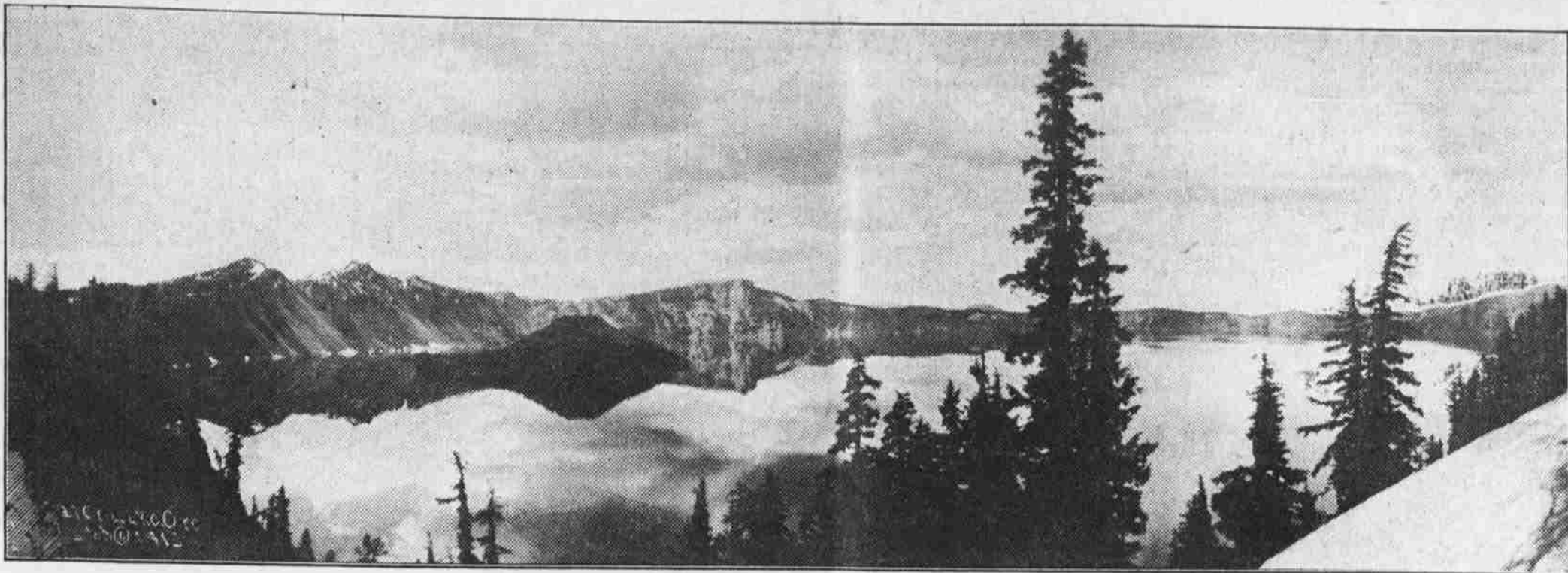


# Crater Lake, One of the Wonders of the World



Crater Lake, one of the marvels of nature, comprising 21 square miles of water surface, whose rim rises more than a thousand feet above the water.

(By Will G. Steele, Superintendent of Crater Lake Park.)

Time was, and not many years ago either, when Crater Lake was looked upon as a gigantic joke; but that was because few had seen it, and such as had been there were ignorant of the world and its wonders, none of which they had ever seen, or, more likely, they had not seen it at all, and could not comprehend how it were possible to have a great natural wonder in our very midst. They were skeptical because they knew no better, and were noisy in their demonstrations, because their ignorance was so dense as to make them really believe themselves to be smart.

Then scientific men and women came, who had been all over the world, and their enthusiasm knew no bounds. They declared it without a parallel upon the earth. They wrote glowing accounts about it, and over their own signatures declared it to be greater than anything in Europe. European men of learning did this, as well as sages from other parts of the world. The general government became interested, and now is spending \$100,000 every year, just to build roads in the national park it has made of it. In five years the

ery, for they will at least have discovered America.

In 1915 a brand new cut stone hotel will be occupied directly on the



EARL R. HOSLER  
The competent superintendent of the city water system.

rim of the lake, at a point where a stone dropped would fall 950 feet before striking the water. Forty miles of road within the park will be open to the public, over some of which for the first time visitors can ride comfortably in their own automobiles, including the high plain near Mout Scott and the ride along Sand creek, with its thousands of sharp sandstone pinnacles. New boats will ply on the waters of the lake, including a 35-foot gasoline launch and safe rowboats. Rainbow trout are getting so plentiful that the government is actually puzzled to find food in sufficient quantities to keep them.

