

lands, monies or services, with conditions going therewith set out in each instance; (4) a method of record-keeping, with forms of current business, with uniform maps showing areas in original and improved state, the roads existing and proposed both within and connecting with the areas; (5) the employment of a competent person or firm of efficiency engineers directed to make the necessary survey and report for carrying into effect the business of the Board and Executive Council relating to state parks.

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*Motions.*—The following motions were adopted: That the Board approve Harlan's offer to file information and prosecute the person who cut a tree in the Oakland Mills Park, if the local parties complaining will obtain the necessary facts; that the Board request the Executive Council for permission to have a certain tree in the Eldora-Steamboat Rock Park examined and, if necessary, treated, said tree being a rare, native white pine tree and being recently damaged by fire started by hunters.

*Communication.*—A communication was received from parties at the Pilot Knob area requesting authority to construct fences, and the matter was deferred to the next conference with the Executive Council.

*Conference on Anamosa Park.*—A conference was held with Anamosa citizens in which they orally reported the improvements being made in that park, nearly all the labor being done with convict labor, and requested additional authority and funds. The Board awaits a formal report in writing, the same then to be taken up with the Executive Council.

*Resolution.*—Resolution by Harlan was adopted as follows: That the Board respectfully urge the Executive Council to rescind its resolution of October 10 whereby it ordered the discontinuance of the employment of all custodians of state parks on November 1, and that they allow custodians to remain in charge at Dolliver Memorial, Anamosa, Lacey-Keosauqua, and Ledges parks in order to protect the property, trees, etc., in those large areas, from vandals and irresponsible visitors; also, that if the Board shall be in whole or part permitted to direct the custody of the Backbone Park, the custody shall be upon substantially the same considerations as those advanced herein for application to the other parks mentioned.

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"I will dictate peace in the city of Mexico on the first of September," said Gen. Scott as he left New Orleans for Vera Cruz. And on the 24th day of August the city of Mexico was at his mercy, and the negotiations for peace were in progress at his bidding! The whole programme of his prediction has been turned to history.—*Weekly Miner's Express*, Dubuque, Iowa, October 27, 1847. (In the newspaper collection of the Historical Department of Iowa.)

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