

VACATION-LAND IN OUR HOMES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Few of us are fortunate enough to spend more than a short vacation each year in our mountain playgrounds. How many of us, as we stood upon the heights and felt the thrill of fellowship that comes with first-hand acquaintance with the birds, the flowers, the trees and the mountains themselves, have wished that the inspiring influence of these associations could be with us throughout the year in our everyday life.

Our government is doing its part to help us to more thoroughly enjoy and understand our great playgrounds, the National Parks. In Yosemite we find a splendid museum and a corps of naturalists who conduct daily field trips along the trailsides and who deliver evening campfire lectures on a wide variety of natural history subjects. But why should we be satisfied with but an introduction to the trailsides of our beloved Sierra? Is there no way in which we may continue our friendship with the Big Country during each month and each week of the year?

There is a way! Lovers of the California mountains have organized to interpret and present in popular form all of the manifestations of Nature of the Sierras and more particularly of Yosemite National Park. Primarily the YOSEMITE NATURAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION concerns itself with the living things of the Yosemite region; yet it must necessarily be a factor in inspiring a regard for American Wild Life in general.

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If you are one of the hundreds of thousands who love Yosemite, you will wish to keep in touch with her through the Association. There are hundreds of thousands of others who have no conception of the big message of the Out-of-doors. You will want those uninitiated to learn of what the Park has to offer.

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THE PARK SUPERITENDENTS' TOUR

By G. E. Reynolds

Managing Editor, Stockton Record.

A 3009-mile automobile journey through the scenic Southwess with visits to three national parks, five national monuments and the nomes of the picturesque Navajo and Hopi and a day in the Rockies of Southern Colorado in mid-autumn.

Add to that the joys of companionship with fine and bully travelers and perhaps you have wome inkling of what your Stockton Record representative found in store for him on the recent tour of the Pacific Const caravan of national park superinterdents. Before you can gain anything like real appreciation, however, you first must know the sublimity of the Grand Canyon of the Colorado from both North and South Rims: the fascination of the Painted Desert; the intriguing interest of Mesa Verde National Park, the home of the prehistoric cliff dwellers; the glary of the Colorado Rockles gowned in nuturm; the estrancing beauty of Bryce Canvon with its fragile formations and delicate shades of color, and the lure of Zion Canyou which is, in fact, another Tosemite Valley but "done in olit" as one writter who desired to convey an idey of its rich colorings has very aptly expressed it.

You must know something of Southern Utah and her marvelous people, of the development of the wonderful valley of the Sevier, which in the vicinity of Salina rivals anything that California has to show from the standpoint of agricultural attractiveness, and of her Dixie land where the Black Prince and the Flame Tokay grow iuxuriantly and where the succulent sweet corn is deep on the cob and tender and toothsome.

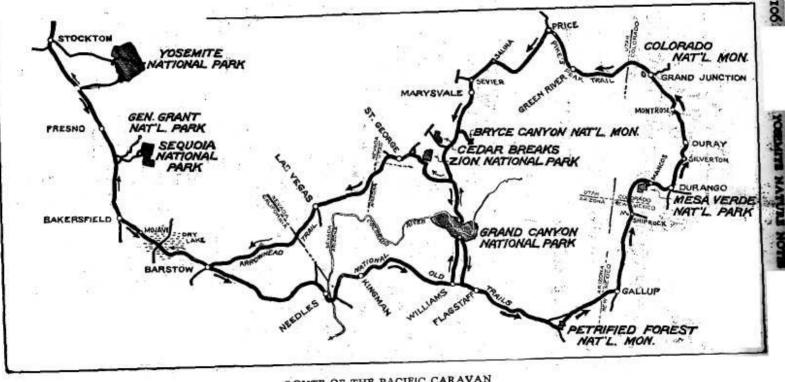
Yes, and you must know Stephen T. Math r. too; the staff members of the National Park Service and their wives and families, also. It is a privilege to know these national park people well. It is a joy to associate with them while they are at their work and while they are inspecting each other's parks and monuments, viewing new wonders of nature entrusted to the care of their departments and learning from their fellows new wrinkles of park management.

