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ANOTHER GREAT DISCOVERY.

Following up the line of prehistoric and well-nigh incomprehensible objects that have occupied its columns for some weeks the News offers today something pertaining to our own neighborhood—something that in itself dates back perhaps thousands of years, and that no person except a professed osteologist could successfully portray in the light in which it should be painted to do credit to the subject it represents.

A few days ago Chas. Angell and Jos. Hodson digged into the bank of a gulch leading into the river north of the David Luce place and unearthed the skeleton of one of the huge animals now extinct, whose remains have been found all the way from Mexico to Siberia

Compared to a horse, this animal, which is of the elephant species, would have stood sixteen or seventeen feet high. The hip bones measured sixty-two inches across, and the joints of the vertebrae were twelve inches in diameter. The jaws were comparatively small, containing teeth that were 4x8 inches in diameter across the face. Sockets of the hip joints were eight inches across. The bones were not well preserved, therefore the measurements were no doubt incorrect in many instances. But the News man was present at the disinterment, and witnessed the measurement, of the bones as they actually existed. The head crumbled upon being exposed to the air, yet some of it was preserved. Instead of the brain cavity as the same exists in the skull of a domestic animal, the head of this monster was honey-combed with hundreds of brain cells

The skeleton was lying upon its back beneath about four feet of alkali cement, a deposit supposed to have been formed by the action of a large body of water. Part of one large tusk was found. This was about seven feet long, and measured twenty-six inches in circumference at the large end and twenty inches at the smaller end, tapering gradually, and which, if coming near to a point, must have been of immense length. This tusk was partly exposed by the water from rain and melting snow having washed a gully on one side of the giant's lonely sepulcher. The late David Luce while riding after stock last summer saw the tusk sticking out of the bank, and told Messrs. Angell and Hodson, who instituted a search and were agreeably rewarded for their trouble.

Judge Hazeltine went down with his camera and took a view of the helpless mastodon as he lay on his back in the earth, and now has the same on exhibition in his gallery. Mr. Angell treated the bones to a heavy coat of varnish, and will keep them on exhibition for a time, unless he concludes to dispose of them. He intends to make a thorough search about the premises in hopes of uncovering the remainder of the skeleton, which so far consists of the head, one tusk and part of the spine, the hips and shoulders and some other of the larger bones.—Grant County News.

Contradictory.

Now is the best of times, it is the worst of times, it is an age of wisdom and an age of foolishness, it is an epoch of belief and also of incredulity, it is a season of light and a season of darkness, one of hope and one of despair, we may have prosperity before us, and we may have nothing

It is the best of times for the gold bugs, for class legislation has put the people under their thumbs, it is the worst of times for the laborer and middle class, because through this class legislation, they are suffering for the necessaries of life in the midst of plenty.

It is an age of wisdom, because the oratorical flights and eloquence of our present congress surpasses any in our government history, that makes it an age of foolishness because this wisdom is not exerted to better the condition of our citizens.

It is an epoch of belief on the part of the gold bugs and their adherents in congress that they can gull the people and have things their own way, and then comes in the incredulity of the situation because the people have stood this state of affairs about as long as forbearance is a virtue. It is a season of light, because so many politicians are so fond of airing the remedy and applying the healing balsam to the wounded feelings of the people, it is an epoch of darkness because the people cannot see the light as expounded by our great leaders, and while they have no doubt of the wisdom of our leaders, they have very serious doubts as to the willingness, of these Nabobs, who have a hold on the political plow handles, to enact such laws as will give relief to the thousands of our government now in want and distress

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