

## Tourist Travel Thrilling Tale

Anyone who repeats the old complaint that "government reports are too dull to bother about reading" will do well to get a copy of the current issue of "Public Roads," in which there appears a complete review of "Tourist Travel in the United States," containing "a summary of available data on highway use by tourists."

In order of their appearance in American life the manufacturing of automobiles came first; second, highways for automobiles to "go on;" and third, tourists — who are "going." The three as they now exist in the United States constitutes the greatest human and industrial movement in the history of the world. It has all happened within the memory of middle-aged people of today. Statistics of automobiles and highways are familiar to those who search for such facts. But a government publication compiles the facts—and makes a story out of the new human development of "tourist travel" that distributes \$5,000,000,000 a year throughout every section of the United States.

Thomas H. McDonald chief of public roads, recently remarked with reference to the wide five and ten mile suburban band forming around all large cities that it marked the first step in decentralization. The automobile and suburban rail service, he said, has allowed city workers easily to commute 50 miles daily, allowing a more wholesome mode of life for themselves and families. Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., recently traced far-flung operations of General Motors, and said that while Detroit may be the heart of the industry that its arms stretch to every corner of the nation and its blood pulses through every community. These two men appear to see eye-to-eye about these conditions.

McDonald coined a classic when he observed that "motor vehicles are now unwinding the ball which has been tightly wound with too many people in the center."

Maine ranks the value of its tourist trade second only to her entire agricultural output; California places it next in importance to her great petroleum industry; in Wisconsin its value as a producer of revenue is exceeded only by that of the dairy industry; in Florida it represents many times the value of the citrus crop.

That California is a cherished dream for travelers is shown in figures that she drew 25.2 percent of her tourist traffic in a recent year from east of the Mississippi river. Over 2,500,000 out of state cars visit Michigan annually, while Wisconsin scored over 1,902,000 in a year.

A breakdown of figures shows that 73.2 of out of state cars touring in Wisconsin were on pleasure trips; 28.4 percent in Florida and 39.2 in Arkansas. Out of state cars in eleven western states traveled an average of 232 miles a day.

In 1936 visitors to the Yellowstone National Park arriving by automobile numbered 370,000, or 94.4 of the total number, as contrasted to 22,000, or 5.6 percent by rail. In the same year the total number of cars entering all national parks were 1,772,338 and they carried 5,317,014 persons.

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Christian Science reading room, 112 North Third street, open week days, except holidays, from 1:15 p. m. until 4 p. m. Evenings, except Wednesdays, from 7 until 9 o'clock. "Man" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all churches of Christ, Scientist, Sunday, September 5, 1937.

The Golden Text is from Genesis 1:27, "God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."

The Lesson-Sermon includes the Bible passage, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." (Matt. 5:48).

Also the correlative from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy. "When spritual being is understood in all its perfection, continuity and might, then shall man be found in God's image." (p. 325).

## Mines Improve In California

Compilation of the final returns from the mineral producers of California for 1936 by the statistical section of the Division of Mines, Department of Natural Resources, under the direction of Walter W. Bradley, state mineralogist, shows the total value for the year to have been \$327,804,268, being an increase of \$64,399,951 over the total of 1935 which was \$263,404,317. There were fifty-eight different mineral substances, exclusive of a segregation of the various stones grouped under gems, and all fifty-eight counties of the state contributed to the list.

As revealed by the data following, the salient features of 1936 compared with the previous year, were: All groups such as fuels, metals, structural material, industrial minerals, and salines show a market increase in total value. Of the individual mineral products petroleum showed the greatest increase in value and output followed in turn by miscellaneous stone, cement, gold, borates potash, natural gas, silver, brick and hollow building tile, soapstone and talc, granite silica. While those showing decreases in total value were coal, chromite, mineral water, salt, sandstone.

### REMINDER

President Roosevelt will deliver the address at the ceremony commemorating the 150th anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution. The affair should serve a useful purpose. It may remind Washington that there is such a document.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Harry Lossen, a St. Paul burglar, delayed his departure to kiss a maid in the house he had robbed and her employer arrived in time to capture him.

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