publishing several articles from *Gregg's Dollar Monthly and Old-Settlers' Memorial*, recently acquired, which was published at Hamilton, Illinois, in 1873, 1874 and

1875, and we plan to continue the articles from time to time. The articles in this issue relate principally to the history of the Mormons at Nauvoo. They are written by the editor, Thomas Gregg, who was familiar with the events he relates, having been a citizen of that vicinity at the time the Mormons occupied Nauvoo. He was an actual eyewitness of many of the events he relates, and had a personal acquaintance with most of the leading characters of that locality during those times. Thus the history comes to us with the directness and freshness of those who were in a measure actual participants in its making. Other and subsequent articles that we shall publish from the *Dollar Monthly* relate to events and conditions in very early Iowa times. Mr. Gregg was a person of ability and experience as a newspaper man and a writer. At one time he published a paper at Montrose and he served for a time as justice of the peace for Lee County, Wisconsin Territory, by virtue of appointment by Governor Henry Dodge, when what is now Iowa was a part of Wisconsin Territory. We hope at an early date to give a biographical sketch of Mr. Gregg.

ABSTRACT OF THE MINUTES OF THE STATE BOARD OF CONSERVATION

JANUARY 23, 1920

Fort Dodge Area.—Board held joint meeting with local committee of Fort Dodge. Received proposition to acquire 13 acres east of Des Moines River, and the areas known as Boneyard Hollow and Woodman's Hollow on the west side, in all about 457 acres, for \$38,500, the committee agreeing to secure donations of lands for roads leading to these areas, and a donation of \$10,000 either in money or additional lands. Above proposition was recommended to Executive Council for acceptance.

FEBRUARY 6, 1920

Rice Lake.—Petitions were presented asking for the restoration and improvement of Rice Lake.

Resolutions.—Resolutions were adopted recommending to the Executive Council as follows: That certain lands adjacent to Backbone Park, Delaware County, containing a mill, dam, and pond, owned by R. H. Bowers, be acquired if a satisfactory price can be agreed upon; that some 175 acres adjacent to and within the Keosauqua Park, which were formerly held too high, but are now priced more reasonably, viz., some

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