Roads leading to the park are getting better, too, for Klamath and Jackson counties are spending all the money they can to improve them. Five years ago it took eleven and twelve hours to go from Rogue River Valley points to the lake, whereas in 1914 it only required six and was often made in less than that. The new road within the park and leading to the Medford entrance will be finished in 1915, besides which that leading from there to Prospect will be regraded and placed in excellent condition. In this connection it might be well to say Jackson county has finished the grade from the California line to Central Point, with a maximum of 6 per cent, so that the Siskiyou has ceased to be an unsurmountable barrier, and now presents one of the finest highways on the continent. Just as soon as this fact becomes known to California automobilists this will be one of the most popular runs on the coast.

During the past season the trail from Crater Lake Lodge to the lake was greatly improved, but early in 1915 it will be made available for horse travel, so that those who do not want to climb up and down can make the horse do the work. There is one serious difficulty about improving this trail so much, however, and that is, that, until the novelty wears off, old people and young children will impede the traffic by running up and down it, just for fun, but as the season opens July 1 and closes September 30 there will be ample time for them to get tired of the exercise.

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Kentucky Wonder beans two feet long is not an uncommon sight in Ashland gardens, and the flavor, you go long, it can't be beat.

## History of Park Improvement

(By H. E. Badger.)

During the early history of the city of Ashland one of its active citizens planned and urged the laying aside of tracts of land for park purposes, and finally secured the co-operation of the council, and on December 15, 1908, an act creating a board of park commissioners was passed by a large majority at the regular city election. This act set aside certain lands for park purposes, and Mr. C. B. Watson's efforts were finally crowned with success. The mayor, R. U. Snell, appointed the following board, which organized as follows: President, H. G. Enders, five years; vice-president, Mrs. Mary Melkle, four years; secretary, W. A. Patrick, three years; Mrs. Ida M. Gard, two years; G. A. Knoblough, one year. This board met and organized January 9, 1909, and immediately took steps to improve the parks. The first grass, flowers and trees were planted that year where the old Virgin mill stood, and the lake near the Chautauqua grounds was made. This board with the help of the Civic Improvement Club secured and improved the park at Iowa and Liberty streets and the Boulevard. They also purchased the thirty-acre tract from the Carter estate at a figure that made the property practically a gift to the city by the Carter family. This board secured the services of a practical gardener, Mr. G. A. Gilbertson, whose services proved of real value to the city. He laid out and planted the Mill street park, built the fall facing the postoffice, set up the walls about it, planned and made the lake, and seeded and planted to magnolia trees

the Boulevard parkway—of course, under the supervision of the park commission.

The act creating the board of park commissioners provided for the election each year of one member of the board for a term of five years. The first election for such members resulted in the selection of H. E. Badger by the city at large. In January, 1910, this board organized by electing H. E. Badger president, Mrs. Gard secretary and Mr. Patrick vice-president. During this year work was done on the Boulevard parkway and the lake and horse-tail falls, besides grassing and improving all the parks with flowers. In 1910 Mrs. E. N. Butler was elected to succeed Mrs. Gard, in 1911 C. B. Watson was elected to succeed W. A. Patrick and Mrs. Marie Vaupel was elected to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. E. N. Butler, resigned. In 1912 Mrs. E. K. Van Sant was elected to succeed Mrs. Melkle and in 1913 Mr. F. E. Watson was elected to succeed H. G. Enders. In 1912 Mr. George Taverner was appointed by Mayor Johnson and confirmed by the council to fill the unexpired term of C. B. Watson, resigned. The present board consists of: H. E. Badger, president; George Taverner, secretary; Mrs. Marie Vaupel, Mrs. Elizabeth Van Sant.

The board has always been loyal to the interests of the city and has worked hard to make Ashland known as the City of Beautiful Parks. The last few years the receipts from the tax levy for park purposes have been barely sufficient to pay for the maintenance of the lawns and flowers set

out years ago. The city owes a debt of gratitude to Mr. George Taverner for the condition of the parks through 1913 and 1914. The board



H. E. BADGER  
Park commissioner, whose term ends January 1. Has served for five years, four of which he has been president of the board. Much of the park improvement of late years has been due to his work.

considers themselves fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Crowson and Mr. Blair, whose faithful work under the supervision of the board is very commendable. One source of annoyance to the board is the large amount of money required each year for the payment of paving and sidewalk assessments fronting the various small parks. In 1912 the amount of \$1,474.18 was taken from the board's treasury for such assessments. The people of the city who understand this should sympathize with the board on account of this obstacle to adding to the beauty and improvement of the parks.

The continued co-operation of the Civic Improvement Club, which furnished benches and many other notable improvements to our parks, helped very materially to beautify the city. In fact, the board would have been seriously handicapped without their help. All the members of the board are to be commended for their unselfish zeal, and special mention should be made of H. G. Enders's active work.

The council this year granted a one mill levy for the parks and the improvement will be noticeable.

**Ashland Natatorium.**  
The Ashland Mineral Springs Sanitarium property is situated near the center of the city of Ashland, two blocks from the postoffice, Main street and city park, the proposed location of lithia and soda waters to be piped in this winter.

The white sulphur springs, five in number, with an unlimited flow of water, have been known for their recuperative qualities since the earliest settlement of the country, and their fame is traditional with the Indian tribes of the entire coast.

