

fences between park land and adjoining land; that Dr. Pammel be given authority to get assistance if necessary in finding the boundary lines of meandered lands adjacent to Blue Lake, and authority to lease said lands; that the custodian of Ledges Park be asked to file a bill covering the expenses incurred in papering the house he occupies on the park grounds, that the proposed changes and repairs on said house be submitted to Prof. Allen Kimball of the Structural Engineering Department of Ames and if approved by him that \$340.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be allowed in the budget, and that the building of six toilets be allowed at once at a cost of \$7.00 each, the permanent location to be fixed later; that Oscar Mark, address, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, be asked to act as honorary custodian of Gitchie Manitou Park; that necessary partition fences be allowed to be built at Oakland Mills and Farmington parks, as per request of the custodian, owners of adjacent lands to be required to build their half, and that further improvements asked for on those parks be deferred for more specific estimates; that the Board have one meeting a month and that the second Friday is preferable; that the Board ask D. V. Palmer, deputy state fish and game warden, to furnish an estimate on the cost of building a dam at the outlet of Mud Lake.

*Resolution.*—The following resolution was adopted: That before shelters or structures are erected in any of the state parks that the Board consult the Structural Engineering Department at Ames as to plans, and secure estimates, and that native materials be used so far as possible.

*New Area Offered.*—Mrs. McNider presented an offer of Clinton Merrick of Forest City to present to the state, cost free, five acres of partly wooded land, adjacent to Forest City, and the matter was referred to Mrs. McNider for further investigation and report.

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*The Iowa News*, Du Buque, says:

“Instructions have been received at the Land Office in this place to reserve from sale, by pre-emption or otherwise, six or eight entire townships of land, embracing all that part of the country on which mines have been discovered. This is gross injustice to the settlers who have expended their labor and capital in improving farms, on land known to contain no mineral. We shall notice this subject at length hereafter.”

So you have discovered at last that this administration can do an act of gross injustice.—*Missouri Republican*, St. Louis, June 15, 1839. (In the newspaper collection of the Historical Department of Iowa.)

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