

Fossil Fields of Wyoming.

That Wyoming contains some of the most interesting fossil fields known to the world has been common knowledge to scientists for some years, but it has only been recently that general public attention has been called to the fact.

One given to observation in traveling over this wonderful state is impressed almost at once with the thought that in and beneath that soil there must be something of all-absorbing interest to the student. There are many formations of rock and earth which seem to be natural, yet which suggest the thought they were the handiwork of others who lived in the centuries past and they instill a desire to know more about their his-

torious appearance in life of the animal he is restoring, said:

"An accurate idea of the living dinosaur is practically out of the question. I should say that the animal now being brought to light weighed in life about sixty tons, that he had a neck thirty feet in length, and a tail perhaps sixty feet in length. His ribs are about nine feet long, and the cavity of his body, with his lungs and entrails out, would have made a hall thirty-four feet in length, sixteen feet in width, and arched over probably twelve feet in height. A round steak taken from the ham of the animal would have been at least twelve feet in diameter, or more than thirty-five feet

of evolution and comparative anatomy as this state."

During the coming summer the scientific world is likely to hear of still greater fossil finds as the result of the expeditions of all the leading geologists occupying professorships in American universities, who have been invited, through General Passenger Agent Lomax of the Union Pacific to make an exploration of the state as the guests of the road.

Scare the Evil Spirits

The body of Foy Lung Fo, a Chinaman who held a high place among his fellow celestials in Chicago, was buried Sunday, June 18, after elaborate ceremonies in front of the josshouse at No. 319 South Clark

street observed the occasion as a gala day, reports the Inter Ocean, and both white and colored persons mingled with the throng of chattering Chinamen, not to do honor to the soul of Foy Lung Fo, but to see the large skinned lamb, the glistening brown roasted pig, and the freshly killed pig which lay side by side on a stretcher before the temporary altar of life Chinese priests. These Americans caused much annoyance to the religious celestials, who wept as the priests chanted the songs designed to drive away the blue devils which hovered about the soul of their brother. It required the constant efforts of a large corps of policemen to keep the Americans from seizing a portion of the lunch which was to be buried beside the body of Foy Lung Fo in Rosehill cemetery.

Although scheduled for 2 o'clock, it was about half an hour later before all was in readiness for the ceremonies. The large crowd which had collected was getting tired of wrangling with the police and dodging street cars and was clamoring for the funeral to begin. In a large American hearse the body of Foy lay in a black coffin and stretching in a long line down Clark street were forty carriages to take to the cemetery the members of the Chinese lodge of Masons. Nothing could be done until the arrival of Suey Hong Low, the master of ceremonies. Presently a gorgeous figure enveloped in red silk, with two Chinese swords in his belt, came up on a prancing horse and everything was ready. Riding up to the hearse, Suey Hong Low directed that the coffin be taken out and placed upon the pavement.

Four Chinamen in the regalia of the lodge reverently lifted the casket from the hearse and placed it upon a table back of the conveyance. The people gathered closer, much to the annoyance of the policemen, who were under instructions from Sam Moy not to allow them to disturb the mourners. From the josshouse above came a procession of the members of the Masonic order carrying elaborate banners and streamers, inscribed with mystic Chinese characters and emblems. These gathered about the coffin and waved the banners and transparencies, doubtless to the great discomfiture of the evil spirits supposed to have a hold upon the soul of the dead Chinaman.

Then came four Chinamen, wearing costumes of light blue, and carrying a table laden with all kinds of eatables, which they placed back of the basket. Upon the table were three plates of rice, a dried goose, two bottles of wine, several dried oysters and a handful of pumpkin seeds. These were for the purpose of satisfying the hunger of the deceased on his long journey to the realms of bliss. Before the table was spread a mat, which did duty in lieu of an altar.

same that was sung on the occasion of the funeral of the divine Om Woo, emperor of China, 2,000 years ago. While the three priests gravely hopped in and out between the tables and about the mat that was spread on the pavement, William Eisfeldt, the undertaker, was forming the parade in line, ready for the long ride to Rosehill cemetery.

First place was given the carriage containing Mrs. Lottie Moy and her friend. These two women carried the large bank of flowers, presented by Foy Lung Fo's lodge of Free Masons, and marked: "Our Brother Free Mason." Then followed the hearse, escorted by the banner bearers and the members of the lodge in regalia and uniform. Suey Hong Low rode at the head of the procession on his horse, and Sam Moy, in American clothes, rode his horse through the crowd to open a way for the mourners.

