

NEW HOTEL AT CRATER LAKE

WILL BE BUILT ON THE RIM OF THE CRATER

Hydraulic Ram Brings Water to the Camping Grounds on the Summit—Fishing Is Good

Numerous improvements are being made in Crater Lake National park this season. The Crater Lake company has installed a hydraulic ram and now has an abundant supply of water on the rim of the lake. Last week the temporary hotel maintained by the company was moved to the rim of the lake, where tourists now have excellent accommodations. Work has been in progress for some time on a large modern hotel which will overlook the natural wonder. The building will be of sufficient capacity to take care of the increased travel that is in store for Klamath's great attraction. The main portion of the hotel will be of stone. It will be built so as to withstand the weight of the deep snow during the winter months.

While these improvements are being made by the Crater Lake company, Superintendent Arant is also making the best of the small amount available for improvements. He has the material on the ground for a rope cable down to the water along the trail. He expects to have it in place within the next ten days.

Considering the small amount of money that Mr. Arant has for maintaining the park and making improvements, he has made a remarkable showing. The roads in the park are much better than those in Klamath and Jackson counties connecting with the park highways.

One of the greatest attractions at Crater lake this year, aside from the lake itself, is the fine fishing. Several years ago a number of trout were planted in the lake. They thrived exceptionally well. The fisherman now finds no difficulty in catching the limit, which is five in one day. The trout are of the rainbow species, and average about 18 inches in length.

The travel to Crater lake has not been as heavy up to the present time as was expected. Up to date probably seventeen hundred people have visited the wonder since the season opened.

FOREST FIRES ARE SWEEPING SOUTHERN OREGON

Soldiers Have Been Ordered to Assist in Quelling Flames—Only Hope Is Rain

PORTLAND, August 18.—Forest fires are sweeping the forest reserves of Southern Oregon. Two companies of soldiers now at American lake have been ordered to assist in quelling the flames. The fire east of Butte Falls is cutting a path three miles wide, and the only hope of extinguishing it is a heavy rain. Fortunately there is no wind. Four other fires considered very dangerous are raging about fifty miles from Medford.

Small conflagrations are reported from the Crater Lake National forest and the Siskiyou forest. The fires started when lightning struck the trees repeatedly. A wire from the Cascade National reserve reported that the fire had been controlled there. The fire situation in the northwest, except in Southern Oregon, has improved greatly owing to the rains which have been falling.

FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLD GIRL KILLS BIG WILDCAT

Strikes Vicious Beast With a Club After Her Brother Had Shot But Failed to Kill It

MEDFORD, August 18.—Killing a wildcat with a club was the heroic exploit of Miss Martha Gage, a girl 14 years of age, who resides with her parents in the Beagle settlement on Upper Rogue river. The young girl, with her brother, Norman, and her uncle, G. B. Johnson, was returning from a trip to Crater lake when the brother, who was walking ahead of the team, shot at two wildcats, but missed them, and they scampered up a tree. Martha ran out to see them when her brother shot the second time hit one of the big cats on the foot loosening its hold on the tree, and it fell to the ground beside the girl, who with a club struck the animal over the back, stunning it, after which the boy killed it with a shot from his gun. He also shot and killed the other cat. Each was nearly as large as a shepherd dog, and capable of putting up as fierce a fight as a small cougar.

The girl has the pelts as a memento of her exciting experience.

PERFECTS GUNS FOR BATTLES IN THE AIR

ABBURY PARK, N. J., August 22.

—According to Hudson Maxim, the inventor, the aeroplane is already fitted for warfare and a certain gun he has just perfected, he says, will meet the demands of aerial fighting. Maxim has been working on the gun for a year, and he believes it will meet every demand. The gun will fire from every point of the compass through what Maxim calls the "celestial concave."

SHIP MAY HAVE BEEN SUNK BY WHALE

Harpoon Belonging to Vessel That Is Missing Found in Body of a Gigantic Mammal

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., August 22.—A seven years' mystery of the sea may be solved through a mishap to the German steamship Pallanza, which struck a whale at sea, nearly cutting the mammal in two, and disclosing a harpoon believed to have been used by the little whaler James T. Duncan, which was lost in 1903. The Duncan sailed from Halifax with a crew of seven men in the spring of that year, and has not since been heard from.

