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FIND MAMMAL BONE

Important Geological Discovery Made
When James Potts Uncovers a Fine Specimen.

An important discovery, from a geological point of view, was made by James Potts while working on his ranch the other day. It consists of part of a very large bone. There is no extant animal with us today akin to the gigantic creature of which this bone once formed a part. Mr. Potts brought it to town to be examined by A. Mackenzie Meldrum, pastor of the Christian church, who is well read in geology. But it is not an easy task to classify the fossil bones of prehistoric animals, unless the head is found, and the difficulty is greatly augmented when only one bone of the anatomy is discovered, as in this case, and that but a part of the femur bone.

The geological history of this part of Oregon goes back several million years. This is very plainly shown by the fossiliferous formations which carry us back well into the Paleozoic period.

Mr. Meldrum is of the opinion that the bone belongs to a mammal of the Post Tertiary Era, of the Glacial period, being found in a formation Pleistocene; and from its structure and size it is more than likely the bone of an elephant. Many thousands of these creatures roamed about this part of Oregon at that period.

SEASON OPENS NEXT SUNDAY

Blue Mountain League Team Begins Season's Schedule in Three Towns

The opening games of this season's schedule of the Blue Mountain league begins Sunday afternoon with Walla Walla playing Athena on the home grounds, Weston at Milton and Pendleton at Echo.

The new grounds, while not up to the standard condition will be in fair shape and a record-breaking crowd is expected to witness the home team's first game. The Walla Walla team is said to be in good form, having had the advantage of considerable early practice and played several games. Manager Bade is said to be more than pleased with his lineup this year, and several players well are known to Inland Empire fans.

Littlejohn's Millers will be together in Sunday's game for the first time this season and the home fans hope to turn the trick on the garden cityites and tuck away the first game. Anyway, it's in the air that a bangup good game will be played and every lover of the sport in town, has made up his mind to loyally back the home bunch and boost for it early and late.

Manager Littlejohn announces his lineup for Sunday as follows: Brown, catcher; Picard, pitcher; Clark, 1b; Pelland 2b; DePeatt 3b; Owens, ss; Lienallen lf; Bondy of; Smith rf; Bill and Wilson subs.

A Benefit Ball.
A benefit ball will be given in the K. of P.-I. O. O. F. hall next Friday evening March 31, the proceeds to go to the base ball fund. It is taking quite a sum of money to put the base ball organization on its feet this season. A new ground had to be established and constant work in getting it into shape for the games has been expensive, and money for general expenses is needed in the treasury. Hence the decision to give a benefit ball for the team. Good music will be furnished. You'll be expected to buy a ticket whether you expect to dance or not. Tickets will be sold at \$1.00 each.

The Clerks Won.
In an interesting ball game between the mill men and the clerks Sunday afternoon, the latter won by the score of 13 to 9. The game was played for

the benefit of the Athena league team fund, and netted \$25.50. I John Dobson, of the mill force, was there in his uniform and no one attempted to take it off him, as happened in last year's game. Scattered around in the two teams were players who will appear in positions on the league team, and while not letting themselves out at any time during the game, it was observed that with practice and a little hardening they will be capable of putting up a good article of ball. Bert Cartano umpired the game with satisfaction to both sides. A number of good stunts were pulled off, including a couple of double plays. The batteries were: Clerks, Picard, Wilson and Hawks; Mill, Smith and Starr.

ENGINEERS ARE IN THE FIELD

Permanent Survey of Weston Irrigation Project.

The permanent survey of the Weston and Pine Creek irrigation project was begun last Saturday under the direction of F. C. Hencke, C. E., of Lewiston, Idaho, formerly of Wisconsin, says the Leader. With him are two assistant engineers. Mr. Henke was recommended to the board of directors as a capable man who has had much practical experience in this class of work.

This survey will determine the scope of the project, and the actual cost per acre to the farmers who are co-operating in the enterprise. Until it is completed, no details will be available for publication concerning the height of the dam or the magnitude of the mountain lake to be formed between the canyon walls of Pine creek three miles above Weston. It is reported however that the engineers are finding the project entirely feasible, and that its cost will by no means be prohibitive.

A force of men is employed in digging test pits at the reservoir site to determine the nature of the formation, and to make sure that the reservoir will be enclosed in solid bedrock walls. This work is progressing favorably and bedrock has already been uncovered in four or five places. Getting rid of the water encountered occasions some difficulty.

The dam will be so constructed as to admit of the largest possible use of the material available at the reservoir site—rock, earth and gravel. Tentative plans submitted by the engineers meet with much favor from the directors, and call for a dam as solid and enduring as the eternal hills, yet entailing no excessive cost in its construction. The presence of plenty of timber near the dam site is an advantageous feature.