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The Conterence of Mess Verde

Mesa Verda National Park in Southern Colorado, was the main objective of the tour. There the annual conference of the national park superintendents was held Getaber 1 to 6 inclusive. The news of the conference ressions has been given extensively in previous issues of the Record and reed not be reviewed here. Suffice it to say that the conference was undoubtedly the most successful held since the National Park Service was first inaugurated. The attractions of the nineteen national monuments under the invision of the Department of the Interior are varied and diverse. But the problems of catering to the millions of people who come annually to see them and gain inspiration therefrom are much the sumerintendents have much to gain through annual assemblares wherein past experiences may be reviewed, future plans discussed, programs mapped and the people redefined.



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ROUTE OF THE PACIFIC CARAVAN

YOSEMITE NATURE NOTES

OF THE PARK SUPERINTENDENTS' TOUR

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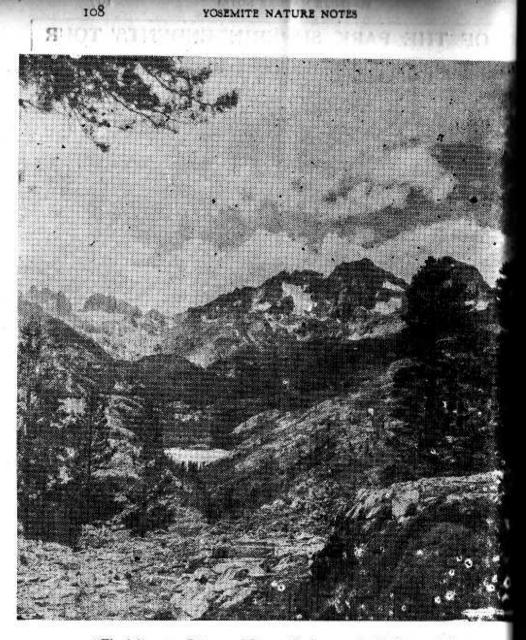
Heretofore it has been customary r the park superintendents to vol by train en route to and from nference. This year the autoravan idea was adopted, especialfor the Western superintendents d staff members. It proved a pby and advantageous means of ansportation, for it not enly ought the membra of the park mily more intimately in touch the each other and with the couny through which they passed, but to enabled them to visit additionparks en route and gain a more mister knowledge of what this untry has to offer its people in way of recreation, education d inspiration afforded by our sume scenic attractions with their malements f natural history.

rame scenic attractions with their implements if natural history. While the tour of the Pacific crater lake when Colonel and crater lake when Colonel and the Charles Goff Thomson motred dewn to Medford in their int touring car bearing U. S. N. S. license plate No. 46, and picked Mr. and Mrs. Bert H. Burrell of orthand, it didn't assume real caraan proportions until Fresno was uched. There four automobile arties were assembled. Superinendent W. B Lewis came from osemite in his big Lincoln bearing F. Lewis, Fark Naturalist Carl Russell and Mrs. Russell and importographer of the expedition. Valter Morse came from Los Anreles in Director Mather's Packard traight Eight to pick up members the park family who were to austodian W. I. Hawkins of the

Pinnacles National Monument motored over from Hollister in his Studebaker Big Six to pick up Harry B. Hommon of the United States Public Health Service, who has been assigned to the National Purk Service for the development of canitary systems, and the writer. Superintendent Frank Pinkley of the Southwestern National Monuments and Mrs. Pinkley joined the caravan at Ashfork, Ariz, and Colonel John R. White, superintendent of Sequoia, with Ranger Ralph Clapp, Mrs. White and daughter Phyllis, in the colonel's Hudson Super-Six joined the party at Grand Canyon, as did also Superintendent; and Mrs. J. R. Fakin of Grand Canyon, traveling in their Buick. Director Mather, accompanied by Howard Hays, recently of the Yellowstone camps, traveling by train, caught up with the motor cavalcade at Gallup, N. M., from whence six machines moved forward over the last leg of the journey to Mesa Verde.

