

SENATE CHAMBER  
STATE OF COLORADO.

Grand Junction, Colorado  
~~Denver~~, June 8<sup>th</sup> 1891

Hon. J. M. Powell  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

We have discovered an immense deposit of fossil bones, and another of fossil shell-fishes (Bi-valves and Ammonites) in this vicinity. We have a femur 26 inches in circumference at hip joint; a humerus 14 inches across end at shoulder joint; a rock-joint 25 inches in circumference. (These last two appear to be of land quadrupeds). One humerus, so we think, of Saurians about 14 inches long and 6 inches in diameter. One bone is 5 feet 3 inches in length and 13 inches in diameter at one point and 21 at another. <sup>and many others.</sup>

While we are not positive as to all the species of extinct animals our collections represent, we have demonstrated that this is a wonderful field for paleontological research.

It is reported to us that there are several

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very large mummies in a tomb of masonry  
some 150 miles distant from here. We hope  
to secure them soon.

We have organized the Western Colorado  
Academy of Sciences at this point, and  
hope to prosecute research as fast as our  
means will permit. Dr. Robert H. Lamborn  
visited us recently and presented us a  
check for \$40<sup>00</sup> x I enclose herewith  
a brief report and Dr. Lamborn's speech  
on presenting his check.

We have found many fossils since  
this report was printed.

Very Truly Yours

J. C. Clayton

Grand Junction  
Colorado



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humerus &c. and  
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some mummies.  
Speech of Dr. Robt.  
H. Lamborn enclosed.

Respectfully referred  
to Mr. C. D. Walcott.

By order:

H. L. Rizer  
Chief Clerk.

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Bones found in Col.  
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Ans Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> 1891

Sept. 23rd, 1891.

Prof. O. C. Marsh,  
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Division of Vertebrates,  
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