

Sierra Nevada Mountain Pass, 1867



Currier & Ives, "The mountain pass, Sierra Nevada," 1867. [Courtesy of Library of Congress](#)

Valley of the Mississippi River near Clinton, Iowa, 1899



“Valley of the Mississippi, near Clinton, Iowa,” Detroit Publishing Co., 1899. [Courtesy of Library of Congress](#)

Des Moines River Valley, 1901



“Up the Des Moines Valley, From C. & N. W. Ry. viaduct,” Detroit Publishing Co., 1901. [Courtesy of Library of Congress](#)

Grand Canyon in Arizona, 1913



Kolb Bros., "Grand Canyon, Arizona," 1913. [Courtesy of Library of Congress](#)

Zion National Park in Washington County, Utah, 1993



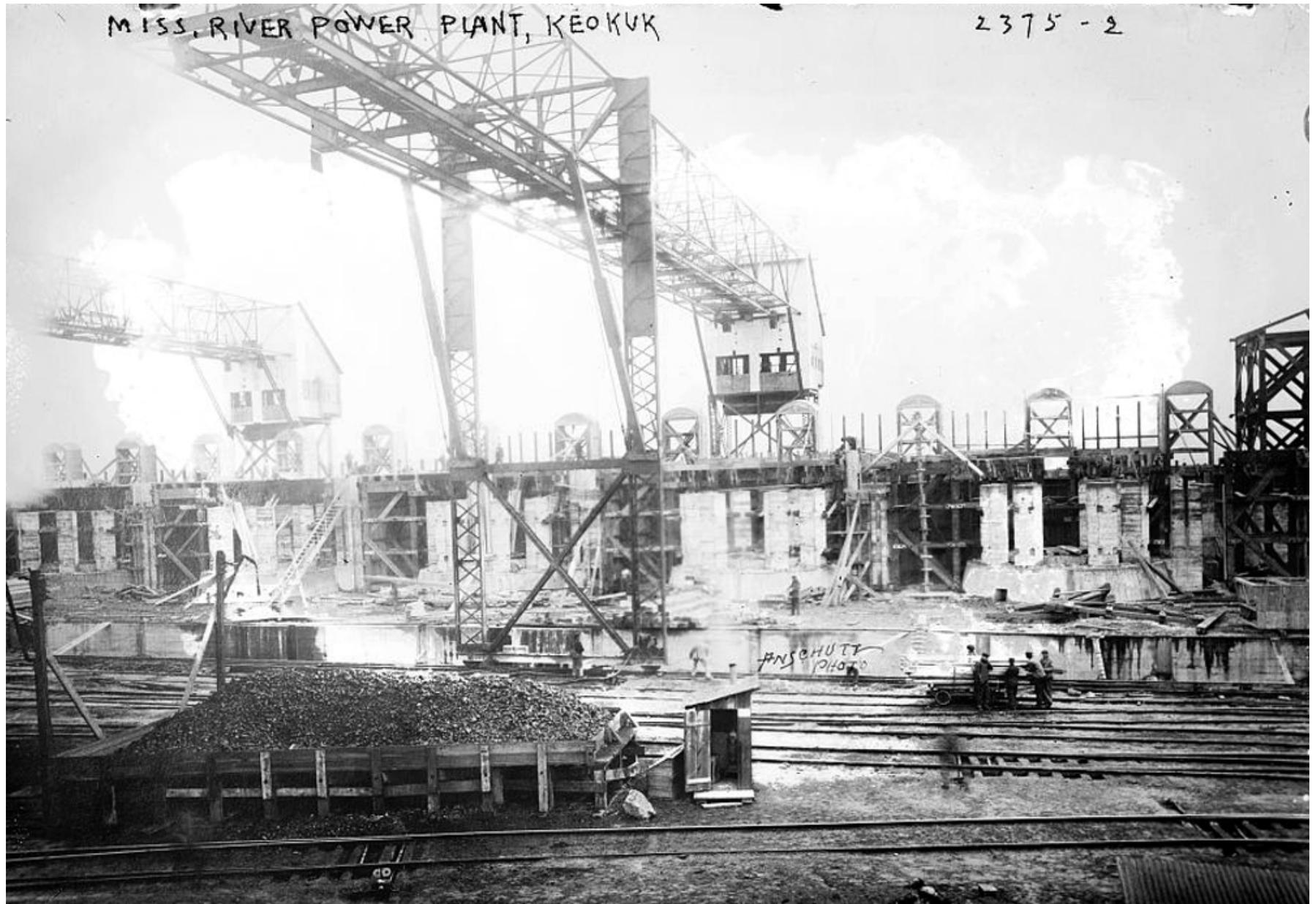
Grogan, Brian C., "5. View from Smithsonian Butte facing north along old road - Zion National Park Roads & Bridges, Springdale, Washington County, UT," 1993. [Courtesy of Library of Congress](#)

