

CRATER LAKE ENCHANTMENT

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Within Short Range

Lake Is in Crater National Forest—
Water Is Bluer Than Any Other
Blue Ever Seen.

Nobody ever did justice to Crater Lake with ink and paper, and nobody ever will. Like the Grand Canyon, it is bigger than the English language. The eye only can grasp its colossal splendor, its vivid colors and its wondrous beauty.

Somehow or other, Nature appears to have taken a dormant volcano in the Cascade mountains, hollowed it out to a prodigious depth and filled it with 2000 feet of water. This lake is surrounded by a precipitous wall from 1000 to 2000 feet high. The wall is so steep that the only way to descend to the lake is by a trail laid out by the government.

The lake itself is six miles in diameter. Around the rim of the great bowl there is a fine road, over which many automobiles ride to get the many startling views of this remarkable lake.

Perhaps the most striking feature of Crater Lake is its colorings. The water is bluer than any other blue you ever saw, and reflects the reds and yellows of the rim in fascinating combinations of purple, orange and green. You will never know what fantasies Nature can create with her paint brush until you see Crater Lake.

While Crater Lake is not in Jackson county, still it is inseparably connected with it. The Crater National Forest, in which the lake is located, extends over into Jackson county, and most of the tourists who visit this wonder of the world fit out in the cities of Jackson county for the trip, these cities being the natural gateways to the lake. A fine highway runs from Central Point and other valley points to it.

Almost everybody in Jackson county goes to Crater Lake at least once a year. This is a rare privilege that belongs to all who live in the county and is one of the reasons why a good many people settle down here to make their permanent homes.

Only a few hours drive, 80 miles from Central Point.

Four-wheel brakes on a car are not going to help the driver who has a brake on the wheels in his head.

"Don't get married on less than \$4000 a year salary," cautions an eastern college professor. The warning certainly came too late in our case.



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Making Others Happy Will Bring Happiness

AUNT ELIZA had lived alone for many years; her finances had dwindled, and her health as well.

It was Christmas Eve and as Aunt Eliza returned from town with a few little things that her scant purse could buy, her heart was a little heavy, for the winter was before her and her strength was falling fast.

"I'm glad I got that knife for crippled Jim; he so enjoys cutting out those animals. Life is worth while so long as we can give others pleasure, and there is always some one that we can help. I'll read to blind Jane tomorrow and that will help her and me pass away the day. Tonight I must try to think of some way that I can earn money. Sister would help me if she knew, so would the church ladies, but I simply can't tell anyone. Well, the only way to be happy is to make some one else happy, so I'll take Jimmy's knife to him. God has never forsaken me." All this was going through Aunt Eliza's mind.

As she opened the door she stood face to face with her only sister. She was overcome with joy.

"Oh, Eliza, all the children want for Christmas is you, and they sent me for you. We have a nice home next to ours, for you. We will start tonight so we can get there for dinner tomorrow. You shall never feel lonely again."

Eliza continues to believe that making others happy brings happiness.—Emily Burks Adams.

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For the Tree

Has any one ever tried cutting little stars, circles, fir trees, etc., from pumpkin rind for the Christmas tree? Peel pumpkin with as wide a peeling as possible. Then cut out your circles, etc., with scissors or knife and fasten to a piece of card.

Christmas Day Brides

According to an old belief Christmas Day brides are inclined to be frivolous and fond of pleasure.

Helping Santa Claus—Assistants Needed

HER children had had such a jolly Christmas. Their joy and delight had been a joy and delight to see. But that Christmas afternoon she heard of a story that saddened her. A little girl and a little boy had gathered a tree from the woods and had left it for Santa Claus to trim. Eagerly Christmas morning they had gone down stairs to see the tree, but it was just as they had left it. Santa Claus had not come, and they had followed all the rules they had been told about calling up the chimney to him.

Their family were both poor and lacking in imagination. Struggle and ill health had driven any lurking imagination from them.

So she went that evening, her arms laden with tree decorations and odds and ends of candles and toys and asked if she might trim the tree. The next morning the children were told that Santa Claus had not forgotten them—he had had to dash over to the next town to do so much that he had been delayed. Santa Claus needs his assistants and no job in the world is much more fun than that of being an assistant to Santa Claus.—Mary Graham Bonner.

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Christmas Greens

The custom of hanging evergreens in the house during the yuletide originally had a purpose beyond that of decoration. In olden days each kind of evergreen was believed to confer special blessings on those who passed beneath its boughs. To pass under holly insured good fortune throughout the year, bay meant victory, while laurel was supposed to impart a spirit of beauty and poetry.

But Once a Year

At Christmas play and make good cheer. For Christmas comes but once a year.—Tusser.

Lights Increase Egg Production.

