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WILLIAM H. FLEMING'S CONTRIBUTIONS

THE ANNALS is fortunate in having in this issue two valuable contributions from William H. Fleming, one on "How Twenty-one and Twenty-nine Have Been Made Halves of Fifty in Iowa," and another on "Tilghman A. Howard." Mr. Fleming is now past eighty-eight years of age, his mind is clear and his memory marvelous. He has had a notable career and has contributed valuable public service to the state. He was born in 1833 in New York City and early became a printer and newspaper man. He came to Iowa in 1854 and to Des Moines in 1867. He has served as deputy secretary of state, deputy auditor of state, and had a position in the Treasury Department at Washington for several years. However, his most important public service was as private secretary to seven different governors of Iowa—Merrill, Carpenter, Kirkwood, Newbold, Gear, Drake, and Shaw. The confidential relation which this position occupies with respect to the chief official position of the state gave Mr. Fleming an intimate knowledge of many phases of Iowa public affairs. We are glad to be able to announce that Mr. Fleming is now engaged in writing an autobiography which will be replete with reminiscences and anecdotes concerning public matters and events of the state during the time of his activities.

ABSTRACT OF THE MINUTES OF THE STATE BOARD OF CONSERVATION

APRIL 23, 1920

Resolutions.—That the Board approves a plan of the citizens of Beaman, Grundy County, to give cost free to the state seventeen acres, and \$1,200 or more in cash, the state to take over by purchase or condemnation some fifty acres adjoining, and that Ford, Pammel and State Treasurer Hoyt be authorized to ascertain the value of the tract; that the plan of Dr. Shimek, of the State University, that parts

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