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ABOUT VACATIONS.

The annual vacation has reached the point in American life when it may be said to be a real institution. Regardless of whether we have earned it, in services performed or through work well done, almost every American who can afford it, and some who cannot, demands his or her recreation time every July or August.

And with the advent of the vacation as an institution problems have been created that are often not easily solved. We have no doubt there are thousands who, for weeks before the glad day comes when the boss says, "It's your turn next; the cashier will fix you up," lie awake nights trying to think up answers to some of the riddles which the season brings.

Just the matter of money does not, apparently, trouble the majority of the vacationists. "I should worry," is the answer to that unimportant detail. If one is a vacationist, one must go anyway, don't you know. The Lord will provide. He made the ravens feed Elijah, and he'll furnish the vacation money, much or little, as the case may be.

What bothers the vacationist is how to get the most for the amount he has to spend, with some, vacation season is merely a time for making a splurge at the seashore or at some of the other fashionable resorts. The problem with them is, how far they can go with their tailor? A problem with others is to find a resort where dress is something like a fourth or fifth consideration.

The sportsman ponders over tons of booklets in his effort to pick the lake or river that will furnish the biggest catches for his reel. The members of another class wonder which of their relatives will board them the longest time without growing nasty about it. One might go on, ad infinitum, and still enumerate the problems of the summer vacation.

There is another question that to those who employ the vacation as it is intended, it is a beneficial privilege. It is an opportunity to secure change of scene, food and environment. It relieves the monotony of the long

weeks of toil and responsibility. It tires the muscles, but rests the brain and the nerves.

The demand for the vacation is natural. Night brings to a close the labor of the day; the Sabbath gives respite from the weariness of the week's toil and care; vacation season furnishes relaxation, rest and pleasure after the year's toil and grind.

The only trouble is that many persons who most need vacations, that is temporary relief from the conditions of city life, do not get them. The mothers and children of the crowded districts and the toilers in shops and factory—they are the ones who need occasional surcease from the weariness and change from the conditions that oppress them. The vacation season brings no problem to them, because they only dream of rest.

UNCLE SAM'S CONSCIENCE FUND

There is one place in the federal establishment at Washington where a contrite sinner may make open confession and amends without the slightest danger of prosecution. It was established by President Madison's administration in 1811, when the first contribution of \$5.00 was received by the government as "conscience money." Since then the fund has grown to nearly half a million dollars. It is surrounded by the treasury officials with a certain degree of sacredness. Usually the penitent sends his contribution anonymously, but if he signs his name his secret is locked in the archives of the government.

According to reports from Washington fewer penitents confessed during the fiscal year 1913 than for many years. The conscience fund received during the 12 months ending June 30 totaled only \$2,814.44, the lowest since 1901, and comparable with 100 years' average of \$4,200. While the report is the only official index to scruples, no treasury official attempts to explain the decrease in restitution of money received from the government by fraud or error. Perhaps the high cost of living has caused the penitent to postpone making amends until a more favorable time but this is not in line with the established methods, for self-denial is generally supposed to be exercised by the penitent.

Perhaps the coming year will see a flood of penitents. Following the low tide in 1910, the fund grew surprisingly during 1902,—\$35,863 was added to it, a record for a year.

There may be a wave of retribution now and some day, perhaps, the government will erect a peace temple with money from the fund.

NEW PLANTS DISCOVERED IN STUDY OF GRAZING LAND.

In making a study of grazing lands on the national forests, 125 entirely new species of plants have been discovered by the government's experts, and will be named and classified by the botanists of the department of agriculture.

Their discovery came about by way of the collection of some 9,000 different plant specimens, with notes as to their habits of growth and forage value. This work is of a comprehensive

plan to determine the grazing value of every acre of national forest land in which the capacity of the soil to grow certain forage crops is to be determined and an effort made to decide for which class of stock—sheep, cattle or goats—the range is best suited.

The men who have made the studies have combined the qualities of practical stockmen and trained botanists. They divide the areas into such small subdivisions that maps have been prepared which show exactly the kinds of feed which grow on each acre, and the time of year it is ready for grazing. The maps also show the stock's water supply and indicate the kind of stock best suited to the area.

The investigation also showed the examiners many areas covered with flowering plants which apparently should furnish excellent grazing, but which were not of a character relished by stock; these areas, therefore, had little or no stock carrying capacity.

As a result of the study, the forest service announces that it will be in a position to perfect its system of grazing management to bring about still better conditions for both stock and range.

A Detroit, Mich. sneak thief makes a specialty of stealing love notes while ransacking homes. My! My! That's worse than letting a man drown because you need the boat for picking pond lilies.

To facilitate voting it has been suggested that the national house of representatives vote by means of a new electrical device. Fine. We also suggest that they speak by telegraphic code.

Kaiser Wilhelm is said to be ahead \$1,000 a year by not drinking beer. Either Wilhelm paid too big a price for his beverage or he had a marvelous thirst.

Buttermilk is guaranteed by its admirers to promote longevity. Therefore the sale of buttermilk should be prohibited to some folks.