Sweet Corn Field near Marengo, Iowa, August 8, 2016



Highsmith, Carol. M., "Vast field of sweet corn near Marengo in Iowa County, Iowa," 8 August 2016. Courtesy of Library of Congress

Mississippi River Power Plant in Keokuk, Iowa, 1910



“Miss. River Power Plant, Keokuk,” Bain News Service, 1910. [Courtesy of Library of Congress](#)

Thomas Lake Logging Camp, April 21, 1910



“Thomas Lake logging camp,” 21 April 1910. [Courtesy of Library of Congress](#)

Harvesting Wheat in Walla Walla County, Washington, between July and September 1941



Lee, Russell, "Walla Walla County, Washington. Harvesting wheat with a combine," between July and September 1941. [Courtesy of Library of Congress](#)

Remains of the Old Carissa Gold Mine in South Pass City, Wyoming, May 27, 2016



Highsmith, Carol M., "Remains of the old Carissa Gold Mine in South Pass City, a mining boomtown of 2,000 people in the 1860s in what is now Fremont County, Wyoming, that by 1949 was a ghost town. Over time miners, speculators, and businessmen, finding little gold and suffering in the region's winter blizzards and unrelenting summer heat, abandoned the town, which is named for the surrounding valley that proved the most reliable route through the Rocky Mountains for emigrants on the Oregon, Mormon, and California trails. Now a historic site, South Pass City once again has (in 2016) a few hardy residents," 27 May 2016. [Courtesy of Library of Congress](#)

Farm Scene with Wind Turbines in Hardin County, Iowa, August 18, 2016



Highsmith, Carol M., "Farm scene including a bright-red barn, three silos (one vintage, two modern), and quite modern wind turbines in Hardin County, Iowa," 18 August 2016. [Courtesy of Library of Congress](#)

Cabinet Portrait of Iowa U.S. Representative John Lacey, ca. 1890



Courtesy of State Historical Society of Iowa, Brady, Matthew, ca. 1890

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56TH CONGRESS,
1ST SESSION.

H. R. 6634.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

JANUARY 17, 1900.

Mr. LACEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce and ordered to be printed.

A BILL

To enlarge the powers of the Department of Agriculture, prohibit the transportation by interstate commerce of game killed in violation of local laws, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the duties and powers of the Department of Agriculture
4 are hereby enlarged so as to include the preservation, distri-
5 bution, introduction, and restoration of game birds and other
6 wild birds. The Secretary of Agriculture is hereby author-
7 ized to adopt such measures as may be necessary to carry out
8 the purposes of this Act and to purchase such game birds
9 and other wild birds as may be required therefor, subject,
10 however, to the laws of the various States and Territories.
11 The object and purpose of this Act is to aid in the restora-
12 tion of such birds in those parts of the United States
13 adapted thereto where the same have become scarce or

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1 extinct, and also to regulate the introduction of American or
2 foreign birds or animals in localities where they have not
3 heretofore existed.

4 The Secretary of Agriculture shall from time to time col-
5 lect and publish useful information as to the propagation, uses,
6 and preservation of such birds.

7 And the Secretary of Agriculture shall make and pub-
8 lish all needful rules and regulations for carrying out the pur-
9 poses of this Act, and shall expend for said purposes such
10 sums as Congress may appropriate therefor.

11 SEC. 2. That it shall be unlawful for any person or per-
12 sons to import into the United States any foreign wild animal
13 or bird except under special permit from the United States
14 Department of Agriculture: *Provided*, That nothing in this
15 section shall restrict the importation of natural history speci-
16 mens for museums or scientific collections, or the importation
17 of certain cage birds, such as domesticated canaries, parrots,
18 or such other species as the Secretary of Agriculture may
19 designate.

