

Greatest Wonder Of Klamath County Declared National Park In 1902

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Crater Lake Park Established 1902

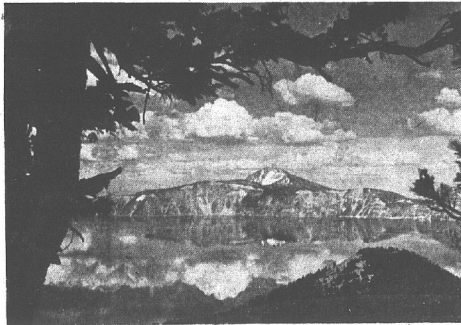
Crater Lake National Park was established May 22, 1902, as the seventh national park, completing the effort and dream of William Gladstone Steele.

John Wesley Hillman, a prospector from Jacksonville, Ore., has been credited with discovering the lake June 12, 1853.

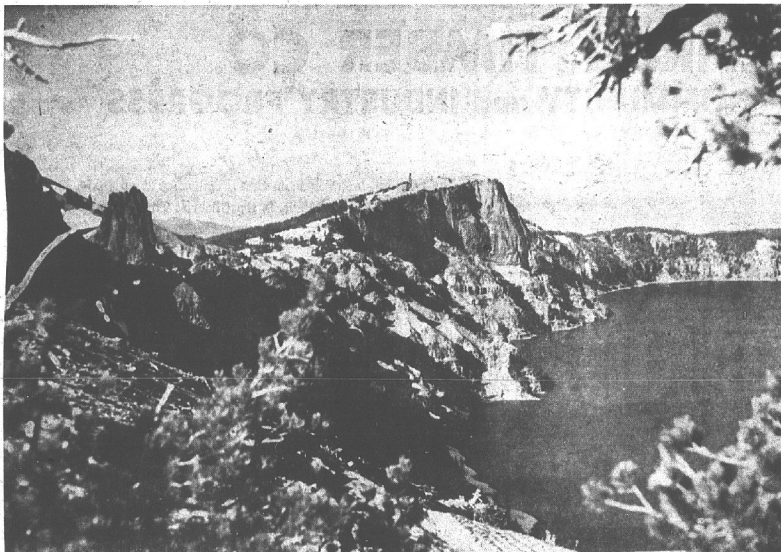
Conservation was of little concern to the public of the 1800s, and few men foresaw any need to preserve areas of scenic beauty. Yet, due to one man's efforts, Crater Lake was preserved. From the wrapping around his lunch, Steele, a young midwest boy, first read of the mysterious lake in the Oregon country. Determined to see this lake, Steele had to wait 15 years before viewing its scenic wonder.

At that first visit in 1885, Steele, overwhelmed by the magnificent scenery and geologic formations, became determined to preserve the area as a national park. That same year, at his urging, 10 townships, including the water, were withdrawn from public domain by President Grover Cleveland.

Fighting stiff opposition, Steele's dream was finally realized after 17 years of effort, when President Theodore Roosevelt signed the bill that created America's seventh national park.



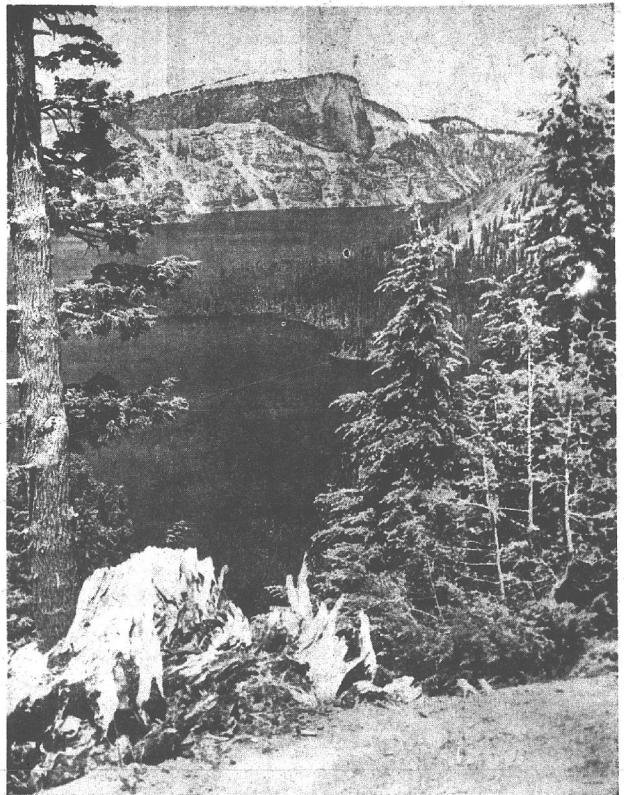
A mirror of flawless beauty.



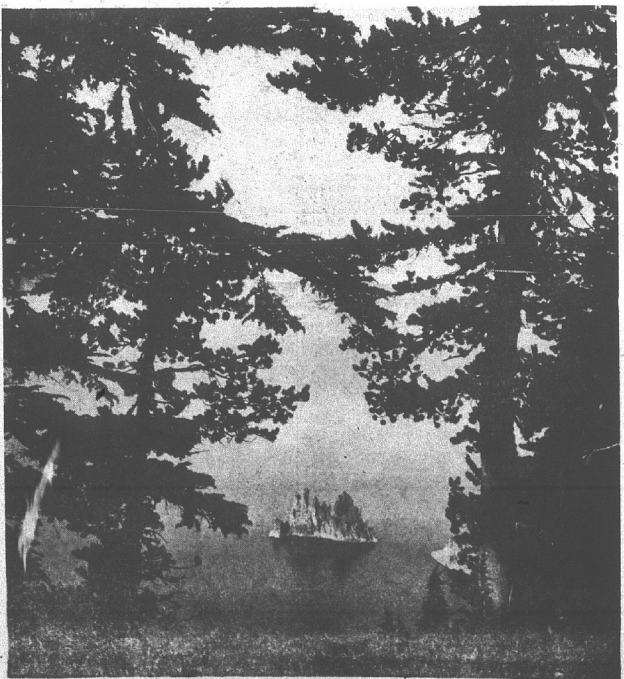
A majestic vision of the sheer, rugged beauty of nature.



Sheer cliffs in snowy dress mourn the long departed Mt. Mazama.



A blue gem amid a setting of snowy white and forest green.



A phantom ship floats serenely on waters of deepest blue.