

# Elephant Teeth Were Dinosaurs

CARSON CITY, Nev., May 29. — Dinosaurs by the dozens must have met their ultimate fate in prehistoric times at the Elephant Tooth Well, 14 miles south of Wells, Elko county, Nevada, and only about 500 feet east of Highway U. S. 93, on property now owned by Weeks Brothers, Inc., if the dozens of specimens of fossilized teeth of gigantic proportions excavated from that site can be accepted as a criterion. The large number of fossils recovered from the well within the past two weeks would indicate that the paleontological discovery is one of the most important as well as one of the most extensive geological treasures discovered in many years in the whole nation; and exploration work is by no means completed.

Discovery of the fossilized prehistoric remains was made at the well some years ago. However, little development work was accomplished until last summer.

Prior to the dry years between 1920 and 1930 the site south of Wells was a bog hole and had to be fenced off to keep stock from miring down. During the dry years the creeks in the neighborhood dried up. Conditions became so acute that weels had to be dug to supply water for stock grazing in the surrounding fields. The Weeks Brothers saw the possibility of making a water hole out of this particular bog hole. Teams and scrapers were used to clean it out. During the progress of the work men on the job noticed what was thought to be white rocks. Every scraper full of dirt brought up would yield one or two of these rocks. A closer examination revealed a grinding surface on one side and this peculiarity aroused the curiosity of the owners of the land and as a consequence several specimens were sent away to be identified.

This preliminary work was done five or six years ago.

Interest in the site was revived last summer when the Utah Construction Company, under contract with the Nevada Department of Highways for the construction of a portion of Highway U. S. 93, began cleaning out the well with a drag line for the purpose of obtaining a water supply. In this process many additional specimens were obtained. This, likewise, stimulated and sharpened interest in the discovery. Closer examination was made, numerous specimens recovered and sent to Elko and Wells, and some of these specimens placed on display in the shop windows. Eventually some specimens reached Dr. Harry E. Wheeler, geologist on the staff of the Mackay School of Mines in the University of Nevada at Reno, who studied them and identified them as coming from a species of gigantic animal which evidently used Nevada as a hunting ground during prehistoric times.

One of the specimens excavated measures 13 inches long by 8 inches at its widest part and four inches thick. It is a representative specimen but several others are equally as large. Many specimens of a slightly smaller measurement also have been taken from the site, and it is believed, by Dr. Wheeler, and other authorities that hundreds of



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This scene was in a local beauty shop. A middle aged woman was having her eyebrows plucked. "Give them a high arch," she said to the operator, "I am at the stage where that's the only thing which will make me look surprised."—Minneapolis Messenger.

these fossils will be recovered before development work is completed.

The Elephant Tooth Well is located in the bottom land between the Ruby Mountains on the west and a smaller range of mountains on the east. There is from three to four feet of top soil underlain by a layer of blue clay from one to two feet thick. Below the clay is a deposit of clean sand and gravel of very fine grading. The teeth, bones and ivory seem to lie in the gravels directly under the layer of clay. However, some specimens are found in the clay.

# Carvilles Have Narrow Escape

United States Attorney E. P. Carville, Mrs. Carville and son, Bobby, narrowly escaped serious injury late Saturday when their car overturned between Winenmuca and Golconda.

Carville said that a front tire blew out causing him to lose control of the machine, and that it went over an embankment, turning over once and landing in an upright position. The road at this point was slick due to a misty rain and snow flurries, he said, and the suddenness of the accident made the averting of a tragedy almost a miracle.

Mrs Carville was brought to the Humboldt General Hospital by a passing motorist, where it was learned that she was suffering from minor contusions and shock. She is expected to be released from the hospital today and will return to Reno tonight with her husband and son.

Carville was enroute to Elko where he had been scheduled to make a Memorial day address, but remained in Winnemucca over the week end instead.—Humboldt Star.

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