INDIAN SKELETONS

A Regular Boneyard Unearthed Near the "Pen."

The Discovery Gives Rise to Much Controversy.

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 flint tools, 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 of the hillside, from whom 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 1868 a large band of Indians had their camp near Table Rock mountain for a long period. Many of the "red's" died during their encampment at that point and were buried near by.

I. N. Costin informed The 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 Table Rock 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.


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. The bill will also be authorized to loan the county funds in a like manner. The measure is in line with recommendations made by Governor McConnell in his inaugural message.

The other bill will provide for an increase in the salary of the state treasurer from $1000 to $2000. The present salary is considered entirely too small taking into consideration the size of the bond which the treasurer is compelled to receive. This increase cannot be had during the incumbency of the present official owing to a constitutional provision. The latter bill is in harmony with the former, as 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