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dent of Polk County Savings Bank, and later, president of the Security Loan & Trust Company, which position he held at the time of his death. For many years he was a lecturer in the Law Department of the State University, and for six years he was president of the Iowa Pioneer Lawmaker's Association.

THE REBEL RAID IN DAVIS COUNTY

The bitter experience of Iowa people in the southern tier of counties during the Civil War has never been fully set out in print. Bushwhacking created constant fear of guerrilla raids such as Morgan's in Indiana and Ohio. It produced the Quantrell and James gangs of bandits. The report of Colonel S. A. Moore, in part contained in the Report of the office of the Adjutant-General for 1864-5, Vol. II, is now for the first time produced in full in this number of the ANNALS.

As for the authority for the action taken regarding the suppression of trouble in Davis County, it may be said that the constitution of the state requires the governor to see that the laws are enforced. And reference is made to Chapter 35, Acts of the second session of the Ninth General Assembly directing the organization of the entire militia, and to Chapter 17 of the same session, especially providing for the protection of the southern border of the state. Each of these acts was approved by Governor Kirkwood on September 11, 1862.

The ANNALS will from time to time present similar materials touching remote early affairs in Iowa of which the Archives of the state are so full.

ABSTRACT OF THE MINUTES OF THE STATE BOARD OF CONSERVATION

April 25, 1922

The new board consisting of L. H. Pammel, Mrs. C. H. McNider, W. G. Haskell, and E. R. Harlan met as stated above.

Motions.—Motions were adopted as follows: That Dr. Pammel be chairman of the meeting; that the Board join with the Executive Council in urging the county boards of supervisors of Winnebago and Hancock counties to improve the road leading to Pilot Knob State Park from the west; that the Board recommend to the Executive Council that

the Board be authorized to employ custodians in the state parks, as seems wise and best in the judgment of the Board.

Areas considered.—Estherville, W. H. Biederman appeared and he was told to make formal request on behalf of their people definitely stating their proposition; Waverly, H. J. Arnold appeared and stated that because of action taken by the Board February 6, 1920, they raised \$2,500 to comply with what they understood to be an offer, and they now ask that the matter be closed up, and the secretary of this Board was directed to transmit the papers in the case to the Executive Council; that the Board calls the attention of the Executive Council to the resolution adopted by the Board on May 28, 1920, respecting a proposed state park at the Palisades, Linn County, and asks that it take favorable action.

April 26, 1922

Motions.—Motions were adopted as follows: That L. H. Pammel be made president and E. R. Harlan secretary of the Board; that W. G. Haskell be made chairman of the auditing committee of the three members other than the secretary, and that all bills be approved by them and certified by the office of the secretary before being sent to the Executive Council; that Frank Johnson be appointed custodian of Jones County Park, C. F. Henning of Ledges Park, and H. E. Rees of Lacey-Keosauqua Park, each to be paid \$100.00 per month commencing May 1, 1922, and that these custodians have full charge of any improvements or changes in their parks, and this only after they first receive authority from the Board.

Reports on tree planting.—Dr. Pammel reports he has made arrangements with Professor McDonald of the Department of Forestry at Ames to furnish, free of cost, trees to be planted in areas designated by the Board, white pine in Backbone and Eldora-Steamboat Rock parks, white pine and Norway pine in Jones County Park, and red cedar, cottonwood, and American elm on the sand dunes at Blue Lake; Mr. Harlan reported that he is in position to furnish to all state parks, cost free, with the exception of labor and transportation, all species of native trees indigenous to Iowa, application to be made for them ninety days previous to planting.

May 9, 1922

Motions.—The following motions were adopted: That in accordance with Section 6, Chapter 236, Acts of the Thirty-seventh General Assembly, the Board request the Executive Council to call upon any state agencies to survey any park area where surveying is needed, and to call upon the Landscape Architecture Department at Ames to do landscaping where that is needed, and that reports on said surveying and landscaping be first made to this Board and by them transmitted to the Executive Council, and that no improvements in any state parks, such as buildings, roads, or trails be begun or located, or any planting or

