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an extent that they can prevent mutilation, has the land owner a right to plant trees within the highway, and what, if any, legal way is there to protect from vandalism trees along a public highway, and that when the opinion is received the Board co-operate with the Highway Commission in a campaign to beautify the permanent highways of the state; that the standing committee on custodians be directed to appoint an honorary custodian for Lepley Park; that Dr. Pammel be appointed to ascertain the cost of building a dam at the mouth of _____ Creek in Dolliver Memorial Park to provide a pool for wading; that Dr. Pammel and Mrs. McNider be appointed a committee to determine the design of identification labels for trees in the state parks; that the sanction of the Board be granted to certain parties at Fonda to put in a dam at the outlet of Lizzard Lake.

Resolution.—The following resolution was adopted: That the Board request the parties responsible for the fires destroying trees and shrubs on the meandered land along the shores of Clear Lake to desist therefrom.

Miscellaneous.—Mr. Morehouse appeared, asked for employment as engineer, and was told none were employed, and Dr. Pammel and Senator Haskell were appointed as a committee to report on the subject of employing engineers; J. P. Mullen of Fonda was present and asked that the Board complete the proposed park project at Sunk Grove Lake, Pocahontas County, and was assured it would be done; Dr. Pammel filed reports on Savin, near Rockford, and on Pine Hollow; Mrs. McNider reported a suitable park area near Nora Springs and she was requested to communicate further with interested parties; matters relating to Clear Lake were referred to Mrs. McNider.

Why Butter Is Dear.—Is the following, from the *New York Tribune*, true or fabulous?

“There was a fine pasture all over the country last year, and the price of butter ought to be down to a shilling a pound. Why isn't it? Because the women and girls don't know how to make it. For twenty years past, the girls' butter-making education has been sadly neglected. They can play the piano, but cannot churn; can dance, but cannot skim milk; can talk a little French, but don't know how to work out buttermilk. The women who made the butter in Westchester, Dutchess and Orange counties twenty years ago, are passing away, and there are none to take their places. That's why butter is high.”—*Iowa Farmer and Horticulturist*, May, 1856. (In the newspaper collection of the Historical Department of Iowa.)

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