20 The importation of the mongoose, the so-called "flying-
21 foxes" or fruit bats, the English sparrow, the starling, or such
22 other birds or animals as the Secretary of Agriculture may
23 from time to time declare injurious to the interest of agricul-
24 ture or horticulture is hereby prohibited, and such species
25 upon arrival at any of the ports of the United States shall be

President Theodore Roosevelt and Conservationist John Muir on Glacier Point, 1903



“Theodore Roosevelt and John Muir on Glacier Point, Yosemite Valley, California,” 1903. [Courtesy of Library of Congress](#)

Letter from Louis Hermann Pammel to the Bank President in Steamboat Rock, Iowa, December 27, 1916

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December twenty-seventh,
1916.

President of Bank,
Steamboat Rock, Iowa.

Dear Sir:-

I am very much interested in the movement now on foot to establish certain state parks in Iowa. Can you give me an estimate of the amount of money it would take to buy about 20 or 30 acres on the Iowa river where the pines and birches occur,

Yours truly,

L. H. Pammel

LHP/EMT. 12/28/16

We have in mind an ideal location for a park, with high towering trees, natural scenery, and can be bought reasonable in our belief, possibly 10000 a acre. If they should add more, our citizens would no doubt assist in a movement. Will be glad to assist this or such a movement, where we can, of course. Christianus Cook.

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of property, real, personal or mixed, for the benefit or endowment of the historical department of Iowa, or for the commemoration of the lives of worthy citizens, or for the purpose of perpetuating historic events, or for scenic or scientific purposes. Any gift accepted under this act shall be immediately reported to the board of trustees of said historical department.

Section 2. Investments—rules. The curator and the board of trustees of the historical department of Iowa shall have authority and power to invest, in accordance with the provisions of the trust, any such gifts or endowments, and establish and enforce rules for the purpose of governing and maintaining such endowments or memorials, as may be created, or established under and pursuant to this act.

Approved April 24, A. D. 1917.

CHAPTER 236

S. F. 328

Acts of the Thirty-seventh General Assembly

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa

Section 1. Public state parks—beautification. The state fish and game warden, by and with the written consent of the executive council, is hereby authorized to establish public parks in any county of the state, upon the shores of lakes, streams or other waters of the state, or at any other places which have by reason of their location become historic or which are of scientific interest, or by reason of their natural scenic beauty or location become adapted therefor, and said fish and game warden, under the supervision of the said executive council, is hereby authorized to improve and beautify such parks. When so established they shall be made accessible from the public highways, and in order to establish such parks said executive council shall have the power to purchase or condemn lands for such purposes and to purchase and condemn lands for said highway purposes.

Sec. 2. Dams—resulting damages. The state fish and game warden shall, under the direction of the executive council, have the power to erect dams across streams and across the outlets of lakes for the purpose of raising the water level therein, and any damages occasioned to riparian owners by reason of the raising of such water level shall be paid for out of the fund hereinafter provided for.

Sec. 3. Title in state—sale—conditions. The title to all lands purchased or donated for park or highway purposes under the provisions of this act shall be taken in the name of the state and if thereafter it shall be deemed advisable to sell any portion of the land so purchased the proceeds of such sale shall be placed to the credit of the

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said fish and game protection fund to be used for such park purposes, except that on request of any of the donors of the fund with which such land was purchased the amount contributed by the donor making such request shall be refunded to such donor without interest, provided that application for such refund must be made within six months from the date of the sale of such lands, and provided, also that no such lands shall be sold except in compliance with legislative enactment designating specifically the lands to be sold.

Sec. 4. Donations. The executive council is empowered and authorized on behalf of the state to receive donations of land for either park or highway purposes in conformity with the provisions of this act, and lands so donated shall not be sold, and if abandoned by legislative enactment, shall revert to the original owner.

Sec. 5. Donations under conditions. The state treasurer shall have authority to receive and accept, on behalf of the state, donations for the purpose of aiding in the carrying out of the provisions of this act, and the donor may specify the place where and the purpose or purposes for which said donation is to be used or expended, and when such specification is made to the executive council by the donor the donated funds shall be expended for no other purpose.

