

# ANNALS OF IOWA

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## EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT

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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.

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### 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

of parks be left for natural restoration of plant life, that some portions be set aside to where rare plants native to Iowa can be moved, and that such tract be kept absolutely undisturbed, is approved, and that Dr. Shimek be requested to indicate his preference of areas, and prepare maps, etc.

*Report.*—Mr. Harlan reported a series of conferences with Carlisle citizens and that they propose an area of 27.358 acres adjacent to Carlisle and North River, the purchase price being \$12,000, of which they propose to contribute \$9,000, and that their proposition be accepted providing the valuation committee approve the value. The report was adopted.

*Motions.*—That Mr. Ford and State Treasurer Hoyt be appointed as a committee on valuation of proposed park areas and on the details of acquisition; that Ford and Kelso be a committee to meet Professor Tilton and his friends; that the secretary ask State Fish and Game Warden Albert to appear at his convenience to advise with the Board concerning putting in a fish hatchery in Backbone Park; that Harlan be authorized to get in touch with people at Davenport and arrange to place a boulder and tablet to mark Camp McClellan; that the matter of a rustic bridge and mill flume at Backbone Park be referred to Kelso and Hoyt; that the matter of the proposed gift of Mrs. Munn of a tract of land near McGregor as a nucleus for a national park be deferred until after the LaCrosse meeting; that the Board endeavor to locate and mark the noted trees in Iowa.

MAY 14, 1920

*Motions.*—That State Fish and Game Warden Albert, who was present, be asked to sit with the Board, take part in the discussions and vote on the questions submitted; that the valuation committee be directed to commence condemnation proceedings on the lands which the state desires and cannot secure from the owners at what the Board thinks right prices at the following areas: Big Boulder, Floyd County; addition to Lepley Park, Hardin County; addition to Oakland Chautauqua Park, Pottawattamie County, and addition to Roosevelt Park, Floyd County.

*Resolutions Recommending to Executive Council.*—That some fifteen acres be acquired on the shore of Storm Lake as a nucleus for a larger area later; that some fifty acres be purchased bordering on the east side of Little Wall Lake, Hamilton County; that the state take up the work of dredging and beautifying Medium Lake, Emmetsburg, using the machinery now owned by the local parties, and expend this season not to exceed \$8,000 in said work, with the agreement that when the work of improvement of the lake

is reasonably completed the Emmetsburg parties will give the state a bill of sale for the dredging machinery, also that the state purchase fifteen or twenty acres of timber land bordering the lake on the east; that the state purchase some 200 acres, more or less, of swamp and timber-covered land adjacent to Rice Lake, Winnebago County, and that the General Assembly be recommended to take such action as may be necessary to restore the lake to its original condition as a sanctuary for wild bird and animal life; that the state acquire 80 or 100 acres on the shore of Iowa Lake, Emmet County; that the state acquire some fifty acres on the shore of Silver Lake, Worth County, at such time as there are funds available therefor; that the state expend \$2,500 or \$3,000 in constructing a dam or spillway at the outlet of Tuttle Lake, Emmet County, and that some fifty acres on the shore of Tuttle Lake be acquired by the state; that such immediate action be taken, by injunction or otherwise, as may be necessary to stop the cutting off of the water supply to Cornelia Lake, Elm Lake and Mud Lake, Wright County, and that the state purchase some ten acres on the shore of Cornelia Lake, and four or five acres on the shore of Elm Lake, as soon as funds permit; that \$500, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated to make repairs and improvements on the dike on the shore of East Twin Lake, Hancock County, and that the state acquire twenty or twenty-five acres adjacent to East Twin Lake, and some fifteen acres adjacent to West Twin Lake; that the state acquire some twenty-five acres adjacent to North Twin Lake, and four or five acres adjacent to South Twin Lake, both in Calhoun County; that the state purchase the land between the C., R. I. & P. Ry. tracks and the State Fish Hatchery at Spirit Lake, at not to exceed \$500, in order to protect the interests of the Fish and Game Department, and for the same reason; that the state enter into negotiation for the purchase of the land immediately east of the hatchery, and for the thirty acres owned by the said company and lying south of its tracks and north of East Okoboji Lake; that the state purchase a certain tract of timber belonging to the H. G. Parker estate along the shore of Clear Lake, with a view of later acquiring the entire McIntosh tract of some eighty acres, and that it acquire for immediate use a tract suitable for a fish hatchery. (In all above recommendations of purchase local financial assistance is asked.)

*Areas Referred.*—Petitions received for Sunset Park on the old Daniel Boone Trail near Ames, referred to Pammel; communication received relating to an area near Peterson, referred to Pammel.

*Reports.*—Report of Harlan and Kelso on the Wild Cat Den area was filed and Ford added to the committee; Pammel reported progress on the Ledges project; Assistant Secretary Mott reported

on behalf of Harlan a communication from the secretary of the executive Council enclosing copy of the proceedings of the Executive Council so far as they related to the Board of Conservation, said minutes of the Council including the following matters: That State Treasurer Hoyt, of the Executive Council, Joseph Kelso, of the Board of Conservation, and W. E. Albert, of the Fish and Game Department, were appointed as a park committee to comply with Sec. 10, Chap. 236, Acts of the Thirty-seventh General Assembly; that State Treasurer Hoyt was authorized to issue warrants amounting to \$14,295.50 in payment of certain lands in Henry County [now known as the Oakland Mills Park]; and that the secretary of the Executive Council further stated that the Council had not acted on any other of the recommendations made by the Board, except the one above set out, and that he will promptly report to the Board in writing when action on any other recommendations is made.

