

NATIONAL PARKS VISITORS GAIN; SEE U. S. FIRST

Yosemite Tops List; Platte, in Oklahoma, Second in Interest.

BY GEORGE SANFORD HOLMES
WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—Impressive figures for attendance in forty-six national parks and monuments of the United States, just issued by the Department of Interior for the travel season of 1928, offer substantial evidence of the fact that the "Seeing America First" movement still is in progress.

All records for travel to these recreational reservations maintained by the Government have been broken this year. All told 3,026,273 persons visited the national parks and monuments, a gain of 228,443 over the figures for 1927.

Some Parks Gain

The department's statistics are conservative. Actual check on the immense stream of visitors in and out of the larger parks is impossible. The figures given out, therefore, may be accepted as the minimum.

Attention is called by the Interior officials to the increasing popularity of Crater Lake, in Oregon, where for the first time travel exceeded the 100,000 mark and to the fact that Hawaii National Park more than doubled the number of visitors it had in 1927. Among the monuments, Carlsbad Cave and Aztec Ruins in New Mexico and the Petrified Forest in Arizona enjoyed substantial increases.

Small Decreases Shown

Small decreases to parks that normally should have shown increases are attributed by the department to temporary agricultural depressions or other causes rather than lack of popularity.

Yosemite National Park, California, tops the list with an attendance this year of 460,619, a decrease however, of nearly 30,000 from 1927.

Platt National in Oklahoma comes next with 280,638, also a decrease of about 14,000 from the previous season.

Rocky Mountain National is third with an attendance in 1928 of 235,056, an increase of 5,195.

Yellowstone Park, in Wyoming, fourth in point of popularity, had 230,984.

BOAST 24 CHILDREN

Descendant of Daniel Boone Has Three Sets of Twins

WHITESBURG, Ky., Oct. 12.—Nelson R. Webb, a direct descendant of Daniel Boone, is the father of twenty-four children, including three sets of twins. He has been married three times. The first marriage brought two children, the second 11, and the present Mrs. Webb is the mother of 11.

Kansas Bride



Miss Muriel Clarke of Winfield, Kas., daughter of Fred Clarke, former manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates, has become the bride of Neal A. Sullivan, Newkirk, Okla., attorney. Clarke, now living on a ranch near Winfield, named it the "Pirate Ranch" after the team he managed.

SCOUTS TO PAY T. R. TRIBUTE

Trees Will Be Planted on Birthday Anniversary.

By United Press
NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—The birthday of Theodore Roosevelt, who during his life was Chief Scout Citizen, will be celebrated by Boy Scouts throughout the country on Oct. 27. Trees will be planted in his memory and many Scout troops will set aside ten minutes of their regular programs for a talk on his life, character and services.

In New York and from near-by States Scouts will again make their annual pilgrimage to the Roosevelt grave at Oyster Bay, L. I.

The pilgrimage will be led by a group of Bucksin Men, all of whom knew the Chief Scout Citizen during his lifetime. More than 1,000 Boy Scouts are expected to participate.

Roosevelt was one of the staunchest supporters of the Scout movement.

A great black walnut tree over-

shadows the Roosevelt grave. Each year the walnuts are carefully gathered and preserved at national headquarters and are given to Scout organizations which express a desire to plant them as Roosevelt memorials.

GAY FATIMA OF NINETIES RULED FROM FILMS

Hoochie-Coochie 35 Years Ago Held Unfit for Morals.

By NEA Service
NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—What do you mean American morals are on the downgrade and the rising generation is going to the gosh-awful-bow-wows? No such thing.

The New York State board of censors has caused to be erased from a film of the gay nineties, antics of Fatima, who was all the rage of the World's Fair at Chicago in 1893.

The protection of modern civilization could see all sorts of harm in permitting the public to view the hoochie-koochie as portrayed by the famous Oriental dancer of thirty-five years ago.

Ben Nevis, the highest mountain in Britain, has been pierced for the longest water tunnel in the world—fifteen miles in length when completed.

CATTLE HERDS CLEANED UP

North Carolina Is First 100 Per Cent State.

By Times Special
WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—North Carolina emerges as the first State to clean up its cattle herds 100 per cent, in the campaign being waged by the States and the United States Government to kill off tuberculosis cattle and thereby protect the health of humans.

Officials tests have shown that there are less than one-half of 1 per cent of tuberculosis cattle in the States, and all cattle which have reacted to the injection of serum have been killed.

Maine is mostly free, and other States making rapid progress are Michigan, Idaho, Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Nebraska, according to the Department of Agriculture.

The department and the States together have between \$18,000,000 and \$19,000,000 to spend on the work this year, of which most goes to the farmers for indemnity on the cattle killed. The Federal appropriation is \$5,744,000.

A total of 22,000,000 cattle are under supervision, or more than one-third those in the United States, mostly in the dairy areas. Tests were given 11,000,000 last year, and the tests are proceeding at the rate of nearly 1,000,000 a month.

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She was a salesgirl. She had worked hard to help the customer select the dress that left the store looking so new and lovely. She felt encouraged and mentally jotted down her commission on the sale. Then, the customer "changed her mind." When the dress came back—more than a week later—it had lost its charm for the salesgirl and everyone else.

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