There is one pleasurable thought in working for someone else; we are never solicited for charitable, public or fraternal benefits.

The devil is overlooking the poker game on account of his interest in the tango dance and the evil youth with the motorcycle.

One of the Chinese provinces has seceded from the republic. And China has no Andrew Jackson to spank this present day Carolina.

BANK RELIEF UNPOPULAR.

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sale or supply the sum from other sources and still have its original \$10,500 invested.

There seems no disposition anywhere in Oregon according to local bankers, to make use of the McAdoo funds, one very encouraging reason being that Oregon banks are in no need of the loans as financial conditions from banks to farmers are satisfactory in every way.

To the institution that already some funds invested in United States securities, the system might be more serviceable, but to the bank that has to buy its securities, the system appears to be without an ounce of benefit.

Pendleton, Aug. 4.—Umatilla county grain growers stand to profit by the action of Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo in offering to place from \$25,000,000 to \$50,000,000 of the United States money in the banks of the west and south in order to avoid the usual financial stringency during the crop moving season. There are indications that the move will aid growers in their disposal of their wheat and as a result of the secretary's action higher prices may be paid than would otherwise have been offered.

That Secretary McAdoo's action was sensible and very satisfactory from the standpoint of the grower is the way G. M. Rice, cashier of the First National bank, looks upon the matter. "I believe the action will tend to promote confidence," says Mr. Rice. "It may be that in some sections the offer will not be accepted because no federal money will be needed. If so, very well. But the fact the offer will be open will have a wholesome effect and will tend to prevent tightness during the crop moving period. When

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there is stringency during the moving of the crop the producer suffers and the situation tends to help the buyer.

W. L. Thompson, head of the American National bank, looks upon the situation somewhat differently. He holds that the action of Secretary McAdoo will have no effect on the local market. The conditions under which the money will be deposited are such, in his view, that there will be no benefit here. Before learning that the money was to be deposited in the large centers of business, Mr. Thompson wired the secretary yesterday to ascertain if increased deposits would be made in United States depositories and at the same time he wired to New York for quotations on the two per cent bonds that have been reported as rated at 95 3-4 cents in New York. He has received no reply as yet from the secretary, but was informed from New York that the bonds are now worth 98 cents, the advance having evidently occurred as a result of the announcement about the money for the moving of the crop.

Under the terms of the announcement by Secretary McAdoo from twenty-five to fifty million dollars of government funds will be available at once for deposit in the south and west. The aim is to get the money in readiness for use before any stringency occurs so as to avoid such a contingency. As security for the deposits the government will take United States bonds, high class state, municipal and other bonds and prime commercial paper under such circumstances. Such paper will be good as security up to 65 per cent of the face value, government bonds will be accepted at par and other bonds at 75 per cent of the face value.

MEXICANS CUT WITH KNIVES.

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on and hurried to a telephone but the fire alarm had been turned in before he could get to the telephone.

It appears from the statement of the policemen that Officer Avant was on Fir street talking to the wounded man when the fire department got there. "I found that Officer Avant had been notified in person that there was trouble on Fir street," continued Mr. Walden today, "and that he left his meal in an up-town restaurant to go to the scene of trouble. Officer

Bennet was in the same restaurant and finished his meal and hurried to the scene. Avant was there talking to the wounded man when the department arrived."

"I turned in the alarm about 10 or 15 minutes after the man fell on the streets," said John Jordan, proprietor of a saloon on the same street. "Mr. Porter and I had every reason to believe the man was dying. We tried to get police headquarters but had trouble getting central. I could raise no one at headquarters and then we asked that the lights be turned on. We couldn't get a doctor at the moment and there seemed nothing else to do than turn in a fire alarm. It brought the results. The lights were on however, some little time before the department alarm was turned in. It must have been fully 10 minutes from the time the man fell until the department arrived. I don't think the police are particularly to blame, but I do feel we did right in turning in the fire alarm. It appeared to us that a man's life was at stake and a general alarm would bring doctors and policemen."

Great Day for Chickens in New York.

New York, Aug. 4.—This little old town has seen a lot of mighty pert looking chickens but today's display broke all records. Now stop right here and don't waste your time reading further if all you care about is the kind of chicken sung about in the song. This story refers to "eatin' chicken." Today was the opening day for as great a display of chickens as has been seen in the east in years, at the Greater New York Fair and exposition being held at the Empire city track. Nearly 1000 hens and roosters entered by the farmers of a score of states will be shown all week. Prizes will be awarded Saturday.

Kansas Lands Opened Today.

Dodge City, Kas., Aug. 4.—Ten thousand acres of land in Hamilton county, were thrown open to settlers today by the government land office.

Costly Treatment.

"I was troubled with constipation and indigestion and spent hundreds of dollars for medicine and treatment," writes C. H. Hines, of Whitlow, Ark. "I went to a St. Louis hospital, also to a hospital in New Orleans, but no cure was effected. On returning home I began taking Chamberlain's Tablets, and worked daylight long. I used them for some time and am now all right." For sale by all dealers.

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La Grande National Bank

La Grande, Oregon

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