

AGED RIFLES DISCOVERED

Nine Ancient Guns,
Found Near Bissell,
Wash., Interesting His-
torians.

BIPONKAL, Wash., July 1.—Nine ancient rifles, several of them possibly antedating by half a century the civil war and believed to contain a message of historical interest, were discovered recently in a cave along the bank of the Columbia river near Bissell, Wash., 25 miles northwest of Spokane by R. H. Cuth of this city.

The guns, which are muzzle-loaders, have been viewed by several persons considered authorities on early state history who declare that the newest is at least 50 years old, while several are more than 100 years old.

Wm. A. Lewis, a member of the Eastern Washington Historical society and author of several books on early northwest history, said the rifles were of the civil war period and prior.

"There is no record of a trading post having been located at this point," Mr. Lewis said, "but there may have been Indian sources throughout the district during the civil war period, when the old rifles were either captured from the Indians or secreted there by the Indians."

"The historical society considers the find of great value and will investigate it extensively," Mr. Lewis said.

John Meyer of Meyers Falls, who settled in northwestern Washington in 1852, expressed the belief that the rifles were placed there by some white settler, who became alarmed during the Indian disturbances of 1852.

"The older rifles are of a make which was discarded by the Hudson Bay company and came back into general use by the Indians 75 to 100 years ago," Mr. Meyer said.

Discoveries of the cave was made by Mr. Cuth in a peculiar manner. He was walking over the ground and unknowingly delivered a kick against the side of the bank, which caused in and disclosed an opening. Penetrating the cave a short distance, he stumbled across the rifles.

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F. L. Lilly, supplies 1.25

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Home Ind. Tel. Co., tele-

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Perkins Motor Co., gas for

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E. O. Republican, pub. pro-

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Ore. Shaver, road work 445.25

H. H. Decker, do 121.50

Albert W. Spencer, do 15.29

Don W. Schuchert, do 15.29

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Grant Dalton, gravel pit 260.00

C. F. Hargett, road work 196.75

A. L. Helms, do 62.71

Donald Davis, do 62.71

Allyn R. Hunter, do 26.04

Joseph O'Neal, do 46.29

Orville Wright, do 46.15

P. H. Williams, do 47.40

P. D. Sellers, do 7.43

J. T. Grady, do 25.27

J. R. Delaney, do 66.93

W. F. Knight, do 22.45

Pete Grace, do 51.44

Lee Hartley, do 48.55

Chas. Weigel, do 29.91

Dave Ellsworth, do 17.95

Don Turner, do 17.95

H. A. Klinghammer, do 11.97

R. H. Davis, do 11.97

S. D. Burch, do 11.97

Frank Connell, do 55.75

Harley Connell, do 51.51

Walter Peabody, do 25.01

Wm. McCauley, do 51.51

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