## "The Land of Crater Lake"

CENES IN OREGON AND IN JAC (SON COUNTY, A FEW MILES FROM A SHLAND.



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tablished. And this is logical. The looking the lake. American, by nature a restless indi- Southern Oregon would draw a tre rom Crater Lake lodge avidual, finds in the automobile a mendous tourist travel even if it had | ng the beautiful Klamath ready outlet for his instinctive crav- no other attractions than this nation- lores, through a country ing to wander, to pioneer in at least al park, but fortunately the park is lat still carries the tang of a casual way. The frontier is gone, but the center of a great outdoor 1e old West, and across the but good roads now radiate westward area that has few rivals. All of reen Spring mountain to out of the large centers of population a service station; a complete photo- shland. This drive is a part

for the hundreds of thousands able to devote time to the journey. Oregon benefits doubly, partly by being midway between California and the Northwest, but more so because Oregon offers recreational facilities that are unique and accessible. A very large portion of Oregon offers exceptional recreational advantages, but .nature was particularly lavish in southern Oregon, which contains the state's wonder spectacle which the federal government has forever set aside as one of the incomparables of the world.

Crater Lake National Park, nationally exploited and internationally known, naturally becomes the lode star to southern Oregon. It draws from every state in

troduction to Oregonians, although there are many thousand natives of scenic unit, a vast area of forested New President of Federation Labor the state who have never seen the mountains, rushing trout streams, great crater fall, 25 miles in circumference and rising precipitously one to two thousand feet high above the body of water so unbelievably blue that the chemists of three universities (one in Germany, are now engaged in researches to determine the source of such coloring. The lake itself is the deepest fresh water known, having been sounded at 1,-996 feet. The colorings, too, of the rugged lava cliffs and beyond descrip tion; and geologically the caldron extends even to the uninformed an epic disaster that is at once simple and infinitely appalling. It will not detract from the visitor's thrill as he views the vast crater to know that one of the most eminent vulcanologists has recently pre-

dicted that old Mazama is not dead, that fresh activity may someday be expected, though probably not in cataclysmic form.

The crater and the lake are the center of a magnificent casaced reserve embracing 249 square miles of mountains, pinnacles, canyons, streams, water falls, high land, wild flowers and splendid forests. The park being a game refuge, wild life is abundant; especially the bears, which become gentle and friendly. They are, however, to be approached carefully, as danger always attends the attempt to touch a wild animal.

The federal government has through the years a ....priated ample means to

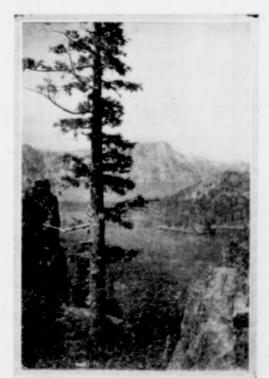
make the park comfortable and safe, A good road size tem has been built, trais lead down to the water's edge and to various other interesting spots in the park; a large hotel offers fine arcomodations on the very tim of the crater; there are stores;

etc. No frills, but all of the essentials might be written about the Superintendent Crater Lake National and comforts. Similarly, because a Klamath country alone, with majority prefer to camp, ten camp its great lake, its trout, its grounds have been established in pelicans, and it game; there Oregon's position as a summer various parts of the park, the largest is no leisurely five-hour playground for the nation is well es- being on the rim of the crater over- rive anywhere that I per-



Europe, Certainly it requires no in- | the Siskiyous comprises a splendid TALKS ON WEST WATER POWER southern Oregon, from Roseburg to lovely fertile valleys placed unexpectedly among the hills and lakes

that are a joy to camp beside. The region is at once spectacular and pastoral; a territory still virgin in its larger aspects and yet with all of the comforts and the safeties of civilization accessible just around the corner. The state highway commission has constructed a fine road system, a system that does not criss-cross the region but adequately opens up the entire area. The state effort has been tugmented by a series of federal forest and county roads, so that one can leave a city, and in thirty minutes be deep in the wilderness. Or, out of Ashland, for example, you can be in Crater Lake National Park at Diamond lake in from three to four hours, depending upon your car and your load.