The incantations of the priests concluded with the singing of the Chinese doxology by the congregation, and then the casket was lifted into the hearse and the door was closed. The band fell into line back of the hearse, and then came the long procession of carriages containing Chinamen in their everyday clothes, smoking pipes and discussing the many virtues of their deceased citizen. All day yesterday the laundry business throughout Chinatown was closed, and no collars, cuffs nor shirts could be obtained from any of them. The food which had been used in the funeral ceremony was gathered up and taken into the restaurant and the skinned lamb, with the two pigs, were buried beside the grave of Foy Lung Fo.

Out of the Ordinary

Mrs. George Gould's children have a head nurse, two assistants, two governesses, two grooms and two footboys to minister to their wants.

In China, which has long been known as "the land of opposites," the dials of clocks are made to turn round while the hands stand still.

Judge Jonas Brooks of McPherson, Kan., adjourned his court at noon the other day and then walked thirty-seven miles to attend a circus.

The Montreal Street Railway company has voluntarily offered to insure its employees at its own expense in an accident and life company.

A toboggan slide in St. Moritz, Switzerland, extends three-quarters of a mile, and is said to be the longest in the world. The descent has been made in seventy-one seconds.

The most novel branch of the city government of Manchester, England, is a corps of housecleaners, who can be employed by the occupants of stores, flat houses, office



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There are paths and trails through mountain fastnesses which probably have never been trod by the feet of civilized men and there is a fascination about them which tempts one to want to make an exploring trip to learn what might be at the other end or in the cavernous recesses to which they lead.

Wyoming is the resting place of the petrified bones of the largest land animals that ever lived. The petrified bones of the most colossal animal ever taken from the earth's strata has only recently been unearthed in this state. It was a dweller in the Jurassic age, a Dinosaur, measuring nearly 130 feet in length and being perhaps thirty-five feet in height at the hips and twenty-five feet at the shoulders. Assistant W. H. Reed of the department of geology of the University of Wyoming made this discovery while prospecting for fossils ninety miles northwest of Laramie. On account of other work the party was compelled to leave the find in its natural bed during the winter and the work of excavating it will be finished this summer. It is believed Prof. Reed's discovery will be even more interesting than the famous Brentasaur now in the Yale museum, which has attracted the attention of scientists from the whole world and which was also found in Wyoming.

Prof. Marsh of Yale and Prof. Cope of the University of Pennsylvania began a study of the fossil fields of Wyoming in 1877, and until 1888 the former had field parties continually at work. In the summer of 1894 the University of Wyoming began to secure a complete collection of fossil remains of these great animals. During the succeeding years the summers were spent in this work, with the result that there has been brought to this university more than fifty tons of the bones of these huge reptiles, which have been deposited in what is termed the "bone room."

Prof. Reed, in conjecturing as to the

circumference. A set of four of cavalry could easily have ridden abreast between the front and hind legs. Every time he put his feet down it covered more than a square yard of ground. The smallness of the head of this animal is a peculiar thing. I should say it was probably not larger than a ten-gallon keg. He must have been a sluggish creature, as his brain cavity would certainly not warrant the belief that that organ weighed over four or five pounds."

Richest Fossil Beds.

The Wyoming fossil beds, so far as known, are richest in Albany and Carbon counties, in the south central part of the state. The bones are usually found in banks of clay or marl, but occasionally in beds of sandstone. It is not an unusual thing to find a bone bed four or five feet in thickness, with the bones so close together and so mixed up that it is almost impossible to take them out and restore them to a normal place in the body. The large beds are found where at one time are supposed to have been the mouths of great rivers, the animals after death having floated down these rivers where they were deposited, thus accounting for the vast number of fossils in certain places.

The collection of reptilian fossil at the University of Wyoming embraces portions of many of the reptiles known to the reptilian age, and many animals new to science and not found elsewhere. Prof. Wilbur C. Knight of the chair of geology in this university says:

"Few people have any idea that in Wyoming are the greatest treasure-locked regions of the world. One has only to visit our national museum, the American Museum of Natural History, Harvard, Yale, Princeton and the University of Wyoming, to fully appreciate what Wyoming has done for science, and the work has just begun. Up to the present time no state or territory in the United States and, indeed, no equal territory in the world, has done so much for the theory

street. Being the master of the Chinese lodge of Free Masons, it required the ministrations of the good priest On Kee and his assistant, Gim Sing, to properly wait the soul of Foy Lung Fo from his late residence on South Clark street to the bosom of Confucius.

Two American women, Lottie, wife of the mandarin of the Chinese colony, Sam

Moy, and her friend, sat in a carriage beside the hearse and wept as they scented the incense which proclaimed the end of Foy Lung Fo's earthly career. Mrs. Moy wore a spring hat of light straw with a black feather and a pink silk dress, while her companion had on a hat elaborately trimmed with flowers and white ribbon and a light figured gown of China silk.

