

NEWS IN GENERAL

FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

Mummified in a Cave.

The remains of a child have been found in one of the chambers, once inhabited by the Cliff-dwellers near Gila Hot Springs in N. M.

When found it was wrapped in cloths and bound to a piece of wood about two feet in length. The legs were drawn up, about in the position of a child in the act of creeping, and the forearms were raised so that the hands were near the shoulders, with the palms toward the front. The fists were tightly clinched.

AN INFANT MUMMY.

The body is very light, the flesh having been thoroughly dried on the bones, and the skin is very much shrunken. The body closely resembles an Egyptian mummy except in color.

The nose, ears and the eyes are gone and the skin is broken on the right knee and one of the wrists, exposing the bones, sinews and dried flesh. The head is covered with fine, soft, black hair about two inches long, but it is very small in comparison with the body.

The custom of wrapping up papooses and fastening them to boards prevails among the Indians to the present day, and was no doubt in vogue among the cliff-dwellers. It is believed that the child whose body was found near the Gila Hot Springs was left in this manner, and that for some reason no one ever returned to it and it died of starvation.

Want to be Prepared.

Whether or not there will be a war with the small but belligerent South American republic, Chili, there are parties in Pendleton who deem it prudent to be prepared for a call to arms from the government.

L. Carroll, assisted other Grand Army men, is endeavoring to organize a company, and had received so far the names of twenty-five able bodied citizens who are willing to enlist. A meeting will be held at Wheeler's hall the 19th, to effect an organization, and the company will be ready at once to respond to a summons, if any, from Uncle Sam.

The efforts of these gentlemen are commendable, but perhaps a little premature. If men are needed there will be plenty to respond should war be declared.—East Oregonian.

HERALD'S WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON D. C. Jan. 20.

Mr. Harrison has, if high republican authority may be believed relieved Blaine of the Chilian business and taken it entirely in his own hands. The same authority says that an ultimatum has been sent to Chili and that all of the correspondence and the President's accompanying proclamation which were ready ten days ago but were held back because of the Chilian minister having succeeded in bamboozling Mr. Blaine as to his country's intentions, will go to Congress just as soon as the evidence of all the sailors of the Baltimore has been taken.

The House has adopted a resolution offered by Representative Holman that has spread consternation among the promoter of schemes requiring "a little appropriation." It declares it to be the judgement of the House that the granting of subsidies or bounties by Congress in money, public lands, bonds or by endorsement or by pledge of the public credit, to promote special private industries or enterprises, independent from the constitutional power of Congress, is unjust and impolitic and in manifest conflict with the spirit of republican institutions.

The republican party has, by its national legislation, given protection to certain classes, always at the expense of the masses; but it has persistently denied protection to one class, to which it might have been given without expense or injury to any honest man. The class referred to is the inventors, to whom the country owes so much, who have vainly implored Congress to amend the patent laws by making it a criminal offense to knowingly infringe a patent.

The Senate committee on Elections this week heard the contested cases of Claggett vs Duboise, of Idaho, and Davidson vs Call, of Florida. The hearings in both cases were mere formalities it having been certain beforehand that the committee, almost unanimously favored the sitting members, Dubois and Call.

Owing to the fact that the articles which will be effected by the separate tariff bills likely to be reported by the House Ways and Means Committee are so few in number, and that they have been so thoroughly discussed in the press,

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the committee has decided that it will unnecessary to grant hearings to those interested in them, as it is not probable that a single new fact could be brought out.

Representative Harter, of Ohio, has introduced a bill to consolidate and reduce the Customs Collection districts in the country, which he thinks will improve the service and save \$178,000 annually.

The democrats of the House have already reached the why and wherefore stage of the session. They want to know why Secretary Foster has withheld the payment of some \$30,000,000 appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30 last; also why some \$35,000,000 less than should have been paid out of the appropriations for the current fiscal year, during its first half ending Jan. 1, has been paid.

The democrats also wish to know just what effect the McKinley tariff law is having upon the country, and it is proposed, in order to obtain the information quickly, that the House committee on Manufactures investigate its effect upon the general manufacturing interests, the Committees on Agriculture, Labor and Commerce to do the same for those several interests.

Speaker Crisp is expected to be well enough to preside over the House by next week.

Evidence Given in the Contest Case.

J. B. HUNTINGTON.—Testified that he had known M. M. Brierly since June 1889; had several conversations with Brierly in Baker City, about the 21st of June 1891; that Brierly said he had been offered \$300 by the people of Harney to testify in favor of Harnev. Mr. Brierly further stated that he did not like the way the people of Burns had treated him and also the people of Harnev had treated him meanly.

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Chatham expressed a desire to come in with witness but upon being informed that witness would not leave Huntington until the 19th he concluded to come on the train that was then at the depot. Chatham further told witness that "those fellows out there will have to put up if they get anything out of me." On cross examination witness stated that at least 7 or 8 persons heard conversation between witness and Chatham; did not know Chatham was an alleged illegal voter, did not know it yet. That M. M. Brierly told witness in Baker City that Charley Parrish, the attorney in behalf of Harnev, offered him the \$300 to testify in the interest of said town; that if it were not for the fact that the people of Harnev had treated him discourteously by firing off guns around his house and otherwise frightening his family he'd be damned if he did not do it.

J. H. WRIGHT.—Testified that he had resided in Harney co since last May. Had resided in Malheur co. about 4 years prior to coming to Harney county; was acquainted with Henry Masterson since about the 12th of December until some time in June 1890; was with said Masterson at the Agency ranch in Malheur county; that said Masterson worked there up to the 5th or 6th of June 1890 did not know if he worked any later than that date.

C. C. KILBOURN.—Testified that his residence has been in Trout creek Harnev county since July or August 1889; has homestead flings upon a piece of land in either Silvies or Trout creek precincts did not know which; voted in the town of Burns for the town of Harnev for county seat.

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