On the homeward journey via the northern route a caravan of seven machines started out of Mesa Verde. Supt. Horace M. Albright of Yellowstone and his party, traveling in a Lincoln, dropped out of the caravan at Ouray and Supt. Roger W. Toil of Rocky Mountain National Park, located near Denver, also hit for home, leaving five cars, those of Superintendents Lewis, White and Thomson, Custodian Hawkins and Chief Naturalist Ansel F. Hall, who was traveling in a Buick roadster with Artist Gunnar Widforss as a companion, to continue in the party. At Price, Utah, Colonel Thomson, with Mrs. Thomson and the Burrells, left the cara-

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"The Minarets, Ritter and Banner Peaks, are the highest and finest in the Northern Sierra."

- Proto by J. V. Lloyd

YOSEMITE NATURE NOTES

WHY YOSEMITE NEEDS EASTERN

ADDITION

By H. C. Bryant

What is to be left for those who Seen the wild places? Such is the uestion continually asked by outof-doors people who are perturbed the continual encroachment of civilization into the out-of-the way places. America is one of the few countries where the solution of this countries where the solution of the problem is being undertaken. No country in the world has so many rational parks, and no other nation has been as thoughful of those who wish recreation out of doors. Yet, looking toward the future, the pres-ent National Park System seems in-adequate. Many biologists feel that continual introduction of exotic plants and animals and continued spoilation of flora and fauna will leave few places where native plants and animals can be found in plants and animals can be round in their natural environment. The Ecological Society of America is actively urging the setting aside of certain areas showing typical plants or animals before the march of civilization destroys the pristine beauty and eliminates the possibil-ity of worth-while biological studies.

It might seem to many that Yo-semite National Park, comprising over a thousand square miles of territory is sufficiently large at the present time, but with the above viewpoint, there might be good rea-sons for enlarging it. Furthermore. sons for enlarging it. Furthermore, it should be remembered that a large a.en to the eastward of the present park was once within its houndaries, but was thrown out on the plea of mining men, who claimed that a rich mining district could not be developed if the area wars kent within the park bound were kept within the park boun-dary. No mining developments of dary. any importance having taken place, and the area being so attractive from a recreational point of view, there has been considerable agita-

there has been considerable agita-tion in recent years for a return to the park of some of this territory. An official party investigated the possibilities this last summer and were impressed with the need for its inclusion This report, based on the investigation, will not treat of the conception which will come from the opposition which will come from the owners of claims and the users of grazing privileges, but, on the other hand, will deal with the posi-tive side of the question as relates to the need for better protection of fauna and flora

Geological Features of the Area The most unique feature of the region is to be found in its geology. Old metamorphic rocks are superimposed on granite. Schists and slates in bright colors

catch the eye everywhere, and have much to do with the pinnacle-like peaks. Whereas the Yosemite re-gion is almost entirely of light colgion is almost entirely of light col-ored gramite, this area is colorful and distinct from that found within the tark. In the Devil's Post Pile region there is much volcanic evi-det.ce, even to the extent of hot springs. The Post Pile itself is a wonderfully fine example of basal-tic columns. Typical lava and large areas of pumice are near at hand. Several soda springs compare fa-vorably with those of the Tuol-unne Meadows region. The Minvorably with those of the fun-umne Meadows region. The Min-erettes, Ritter and Banner peaks are the highest and finest in the Northern Sierra. All have perma-nent banners of snow, and their jagged crests appeal strongly. Mount Ritter is higher than any peak within Yosemite National Deark Park.