General Manager Here.

R. E. Glass, general manager of the Silver & Lead Mine was in the city Sunday from Wallace, Idaho. Considerable stock in this mine is held in this city and Weston, a big block of it being controlled by Weston parties. The Silver & Lead Mine is the first mining proposition that has paid a dividend to investors in this vicinity and there are stock investors here who hold certificates in about everything that has been offered, from wireless to a soap factory. Manager Glass said another dividend would be declared shortly. The ore is to be treated under a new process, machinery for that purpose being now installed. Samples of ore from this mine may be seen in this city and at Weston by any one interested in mines. Mr. Glass was introduced to Athena people by Will Jamieson and Fred Kershaw, both of whom are extensive owners of stock in the mine.

Umatilla Has Hot Blaze.

Fire broke out at Umatilla at 10:30 o'clock Monday afternoon, completely destroying an entire half block occupied by F. W. Cline, saloon, D. R. Brownell, grocer and Sam Kee, restaurant. The fire is supposed to have started in the Kee place, yet when first seen the flames were issuing from the upper story of the Cline balcony, which is also a rooming house. The wind was blowing 25 miles an hour and it looked as if the upper part of the city was doomed. The firemen were handicapped by lack of proper firefighting appliances. The loss is estimated at \$12,000. The buildings, all covered by insurance, were owned by F. W. Cline and W. H. Boyd Echo.

A Royal Berkshire.

J. M. Swaggart, who breeds Berkshire hogs, received a thoroughbred male pig from the great breeding farm of Hubbard & Baldwin, Bennington, Mich., by Saturday's express. His pigship is of royal lineage and will add great value to Mr. Swaggart's herd.

Tennis Court.

Athena tennis players have decided to locate the court for this season's playing at the city park. There are a number of good players in the city who enjoy the game.

Cow for Sale.

D. A. Pinkerton has a good, fresh milk cow for sale. Cow is five years old and is a prolific milker.

BLASTING THE ROCK

Material for This End of the Athena-Weston Macadamized Road Will Be Taken From City Quarry.

David Lavender, who has charge of the work of constructing the Athena-Weston macadamized road, started a force of men at work in the quarry below town today. Hinge blasts will be driven into the face of the quarry and the material put into shape for handling before the arrival of the road working machinery recently purchased by the county, and which is to arrive in Athena shortly.

The rock for this end of the road improvement will be taken from the city quarry. County Commissioner Cockburn, in company with others went to the Lienallen place near town Monday, and inspected the rock croppings there. While the material proved to be of good quality, it was found that it would cost considerable to remove the soil and lay the face of the quarry open for operation. So the consent of the city officials was obtained to use the rock from the home quarry.

The county pays for crushing the rock, preparing the roadway and spreading the rock on the surface of the road, the hauling of the crushed rock from the quarry to the road being donated by farmers. As much of the work as possible is to be accomplished before the harvest season arrives, so there will be no obstacles to overcome regarding labor. Common labor is to be paid \$2.25 per day, drillers \$2.50 and tamperers \$3.00 per day.

RICH GOLD LEDGE IS FOUND

Report of New El Dorado in Nevada Stirs Mining Men.

The mining men of Nevada are excited over the news of a rich quartz discovery in Washoe county, Nev., about 18 miles from the California line.

The scene of the discovery is about 80 miles from Reno on the line of the Nevada-California & Oregon Railroad and about 25 miles from Amadee in Lassen county, California.

Not since rich finds were made in Tonopah and Goldfield has there been so much excitement among so many old desert prospectors. Several hundred have started for Amadee, with outfits ready for prospecting.

Meager details received by telephone from the scene of the discovery are to the effect that six prospectors Friday came to a long ledge of gold on a high quartz ridge which they followed over the desert for two miles. The average width of the croppings was two feet and the rock was so rich in gold and silver that it seemed more than half metal.

When taken to assayers in Susanville the quartz was said to average over \$20,000 in gold to the ton with much silver. The Southern Pacific Railroad manager in Reno has received full confirmation of the richness of the discovery. Already 150 home-steaders are located on the new mineral range, but they will be dispossessed unless they file new mineral claims.

Opening Yakima Division.