*Woodman's Hollow and Boneyard Hollow.*—Local parties at Fort-Dodge report that they desire that Woodman's Hollow and Boneyard Hollow area be named the Dolliver Memorial Park, in order that a certain fund known as the Dolliver memorial fund may be applied on its purchase, and the Board by resolution agreed to the name and stated that they would cause a suitable memorial to Senator Dolliver to be placed in the park.

MAY 21, 1920

*Resolution.*—That if the parties favoring the immediate acquisition of the Palisades area on the Cedar River, Linn County, secure and pay the state a substantial sum of money to apply on the Tomlinson tract and other lands forming the essential part of the area, the Board will recommend to the Executive Council to apply an equivalent amount to the acquisition forthwith.

*Report.*—Harlan reported that arrangements had been concluded for the use of certain grounds on the Tama Indian Reservation, that citizens have agreed to make the roads thereto serviceable, and that when these conditions are complied with that the Board recommend to the Executive Council that there be paid to the Indians a certain annual rental for five years and that the Executive Council arrange with the agent of the reservation, park rules and regulations and other matters as to jurisdiction; that the Indians be aided and encouraged to use and enjoy the park and to make and mark their wares, and construct and maintain original architecture on the grounds, and none other; that the oversight, care, maintenance and policy of the grounds be placed with pure blood Musquakie Indians under the appropriate oversight of the state; this park to be placed on maps and guides and given other publicity as the only

Indian park and reservation in the state and that it is accessible to the public. The report was adopted and the recommendation made to the Executive Council.

MAY 28, 1920

*Resolutions.*—That the Board approve the plan of State Fish and Game Warden Albert to improve and protect from damage the shore of Storm Lake, the expense to be paid out of his fund; that the Board recommend the state acquire some fifteen acres of the grounds including old Ft. Atkinson and its environs; that the Board recommend the state acquire eighty acres adjacent to Eagle Lake, Hancock County; that the Board recommend the state purchase a tract of land at the Palisades, Linn County, the state to acquire title to a part of the area at this time, the state to pay an equal amount to that contributed by citizens; that the Board commends the action of Cedar Rapids citizens wherein they propose to secure for park purposes some 900 acres, yet the Board does not have authority to anticipate payments by the state in excess of available funds and cannot recommend that the state enter into contract for purchase and payment extending over a period of years.

*Park Dedication Proceedings.*—Motion passed requesting of the Executive Council authority to publish the proceedings of the dedication of the Backbone Park of May 28, 1920.

JUNE 18, 1920

*Motions.*—That the Board subscribe for the *North Woods*, a conservation journal; that petitions, etc., relating to Mud Lake and High Lake, Emmet County, be referred to the committee on lakes, Pammel and Albert; that the chairman be authorized to obtain the assistance of Mr. Pfiester, landscape architect of Iowa State College, to assist in locating the fish hatchery and other buildings at the Backbone Park.

*Report by Rules Committee.*—The Committee on rules reported they were in correspondence with other state boards and with national boards and hoped soon to be ready to report.

*Resolutions.*—That the Board recommend to the Executive Council the acquisition of some fifteen acres as a nucleus for a larger area, on the shore of Wall Lake, Sac County; that the Board ask Willis Bickel, of McGregor, to try to lease some 500 acres of the tract belonging to Mrs. Munn in order to protect the plant and animal life thereon.

JULY 10, 1920

*Resolution.*—That the Board recommend the Executive Council to accept the gift of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. McCornack of some twenty-

four acres on Wolf Creek, Tama County, to be known as the Theodore F. Clark Park, the donors to provide a suitable and permanent memorial structure to be placed thereon to commemorate Mrs. McCornack's father, Theodore F. Clark.

JULY 16-17, 1920

*Resolutions.*—That the Board recommend to the Executive Council the purchase of some twenty-five acres as a nucleus of a larger tract in the Tete des Morts region, Jackson County; that the Board request the owner of the small white pine area of one acre or more farther up the Tete des Morts River to protect the trees from destruction so the area may later be acquired by the state; that the Board recommend to the Executive Council the purchase of some twenty-five acres in the Morehead Caves area; that the request from Bayfield, Muscatine County, be put up to the people there and if they show willingness to assist, the Board will then consider the matter.

*Subjects Referred.*—A communication about Stone Park, Sioux City, was referred to Ford; a communication about the Beaman project was referred to Pammel and Harlan.

JULY 28, 1920

*Resolution.*—That the Board recommend to the Executive Council to set aside \$10,000 for work on Lake Manawa, Pottawattamie County, in order to conserve it, citizens of Council Bluffs to acquire and turn over to the state some eighty acres adjacent to the lake.

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## LEGISLATION ON STATE PARKS

Legislation upon public state parks in Iowa consists of four legislative enactments, two by the Thirty-seventh General Assembly, one by the Thirty-eighth and one by the Thirty-ninth. To make this legislation more available to the public, these acts are set out herewith.

### CHAPTER 333

#### H. F. 609

Acts of the Thirty-seventh General Assembly

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa*

Section 1. Curator authorized to accept gifts, etc. The curator of the historical department of the state of Iowa is hereby authorized and empowered, as trustee for the state of Iowa, to accept gifts

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