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KLAMATH FALLS, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1908.

### CRATER LAKE.

By S. Glenn Andrus, in the Chicago Record-Herald.

Crater Lake, one of the greatest scenic wonders of the world, is soon to come into its own. Within a very short time this marvelous formation, which scientists say was probably caused by the blowing away of more than 6000 feet of mountain heights, will be easily accessible to all who desire to gaze from its precipitous and rocky rim into its crystalline and limped depths.

The transformation necessary to bring this about will be accomplished largely through the instrumentality of Edward H. Harriman, who has just been appointed chairman of a commission to open Crater Lake reservation to the public by means of good roads. Yesterday Governor Chamberlain, who was Mr. Harriman's guest at Pelican Bay visited Crater Lake, in company with Mr. Harriman and a party of prominent citizens of Oregon. The party was conducted by William G. Steel, the man who labored for twenty years unceasingly to induce the government to preserve Crater Lake and its surrounding beauties by making it a national park. Mrs. Harriman and a number of her friends were in the party. From Pelican Lodge, Mr. Harriman's new summer home, the party went to Crater Lake by automobile. The ride is a rough and dusty one, and such as only the strongest machines can successfully negotiate. It necessitates, for example, the climbing of 15 per cent grades and more than twenty miles of strenuous jolting over rocks and through forests. The trip, however, taken under the favorable conditions which surrounded the Harrimans, is a delightful experience.

When the party reached the lake, Mr. Harriman and his friends climbed to the rim and gazed for the first time upon the waters of the lake, more than 2000 feet below and covering the bed of an extinct crater to a depth of nearly 2000 feet. The majesty, grandeur, beauty and sublimity of the scene impressed Mr. Harriman greatly. For some minutes no member of the party spoke, but all silently drank in the natural beauties which surrounded them. Mirrored in the deep blue depth of the lake they saw the heavens, the clouds, the trees, the towering rocks of many hues so startlingly real that it seemed as though they themselves were suspended in some vast universe of space, that above them was the silent world, peopled with things of beauty and grandeur, and below them in this same illimitable space was the twin world of the one above them. Mrs. Harriman was the first to break the silence and in a measure to dispel the illusion.

"There is nothing like it in the whole world," she exclaimed, with her hands clasped in front of her in an intensity of emotion.

"You are wrong, very wrong," replied Mr. Harriman. "You should have said there is nothing equal to it in the whole world. That is the only way to express it."

Then the party fell to discussing the scene, and Mr. Steel was showered with questions regarding the history and character of the formation. Mr. Harriman said he thought it was a pity that so great a wonder was so little known, and that it was so difficult to reach. Governor Chamberlain then asked Mr. Harriman if he would serve on a commission to seek the best route into Crater Lake and find ways and means of constructing a road over such a route. Besides Mr. Harriman the commission is composed of the following:

L. R. Webster, Henry L. Benson, J. F. Reddy, F. H. Hopkins, Benton Bowers, J. H. Scott, G. T. Baldwin, T. B. Wilcox, W. I. Yawter, C. S. Jackson and Colonel F. H. Ray.

The work of this commission will be made easier by the advent of Harriman's new road through northern California and Oregon, which is to be made the main line of the Shasta

route. This road is now constructed and opened to within six miles of Klamath Falls. In a short time it will be into Klamath Falls and then it will be constructed on north, reaching a point within 12 miles of Crater Lake. It is probable that the new wagon road will be constructed from the new railroad line at its nearest point to the lake. It is also expected that this commission will assist the Crater Lake company in securing construction of a road completely around the rim of the lake, in establishing the necessary hotels, in providing automobiles and in securing all the conveniences possible for tourists who wish to visit the lake. This year more people have seen the lake than ever saw it before. This was due to a concession which the government has given to Mr. Steel and to the greater accessibility of the lake. Before the new Shasta route began near Klamath Falls the nearest railroad station was 80 miles away. Tourists were compelled to come in either this way or through the Rogue River valley. If they came to Klamath they were obliged to get up to the head of the lake by boat, a distance of about 30 miles, and to hire conveyances from Port Klamath to the lake, a distance of about 22 miles.

In 1907 the department of the interior asked Mr. Steel if he would take hold of the project and try to bring Crater Lake within reach of the people. Mr. Steel, who is a shining example of a man with a single idea, which in this case happens to be Crater Lake, reluctantly consented. Although he had made it his life's work to preserve this region for the people, he felt that the government should do the rest.

The department of the interior gave Mr. Steel an exclusive concession similar to the one which was granted with reference to Yellowstone park. Although the contract is exclusive, the government can cancel it at will, even after the company which has been organized shall have spent a large sum of money under the contract. "The company has an authorized capital of \$250,000," said Mr. Steel today when asked to explain the plan, "and I am trying to get the necessary funds by selling stock. This is not a very easy task, as it is largely a matter of patriotism and the prospects of any return on the money invested are at least not immediate. The concession simply gives me the right, when I want to do anything, to go out and sell some stock in order to get the money to do it. So you can see that the common impression that I have unlimited means at my command is incorrect."

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A. L. LEAVITT,  
 9-11 Police Judge

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.**  
 Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Lakeview, Oregon, August 6, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that Gertrude I. Helleman, of Klamath Falls, Oregon, who, on May 25, 1908, made Timber and Stone Application, No. 4188, (Serial No. 9282), for 1/2 Sec. 17, T. 38 S., R. 19 E., W. M. has filed notice of intention to make final proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before County Clerk, Klamath Co., at his office, at Klamath Falls, Oregon, on the 12th day of October, 1908.

Claimant names as witnesses: Augusta J. Hayden, W. W. Mendenhall, Wm. Helleman, B. E. Hayden, all of Klamath Falls, Oregon.

J. N. WATSON,  
 8-10-10-11 Register.

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.**  
 Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Lakeview, Oregon, August 19, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that Duna W. Bursell, of Merrill, Oregon, who, on Dec. 16, 1904, made Homestead Entry, No. 3224 (Serial No. 9282), for 1/2 Sec. 12, T. 37 S., R. 19 E., W. M., has filed notice of intention to make final Commutation Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Register and Receiver, at Lakeview, Oregon, on the 5th day of October, 1908.

Claimant names as witnesses: Mark Howard, of Merrill, Oregon, Frank Johnston, of Klamath Falls, Oregon, Roy Whitney, of Klamath Falls, Oregon, Chas. Wagar, of Klamath Falls, Oregon.

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