Ashland and Klamath Falls. There is now proposed. the Oregon caves south out of Grants wonderful underground marbelized palaces, its hospitable chalet. There is the full length of the Rogue river from above Prospect down to the sea, abounding with the steel head of which Zane Grey and Ben Hur Lampman love to write; it is a rushing, roguish river whose low wooded shores seem predestined for campers. The Umpqua offers fine sport, as does the Klamath, and there are a myriad of tributary streams that abound with the small trout, cutthroat, steel head, and the lordly Chinook salmon. The entire region is a paradise for sportsmen. A book

onally enjoy more than that and the Coast becomes the Mecca graphic service; launches, row-boats f the famous trip through ne park, the Medford-Klamth loop.

Southern Oregon! Pictursque, splendid and unique. nd, please bear in mind, ade comfortable and safe visitors. Some of the best mp grounds on the coast ave been developed in this ea, offering modern facilies to meet evrey class of

tent or cabin tourist. Hotels, too, have kept pace with demand, some fine new structures having recently been constructed. In every way southern Oregon is now well organized to handle its great stream of summer visitors. And even better, the visitor finds a cordial welcome; he finds that everyone whom he encounters has time to render service or to give intelligent and kindly advice. For friendliness is the sprit of the land of Crater Lake.

## Tells of West's Advantage.

Samuel Gompers, for many years and who notes the possibility of and municipal government. changing location of many industries because of long-distance power trans mission. William Green, now head of the federation, has made the following statement which indicates how closely labor is watching the development of power:

"Power is one of the few commodities now sold at less than prewar rates. This reduced rate follows inventions and economies in power production and transmission, central generating stations with inter-connections using hydro-electric and steam-generated power to supplement each other in carrying the regular as well as the peak loads.

"With the tremendous water power of our western country, we may confidently expect the center of population to shift to the west. Irrigation will make it possible for the West to feed a larger population. Already industries are developing which will make the West self-sustaining. Air and motor transportation, telephone and radio communication will reduce the barriers between East and West. | Industries are moving to the smaller towns and farm work is becoming machinized. These changes are of fundamental importance to the labor movement."

### THE TAX STRANGULATION

#### House Bill Proposes Additional Tax On Hydro-Electrics.

Power companies now spending millions of outside capital in developing Oregon and contributing near y ten per cent of their revenues o the state and its political subdivisions in the form of taxes are solected as fair game under Housall No. 297, now fending in the for a new Con rent developing l'ge-

Pass, readily accessible, with its more or less general in its nature that the installation of a dam and a power house constitute an avenue through which power manufactured by the use of water can be cheaply produced without proper appreciation of the alarm clock this morning, scores of tremendous cost involved in such a people were busy preparing some project and the further fact that article to captivate your fancy-to hydro-electric plants are now taxed provide for your daily wants or give on a basis in excess of most other you a new luxury that will make life property and that operating concerns more enjoyable. are required to pay a horse-power charge for the privilege of develop- alert minds will go ahead planning ment. Water which goes through tur- what to say to interest you in the bines after having been impounded days to come-to convince you of the



again, in contrast to waters which is drawn off for irrigation and kindred uses, Water has no value except as it is developed by capital looking for fair return as an ultimate goal. Water has little or no advantage in competition with steam plants operaed with oil or coal fuel, yet the legislative measure does not touch power manufactured by steam so close to the consumer that costly transmission lines are unnecessary.

Here in Oregon we hear a great deal about inviting capital to come to our state. There is, of course, a by untaxed sources and aim at in- send in your name and \$2. chief of the American Federation of dustries which are already contribut-Labor, has been succeeded by a man ing more than their fair share for the who is a student of industrial affairs maintenance of our state, county

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And such a wilderness! There is hydro-electric power in Washington what appears to them a likely vic-Diamond lake with its wonderful and in California but selling in Ore- tim for further tax extraction. One rout fishing, its safe bathing, its gon would not be disturbed, but those Oregon electric company pays in fine camping and cabin colony; a who have manifested their faith in taxes fourteen per cent of its entire lovely spot with ponderour Mt. Bail- our own state to the extent of con- gross revenue. Another concern pays by and needle-spired Mt. Theilsen vincing investors of the need for de- seventeen per cent of the total tax just over one's shoulders. There is development of Oregon are facing a of a single county. The average is Lake of the Woods midway between tremendous burden under legislation nine and four-tenths per cent. How far does Oregon propose to go in the There is a prevailing sentiment, tax strangulation of legitimate in-

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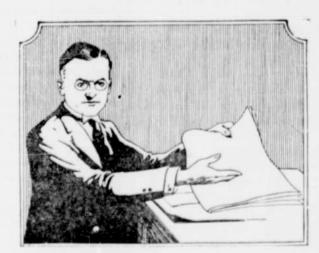
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