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THE SAPPHIRE SEA OF SILENCE.

"Destined to become one of the most famous of national parks."

That is what park authorities say of Crater Lake National Park—249 square miles of unparalleled magnificence, the crowning feature of which is Crater Lake itself, "The Sapphire Sea of Silence." Two thousand feet deep with a surface area of more than twenty square miles, 6177 feet above sea-level, in the vast crater of what was once a gigantic snow-capped mountain, Crater Lake, mysterious, awe-inspiring, is a scenic wonder of America.

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Crater Lake Lodge, on the rim of the lake, an inn at once picturesque and highly metropolitan in character, offer splendid accommodations and service.

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Motorists have the choice of two routes to Crater Lake—one via Medford, Oregon, the other by way of Klamath Falls. The usual procedure is to go one way and return the other, thus covering new country and viewing new scenery throughout the entire trip. At Anna Springs Camp where a giant spring gushes from the mountainside, five miles from the rim of the lake, a Standard Oil Service Station has recently been established. At practically the junction of the Medford road, which branches off to the lake from the Pacific Highway, and the Klamath Falls road, branching off from what is known as The Dalles-California highway, at the base of a long hill which mounts to the rim of the lake, this new station is advantageously situated to meet the needs of motorists.

The season at Crater Lake is from July 1 to October 1. During the three months of 1921 there was a total of 28,699 visitors, an increase of about forty per cent over the attendance in 1920. This is the biggest percentage of increase in visitors enjoyed by any national park in 1921, and seems to bear out the prophecy that Crater Lake National Park is destined to become one of the most famous of the national parks.

THE TELEPHONE RATES.

The new public service commission is doing the state a disservice by withdrawing the answer of the late commission from the action instituted by phone users in the circuit court of Multnomah.

This refusal of the new commission to let the case go to trial on its merits before the circuit court is a confession that the old commission might be sustained. And that would be embarassing.

The majority of the telephone users, however, would like to know what the other court, the circuit court, thinks of the rates. The majority who protested against the present rates as being too high were sincere in their belief though probably influenced in most cases by agitators who cared less about the facts than they did about their own personal schemes and ambitions. Wherever an apparent cause for dissatisfaction arises, there is always a demogog there ready to sacrifice the public good for his own aggrandizement.

It is possible that the new rates are too high. We have never professed to know. Neither does anybody else know other than what the late public service commission published in its findings. Nothing was brought out in the re-trial before it to show in the slightest degree that the commission had erred in its previous findings. If anything was accamplished in that farce, it was the confirmation of the commission's judgment.

But certain Portland people were still dissatisfied and willing to risk their money in a court trial. They brought the case as this paper frequently urged them to do. The public service commission filed its answer in the court. The question of the ligitimacy of the rates is all ready for trial before a judicial tribunal. Now the newly elected commission withdraws from the case in order to prevent the truth being impartially found out. Thus, with the commission refusing to defend the suit, there will be nothing for the court to do but decide the case in favor of the plaintiff.

If the commission had the courage of its alleged convictions when it was running for office, it would permit the case to go to trial on its merits so that the public might know the truth.—Corvallis Gazette-Times.

SPIDERS AND MUSIC.

It has been asserted that spiders possess a sensitivenes to musical sounds. Some species seem to respond to the note of the piano, the harp, the flute, and so on, in a manner suggestive of their ability to recognize these sounds or the harmonic vibrations on which they are based. But a member of the College of France, who is said to have made a special study of the instincts and the supposed "psychism" of spiders thinks that the apparent sensitiveness of these creatures to music has been misunderstood. It is his opinion that when musical instruments are played near their nests the spiders simply feel the vibrations through their webs, or otherwise, without recognizing the musical notes as sounds. The effect upon them is similar to that of the buzzing of the entrapped fly. He does not ascribe much "intelligence" to spiders.

IN DEATH VALLEY.

