

Boone

Dedication
of
Ledges State Park



Sunday, November 9, 1924
Boone County, Iowa

The LEDGES

Once a surface nearly level, now a land of hill and dale;
Flooded streams have carved the valleys which reveal the wondrous tale.
That the massive, sculptured ledges towering to the sloping land
Represent a Coal-age valley filled with ancient river sand.

In the brooks are sand and boulders, residues from glacial clay,
Telling stories of the ages they have moved along the way
From the northland with the glaciers forming soil of slope and hill
And of every nearby upland which the generations till.

Land of flowers, wooded bowers, haunts of birds, and wild life glee,
Is the joy of all the people who its beauty chance to see,
Share a nook or quaff its water, climb a steep or cross a glen,
Find a lofty inspiration in this book from Nature's pen.

"All my treasures of the ages, glories of the present, too,
Are the pleasures of the sages that I've hoarded here for you,"
Say the Ledges to their lovers, "As you carve a picnic ham,
Love, preserve my gems of beauty; keep me ever as I am."

—From The Boone News-Republican, May 28, 1923.
(The Earth Science Club, Iowa State College, Ames).



PROGRAM

2:30 p. m.

MR. H. T. COOK.....Presiding

Singing.....America

Invocation.....REV. MELVIN VERNON HIGBEE

Music.....Chorus

Presentation of Park.....HON. L. H. PAMMEL
Chairman, State Board of Conservation

Acceptance and Dedication.....HON. W. C. RAMSAY
Secretary of State

Singing.....Iowa

Music on program will be in charge of
MRS. ARTHUR McHOSE.

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