

While Louis Page guarded against raids on the treasury, we cannot forget the efforts of a host of workers who sold memberships to men all over the state and the middle west, making possible the effective work of the organization.

Everyone in this unique association has done his part without hope of dividends, salaries, or bonuses save the good times, experiences and the friendships established and maintained, and the knowledge of worthwhile accomplishments in the cause of conservation.

While at times the important sounding name of this organization, coupled with its many social activities, have been the subjects of jest and banter, still we, who have been its active proponents, feel that its efforts for the preservation of Clear Lake as one of Iowa's easily accessible beauty spots and recreational centers, have justified its existence and our endeavors.

BOUGHT ANOTHER "GOD'S ACRE"

Iowa land as an endowment was regarded as good in 1855. The *Valley Whig* related how Bishop Lee was then on a tour of eastern cities to raise money to buy a tract of Iowa land, and "an incident occurred after a lecture of his in Boston which white folks might imitate to advantage. It is related that a poor old colored woman who had listened to the bishop's appeal followed him into the vestry room, after the services were over, and presented him with a dollar and a quarter to buy an acre of ground in Iowa to be devoted to the services of Almighty God."

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