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IT IS REALLY ONE OF THE WORLD'S WONDERS



OF the many natural wonders of Oregon there are none that surpass Crater Lake. As the years roll by it is certain to attract the attention of tourists and scientists in greater and greater numbers. In the last number of the Ladd & Bush Quarterly, a splendid publication issued at Salem, Oregon, we find the following most attractive article:

After spending a day on the lake a traveler of extended European experience remarked, "There is nothing like this any other place in the world. Were it in Europe it would be visited by thousands and be known all over the world."

Crater Lake is located on the summit of the Cascade Range of mountains about sixty-five miles north of the California line and eighty miles northeast of Medford. The road leading to it winds much of the way up the Rogue river canon. In 1853 it was first discovered by the white man when a prospector, J. W. Hillman, in his wanderings came upon it, but it was long previously known to the Indians, who regarded it with awe as an abode of a Great Spirit and did not dare to look on its waters. Founded on the deductions of geologists it is claimed that once above the lake stood as lofty a mountain as Mount Shasta. The rim of the lake at an altitude of 8,000 feet and Mount Shasta at equal height have the same diameter. A subsidence occurred and the upper 6,000 feet of the mountain was engulfed into the bowels of the earth, leaving a hole 4,000 feet deep, with a diameter of nearly six miles and a circumference of thirty-five miles. As the ages passed this cavity filled with water to the depth of 2,000 feet. The rim is precipitous, not a continuous cliff, but made up of many cliffs whose horizontal extent is generally greater than the vertical. The height of this rim above the water varies from 500 feet at one point on the south side to over 2,000 feet at other points. At a few places it is possible to approach the lake, but not with