Unique Forms of Plant Life The plant life of the area just cast of the park is practicely the same as that found in the Yosemite same as that found in the Yosemite region. However, the eastern flank of the Sierra furnishes several unique forms typical of the Great Easin flora. The pinyon pine and the white columbine are typical exp m ples. Tall larkspur and mothshood are conspicuous along the headwaters of the San Joaquin. interesting Alpine plans are, of course, found around the series of worderfully hick peaks.

In some places sheep have been trazed to such an extent that the mescows look more like pastures than flower gardens. As has been shown in many instances the na-live plant life of a meadow may be almost completely changed by overgrazirg.

TC one acquainted with the abundance of deer and their tane-ness inside of a park, it was a sur-prise to note the scarcity and the wildness of the animals in an area where hunting is allowed. Alwhere hunting is allowed. Al-though a careful search was made though a careful search was made ter tracks and other evidence of large geme it was quite apparent that a wholly protected area allows game to increase. To place the headwaters of the middle fork of the San Joaquin inside the borders of Yosemite National Park would enlarge the present area, which constitutes a game refuge. Several of fosemile National Fark would enlarge the present area, which constitutes a game refuge. Several Great Basin forms of birds and manmals to be found along the eastern flank, as for instance, the pinyon jay and two species of chipmunks, would be added to the mark's faune. park's fauna,

Aten Abounds in Beautiful Lakes

The whole area abounds in beautiful lakes. A series of three along the cast flanks of the higher peaks Garnet and Thousand Island. Gurnet and Thousand Island. Golden trout from the Mount Whit-iey region have been planted in some of these inkes and in some of the streams, and they appear to be (1)-riving. Certainly this area should appeal to any angler, and there are few places where the rainbow is few rlaces where the rainbow is more abundant and where betro-ouced species furnish better sport in lakes. Furthermore, there are many ther lakes which contain no

fish and need planting very badly. Eccause of its unique geology, picturesque high peaks, wonderful lakes and interesting fauna and likra, the area to the eastward of loss mite National Park is worthy of the best protection that can be afforded. Under present adminis-tration the area can be commer-cialized, forests can be cut and grazing privileges sold. So distinc-tive an area should be carefully preserved for recreation and educa-tion. From the viewpoint of a tion From the viewpoint of a paturalist there is urgent need of ringing this interesting territo.y vithin the administration of ational park service. within the

ORIOLE COMPLAINS OF MIMICRY ON PART OF STELLAR IAY

By Mabel Hibbard

The oriole in question occupies

The briole in question occupies daily an airy, large cage, placed during the daytime on a cot under a black oak in Camp 14. She is but a late arrival in Yosemite, hav-ing come via the Wawona road from Kerman, fifteen miles west of Fres-no, in the San Joaquin valley. The complainant in the case of Oriole versus Jay is the feathered companion of Mabel Hibbard, the science teach in the Kerman Union High School, and has the distinction, probably, of being the only oriole to make two trips into the valley this summer. summer.

She began her life as a waif, since she fell from her nest at too tender an age and came, just at the pin-feather stage, to Miss Hibbard, un-der whose careful nurture she hus developed into a beautiful, graceful bird.

Were it not for the fact that the jay possesses a superlative measure Jay possesses a sup-rlative measure of masculine perfection, we should say off hand, that the slender, dell-cate beauty of the complainant would give her a favorable verdict from any beauty-loving jury In contrast to his cocksure, rather in-solent attitude, she is demure and sweet; not strikingly but noticeably colden-baying breast wings and

sweet; not strikingly but noticeably golden—having breast, wings and tall on the under side a soft gray dusted with pale yellow. Her head and rump are an olive green and her wings dark gray above. The oriole's first trip to the val-ley was five weeks ago when she came on a truck as mascot to a par-ty of twenty Camp Fire Girls. On the way out, at a little store called Midway, while out of her cage, she became confused and flew in the dark into some tall trees, becoming completely lost from her party in a veritable bird paradise.