Captain Fendt of the Pallanza, which has arrived here from Hamburg, reports that he ran into the whale on August 11. The creature was firmly impaled on the prow of the steamer, and died after a terrific struggle. Members of the crew were let down to chop away the carcass, and the sailors found the harpoon imbedded in the whale.

On the end of the harpoon was an iron band stamped "J. T. D., 1902." Captain Fendt keeps a close record of wrecks, and he came to the conclusion that the whale may have been responsible for the loss of the Duncan.

"I think it safe to say that the men of the Duncan drove this weapon into the whale, and in the struggle which followed the vessel was sunk by a blow from the animal's tail," he said. "You'd think so, too, if you had seen that whale die."

FIND NEW LAVA BEDS IN CALIFORNIA DESERT

Field Appears to Be of Comparatively Recent Origin—Like Pictures Of Dante's Inferno

LOS ANGELES, Calif., August 17.—Lava beds and volcanic craters believed to be of comparatively recent origin and forming a wonderful sight were discovered by George Rice Jr. and others with him, on the desert east of Daggett, from the Santa Fe railroad.

Rice says it appears as if the region has been burned over by a grass fire, and as it is somewhat difficult of access and in a non-mineral bearing district, nothing has been heard of it before.

"This lava bed is about five miles wide and ten miles long, I judge, and the lava is blue-black and hard," said Mr. Rice. "We visited seven distinct craters, and I do not know how many more there are."

"The craters are perhaps 200 feet above the surrounding plain, but the molten lava has filled in around their bases. One that we examined closely was about 150x75 feet on the interior and about 12 feet deep. The floor was level, but here and there were places where the force beneath had broken through. It is all fresh. We could see how the hot lava poured out of the craters and spouted up here and there. It has left some remarkable shapes and reminds one of the pictures of Dante's inferno."

Rice reported his discovery to the Santa Fe officials. If facilities are given for visiting the beds they may be an attraction for tourists.

WILL TRY MEN FOR PIRACY ON HIGH SEAS

Penalty Is Hanging if They Are Found Guilty—Shot Captain of Ship

SAN FRANCISCO, August 22.—In a wireless message from the steamer Buckman, which is nearing this port, it is announced that they have not identified the accomplice of "Fred Thomas," the passenger who shot Captain L. B. Wood and then jumped overboard. The accomplice was badly beaten by the fireroom crew, and will have to go to the hospital when he arrives. His confederate will then be given into the custody of the federal authorities and be tried for piracy on the high seas. If he is convicted he will hang. No trace of "Thomas" can be found and it is believed that he is drowned.

CANNON'S RE-ELECTION WILL BE OPPOSED

Nicholas Longworth Says That He Will Fight Against the Speaker for the Office

BEVERLY, Mass., August 18.—Following a political conference came a sweeping statement from Nicholas Longworth this afternoon, announcing his determination not to support Joseph G. Cannon for re-election as speaker of the house.

THE BREACH IS A VERY WIDE ONE

TEDDY WILL NOT INDOSE PRESIDENT ADMINISTRATION

New York Delegation Said to Be Pledged to Taft in 1912—Roosevelt May Run

NEW YORK, August 18.—Staff correspondents of the New York World, Herald and Sun at Oyster Bay have sent dispatches to their papers saying that they are united in declaring that an open rupture has taken place between President Taft and Ex-President Roosevelt.

The Herald says: "Colonel Roosevelt does not endorse Taft's administration. The final break came with the selection of Vice President Sherman as temporary chairman of the state convention. These assurances came from absolutely authentic sources. There will be no peace between Sagamore and Beverly. Those who are close to Ex-President Roosevelt charge that a political deal was entered into between Woodruff, the republican national committeeman, and Vice President Sherman on the one hand and President Taft's close advisers on the other, whereby Woodruff was to be re-elected as state chairman while Sherman was to be temporary chairman of the convention."

