

TAKING ADVANTAGE

INDIAN SKELETONS

A Regular Boneyard Unearthed Near the "Pen."

The Discovery Gives Rise to Much Conjecture.

Convicts working in the stone quarries near the penitentiary have unearthed a number of human bones, supposed to have belonged at some period to the noble red men. A quantity of Indian finery, such as beads, bracelets, etc., were discovered with the bones.

The gruesome find was no surprise to the old timers of the city, who have known for years that many Indians were, during the early days, buried in the rocks on the hills back of where the penitentiary now stands. To some, however, the discovery of the bones proved a source of much curiosity and excitement, and they told of imaginary battles in bygone days near where the state prison is now located in which many white and Indian men, women and children were slain.

Ex-Governor Stevenson said yesterday that in 1863 a large band of Indians had their camp near Tablerock mountain for a long period. Many of the "reds" died during their encampment at that point and were buried near by.

I. N. Costin informed a STATESMAN reporter that the fact that but a thin coating of earth and rocks near the penitentiary covered many an Indian skeleton had long been known to him. The Indians during the early days made the place a rendezvous and their dead were buried at different places over the hills. He had frequently dug up grinning skeletons and honeycombed bones of Indians.

According to the oldest inhabitant, there never was a fight between the Indians and whites near the point where the bones were found. However, before the white man entered this section, and when the Indian held undisputed sway, different tribes may have engaged in battle near old Tablerock and killed off a few of their number burying them there.

CHURCH SERVICES TODAY.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH—Social service

for Earth, the Darkest Hour for Heaven."

St. MICHAEL'S—Services, holy communion 8 a. m.; morning prayer and sermon 11 a. m., evening prayer and sermon 7 p. m., Sunday school 12:15. John C. Gallaudet, rector.

METHODIST—Services at the Methodist Episcopal church today, corner Eighth and Bannock: Class meeting at 10 a. m., H. E. Neal, leader. Preaching at 11 a. m. Theme, "Overcoming the Devil." Sunday school at 12 m. Junior League at 3:30 p. m., Epworth League at 6 p. m. and concert by the Junior League at 7 p. m. The public are invited. John W. Huston, pastor.

Y. M. C. A.—"If sinners entice thee, consent thou not," but come to the Y. M. C. A. rooms at 4 o'clock today. Good music and speaking. E. J. Evans will lead. Topic: "The Sword of the Spirit." 28 Souma block. W. A. Rendon, secretary.

LEGISLATIVE GOSSIP.

Several Bills to Be Introduced in the House Tomorrow.

In the house tomorrow A. J. Hopper, joint representative for Kootenai and Latah counties, will introduce two bills. One will provide for the concentration of all the state funds, including those of the educational and penal institutions, in the hands of the state treasurer who is to be authorized to loan the money to the person who will pay the highest rate of interest on the average daily balances, the accruing interest to go into the state's strong box. County treasurer's will also be authorized to loan the county funds in a like manner. The measure is in line with recommendations made by Governor McConnel in his inaugural message.

The other bill will provide for an increase in the salary of the state treasurer from \$1000 to \$2500. The present salary is considered entirely too small taking into consideration the size of the bond which the treasurer is compelled to give. This increase cannot be had during the incumbency of the present official owing to a constitutional provision. The latter bill is but a natural consequence to the former, as, if the former passes it will increase the labors of the treasurer, and the idea of the other bill is to pay the incumbent of the treasurer's office a salary commensurate with his duties and responsibilities.

The Bingham county division bills will occupy much of the time of the

The operetta "Faces," will be given at the Grand Opera House on January 27th. The operetta has 75 children of whom have been Miss Margaretment is for Free kindergarten and 50 cents, corner Ninth January 18th.

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