

MOUNTAIN SERVICE FOR TOURISTS WEST

CALIFORNIA AUTO AIDS State Association to Provide Towing and Other Helps For Cars En Route, Says Report

Motorists who find themselves in difficulties on the mountains in California will find a service at their disposal that should be appreciated especially by drivers from the middle west who are unaccustomed to mountain driving. This service, according to a bulletin issued by the touring bureau of the Chicago Motor club, is rendered by specially constructed mountain tow cars manned by expert mechanics of the California State Automobile association. Free mechanical first aid and towing service will be rendered to all touring members of affiliated American Automobile association clubs, and in addition to this the equipment will also be at the disposal of non-members who have trouble negotiating the grades into the valley, but in this case a regular charge will be made for the service.

Carry Supplies Gasoline and oil supplies will be carried in stock at the tow service camps and emergency supplies will be sold motorists at regular prices. A delivery service is provided for club members whose cars are stalled because the gasoline or oil supply is exhausted. Free tire changes for women driving alone, is another feature of the service. The conveniences afforded at the camp stations will be available to both members and non-members.

Records of the two service camps show that last year they furnished emergency road service to more than 2,500 members of the California State Automobile association during the season and to approximately the same number of members of affiliated motoring organizations. With a heavier travel than ever into Yosemite Valley anticipated this season, it is expected that the special mountain service will break its record made last year.

People used to oppose the idea of women going into business offices, but it has often had the effect of making the men tend up more regularly.

The girls are working mighty hard to get ready to graduate, but at last reports they were visiting the dressmaker more frequently than the library.

Formerly the kids used to idle away many hours playing truant, but now they consider it more fun to tend to school and get the teacher's goat.

MINERAL WEALTH IN CENTRAL IDAHO

Almost Untapped Storehouse of Ores; Antimony and Quicksilver Found

Central Idaho is an almost untapped storehouse of mineral wealth. Although the day of the red-shirt miner with equipment that could be carried on a pack horse has passed, that of development by modern methods has only just begun, having been retarded by lack of transportation facilities in this rugged, forested region. The Yellow Pine district, in Valley county, in the Salmon River mountains, is a part of central Idaho in which there are promising deposits of antimony, gold, and quicksilver, none of which have yet been developed beyond the prospecting stage. The district has now been reached by an automobile road, and additional roads across it are in prospect, so that the time when its possibilities can be adequately tested is close at hand.

The geology of the Yellow Pine district and of its principal known ore bodies is set forth in a report just issued by the Department of the Interior as Bulletin 780-D of the Geological Survey, entitled "Antimony and quicksilver deposits in the Yellow Pine district, Idaho," by Frank C. Schrader and Clyde P. Ross. Now that the quicksilver industry in the United States is on the decline, this district and neighboring parts of Idaho are especially interesting, for they constitute one of the few remaining areas in this country that contain inadequately tested quicksilver deposits, some of which may prove to be of considerable value. At one of the quicksilver mines in the Yellow Pine district tests are being made of a new apparatus for obtaining this metal from its ore. The apparatus and process are briefly described in the report just issued. Initial tests of the plant under working conditions were unsuccessful, but it contains novel features that may eventually prove real contributions to the metallurgy of quicksilver, in which few fundamental advances have been made in many years.

The district is of especial interest just now also because of the price of

antimony, which for the last year or more has been abnormally high and shows no sign of decrease. One of the Yellow Pine antimony deposits contains a considerable quantity of commercial ore and made a small production during the war under very adverse conditions.

Weather observations broadcast from the recently installed radio station at Julianehaab, Greenland, are now being received regularly in Europe, and since March 19 have been published on the British Daily Weather maps. It is the expectation that these observations will shortly be available in the United States and Canada by radio reception and that they will be of great value in connection with forecasting by the Weather Bureau. The meteorological station at Julianehaab is one of several maintained on the coast of Greenland by the Danish government. It is interesting to note that the observations between March 19 and April 2 show temperatures at 9 a. m. ranging from 32 degrees to 45 degrees F. The explanation of these very moderate temperatures is that Julianehaab is near the southern extremity of Greenland where the climate is modified by marine influences.

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