

the forest in the Santa Madre mountains 15 miles north of Pasadena for the time of their lives.

They were first to enjoy the city's annual outing for boys, girls, women and families who could not, because they lacked the necessary funds, get away from the fetid air and stifling monotony of towering buildings for a summer vacation.

For two weeks these boys, aged 12 to 14, will camp out under the guardianship of A. A. Dietz, in charge of the municipal playgrounds department. The total expenses, including the 200 miles of transportation, will be \$7.50 each for the entire fortnight and will be borne by the city of Los Angeles.

Besides Dietz, seven other men, strong of limb and lithe of body, will accompany the youngsters to see that none of the bears, mountain lions and the like get away with any of the bold young huntsmen, or any of their arms, legs or other impedimenta or paraphernalia necessary to their well-being.

Upon the return of the younger boys the older lads have their two weeks of fun, and after that follow the girls and the women, and later the families—and all because a city finds that it pays to be humane to its inhabitants!

—o—o— WHATCHAMEAN BY HALCYON?

When the world was young enough to believe in fables, one of the poetic stories told was about the kingfisher, then called the halcyon.

The kingfisher then, as now, built her nest on the water and she always chose the calm days of the winter in which to nest. But, according to the fable, she charmed the winds and the waves so that they remained calm until her eggs were hatched and her little ones on the wing.

And so the poets of that time compared delightful and happy days to the days when the kingfisher nested—the halcyon days when everything was peaceful.

"ALL GREAT MEN DRINK; I DO TOO," SAYS VICTOR BERGER



Victor L. Berger.

Milwaukee, Wis.—The flowing bowl may flow on forever, the foamy glass may foam, for all Victor Berger, former socialist congressman, cares.

Milwaukee's famous socialist told the state vice commission recently: "I am a man who takes a drink; all great men, from Julius Caesar down, are drinking men." Whereupon he declared he was no champion of John Barleycorn, but that capitalism and not alcohol is the real cause of the world's social problems. Congressman Berger told the vice commission that dress had more to do with vice than drink.

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There are now three negroes sitting in the French parliament. They come from the colonial possessions of France.

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English society women have established an institution in which nurses get three years of training in the care of dogs and other pets.