

NATURALIST OF ROCKIES LAUDS HOOSIER STATE

Says Proper Spirit Shown in
Establishing Parks and
Playgrounds.

DUNES NATURAL WONDER

Special to The Times.
KENDALLVILLE, Ind., Feb. 18.—"Citizens of Indiana, from which State sprung some of the greatest of our national leaders, are showing the true spirit which Hoosiers of the future will command—that is the present generation is making praiseworthy progress in the establishment of parks and recreational centers," said Ernest A. Mills, addressing an audience in this city.

Mr. Mills is a prominent figure in the movement for State and national parks, and is widely known as the "Father of Rocky Mountain Park." For seven years he persisted to have the park established and this inscription in Colorado for a park. He was forced to see a bill he had written for its preservation three times defeated in Congress and, figuratively speaking, was opposed by the entire population of Colorado before success crowned his efforts. Last year 250,000 people visited this park—more than the total number who visited half a dozen other national parks, and millions of dollars were left by tourists in Colorado, Mills said.

**WILD ANIMALS
NOT FEROCIOUS.**

Mr. Mills, who is a naturalist and the author of such books on outdoor life as "Wild Life in the Rockies," "Long Speck Inn," "Scotch" and "The Thousand Year Pine," spoke under the auspices of the Kendallville library and public schools.

He deplored the fact that many natural history stories erroneously pictured wild animals of the Rockies as ferocious. "There is not a ferocious wild animal on the North American continent; one has no need of a firearm in the wilds, but they probably need a weapon in such civilized centers as Denver and New York City," the naturalist said.

Mills was introduced as the man who had camped and explored in the wilds of the United States, Canada, Mexico and Alaska, and who sojourned on the beaten paths in the far North five years before Klondike and the subsequent rush to the gold fields of the north was heard of. Because he has seen the writer of his book open, he has a personal knowledge of the habits of all wild creatures, such as animals and birds, to be found on this continent, as well as an intimate acquaintance with geological and topographical formations and of plant and tree life.

**GRIZZLY BEAR
BRAINIEST.**

He spoke of the grizzly bear as one of the brainiest animals on earth; dignified, stern, leading almost a solitary life, but having time to play and when in such moods, was the clown of the animal world.

"All children of the wilds spend much time at play," Mills declared, "and the time is coming when our national citizenship has doubled, mankind, too, will realize the value and the necessity for play in the open, because right now we are becoming more and more cognizant that outdoor recreation not only is a physical remedy but also it brings about a complete rejuvenation."

Mr. Mills urged forest and park reservation by counties, States and Federal Government, not only for the physical

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All Babies in One Village Die
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NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Warm clothing sent out from America by the Near East Relief has been better than medicine in saving the lives of native Christians, declares Mrs. Fannie Stroger, Rochester, N. Y., who is helping save the lives of Armenians and others in the Near East.

In a report to C. V. Vickrey, general secretary of Near East Relief, she says that all the babies in a village just outside of Ismid, Asia Minor, have died. This fact was brought out when Miss Stroger went to the village to distribute clothing.

"We had a careful census taken," she says, "and went prepared to furnish every one with new, clean, warm clothes. The census had failed to reveal any young children, but we took some clothes for them, believing that the native worker who had prepared the census had failed to note them."

Miss Stroger gave statistics to show that thousands of tourists are attracted to State and National parks. He predicted that a park in the dunes would draw people from all over the world and in a short time prove the best financial investment Indiana ever made. He paid touching tribute to the late Mrs. Juliette Strauss, for her work in saving the Lake Run State Park, later chairman of the state director of conservation in Indiana, as a man with a vision who was earnestly striving to conserve some of Indiana's primitive beauty spots for the Hoosiers to come. "His department deserves the unified support of all patriotic Hoosiers," Mills declared.

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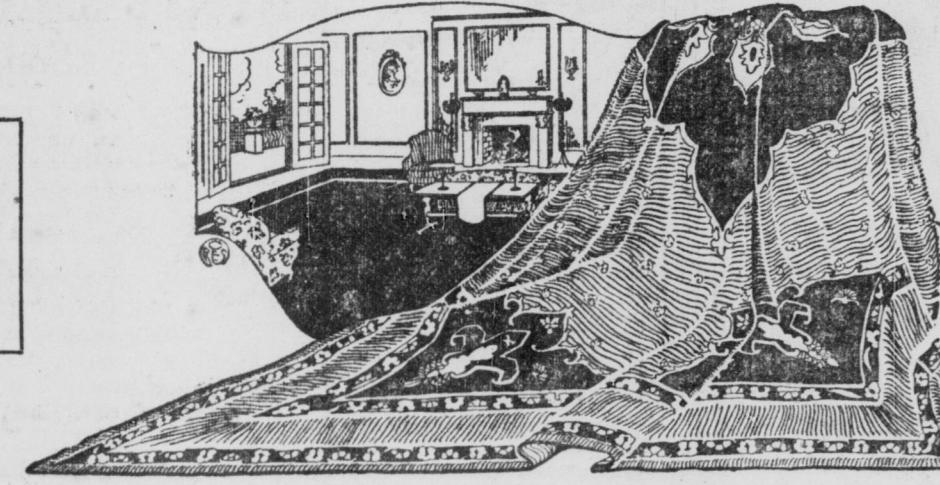
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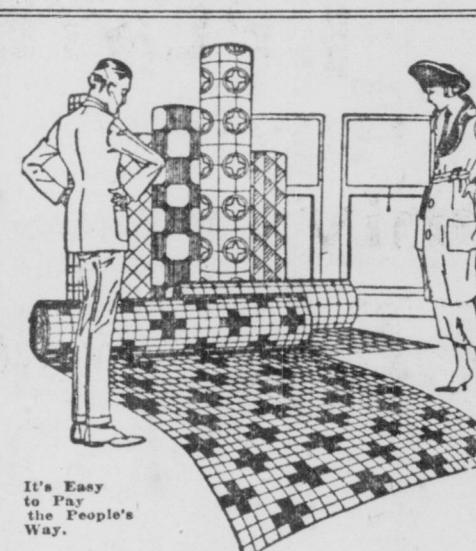
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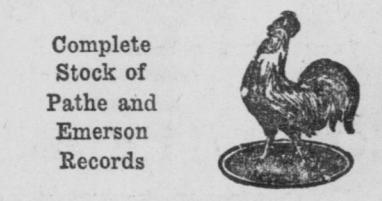
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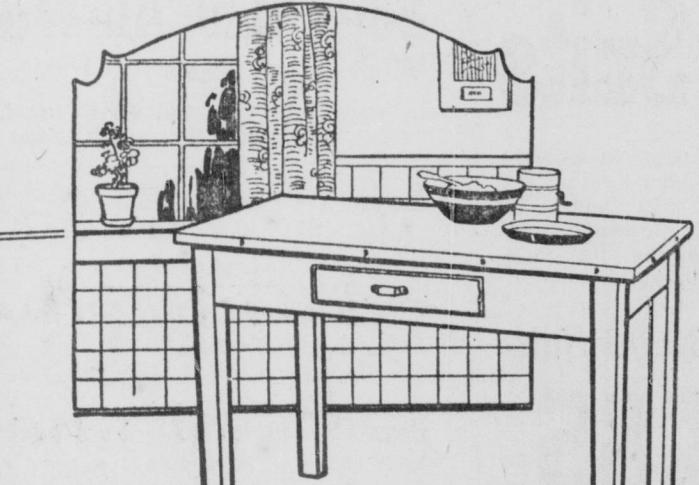


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