

# PROF. PAMMEL WANTS LEDGES FOR STATE PARK

Chairman of the State Board of Conservation Writes Encouraging Letter to Those Pushing the Project

Those interested in making a state park of The Ledges are actively at work in perfecting an organization to conduct a campaign to bring about this desired object which will give this part of the state one of the most attractive parks in the state.

Prof. L. H. Pammel of Ames, chairman of the state Board of Conservation, who has long been interested in the matter has written the following to Fred W. Crary, chairman of the committee on preliminary organization:

Ames, Iowa, Nov. 24, 1919.

Mr. Fred W. Crary,  
Boone, Iowa.

Dear Mr. Crary:—

You asked me to give you some facts concerning making the "Ledges" a State park. I have been quite familiar with the Ledges for thirty years. I have made use of this area for studies in botany, because the Ledges contain a number of most interesting plants. The Ledges constitute the only nearby place where such an interesting lot of plants can be found. I have taken hundreds of students to visit the Ledges. The average student brought up on the prairies of Iowa does not realize that in the heart of the prairie country we have scenery such as is presented to us at the Ledges.

I firmly believe that a state park should be established at the Ledges. During the time I have been at Ames the region has been visited by a good many thousand people coming from such points as Ames, Nevada, Boone, Madrid, Ogden, Luther, Dallas Center, Perry, Des Moines, etc. Let us not forget that for many years the boy scouts have found not only enjoyment, but splendid training in American citizenship at the Ledges.

I hope the movement you have started will bear excellent fruit and that we may confidently look for the establishment of a state park at the Ledges.

Yours truly,

L. H. Pammel.

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