THE CALL OF THE OUTDOORS

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OUTDOOR UNIVERSITIES

THE first requisite of successful farm management is knowledge and initiative in devoting each section of the farm to exactly the best crops suited to it. The same thing applies to the successful management of the natural advantages of a continent. If the outdoors of the United States were managed as efficiently as a farm, ning by Motorcycle Policeman John De it would be divided up into various areas, and each area would be Groot on charges of driving a car devoted to the thing it was best suited for.

If you will watch carefully, you will observe that on most successful farms are little patches of trees and brush. Perhaps along a fence, perhaps in the middle of a field, you will see little clumps of trees left standing, like oases in a desert. Why are they there? They could have been cultivated. They were not as good land as the rest, but they would have yielded a certain small amount of grain, anyway. But the farmer is a wise person. He has weighed the respective values of that little patch-often only a few yards in diameter-as a poor yielder of grain and as a most excellent place for the noon siesta.

It is there that he stops for a rest on a hot afternoon, and it is there that the jug of water is left; and there, too, he sits to eat his lunch. The farmer has realized that such places are necessary to comfortable, and therefore to efficient, working conditions. What is lost in ground is more than made up in increased energy for the worker.

To a certain extent this same plan has been followed in the United States as a whole. Some of the regions that are best suited to serve as recreation areas have been set aside. There are the national parks and monuments, and a large number of state parks. But there are not enough. The manner in which the people have flocked to the national forests and to every available outdoor breathing space has proved it. There should be more. Whenever financial advantage is held in one hand and the outdoors in the other, the financial hand wins. There are even now attempts to take away some of the recreation grounds that have been already established.

We need these places not only as recreation areas. We need them as educational institutions as well. We

place we want to. The great outdoor and costs Monday when the case came universities cannot be built later on. to trial and the others were fined \$3 They must be preserved as they now and costs, each. Both machines were

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Disorderly Motorists

Four men were arrested Sunday evewhile intoxicated and disorderly conduct. The car in which they were riding collided with an automobile need universities of the outdoors just driven by Dr. Oscar B. Yeatman, 708 as badly as we need universities of the Church street, Evanston, who preferred indoors. The basis of American char- the charges. The men were Helgo acter is built on outdoor sport and Johnson, 4620 Hazel avenue, Chicago, recreation. Any observer of contem- the driver, who was charged with drivporary life knows that we need more ing while intoxicated, Loger Johnson, of these great outdoor places where 720 Central avenue, Highland Park, B. people can see nature from the ground Ingstrom, 720 Central avenue, Highland Park, and C. H. Brown, 6143 Before any more of our great nat- North Clark street, Chicago, who were ural recreation areas that have been charged with disorderly conduct.

set aside, not by law but by nature, The accident occurred at Sheridan are devoted to a use of much less value road and Michigan avenue. The men to the nation as a whole, let us decide were taken to the police station by De on their best use and devote them to it. Groot and later released on bonds of We can build universities of book \$100 each by Police Magistrate D. M.

knowledge any time we want to, any Mickey. Helgo Johnson was fined \$50 seriously damaged.

of Trains, New Warning

Additional precaution to insure the safety of pedestrians was taken this Get Fines in Wilmette week by the Chicago, North Shore and Milwaukee railway in placing conspicuous signs near the sidewalks at all crossings reading-"Do not Cross tracks in front of trains."

> The signs were placed for the purpose of curbing the general practice of pedestrians of walking around lowered gates and "beating" approaching trains across the right-of-way.

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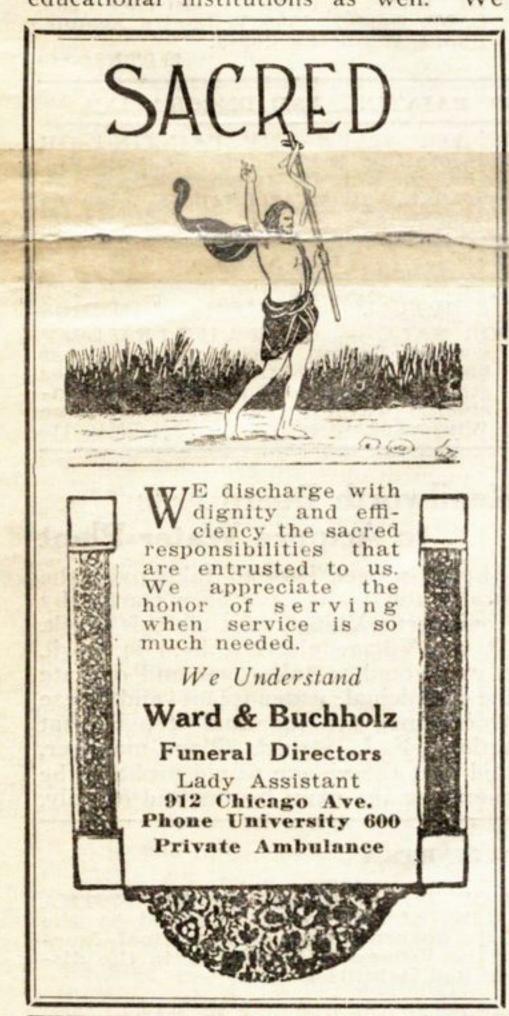
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