removing of trees or shrubs be done, except by authority of the Board; that a budget be made for Jones County Park of \$150.00 for shelters, \$200.00 for stand and bandstand, \$55.00 for retaining walls, \$25.00 for paint, \$100.00 for golf link grounds, \$100.00 for maintenance of trucks, and \$25.00 for nails, the amounts not to exceed the budget; that a letter from E. E. Cavanaugh relating to the construction of a building in Dolliver Memorial Park, be referred to Senator Haskell; that the building or allowing to be built a storehouse in Backbone Park, and the selection of a custodian for that park, be referred to Senator Haskell; that H. L. Taylor be appointed custodian of Pilot Knob Park; that H. E. Rees, custodian of Lacey-Keosauqua Park, be given oversight of Oakland Mills and Farmington parks; that the use of state parks by Boy Scouts and similar organizations under the oversight of our custodians and under the general park rules, be the tentative arrangement; that Jay S. Newcomer be asked to take temporary oversight of Eldora-Steamboat Rock Park, and G. A. Bieber of Ft. Atkinson Park; that the supervision of Theodore F. Clark Park be referred to Senator Haskell; that the matters relating to Fort Atkinson Park be referred to Dr. Pammel; that C. N. Douglas be appointed custodian of Dolliver Memorial Park commencing May 1 at \$100.00 per month; that Dr. Pammel be authorized to act in asking the Sigma Nu fraternity of Cornell College to relinquish their lease on property now being taken over in the Palisades Park; that a report by Senator Haskell authorizing the custodian at Jones County Park to incur necessary expenses in protecting the river bank from washing, etc.; that a letter from the Executive Council dated April 10, 1922, telling of certain debts contracted in making improvements in Backbone Park before that park was placed in charge of this Board, and that these bills were being paid out of the state park fund, be made a part of these minutes.

Resolutions.—Resolutions in substance as follows were adopted: That the budget for Jones County Park submitted by Senator Haskell be accepted as a model and that custodians of the other parks be required to present budgets; that the Board ask Professor G. B. McDonald of the Forestry Department at Ames to prepare and submit plans for reforesting denuded areas in the state parks with native Iowa trees; that the Board permit a nursery of trees for planting in state parks to be established in Jones County Park under the direction of Senator Haskell, Prof. G. B. McDonald, and the park custodian, as E. O. Michael and others have offered to the state trees and shrubs cost free; that the Board does not favor the planting of exotic shrubs, except as designated by some general planting plan, but favors the use of native shrubs wherever possible; that the Board permit the formation of an arboretum where exotic trees in restricted areas may be grown; that the Board direct all custodians to post signs stating that picking and digging wild plants and the destruction of animal life is prohibited, and that custodians shall not allow the picking of plants for specimens except under their direction.

June 16, 1922

Reports.—Dr. Pammel reported that Prof. F. H. Cully of the Landscape Department, and G. B. McDonald of the Forestry Department, Iowa State College, are willing to give their services to the Board in landscaping and reforesting the state parks, only charging their necessary traveling and other expenses; Mrs. McNider reported verbally on conditions at Pilot Knob; Dr. Pammel made a written report on Dolliver Memorial Park which is placed on file; Dr. Pammel reported verbally that occupants of meandered lands adjacent to Blue Lake have been paying taxes to Monona County; Dr. Pammel reported verbally that one of the dams and hydro-electric plants proposed to be constructed by the Iowa Traction Company will be within the boundaries of Ledges Park; Dr. Pammel filed reports on the areas of Welden Creek near Lineville, Duck Creek near New Albin, an area owned by J. H. McCord on Lake Okoboji, on Dexfield Park, and on Mount Hosmer, reporting that the latter area has been taken over by the town of Lansing.

Motions.—Motions were passed as follows: That the Board approve the offer of Professors Cully and McDonald to assist in landscaping and reforesting the parks, and that Prof. Cully be asked to visit Pilot Knob, and that Prof. McDonald be asked to visit Jones County, Blue Lake, and Pilot Knob, as soon as convenient to commence their work on them; that the custodian of Pilot Knob Park be authorized to cut away brush in a few places at the sides of the road leading from Dead Man's Lake to the summit so cars may pass; that the custodian of Pilot Knob Park be directed to furnish estimates for making the road and well as soon as the landscaping is done; that the custodian of Dolliver Memorial Park be permitted to expend not to exceed \$200.00 in removing rocks and trees as a help to making a road to the south entrance of the park, and \$100.00 in the building of a fence of 100 rods to keep live stock out of the park, keeping in mind the adjoining owner must build his half, and \$15.00 for material in constructing camp ovens; that the members of the Board and custodians be requested to send to the secretary a description of the type of oven best suited to Iowa conditions; that the matter of the erection of a memorial arch in Dolliver Memorial Park be deferred; that arrangements should be made for the dedication of the state parks that have not been dedicated, that they should come in the order of their acquisition, and that arrangements be made through the secretary; that no fee be permitted to be charged for entrance, for parking cars, or for any similar service in any state park, and that members be requested to formulate rules for the parks and present them at the next meeting; that the Board approve the offer of Cryder & Brown to put down a well in Ledges Park for \$1.25 per foot, they furnishing two-inch pipe and other necessary material, the estimated depth being 200 feet, and that Dr. Pammel be given power to act; that the secretary be directed to write the Attorney-General for an opinion on whether the state will have to build all or only one-half of partition

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.

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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