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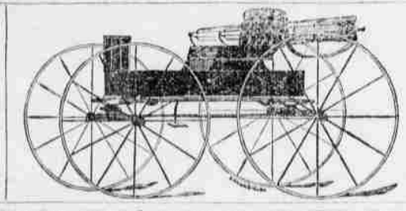

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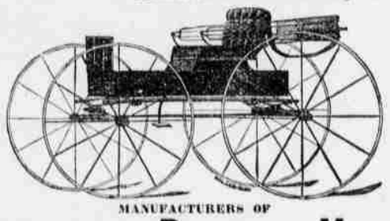

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Spray, J. F.—Horses branded SF connected on right shoulder; cattle same on both hips.

Spray, J. C.—Horses branded S on right shoulder, cattle branded S on the right hip and a smooth crop off of the left ear.

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Swaggart, G W—Horses, 44 on left shoulder.

Stewart, Geo., Hardman—Horses circle C on left shoulder.

cattle, 44 on left hip.

Thompson, J A—Horses, 2 on left shoulder cattle, 2 on left shoulder.

Tibbets, S T—Horses, C—on left shoulder.

Wade, Henry.—Horses branded ace of spades on left shoulder and left hip. Cattle branded same on left side and left hip.

Walbridge, W E—Horses branded U L on left shoulder, cattle U L on right hip. Range on Balm Fork.

Wells, A S—Horses, s⁄s on left shoulder; cattl same.

Wyland, J H, Hardman—Circle C on left thigh

Woodward, John—Horses, UP connected on left shoulder.

Wallace, Charles—Cattle, W on right thigh, hole in left ear; horses, W on right shoulder, some same on left shoulder.

Wren, A A—Cattle, running AA with bar across on right hip.

## MALHUER MAMMOTH CAVE.

At the Headwaters of the River Bearing that Name.

Mr. Mervin Sworts, of Burns, Harney Co., with others, recently explored the Malhuer Mammoth cave. He writes the following account of the exploration to the Oregonian; The Malhuer Mammoth cave, located at the headwaters of the south fork of the Malheur river, which drains the northern part of Malheur county and a portion of the eastern part of Harney county, was explored March 11, to the point where the water and the arch of the cave come together.

The exploring party consisted of five, namely, Mervin Sworts, of Burns; Elzy Brown, of Diamond; Tim Foy, of Burns, and C. R. Peterson and W. C. McMonagle, of the South Fork of the Malheur.

Several times parties have entered the cave and gone as far as the water, and been obliged to return. Several sketches have been written about this cave, but none before have ever been complete. The cave is located in a large flat, except a gradual sloping towards the river. The surrounding country is of lava formation, and in many places lava rocks crop to the surface and are broken up in large masses and scattered about the plain. A scrubby sagebrush grows among the rocks all over the surrounding country.

Directly west of the cave, about one mile distant, is a large rocky cliff, and a narrow gorge from thirty to seventy yards wide and thirty to fifty feet deep extends from the cliff to the spreading out of the river flats about two miles distant. At the base of this cliff are large springs, and through this channel the water finds its way to the main river. At the east of the cave, one mile distant, are other springs, which waters also help to form the main river. The mouth of the cave is nearly on a level with the flat surrounding it. Directly at the mouth is a depression leading downward, but soon becomes arched over.

The cave has a decline downward for about 300 feet, leading in a northerly direction then making a turn to the northeast, an angle of about 122 degrees. At the mouth the cave is twenty-five feet wide and six feet high, arching over to base. As it proceeds it widens out to nearly a uniform width of fifty feet. Its hight is nearly uniform after leaving the entrance and is fully thirty feet nearly entire distance to the water. The bottom is generally smooth, except in places where the magnificent arch has been fractured and tumbled down. The sides extend seven feet perpendicular, then begin to arch over very uniform and smooth.