The substantial end of the Chinaman's post mortem banquet was brought down last by six Chinamen, who staggered under the load. First came a large lamb, which had been skinned, head and all, and made a most ghastly appearance. Next was the crowning delicacy of the feast—a large roast pig, done brown and shining so that it glistened in the sun. The pig was set down beside the lamb upon the table, and two more Chinamen brought a recently killed and dressed pig. The three carcasses were trimmed with streamers and cloves and there appeared to be enough for the entire colony of Chinese.

Upon the tables were burning sticks of incense, which gave an aroma to the atmosphere strongly suggestive of the Fourth of July. Suey Hong Low waved his hand and the Chinese band, seated in a band wagon nearby, struck up an air not soothing to the nerves of the spectators, but which brought tears to the eyes of the Chinese audience. It was the requiem for the soul of the late Foy Lung Fo, and was rendered principally upon tom-toms and reed flutes.

Then from the josshouse appeared On Kee and Gim Sing with another priest to assist them in their functions. The priests, in single file, marched up to the casket, knelt on the rug and struck their heads upon the pavement three times. Then On Kee rose and began the chant for the dead, reading from a closely written manuscript. His two assistants kept up their bowing before the casket and recited prayers to themselves. The band played another air, and the banner bearers formed a line in front of the tables bearing the eatables.

When the three priests had concluded the solemn words of the mass they formed in single file, with On Kee at the head, and marched about the tables, keeping time to the music and singing a Chinese anthem, the

rooms and residences to overhaul and clean their establishments as often as desired. A Manchester woman who desires her house cleaned can telephone to police headquarters and a gang of scrubbers, sweepers window washers, etc., will be sent at once to take up the carpets and relay them and do her spring housecleaning in short order and first-class style while she goes to London or visits in the country.

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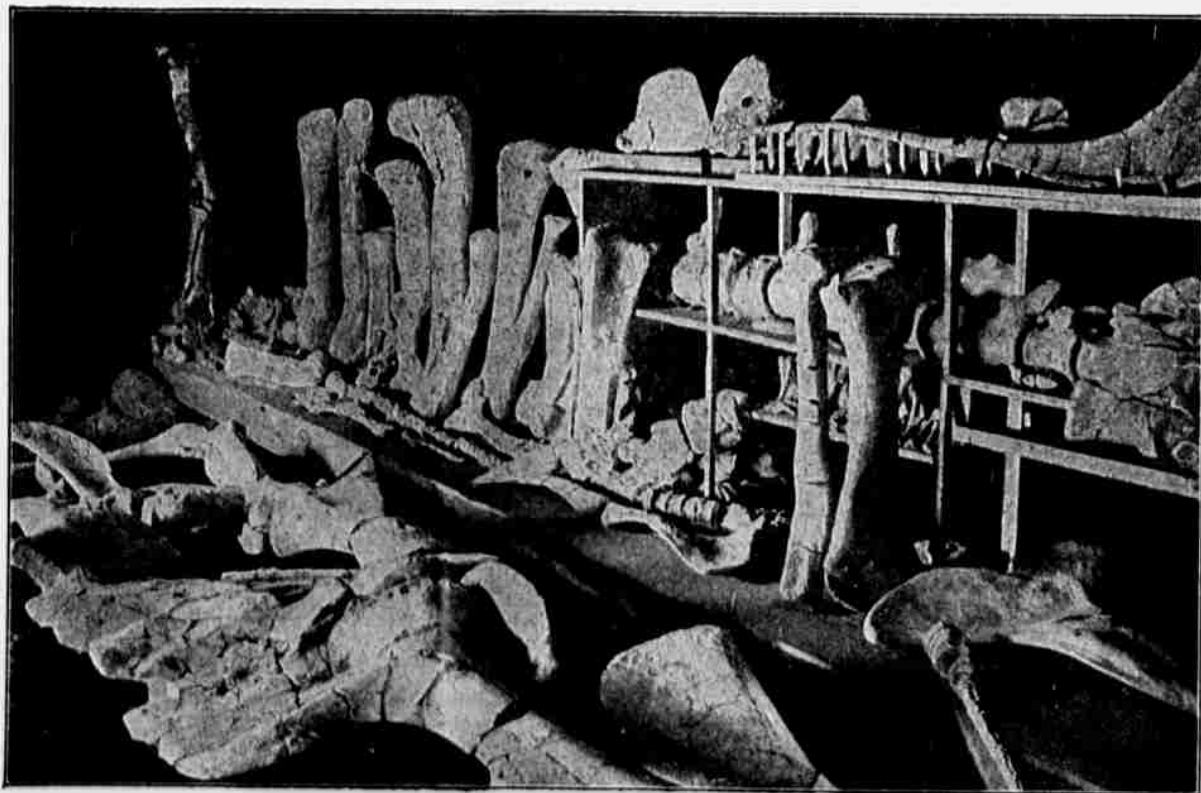
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