The following week when Miss Hibbard drove into Yosemite she stopped at Midway, renewing mom-ories of her lost oriole. Truth beories of her lost orsone. Truch ou-ing stranger than fiction. Miss Ori-ole was at the small store where she became lost. The two men in charge said of her that the following morning after the incident at about 9 o'clock she had politely in-troduced horself from a rafter above the counter of the store and will-ingly accepted a cordial invitation to breakfast. In return for the in-terest, admiration and wonder she awakened in the minds of all customers, she had remained a welcome with full freedom of the guest place.

place. Now the orlole comes into court against the stellar jay, testifying that he has perched himself de-liberately day after day on a branch of her tree, listening in upon the friendly confidential conversations between herself and Miss H. With-out giving any inkling of his in-tentions, one morning between the out giving any inkling of his in-tentions, one morning between the hours of 4 and 5, when the camp was wrapped in decpest sumber, he perched himself upon a branch of her tree just over Miss H.'s cot and repeatedly mimicked the oriole's confidential tones with Miss H.-at once causing that lady to waken from sound sumber and in alarm regin looking for the oriole in the tree above. Having accomplished bis facetious morning trick, the jay flew to a nearby tree, where he in-dulged in most unseemingly laugh-ter at her expense. Miss Oriole claims that hor song is strictly her own personal proper-ty and claims that though not pro-tected by statutes her rights under the common law of nature should be

the common law of nature should be and are strictly protected.

PARK SUPERINTENDENTS' TOUR.' (Contd. from p. 107.)

in and headed north for Crater Which Park is Bestf ke, via Sait Lake and Klamath The second query, the cutting the size of the party tion of the National F four machines. These cars vis-greatest? cannot be a bur machines. These cars vis-Bryce and Zion canyons and north rim of Grand canyon to-ther and moved on via St. George, the and Las Vegas, Nev., to Bar-tow, where the White and Hall are deflected to Los Angeles, leav-the Lewis and Hawkins ma-ines to continue to Fresno, where separated and the hanny party by separated and the happy party

we are the Roads? The wonder journey from Stockon-to-Stockton covered just 3118 lies in six states, or practically he width of the continent from San Francisco to New York via the Lin-In reviewing in highway. Ip several the hemselves. Two are uppermost in hemselves. Two are uppermost in he minds of the California reader. Irst, how are the roads? Second, what was the greatest thing you have on the trip, or what did you questions -E obtrude lke best?

The first question is easily an-inverted by stating "good, bad and ndifferent." Of course each classi-teation has its various shades and istrees. After having traveled brough Arizona, New Mexico Colo-rado. Utah and Nevada however, a Californian has license to comndo, Utan and Nevada however, no Californian has license to com-plain against any road mountain or otherwise, to be found in the Bolden State. Excepting for a few miles in the vicinity of Gallup. Golden State. miles in the vicinity of Gallup, N.M., and Salina, Utah in the lan-runge of Octavus Ray Cohen, paved highways "simply ain't." along the route traversed by the park party. A mountain sheep trail in Califor-ita would make some of those New Max'ro and Utah roads turn received fexteo and Utah roads turn green envy. And vet there were dirt rands across the deserts of the buthwest whereon the motorist could do forty-five and fifty miles per hour without danger or dismfort.

That Mojave Speedway In the Mojave desert in Califor-nia, between Mojave and Barstow, a dry lake bottom, roated with horax stretches for miles in every direction, smoother than asphalt and without a track on it. Here the motorist can test out his car and est out of it all the smeed of which t out of it all the speed of which t is capable. If your speedometer t is capable. fails to register above seventy-five miles an hour, you may never miles an hour, you may never know just how fast you have tray-ried. It's like driving on ice. But cled. R-t you are headed castward acrosthis natural sneedway beware of the swale which leaps at you nnthe lake bottom. It's a bear. Two tragedies are said to have oc-curred at this point. In real work weather, which seldom comes in weather, which seldom comes in Mojave the bottom becomes treach-crous for speed. In the words of Dean Stauffer of Stockton. "It's like driving through soft soan."

