

City of Giants.

Wonderful finds of bones of prehistoric animals are being made in the Fish Creek country, Montana, by Prof. Marcus S. Farr and a party of students from Princeton college. The remains of a stone age city have been discovered, in which the bones of animals of great size, along with stone implements of all kinds, many of which are ornamented with gems, were found. In a mound near the creek was found the almost complete skeleton of a man. The bones showed that the man, when alive, measured nearly 9 feet in height and was of powerful build. Near by was the skeleton of a woman, a trifle smaller. The skeleton of an animal that resembled the dog of today, except that the animal must have been as large as a small horse, was also found.

Tar and Feathers.

On Monday at Sioux City, Iowa, two hundred and fifty indignant citizens marched to the residence of George Talsma, a well-known resident of that city, tied Talsma with ropes, carried him to the business section of the town and gave him a thorough coat of tar and feathers. Talsma had been accused of improper relations with the wife of another townsman, and so notorious are his actions said to have been that his neighbors decided to take the matter into their own hands. The event was made a public one and proved spectacular in the extreme. Hundreds of people in addition to the mob handling the matter, witnessed the punishment and a regular jollification prevailed during the whole time. Before the tar was applied Talsma was stripped to the skin, afterward he was rolled in a sheet containing chicken feathers. Afterward Talsma was arrested, but was released by the judge on the grounds that he had received adequate punishment.

Lumber Depredations.

The United States government has instituted suit in the federal court at Butte against the Anaconda company, Bitter Root development company, Marcus Daly estate, William Scallion and others for \$2,000,000, the value of timber alleged to have been unlawfully cut from the public domain in the western part of Montana. Fred A. Maynard, special United States attorney, was sent out from Washington to bring the suit and to prosecute similar action against United States Senator W. A. Clark and other, Maynard claims the prosecution will be pressed, according to President Roosevelt's policy to protect the timber lands. He claims the damage really done by the Amalgamated company of Anaconda amounted to nearly \$3,000,000. The strip of territory denuded is from one to six miles wide and fifty to seventy-five miles long, mostly along the Bitter Root river. It is claimed by the special prosecutor that the defendants tried to conceal their identity by organizing under different corporate names. The greater part of the alleged depredation was done by the Anaconda and Bitter Root development company before the organization of the Amalgamated company.

The California Prune Crop.

"The prune crop will be much smaller than that of last year, but quite as large as is desirable. We are producing this fruit in such quantities that a heavy crop cannot be marketed at prices which are remunerative except on the best lands. This is partly because heavy crops always run to the small sizes, which bring very low prices. Growers fully understand the situation, and their desire that the crop shall not be excessive often leads them to underestimate. The tonnage is likely to approach last season's more nearly than some growers are willing to concede, but the fruit will run to larger sizes and bring more money at less cost of harvesting. In a few cases in which correspondents have marked the sugar prune separately, they have invariably marked them "heavy" even where the petite is marked "light." The greatest deficiency in the prune crop appears in the counties in which the prune is a leading product. The best reports come from the upper Sacramento valley, the poorest from the upper San Joaquin valley and those portions of the Santa Clara Valley which have the largest acreage in prunes. As the Santa Clara valley produces about two-thirds of our prune crop, this indicates a state crop below the normal."—S. F. Chronicle.

Lost.

Near Deer Creek trail, west side one bunch of railroad "keys," marked "Hinkey Dink." Finder will receive reward at depot.

Plea of the Murderer.

The cabinet of the new King of Serbia has prepared and issued a manifesto claiming that the murders of Alexander and Draga was justified, and claimed that the Queen had caused 75 murders, and had a death list of as many more and the King was only a willing tool in her hands.

A sworn statement by the late adjutant Naumovich, says: "Queen Draga was directly and personally responsible for the blood bath of March 22, when seventy-four citizens were killed. I heard her harangue the king by phone as follows: 'Death to the rebels; let no mother's son escape! Do not repeat the errors of Milan and have recourse to the courts. I want no courts. The rifle is the thing.' As she said this she whistled through her teeth, imitating the hissing of bullets." The women and children who went to the palace after the shooting to demand the bodies of their loved ones were driven forth by Draga's orders to the sound of the whip, and many more wounded.

In the queen's strong box was found a list of seventy-five persons to be arrested just before the proclamation of her brother, Nicodem, as successor to the crown, among them a number of patriotic deputies, disfranchised by the late elections. They were to be taken to the fortress and placed before this alternative: "Will you recognize and uphold Nicodem or not?" All refusing were to be shot as rebels without further notice. From the above the government argues that by the removal of twelve it saved seventy-five murders to be done by Draga.

The government offers proof that the many mysterious disappearance of persons in Belgrade during the last two or three years were due to murder, instigated by the queen. Among others, she caused, a short time ago, the shooting of her cook, on a mere suspicion that he might have been bribed to poison her and the king.

The government asserts: After her husband's death Draga had only an income of \$12.50 per month, yet lived in good style, augmenting her resources by turning courtesan. While this fact made her removal from the throne desirable, the observation that of late she returned to her former life made it imperative. For a time she tried to wheedle her former lovers by gifts of offices and decorations, but as the dangers of her position increased she made friends by dishonoring the royal bed. King Alexander had reason to be jealous and had two of the palace officials killed, and there have been wild scenes and threats of violence in the Honack during several months preceding the tragedy.

The idea of having Draga's brother foisted upon us as crown prince was intolerable, for Nicodem was at once the most incompetent and dissolute of characters, who spent most of his time in low brothels, making it a practice to parade his lewd woman in the public streets and restaurants. Besides, he spent a considerable part of the public funds stolen by Draga and the king, and openly boasted that Alexander's hands were tied, as he had "to look out for the Lunjovitzas first, second and last." Draga's brothers, sisters and nephews were all to be made princes and princesses by the new Parliament, and each was to have an appanage for themselves, children and children's children. This meant an outlay of from 10,000,000 to 15,000,000 francs per annum to Serbia. As an excuse for Col. Maschin's participation in the murder, it is given out that he suspected Draga of having poisoned his brother, her first husband. He was also incensed against the king, whom he found recently with Mrs. Maschin. The government offers no explanation of the awful fact "that the executioners of the people" mutilated the queen's body by cutting off her breasts and heaping other unspeakable indignities upon her corpse.

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