

## CRATER LAKE.

It is a June day calm, serene. On Cascade's rugged side, The vernal zephyrs melt the snow and robe in gorgeous hues The hardy flowers which follow in its wake. Aroma sweet, The lusty wilds, and blithe songs of infrequent birds revive The weary traveler while tolling o'er umbrageous soil While reverberates with hollow sound. The winding path leads On from height to height, which seem indeed to represent huge Stair-steps trod by gigantic Brobdingnags of other days.

Upon the brain's subtle plaque, fancy has sketched a picture Of the grandeur that shall burst abruptly on the vision; Yet when the height is reached and the scene itself appears, Expectation is a disappointment dire; appalled We burst in tears at seeing what we seemed prepared to see.

Approach the over-towering brink, and gaze, transfixed aghast, Upon the jagged rim that hedges in, like a circle, The rugged vase—The placid lake that lies ten thousand links below. Now as the orb of day transmits effulgent rays Which paint in rainbow tints, and divers other hues the eye Ne'er saw before, sublimity transports in ecstasy:

And yet hold fast for lo—your frowning beacon crater stands To warn you that the fascinating god of grandeur lurks Therein; and see the gaping chasm with mouth wide spread to drink You up; an irresistible desire to leap, and there You clutching stand, in ecstasies of heaven—in pangs of hell.

Oh thou solitary sentinel; most majestic child Of Mother Nature; would that artist's brush could imitate Thy craggy walls and mock the tints which emanate from thy unfathomable limpid sea: Or that the bard could sing In words the psalmody which thrills the soul while viewing thee;

The years that thou hast stood ere insect man beheld thy awe Are known alone by him whom thy sublimity portrays; And yet in years to come shall millions crouch upon thy verge And style to thee the appellation Queen of Mystery.

The moralist, who climbs the rugged mount to Wisdom's peak Beholds alluring glories brilliant gems In hope's fair bow, Yet more clearly sees the somber Gulf of Superstition, The black and turbid Sea of Ignorance—the heaven—the hell.

W. ESTILL PHIPPS.

\*Crater lake is located in the Cascade range of mountains in South Eastern Oregon at an elevation of 8000 feet. Scientific exploration has developed the fact that the waters of this wonderful lake occupy the crater of an extinct volcano; that it is a colossal rock-ribbed bowl carved out of the mountain. In form it is elliptical or oval, and its surface covers an area of 28 square miles, being 6 miles in length by 4 in breadth. It is more than 2000 feet deep—the deepest fresh water lake in the United States, if not in the world. From the rim to the water's edge it is 2000 feet making the entire depth, from the point of observation, more than 4000 feet. A second crater a hollow cone, looms up in the main one, near the center of the lake, 845 feet above the water. The sunken position prevents discovery until close upon its rim. It is indeed the "Queen of Mystery."

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

After May 1st official timekeeping in Belgium will be done on the 1 to 24 hour plan.

Immigration into this country the last seven months is \$5,525 less than in the corresponding period a year ago.

The wine crop of France last year was valued at \$234,800,000.

Justice is no surer in the state of New York than any where else. A White Plains robber was sent to Sing Sing for 40 years, though he only got 40 cents. A Kingston robber got away with \$200,000 and was sent up for seven years.

The British navy will be increased during this year by 66 new ships and 42 others will be well on towards completion.

FEWER SCHOOL CHILDREN. Comparing the school census for Marion county of March 1896, with that of March 1891, shows there were 10,440 person between the ages of 4 and 20 years residing in Marion county in March 1896, while at the present time there are only 10,170, indicating a decrease of 270.

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## STATE NEWS.

The principal of the Jacksonville public schools is paid \$1000 a year. It costs the city of Pendleton about \$50 every time a fire alarm is turned in.

An ordinance in Albany providing for a tax of \$5 a quarter instead of \$5 a table for pool rooms has been passed. It is said that Lane county will retain about 80 per cent or \$20,000 of the state tax and pay off outstanding warrants.

The grand jury in Douglas county reported that the county jail in Roseburg is insecure, for the safe custody of prisoners.

S. B. Reeves, of McEwen, an old pioneer, died last Saturday, aged 78 years. He was one of the most prominent Indian fighters.

T. B. Taylor, born in Oxfordshire, England, and a resident of Corvallis for 30 years, died of consumption Wednesday morning.

Lambing has begun on some of the sheep ranches in Sherman county, and in spite of unfavorable weather, a good percentage of the lambs saved.

Yamhill county is favored with a fine prospect for fruit. Though the farmers have not been able to sow much wheat, owing to bad weather.

K. B. Ireland died in Atalla, Douglas county, last Sunday. He crossed the plains in 1852 to make his home in Oregon. He was 74 years old and leaves a family.

Ark Wo King, of Astoria, a pawnbroker, was arrested for receiving stolen goods. He has made a regular business of dealing in stolen goods, and has always escaped conviction.

The schools, of Clackamas county, have registered 7,733 children, of school age. There are 118 school clerks in the county. The number registering being 70 less than last year.

A human body was reported as seen floating in the river at Corvallis. The body was said to be dressed in black clothes, it floated along, alternately sinking and rising, and finally sank to rise no more.

Oscar Lund, an employee of the railroad shops at La Grande was severely burned by gas. He attempted to push back a smouldering fire which was in an engine and the instant he stirred the coals the gas exploded.

Portland paid for water supply during the month of February \$22,238.15 or twenty-seven and eight tenths cents, per capita estimating the population at 80,000. Salem paid \$1,399.78 or 14 cents, per capita, estimating the population at 10,000.

At an annual meeting of the stockholders of the Grand Ronde Valley Agricultural Society, the election of a board of directors resulted as follows: O. Ralston, Ben Brown, D. A. McAllister, Charles Goodnough, R. Smith, Thomas Wade, Peter McDonald.

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