On Friday, March 24, the O. W. R. & N. will open its new branch from Atalla to North Yakima, and will run a through train daily between Walla Walla and North Yakima, leaving Walla Walla at 9:15, arriving at North Yakima at 3:00 p. m. Returning train will leave North Yakima at 8:45 a. m. arriving in Walla Walla at 2:30 p. m. In addition to the above service motor cars will run between Kennewick and North Yakima, and between Grand View and North Yakima, also between Midvale and Sunnyside. Connections westbound can be made with Washington Division No. 8 and main line No. 5; Eastbound at Walla Walla with Washington Division No. 7 and main line No. 18. For more complete information as to train service on this branch, call on any local agent of the O. W. R. & N.

Wm. McMurray,
General Passenger Agent.

Stirring at Washtucna.

The Washtucna Enterprise reports that that town is full of men, most of whom are looking for subcontracts on the North Coast railroad. The local hotels have not been able to furnish accommodations, and vacant buildings have been leased and converted into rooming houses, but many are unable to get lodging and have had to sleep in the depots and hotel offices.

Badge May Mark Drunks.

To protect the saloonkeepers of Walla Walla against persons on the habitual drunkard list, dealers are said to be preparing an ordinance requiring all probated drunkards to wear buttons or badges showing that they are on the list. This grows out of two cases instituted recently against saloonmen for furnishing liquor to probated drunkards, when in both cases

it was contended by the saloonmen that they did not know the men were on the list. The city council will probably be asked to pass a law requiring the buttons to be worn.

Kills Son and Self.

For reason probably never to be known but believed to be sudden insanity, Mrs. George Wilcoxson, of Walla Walla, shot and killed her 23-year-old son in bed and blew out her own brains. Neighbors heard the shots Monday, investigated Tuesday and found the body of the woman near the bed with the pistol in her hands. There were no notes and no reason for the shooting. The husband is a traveling man and is somewhere in Montana.

COPPER ORE ON ADAMS FARM

Mineral Picked Up By Farmer Isaac Christopher.

Is the country in the vicinity of Adams to become famous as a producer of high grade copper ore, is the question which is now agitating some of the citizens of that section, by the discovery recently of a large piece of almost pure copper ore, several feet in the ground, by Isaac Christopher, the well known farmer of that neighborhood, says the Live Wire.

The ore was found in an old stack bottom by Mr. Christopher and another man who were digging in the bottom of the stack at the time, and although no further investigation has been made the ore brought to Pendleton is of such pure quality that many people who have seen the sample are of the opinion that such investigation should be made at once.

One man in discussing the find is of the opinion that the ore is of meteoric origin, while others are of the opinion that it may be the outcropping of an upper ledge of unknown richness.

Slouch Day Frowned Upon.

Monday was "slouch day" at the Pendleton high school, and the boys and girls appeared at their classes garbed in overalls and gingham aprons. The change, however, did not meet with approval from their instructors and the students were dismissed early in the afternoon to go home and attire themselves again as befitting "their rank and station," says a Pendleton paper. While the teachers are unanimous in declaring that the amusement caused by the "slouch" idea was only temporary and did not interfere with the work of the students, still they are not disposed to allow any practice which might have a tendency to distract attention from their studies.

Peaches in Plenty.

That the peach crop of the valley will be normal if not large, seems to be indicated in many orchards of the valley, discrediting the stories which have been circulated since the recent cold spell that the crop would be a failure this season, says the Eagle. D. G. Ross brought to this office this week a branch cut from a late Crawford peach tree, which contained approximately three times the live fruit buds that it should, to produce the best fruit. In many other orchards where it was thought the fruit was injured live buds in copious quantities were found.

To Honor Judge Ellis.

Pendleton friends of Congressman W. R. Ellis are urging the giving of some social function in honor of the judge upon his return from Washington, says the E. O. They point out that he is entitled to such honor because of his service to Pendleton in securing the increased appropriation for the federal building. The matter has been put up to the Commercial club and President Smythe states that he will appoint a committee to take charge of the affair and arrange the details.

Work Starts on Water System.

Wm. Jaeger of St. Louis this week commenced work on his contract to lay the water system for Freshwater, reports the Milton Eagle. The municipal well is almost completed and residents of that city believe they will have domestic water within a short time. The big well is 40 feet deep and nine feet in diameter and has an excellent flow.

Milton's New Bank.

With a capital stock of \$25,000 the Farmers Security Bank of Milton has been incorporated. W. E. Jones is the head of the institution. Associated with him are W. W. Wadner, F. M. Kent, Robert McEwen, N. T. Manella, H. A. Williams and S. D. Peterson. The new bank expects to open for business about April 15.

Special Services.

Superintendent George Gerkling of the Christian Bible school announces that the school next Sunday morning will be conducted in a novel and unique manner. An unusually instructive and entertaining hour is promised, and every one not attending other Sunday schools is invited to be present.