

OPTION SECURED ON RED WILLOW

ASSOCIATION FORMED TO DEVELOP LAKE INTO POPULAR SUMMER RESORT.

Tentative plans were made by a number of Binford citizens Monday evening, to form an association which will have for its purpose the purchase of the Cowen & Crane property at Red Willow lake, seven miles north of Binford, and to develop this most beautiful spot into one of the most attractive summer resorts in the entire northwest.

The organization formed at the meeting will be known as the Red Willow Lake Park Association. It is only a temporary one to "start the ball a rolling." F. G. Lewis elected president, and Dr. E. F. Ringlee, secretary. The board of directors is comprised of Oscar Greenland, J. A. Knapp, O. D. Freer, Otto Pritz and Dr. E. F. Ringlee. The officers and directors will serve until the first annual meeting, held probably in June. At that time a full set of officers and possibly a directorate consisting of more members will be selected.

The original plan is to incorporate for \$100,000, and articles of incorporation are to be applied for at once.

Mr. Lewis was delegated to secure an option on the property from Mr. Cowen. Mr. Lewis will make a canvass of Binford and surrounding country including the neighboring towns, to ascertain the sentiment of the people regarding the proposition, and to push the sale of shares in the association. Should the sentiment prove favorable, the contract will be entered into, and improvements will begin at once. One of the conditions of the contract calls for the erection of a large pavilion. Another thing will be the clearing of more space for the base ball diamond. It is impossible for The Times to enlarge upon the other great possibilities that the lake offers, but this will be done in due time.

The entire Crane & Cowen property consists of 1545 acres. Out of this, they will retain 320 acres, known as the east farm, and does not border the lake. The price asked by Mr. Cowen is \$50,000, and the terms are arranged so that it can be easily taken care of.