Early in the eighties a building was erected known as the White Sulphur Springs Hotel, in which were installed public bathrooms using the white sulphur water.

People came in those days, staying at the hotel for the benefit of these baths, and they have been in continuous use, demonstrating their medicinal value each year, which resulted in the property being purchased by a corporation and thousands of dollars being spent in their further development and building as fine a natatorium as you will find in the cities.

This water has demonstrated the permanent cure of the following: Stomach complaints, uterus disorders, soreness relieved from sprained ankles and other physical injuries,

Bright's disease, gallstones, dropsical conditions, rheumatism, malarial fever, eczema, especially good for the hair, making it soft and lustrous, and curing scalp diseases.

Analysis is as follows: Per Ct.  
Sodium chloride, per liter..... 6.2  
Potassium chloride, per liter.... 4.  
Magnesium sulphate, per liter... 2.5  
Iron, per liter..... 1.  
Sulphur, per liter..... 5.5

This Natatorium has two fine concrete bathing pools 45x100 feet, dressing rooms and a fine gallery five feet wide running around the room. There are twelve tub baths fitted with showers. The building is steam heated. All towels and suits are steam washed and steam dried. There are rest rooms, massage rooms and a large ball room 65x100 feet, a roof garden the same size as the ballroom—in fact, nothing has been overlooked by this company to make this an attractive as well as a place of curative value.

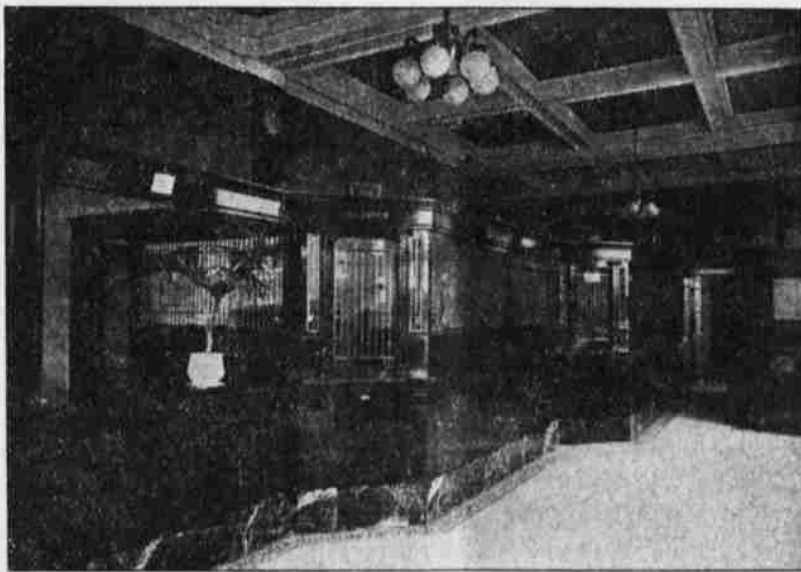
Yellow sulphur water is quite common, but white sulphur is rare, therefore the city of Ashland is blessed with all the kinds of mineral water that nature could bestow on her children for the upbuilding of a weakened physical body by a simple, natural method.



F. E. WATSON  
Secretary Park Commission. He has had much influence in making Ashland beautiful.

### PICTURES FOR EDITION WORK OF HIGH ART

The Tidings is deeply indebted to The Studio Ashland for the splendid results obtained in producing this edition. The greater part of the success of such a venture depends upon the character of negatives for the pictures. In doing this work during the extremely busy holiday season the Studio Ashland did not slight the details, but the result speaks for the extra efforts required.



INTERIOR VIEW OF THE CITIZENS BANK OF ASHLAND  
This bank has always stood for as liberal treatment of its patrons as sound business principles would permit, and has taken a prominent part in all movements for the advancement of the community interest. Its list of stockholders comprises about sixty of the prominent people of Ashland, making it in reality, as its name implies, "The Citizens Bank of Ashland."



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The above are the jovial heads of the Ashland Trading Company, a corporation dealing in fancy groceries and dry goods, which institution is justly popular. Mr. Acklin is president of the concern and Mr. Brown is the treasurer and manager.



L. S. BROWN



J. J. MURPHY  
One of the heavy land owners and growers of fancy stock and farm produce. He gave to Ashland the New Lithia Spring.

most beautiful, the most thrillingly beautiful road system will be completed there that the world possesses. Rich Americans have spent every year millions of dollars to see European ruins, but, after this cruel war is over, ruins will be so common that they will fall into the fad of seeing their own country, and Crater Lake National Park will get its share of the patronage. Then even the distant parts of Oregon will be there, raving over the grandeur of the scen-



JOHN F. PATTY  
An active business man and booster of anything that will benefit the city. He is engaged in the furniture and hardware business.



H. C. STOCK  
Owner and manager of Stock's Undertaking Parlors, an institution which is of long standing in this city and which is well known in southern Oregon.