The second query, which attrac-tion of the National Park Service is greatest? cannot be answered fairly or without a deal of explanation and finally it's merely a matter of anyway. Let the questioner under-stand first, that the parks are all different, that each has its own in-cividuality and specialties, and that comparisons are for the most part futile.

From the standpoint of vastness of spectacle, of course, there is nothing 'hus far known that can rank with the Crand Canyon of the Colorado, The canyon is over-Colorado, The canyon is over-whelming-breath taking. It in-spires awe and reverence and stirs religious emotion. That mighty religious emotion. That mighty canyon, with its tremendous array of temples and its mystery of light and color, has been described as the and color, has been unscribed as the earth's sublimest spectaclo. He who could conceive a more heaven-ly picture must be possessed of more than an artist's imagination. The Exquisite Reauyy of Bryce Example the sector there is

For real exquisite beauty of bryte For real exquisite beauty, there is perhaps nothing in America to com-pare with Bryce Canyon, Utah. Im-agine, if you can, a colossal ice cream brick with its layeres of agine, if you can, a colossal ice cream brick with its layeres of cream in several colors horizontally placed. Then sprinkle a patter of water upon the top surface until you have eroded portions of the brick, leaving an almost countle a succession of spires and fantastic fermations. Such is Bryce Canyon. For mass of detail, delleacy of for-mation and frashness of color Bryce For mass of detail, delicacy of for-mation and frashness of color Bryce is without rival, unless it be Coar Breaks, which is but another Bryce on a smaller scale. Bryce is lacy in its appearance and, seemingly, as fragile as fine procedum Reds pinks, creams and whites predomi-nate in the color schemes. The strata of color are as clearly de-fined as in a layer mass. fined as in a laver take. Standing on the brink of Bryce, Colonel John R. White who had been led up R. White who had been led up blindfolded for his first view, exled up aimed. "This is like sasing upon booutiful, though highly painted claimed. woman with whom you can not resist falling in love."

Zion, the Youemite of Bour! Flush Z'on Canyon, like Yosem'te, is a region that invites you to 'inverand commune. The now cell brated Utah Conyon is perhaps Yosomi'e's nearest counterpart although the walls are of sands'one instand of granite and are of high coloring est tones of grav and brown to be found in the canyon of the Merred. The walls of the conven of the Nor-win river (Zion) are not onite as high as Yoremite, but they are plenty high at that if the bind valley is considerably narrower and

the visitor finds himself closed in. El Gobernado, or "The Great White Throne," the most noted monolith in Zion, rises 3100 feet in perpendicular line above the floor of the valley. The lower portion is brick red, the upper white. At its upper end, the valley narrows to a box canyon, not more than 30 feet wide and its full width covered by the Virgin's bed. "The Angel's Land-ing." "The Great Organ." "The ing," "The Great Organ." The Temple of Sinawava," "The Streaked Wall," "Vermillion Cliff," "Twin Brothers" and "The Three Patriarchs," the latter very remi-niscent of Yosemite, are expressive names given to individual moun-

names given to individual moun-tains and cliffs. Mesa Verde National park is, of course, primarily noted for its in-tensely interesting cliff dweller ruins, of which more will be writ-ten in a later issue of the Out-Door Section, but as before stated, it is entitled to hold rank as a national park from the mere standpoint of beauty and individuality of scenery alone.

