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YUMA'S SUNNY CLIME

Yuma, Arizona, claims the proud title of "Sunshine Capital of the United States.

"If wealth were measured in sunshine," writes James H. Gordon, in charge of the official weather station at that place, "Yuma would be the richest city in the United States. The sun does not shine one hundred per cent. of the time, but it comes nearer to doing that in Yuma than in any other part of the country from which we have records. Even in December and January, Yuma averages nearly eight hours a day with sunshine. Winter is anything but a dark, damp season."

For many years the Southern Pacific Hotel at Yuma, now abandoned, advertised free meals on any day when the sun failed to appear. The records show that on an average there are about one and a half such days a year, and as a day was not proved to be sunless until sunset only the evening meal was involved, so that this nationally famous advertisement was worth much more than it cost. There was once a big garage at Yuma that gave free gasoline on sunless days.

On December 31 each year the "Sunshine Congress of the United States" meets in the largest theater of the town at 11 p.m. and adjourns at 1 o'clock in the morning, after performing various amusing stunts.

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