It is fully one half of a mile from the mouth of the cave to the water, and is it no trouble to proceed thus far, as one can easily pass along with no hindrances except the rocks that have fallen from the archway. No other channels lead off, and the main cave is nearly straight except a few slight curves. The rocks forming the cave are a lava formation, but in many places the drippings from the arch have formed into honey-comb formations, and in places show the form of coral very perfect. Some pendants are as long as eight inches. At places in the arch the rocks show a light color, but are generally of a dark brown. The atmosphere in the cave is a nuch warmer than outside, and on a cold frosty morning, steam can be seen emerging from the mouth for several miles. No current of air is visible the entire distance of the cave, nor is it stagnating or impure.

The writer of this sketch about two years ago while moving stock through this locality happened to come upon the mouth of this cave. Being alone and without means of light, he only entered as far as the light from the mouth shone in. Having an idea it did not extend far under the ground, about a month later myself and partner while passing through the locality went to see the extent of it, but only having lighted sagebrush failed to reach the water. We came out only of the opinion that it was a monstrous hole in the ground. Meanwhile we were informed we were not the first to discover this natural curiosity, although but very few know of it two years ago, and who the first discoverer was we are not prepared to say.

Having a desire to fully explore this wonder, I formed a party of seven, about a year ago, and, with torches and ropes, we proceeded to the water. Here we were compelled to turn back and the cave was not fully explored. On this occasion we found hidden about two hundred feet from the mouth of the cave a leather satchel which contained one white shirt a pair of soldier boost, about half worn, one soldier cap and a pair of gloves. The satchel had undoubtedly been there for some time, as the leather had rotted from the frame and the clothes were also rotted.

The Indians have used the cave for a fort. Surrounding the mouth are places cleared and made smooth as Indians do, and evidently the mouth of the cave has been filled with dirt and a breast work of rock is piled immediately at the entrance. Also about 150 feet back are pits made of rock which form a very strong fortification. Numerous piles of cracked bones, flint chippings and occasionally arrow beads and spear heads can be found.

With the description already given one can form a very good idea of the extent of the cave, surroundings and location, but its beauty to one who appreciates this kind of scenery can not be written.

Not until March 11, 1889, was this cave navigated. We were making water troughs for stock about eight miles from the cave, and the thought came, "could we not go to the end in one?" Meanwhile we prepared torches, ropes, oil and necessary things to take on such an occasion, and with a water trough proceeded to the cave. We had some little work to carry our boat from the mouth of the cave to the water, but, hoping to be fully paid, we packed it along, no matter how heavy. On reaching the water we launched our bark, and tying about 400 feet of rope together, went the length of it. It looked dark and dreary beyond. Knowing ourselves to be the first to try to reach the end, it looked more dreary, although as long as our rope was fast on shore we feared no danger.

The cave extended far beyond and as the water splashed up against the sides of the monstrous cavity the rumbling sounds of the distant water echoed back to us. I had come to see the end of the cave. Only Mr. Brown in the party would volunteer to go with me to the end. We took plenty of oil and a good torch out. The structure of the cave as we passed along was much similar to that before we came to the water. It did not seem to narrow nor did it lose its uniformity only it took two curves. The first one about 400 feet from where the water commences. The next one was fully a quarter of a mile from the first. No channels or prongs led off in any direction. The same honeycomb rock and coral forms project the entire length. The water kept getting deeper but we did not seem to be any nearer the top of the arch. We would pass under places in the arch where great chunks of rocks had fallen from it into the water. As we went on the water deepened and the arch and water came nearer together until our boat could go no further.

The same uniformity presented itself and the water was 31 feet deep where the top of the arch and the water came together. We did not measure the distance we went in the boat, but our judgment is that we went fully three-fourths of a mile. A slight current was visible in the water and the air was purer at this end than where the water begins. The water was very clear and blue and not very cold. We could see the bottom very plainly at a depth of 20 feet. It has been said fish without eyes have been seen around the edge of the water. We were unable to discover fish or any living animals within the cave.

My opinion is the cave continues on through under the river bed, and how much farther on the other side we cannot tell. As the cave leads directly through under the river, the water fills it and backs it in the cave to the level of the service.