North Rim and the Kaibab The trip to North Rim of Grand Canyon takes the visitor through the wonderful Kaibab forest. the wonderful Kaibab forest, which was set aside as a national which was set aside as a national forest and gaine refuge by order of the late Theodore Roosevelt after the then President had crowsed the canyon from El Tovar on the cable which preceded the suspension bridge, and explored that densely wooded region in hunt of game. The Kaibab has become almost a household word since so much was The Kalbab has become almost a household word since so much was written and published concerning attempts to drive 30,000 mule tail deer off the overgrazed area last year to save them from starvation. The forest consists largely of western yellow pine, spruce, fir and angling agent. One may drive The forest consists largely of western yellow pine, spruce, fir and quaking aspen. One may drive for fifty miles through the forest, which is remarkable not for the exceptional size and besuity of timber, but for the very unexpect-edness of the forest. The metorist climbs out of a hot desert upon a heavily wooded plateau. which rises to an altitude of 8000 feet or approximately 1000 feet higher than the South Rim of Grand Can-yon at El Tovar. The atmosphere than the South Him of Grand Can-yon at El Tovar. The atmosphere is cool and inviting. The woods are alive with deer. Here also is found the Kaibab squirrel. a dis-tinctive fellow with tufted ears, black coat and great white tail. **The Gorgeous Beauty** of the Rockies

One of the high lights of the tour Was the afternoon ride from Durango to Ouray through the Rockles of Southern Colorado. The writer has seen no autumn color-ing in California to compare with the gorgeousness of that region.

Mile after mile as the motor hummed up through beautiful gress valleys and across mountain passes, the path was stream lined with gold. Never has the writer seen such forests of aspen in such au-tumn sylendor. The tree trunks are tall and straight and silvery. "Wands of silver crowned with gold." Colonel White called them. The colonel has a poet's soul. **Passes Are High** The mountains are high the

The mountains are high, the peaks ranging up to 14,000 feet and over. Two passes were crossed, un-11,300 feet in altitude, the other 10,500. A third, Cascade Divide, was 9520 feet, but sugnity under

Tioga. Silverton and Ouray are said to be among the richest mineralized spots on the face of the earth. This is Colorado's celebrated mining disis constructed by the second s trict. Between Silverton and Ouray. wears the title Rockies."

Rockies." One, of course, cannot cover a 3000-mile journey comprehensively in one newspaper article. The Migh spots only can be touched. Such a trip entails something of hardship, especially if taken during the sum-mer months when the deserts are torrid. The park superintendents making the tour in autumn escaped the extreme temperatures but in-curred heavy risks of storm. Only those acquainted with the torren-tial conditions which prevail after rains in the great Southwest can rains in the great Southwest can appreciate what that means. The erosion is simply tremendous and roads are cut to ribbons. The carareads are cut to ribbons. The cara-van, fortunately, found itself usually three days behind a storm or just beating it ahead of one. Only during two days was driving in rain or with skid chains neces-sary. But the discomforts of the journey were really few indeen and were so far outweighed by its su-preme delights that they are now were so far outweighed by its su-preme delights that they are now almost completely forgotten. In retrospect, the tour presents one thought, the message given to The Youth by the Corn Maldens in the ceremonial play "Fire" presented by the Navajo Indians at Mesa Verde under the direction of Mrs. Jesse Nusbaum: "All is beautiful:

"All is beautiful; "All is beautiful; "All is beautiful indeed." And all WAS beautiful.

THE YOSEMITE NATURAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION ITS PURPOSES

To gather and disseminate information on the wild-life of the Sierras.

2. To develop and enlarge the Yosemite Museum (in cooperation with the National Park Service) and to establish subsidiary units, such as the Glacier Point lookout and branches of similar nature.

- To promote the educational work of the Yosemite Nature Guide Service.
- To publish (in co-operation with the U.S. National Park Service) "Yosemite Nature Notes".
- To study living conditions, past and present, of the Indians of the Yosemite region.
- To maintain in Yosemite Valley a library of historical, scientific, and popular interest.

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- To further scientific investigation along lines of greatest popular interest and to publish, from time to time, bulletins of non-technical nature.
- To strictly limit the activities of the association to purposes which shall be scientific and educational, in order that the organization shall not be operated for profit.

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