Death valley is a narrow valley between the Panamint and Funeral mountains in California. It is traversed by the Amagorra river, which is usually a dry channel, though probably it was formerly full of water. The level of the valley is covered with salt, supposed to have been brought by the torrents from the surrounding desert and left on the evaporation of the water. Death valley is said to be the hottest and the driest place in the United States.

The Wall Street Magazine has made a careful study of the business situation with particular reference to the plentitude of money. Over a period of the next year or so it sees the following rotation of events:

1. A definite rise in commodity prices.
2. Expansion of industrial activity.
3. Increased public buying.
4. Reduced unemployment.
5. Higher wages.
6. A period of new inflation followed by a boon.
7. A recession as the demand on the money market becomes more pronounced and money rates as a consequence climb upward once more.

We trust that the county court will not lease the county farm for five years. It would be a mistake to do so. The county farm should be improved and used as a place where the county charges can stay and to some extent enjoy life, instead of being sent to some Portland hospital. The farm, if conducted as are some other county farms, can be self-sustaining. At the present time, the county pays from $6,000 to $7,000 per year to various hospitals and individuals for taking care of the county's poor. They rent the farm for $225 per year. Taxpayers who are interested in the matter should consult with the county court.

Tradition has it that the first Spaniards to land on Hawaii were wrecked on the southeast coast in 1575; but the clear imprint of a Spanish shoe has been discovered in the surface on an ancient lava flow on the west coast near Hanaunau, the "City of Refuge." Since the lava flow must antedate the building of the city in 1100, how the footprint got there is a mystery that will probably never be solved.

The St. Helens school board has decided to begin the fall session of school on September 5th instead of Labor Day as previously planned. Nothing will be lost by such action and the working men who look forward toward Labor Day as their holiday and their time for a family picnic or reunion will appreciate the action of the board.

THE BIBLE—ANSWERS THESE QUESTIONS.

The Beauty of Holiness—Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name; bring an offering, and come before Him; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.—1 Chronicles -6: 29.

Who was Tiglath-pileser? 2 Kings 16, 7.

What was the origin of the Passover? — Exodus 12, 3-14.

On what occasion was the Passover extended beyond the usual period?—2 Chronicles 30, 15-26.

Who was the king of Judah when Senacherib invaded that country? — Hezekiah.

What preparation did Hezekiah make to check the invasion? — 2 Chronicles 32, 2-8.

Who succeeded Manasseh as king of Israel?—2 Kings 21, 18.

What was the manner of King Amon's death?—2 Kings 21, 23.

What king of Judah burned the bones of the priests?—2 Chronicles 34, 5.

Who was king of Judah at the time Nebuchadnezzar beseiged Jerusalem?—Zedekiah.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Columbia County.

In the Matter of the Estate of Emma Marie King, Deceased:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to an order of the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Columbia County, made on August 21, 1922, in the matter of the estate of Emma Marie King, deceased, authorizing the administrator thereof to sell all the real property of said estate at private sale, the undersigned the administrator of said estate, will from and after Saturday, the 23rd day of September, 1922, sell at private sale, to the highest bidder for cash, and subject to confirmation by said Court, and continue to offer for sale until sold, the following described real estate belonging to the estate of said Emma Marie King, deceased, situated in Columbia County, Oregon, to-wit:

Lot 30 in Block 1, Tichenor's Second Addition to the City of Clatskanie, in Columbia County, Oregon; also

The northeast quarter of the southwest quarter, and the south half of the northwest quarter of section 26, township 7 north range 4 west of Willamette Meridian in Columbia County, Oregon, excepting therefrom the north half of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of said section heretofore sold to Otto H. Langfeldt, by deed dated March 29, 1919, and recorded in Book 27, at page 306 deed records of Columbia County, Oregon,

for the purpose of paying the liens, claims, costs and expenses of administration of said estate. Terms of sale, cash in U. S. gold coin, ten per cent to accompany bid, balance on confirmation of sale. All bids to be directed to the undersigned, at Clatskanie, Oregon, care of Geo. B. Conyers.

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