Woodruff has pledged to President Taft the New York delegation to the national convention in 1912 in return for Taft's support. The erstwhile president will not criticize the man he chose as his successor in the White House. It will be no surprise to those in close touch with Mr. Roosevelt if he finds himself placed in such a position as to be forced to become an avowed candidate for the presidential nomination in 1912."

The New York World says: "Between President Taft and Ex-President Roosevelt, who made Taft, there is a complete breach, as it appears to be so wide that no bridge can be thrown across it. With his eyes wide open Mr. Roosevelt is said by friends to have let Lloyd C. Griscom lead him to slaughter."

WASHINGTON ADMITS THE FAILING OUT

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 18.—The statement published in the New York papers this morning to the effect that Ex-President Roosevelt had broken with President Taft is authoritative. It is regarded as tantamount to a declaration of war.

While Colonel Roosevelt is not openly allied with the insurgents, it is believed this means that there is no chance to maintain harmony in the party. Within the next few days it is expected a sharp division will be recognized.

GENERAL ESTRADA NOW PRESIDENT OF NICARAGUA

Enters Managua at the Head of Several Thousand Troops and Is Proclaimed President.

MANAGUA, August 22.—General Mena, commanding the revolutionists, at the head of several thousand troops, entered Managua this morning. Immediately after President Madriz publicly acknowledged his defeat and proclaimed General Estrada president.

HE HYPNOTIZED THE MERCHANTS

SAN FRANCISCO GRAND JURY IS PROBING HIS CAREER

Fendered a Check in Excess of Amount of the Goods and Received Difference in Cash

When George L. Price reaches San Francisco he will probably face an indictment by the grand jury, according to the following item from the San Francisco Chronicle:

Matters of high finance engaged the attention of the grand jury last evening, when the meteoric career of George L. Price through the business world of San Francisco was probed, at least in part.

Price, who at present is under arrest in Portland, was indicted on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, and will be brought back to this city for trial.

The success with which the indicted man met in his efforts to defraud trusting business men of San Francisco may be gathered from a simple list of those who fell beneath his hypnotic gaze, for, as a matter of fact, many of those who suffered from his acquaintance asserted that they firmly believed that he was able to weave some sort of a spell about them in order to make them part with their coin.

The indictment upon which the man will be brought back is one merely for having defrauded Attorney L. S. McBlister of \$100 by means of a bad check; but among the other victims of the man are many for larger amounts. These include Max Emmanuel, 517 Market street who lost \$1,390 by his acquaintanceship with Price; Charles E. Hudson, 660 Market street, \$400; the Overland Monthly, \$700; S. G. Gump, \$349; Frank S. Holland, \$105, while the list of victims for various sums, small and large, including Clark Spence of the Dorrance-Battin company, the Good-year Raincoat company, Samuel Mayer of 413 Cherry street, the Bowers Rubber company, the American Multigraph company, W. J. Coughlin, Dr. J. R. Seymour, Sanborn, Vail & Co., Latham & Swallow, the Burroughs Adding Machine company, Charles Brown & Son, Whittier & Ray Wiggins company and the Zellerbach Paper company.

The witnesses examined were M. Emmanuel, Frank Lord, Miss Mary A. Gordon who actually saw the man sign one of the bad checks, and W. W. Cooley of the Burroughs Adding Machine company. It was during the early part of the present year that Price committed most of his crimes. He stated to his dupes that he had property at Calistoga, and was about to build the "Calistoga Sanitarium" there, and he actually had plans for that imaginary institution prepared by Architect Holland at a cost of \$105.

Price was systematic in his schemes for obtaining money, having his own check forms printed, and with his splendid nerve he was able to succeed in carrying out his frauds at the expense of the keenest kind of business men. One of his pet schemes was to call on some merchant whose acquaintance he had made, timing his call on a Saturday afternoon after banking hours, make a big purchase and then give a check for a sum larger than the bill, getting the change in currency.

The criminal career of Price runs

back at least six years, according to the police. He then defrauded Smith Brothers of Oakland of \$600 by the bad check scheme. Later he was in the San Francisco jail for a similar offense and was a trustee at the time of the fire, doing a six-months term for passing bad checks.