Sec. 6. Improvements—expenses. The state fish and game warden shall permit the improvement of such parks, when established, or the improvement of bodies of water, upon the border of which such parks may be established, by the expenditure of private or other funds, such improvement to be done, however, under the direction of the state fish and game warden, by and with the consent of the executive council. The executive council may call upon any agencies of the state for assistance and information. When such state agencies' traveling expenses are not otherwise provided for, they shall be paid from the fish and game protection fund as other traveling expenses are paid.

Sec. 7. Powers in municipalities and individuals. Municipalities, or individuals, or corporations organized for that purpose only, acting separately or in conjunction with each other, may establish like parks outside the limits of cities or towns, and when established without the support of the fish and game protection fund, the municipalities, corporations or persons establishing the same, as the case may be, shall have control thereof independently of the executive council. Provided, however, that none of the said municipalities, individuals or corporations, acting under the provisions of this section shall establish, maintain or operate any such park as herein contemplated for pecuniary profit.

Sec. 8. Extension of roads to lakes. The board of supervisors

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of any county in which there is a body of water which may be improved under the provisions of this act is hereby authorized, at their discretion, to add to the county road system from the township roads, such roads as will make said body of water more accessible, or unite existing county roads to make a county road around a meandered lake.

Sec. 9. Board of conservation—appointment—duties. The said executive council shall designate three persons who, with the curator of the historical department, shall constitute a board of conservation, who shall serve without pay. Such board of conservation shall investigate places in Iowa, valuable as objects of natural history, forest reserves, as archaeology and geology, and investigate the means of promoting forestry and maintaining and preserving animal and bird life in this state and furnish such information to the executive council for the conservation of the natural resources of the state, from time to time, and said recommendations shall be printed in such numbers as the council shall authorize, and shall be furnished each member of the succeeding general assembly.

Sec. 10. Regulations—mutilation. The fish and game warden and the executive council, acting jointly, shall from time to time make such regulations as they deem necessary or advisable for the management, control or policing of said lands, and shall cause said regulations to be printed on card board, wood or metal signs and posted in said parks. The destruction or mutilation of said signs bearing said regulations shall be deemed a misdemeanor. Said regulation, however, shall in no wise interfere with the local police powers.

Sec. 11. Annual appropriation. For the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this act there shall be appropriated out of the fish and game protection fund the sum of fifty thousand dollars, and there shall be annually thereafter appropriated from such fund the same sum, provided in no event shall the amount thus appropriated and expended exceed one-half of the total annual receipts for such fund.

Approved April 12, A. D. 1917.

CHAPTER 368

S. F. 531

Acts of the Thirty-eighth General Assembly

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa

Section 1. Board of conservation. That wherever the words “fish and game warden” appear in chapter 236 acts of the 37th general assembly, they shall be stricken out and the words “board of conservation” shall be inserted in lieu thereof.

Louis Hermann Pammel Speaking at Dedication of Ledges State Park in Iowa, October 9, 1924



“Louis Pammel Speaking at the dedication of Ledges State Park,” 9 October 1924. [Courtesy of Iowa State University Library Special Collections and University Archives](#)

Polluted Stream in Dubuque, Iowa, April 1940



Vachon, John, "Stream pollution, Dubuque, Iowa," April 1940. [Courtesy of Library of Congress](#)

Girl Scout in Canoe Picking Up Trash in Potomac River, April 22, 1970



O'Halloran, Thomas J., "[Girl Scout in canoe, picking trash out of the Potomac River during Earth Week]," 22 April 1970. [Courtesy of Library of Congress](#)

Traffic on Interstate 405 in Los Angeles, California, 2012



Highsmith, Carol, M., "Traffic on Interstate 405, Los Angeles, California," 2012. [Courtesy of Library of Congress](#)

Aerial View of Four-Way Interchange in Los Angeles, California, Date Unknown



Grogan, Brian C., "16. AERIAL VIEW OF FOUR LEVEL INTERCHANGE OF ARROYO SECO PARKWAY AND HIGHWAY 101. LOOKING NE. - Arroyo Seco Parkway, Los Angeles to Pasadena, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, CA," Date Unknown. [Courtesy of Library of Congress](#)