We returned where we had left the other members of our party and carried our humbly constructed boat out of the cave, satisfied we had discovered and fully explored a great and wonderful natural curiosity, which will some day be noted as a place of curiosities and for its beauty among cave formations.

## ANARCHIST FIRE BUGS.

Their Methods of Fleecing Jersey City Insurance Companies.

JERSEY CITY, April 14.—Bernard Blume, the leader of a gang of fire-bugs who have been fleecing the Ins. companies, was arrested in this city. Their method was to rent a store, put in in a small stock and obtain a heavy insurance. When preparations were made for the incendiary blaze a lamp would be broken. Near it were placed bladders filled with benzine. Around the bladders was a circle of gunpowder. A slow fuse was used to ignite the powder, which exploded the bladders, and, like a flash, the place would be ablaze, leaving no trace of the incendiary work except a broken lamp to deceive the insurance people. The occupants of the store would be absent, attending a social gathering at the home of one of the other conspirators, to prove an alibi.

Where Blume was located, between the matresses there were found twenty-two bladders. The gang are anarchists and belong to the Chicago band.

The men were arraigned in Brooklyn today. They pleaded not guilty, and remanded without bail until Monday. The men were very nervous while in court.

Information about these men was given Justice Naepr by a man named Frederick Schweitfeiger, of Brooklyn who admitted having been a member of the gang. The justice at first did not believe the story, but when he learned that the gang had made preparations to burn a house in Harrison, a suburb of Newark, N. J., last evening, he telegraphed the Newark police. A dispatch from Newark stated that a train of powder, etc., had been found at the house referred to.

## CHILDREN'S COLUMN.

### THE RIGHTS OF BOYS DISCUSSED.

My mamma is always talking about woman's rights—says they are going to have them, too, but I guess the poor little boys haven't got any rights, or if they have, big folks are a long time in finding it out.

I just tell you there is never anything done wrong about our house but what papa or mamma or the nurse or somebody says: "Oh! the boys did it, of course." I've heard that in some places everything bad is blamed on the cat, but in our house everything is blamed on the boys.

If somebody pinches pieces out of the cake before tea, or upsets the teapot, or breaks a cup, or eats the jelly, cook walks square into the house and tells mamma the "boys did it." Yes, she'd say the boys did it, if there wasn't a boy near, and the house was full of girls.

And just as soon as a little boy wants to have some fun making mud pies, or tying tin cans to dogs' tails, or throwing brick-bats at other little boys, or tying strings across the walk to throw folks down, or some other innocent amusement, some meddlesome person runs off and tells his mamma, and she comes out and spanks him, or shuts him up in a dark closet. I think that's cowardly, too, for mamma always says if a big boy whips a little one, it is a sure sign that the big fellow is a coward, so she must be a coward when she whips me, 'cause she's the biggest.

I don't like little girls one bit—or I wouldn't if I could help it, but somehow I can't. Anyhow, everybody treats them better than boys. Anything will do for the boys, big folks say, so they have to wear the course shoes and common clothes, and be scolded when their buttons come off, their pataloons need patching. Then they are always sent out of the parlor when company comes, "because they are not fit to be seen."

Once in a long while they are allowed to stay in, and then if they try to be sociable and tie the visitor's coat to the chair leg, or stick a pin for them to sit down on, or slip the chair from under him when papa tells him to be seated, like enough that poor boy's bad mamma will send him off to bed just for that. I think it is a shame!

But the little girls are called into the parlor when company comes, and called "my dear," and "darling," and lots of nice names, and they play the piano and "show off," and hang their hair and wear bustles, and that's all girls are fit for.

Boys are a great deal smarter than girls. I know that must be a fact, because every boy I talk to about it says so.

Mamma often tells papa that the boys worry the life out of her, and papa says: "Well, never mind, dear; may be they'll turn out senators or lawyers or contractors or something yet;" and then mamma shakes her head and says: "May be so," but I do not think she believes it.—*Detroit Free Press.*


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