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## Indian Cave Found.

A large Indian cave has been discovered in the solid rock about two miles from the town of Cliffs, Wash. No one knows anything about this cave, not even some of the old-time inhabitants of the Goodnoe Hills, who have resided in the Columbia Valley for more than 40 years. Nor do the oldest Rock Creek Indians know anything about the cave.

W. P. Rauch volunteered to lead the first exploring party of 20 of Cliffs' citizens to this wonderful cave a few days ago, and since that time everybody wants to see it. The cave is a mile from the railroad track. The opening of the cave is reached by a roundabout walk up a gradual ascent of from one to two miles. The doorway of the cave is between two and three feet high, and about four feet wide, and on account of the loose boulders lying near a footman might pass very near to it without observing that it was a cave. These loose rock show by their color that they have not been moved for ages, and the quantity of them indicates that they were placed there so as to wall up the mouth of the cave if desired. The entire party

went inside, and it was estimated that there was room for 200 more people.

The cave is of circular form, and from eight to nine feet to the highest point of the ceiling. The formation is that of burned lava rocks, and the condition of the walls and ceiling show traces of the work of man. A number of paintings, Indian hieroglyphics, etc., are still to be seen on the smoothest rock in the ceiling. Parts of the walls appear to be smoked, and owing to the formation it is easy to break off the fragments of the lava rock which show very plainly that it had at one time undergone a high degree of heat. A smooth sand floor at the bottom of the cave, and an obstructed opening on the side towards a perpendicular cliff only a few feet away is conclusive evidence that the cave was once used by wild Indians.

The sand used at the bottom of the cave must have been carried there, as there is no soil of this nature within a number of rods, practically everything being of rock formation.

About 50 yards from this cave is another wonder—the handiwork of Indians of years ago. This consists of an opening cut through the cliff to the pen-