After this he transferred the sphere of his usefulness to Central America, and at this time the mother of his wife who came from Lodi, died. She left a few hundred dollars, and Price persuaded his wife to join him. He got the money from her and then took her to New Orleans, where he abandoned her. She is now suing him for divorce in this state.

He was recently heard of at Klamath Falls, where he was endeavoring to get a franchise for the "Independent Telephone company." He was caught there, but managed to get away, being later traced to Portland, where he was again captured, and where little chance will be given him to get away again.

In speaking of his arrest the Oregonian of Friday says:

After twice escaping from custody, once by jumping through a car window George L. Price, a San Francisco promoter, charged with passing fictitious checks in that city, was arrested at Seventh and Flanders street yesterday afternoon by Detectives Hellyer and Moloney.

Price was first arrested at Klamath Falls last July, and Detective Lord of the San Francisco force was sent to take him back. When the train passed through Anderson, Shasta county, Calif., Price leaped through a window, eluded pursuit and returned to Klamath Falls, where he had friends who were willing to shield him.

A few weeks later he was recaptured by Deputy Sheriff Sheshire at Grants Pass. Making the excuse that he wished to enter a store for a moment, Price went on through and out the back way and again escaped. A search was made for him in the hills, but the fugitive was not found. Nothing further was heard from him from that time until he was arrested by Hellyer and Moloney, who were assigned to the Portland end of the case who found him after waiting for him all day.

Price took his arrest coolly and was cautioned by Hellyer that if he contemplated making a third break for liberty he had better wait until he got out of Portland.

"Just you give me a little start and see if I won't run," replied Price. The fugitive was taken to detective headquarters, and from there to a cell in the city jail. He said that he would not fight extradition.

Price was a correspondence school lawyer, and among his effects were a lot of notes which he took of the progress of the legal proceedings against him. According to his notes, every constitutional guarantee was violated and the utmost irregularity was practiced by the prosecution. He makes especial note of the fact that there were four postponements of his case.

While on his way from Klamath Falls yesterday with Sheriff Dent and his prisoner, B. E. Kuhl, charged with stealing horses from ranchers at Silver Lake, W. L. Clapp, autoist, broke one of the axles of the machine when coming through the "Devil's Garden" east of Bly and the sheriff and his prisoner came through the balance of the way on the stage.—Lakeview Examiner.

WILL DEEPEN THE MAIN DRAIN

BOTTOM WILL BE LOWERED OVER TWO FEET

In the Neighborhood of 3,000,000 of Wet Excavation Is to Be Made—Done by Force Account

Before the time for irrigating arrives next year the government expects to have the main drain of the Klamath project completed to the depth which has been fixed by the engineers.

The drain is about five miles south of this city, and beginning in the vicinity of Sutton's ranch follows the Lost river slough and empties into Lost River. It is about six miles long and drains a large portion of the lands in the first unit.

The channel is now from six to eight feet wide on the bottom, and while that width will be maintained in the work that is to be done by the reclamation service, the depth of the drain will be increased by 2 1/4 feet. There will be in the neighborhood of 3,000,000 cubic yards of wet excavation to be made, and this work will be done by force account. When the contracts were advertised for the work they were found to be too high, and the government will do the work by force account.

The engineers of the service are preparing plans and specifications for a dredge which will have to be constructed to do the work, and bids for it will soon be advertised for.

The exact date on which the work will be completed is not stated, but it will be finished before the time for irrigating next year.

Some One Might Get Hurt

Pietro had drifted down to Florida and was working with a gang at railroad construction. He had been told to beware of rattlesnakes, but assured that they would always give the warning rattle before striking.

One hot day he was eating his noon luncheon on a pine log when he saw a big rattler coiled a few feet in front of him. He eyed the serpent and began to lift his legs over the log. He had barely got them out of the way when the snake's fangs hit the bark beneath him.

"Son of a gun!" yelled Pietro. "Why you no ringa da bell?"—Everybody's Magazine.



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If he takes the Republican. If he does not urge him to do it, so as to lend a hand in the fight for his rights