There has been considerable argument for and against artificial lighting of poultry houses, some claiming that while lighting may increase the egg production, the vitality of the birds are decreased thereby. The agricultural experiment station of New Jersey, which has made many experiments both with and without artificial lighting, states that it has been conclusively proven that increased egg production and better health are the results of artificial lighting or laying houses. A three-year study of 280 flocks, with a population of 804,139 birds was made and the tests showed that an average of 67.1 eggs were obtained from pullets where no lights were used and 75.8 with lights. The tests

covered a period of five months yearly, from November to April.

Go Slow With Mint Raising.

M. D. Armstrong, state specialist of the horticulture division of Pullman college of Washington state, warns farmers not to go to fast with the mint acreage of the Pacific coast. He says there are now more than 40,000 acres of mint acreage in the U. S. and very many more thousands of acres on which it can be successfully grown, and advises growers "not to become too enthusiastic about this crop, as it is a very speculative business." The market for mint oil is limited, it being used chiefly for flavoring confections and in a few drugs, with no large commercial use.

Christmas Comes

Heads of families think it is remarkable what a short time there is between Christmases.

The Christmas Tree

It requires the sweet adaptability of the child mind to enable its recent admirers to revel in a bonfire made of the Christmas tree.

Eat It by the Ton

Twelve hundred tons of plum pudding are consumed in London at Christmas.

Start Day Early

In Finland it is a custom to attend church services at five o'clock on Christmas morning.

Children and Christmas

It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas, when its mighty Founder was a child Himself.—Dickens.

All Glory Be to God

All glory be to God on high,
And to the earth be peace;
Good-will henceforth from heaven to men
Begin, and never cease.

Christmas Emblem

As an emblem for Christmas, hang up, with the mistletoe and holly, Dad's crushed pocketbook.

Protect Home Investment

It is indeed curious that, while we avoid, in so far as we can, any depreciation of our other investments, many of us do not adequately protect our home investment. We are constantly paying "neglect taxes" on our properties, which may be greater some years than the government taxes. Some idea of the extent of our carelessness may be gained from the knowledge that repairs to property, due entirely to neglect, cost American property owners about \$1,900,000,000 a year. This truly appalling figure indicates a very deplorable condition. It is a sum nearly four times as great as the annual fire loss.—Exchange.

Exporting More Than Half.

Dr. O. C. Stine of the U. S. bureau of agricultural economics, in the recent address at the Chicago meeting of marketing officials, made some statements regarding production, exportation and foreign competition that are well worth thinking about by American farmers. He said the commodities of which we normally export some part, constitute more than one half of our total production and that about one third of our total production meets the products of foreign competition in our own markets. Foreign competition is increasing in many lines, he states, while an increasing industrialization is tending to place this country more and more upon an import basis. In the past four years this country, has annually exported 53 per cent of our cotton, 48 per cent of rye, 33 per cent of tobacco, 14 per cent of rice, 21 per cent of wheat and 34 per cent of lard. "As long as we export any part of a product," said Mr. Stine, "that part determines the relation of our domestic markets to the foreign markets for all of the products that our producers have for sale at home as well as abroad."

If the average man were paid the kind of wages his wife thinks he earns, the United States mint would have to run 24 hours a day to make money enough to do it with.

Beacon lights to guide airplaens on mail routes are proving a bon to stockmen who have been worried by the depredations of coyotes and wolves. The animals keep a long distance off.

The ancients used ostrich eggshells for drinking cups.

Palms are regarded by the people of Egypt as symbols of peace and red sand are held sacred.

The face value today of the thirty pieces of silver mentioned in the Bible is about \$22.50.

The Town's Christmas—An Enjoyable Affair

IT WAS the town's idea. Of course you may say how absurd that statement is, that a town cannot have an idea because a town is not a person.

But when many people in a town all have the same public-spirited feelings and interest in others, you can almost say that the town itself is different from other towns—more generous, more thoughtful—just as you will speak of a person.

So the town lined its streets with Christmas trees and lighted them with twinkling lights.

And the town invited all the parents and all the children from the surrounding countryside to come to the town any night during the week from Christmas to New Year's when a concert of Christmas music was given by the village band, and when hot soup and biscuits were served to every listener.

And the town never enjoyed itself as much before.—Mary Graham Bonner.

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AT THE CHURCHES

News of Doings in Central Point Houses of Worship

UNION CHURCH

Title of Sunday school lesson: "Jesus Appears to His Disciples," John 21. This lesson completes the book of John, completes the year's study, and is the last lesson we will have for some time on the whole Bible course. We want you in the classes on time for the last session of the school in the old year.

Rev. Ernest L. Thompson will preach for us at the 11 o'clock service. We shall have a good time in the worship of the Lord.

The young peoples service at 6:30 p. m. will interest they oung folks. We hope there will be more than ever of them at these services.

In the evening church service, the subject will be "Has the Year Meant to You?" You are earnestly invited to worshi pwith us, if you are not engaged some where else.

J. M. JOHNSON, Pastor

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