

PALEONTOLOGISTS WILL MEET WITH AMATEUR BONE HUNTERS IN BUTTE TO COMPARE NOTES

Butte, Oct. 27.—(P)—Professional paleontologists and amateur "bone hunters" will meet here next month to compare notes and piece together results of their individual labors in eastern Montana fossil beds.

The experts and those who dig fossils just for fun have been organized into the Montana Society of Natural History. Its first annual meeting will be held here November 27 and 28.

The purpose is to conserve and preserve the skeletons of extinct reptiles, plant fossils, minerals, clays, artifacts and other records bearing on the natural and social history of the region east of the Rocky mountains.

The skeletons of several prehistoric creatures have been scooped out of the Montana plains by leading scientists and now stand in lifelike pose in natural history museums over the world.

Montanans who probe in the strata for remains of the beasts just as a hobby have unearthed hundreds of small fossils and on several occasions discovered important beds which drew the attention of the paleontologists.

In Carter county on the eastern border some amateurs found and excavated successfully a triceratops skull that weighs about a ton and a half.

Prof. H. Melville Sayre of Montana

School of Mines is temporary council chairman for the Montana Society of Natural History.

Other temporary council members are Dr. Harry Turney-High, Dr. Charles Deiss, Dr. J. C. Phillips and R. L. Somerville of the state university; Dr. Frances A. Thomson and Dr. E. S. Perry of the state school of mines; L. F. Grill of Miles City, Lee Ford of Great Falls, Dean W. M. Cobleigh of the state college; Rockwood Brown of Billings; Darwin Harbicht of Fort Peck, United States engineer corps legal section; George Shea of Billings; Dr. May Burunjik of Northern Montana college at Havre; Oscar Lewis of Glendive; A. T. Peterson of Billings; H. T. Gisborne of the forest service at Missoula, and J. C. Rabbitt of Butte.

Outstanding among the Montana amateur fossil hunters and collectors are Lee Ford of Great Falls, F. H. Runkel of Havre, Oscar Lewis of Glendive, Louis Hardtmouth of Roundup, J. J. Sullivan of Hardin, Darwin Harbicht of Fort Peck, Dr. C. E. Marshall of Livingston, Dr. J. F. C. Siegfried of Red Lodge, George Tyron of Anaconda, Jim Browne of Billings, A. C. Silberling of Harlowton, George Shea of Billings, Dell Lewis of Glendive, and W. H. Peck of Carter county.

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