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IT DID; IT DIDN'T.

Conflict of Scientific Opinion Regarding Halley's Comet. Princeton, N. J., Dispatch, 19th.

The earth did not plunge through the tail of Halley's comet at the time scheduled by astronomers according to Prof. Henry Norris Russell, of Princeton ,and Zaccheus Daniel, the discoverer of three comets, but was several hours late in making the journey. This failure of the comet to be on time, they said today, was due to the fact that the tail had developed a pronounced curve and it was long after sun up in this section of the country before the passage of the earth

through the comet's appendage. Professor Russell, at 2:45 a. m., no ticed a distinct streak of light in the east that resembled the milky way. He then came to the conclusion that the earth had not passed through the comet's tail because the tail was curved away from us and that the sun would be well above the horizon when the passage was made. At that time, he said, the head of the comet had passed the distance of the sun and was well on the other side of the sun. Shortly after 3 p. m. the light in the east had disappeared and Professor Russell said it was possible for the inhabitants of Hawaii and possibly the astronomers at the Lick observatory in California to detect in the darkness the passage of the earth through the tail.

Mr. Daniel explained that it was not unusual for comet tails to be

A dispatch from Williams Bay, Wis., of the 19th says:

Following elosely on the wholly unexpected astronomical condition that prevailed early today, when the tail of Halley's comet was plainly seen in the east, astronomers at Yerkes observatory today were further bewildered by a startling apparition across the face of the sun at noon.

A broad spectrum of light ,extending across and a considerable distance to each side of the sun, challenged the attention of vigilant scientists.

For the second time in a dozen hours the congregated scientists are greatly excited.

Prof. E. B. Frost, who first signted the phenomenon, said he had never before witnessed its like. Prof. E. E. Barnard said the same. The apparition lasted less than half an hour. The spectrum at once became a topic of overmastering interest and conjecture . "I can see no other cause but the comet for the appearance of the spectrum," said Professor Frost. He believes that the two were related in some unexpected manner.

The passage of the earth through the tail of the comet, delayed a day Jr., and John Cline. , in its schedule, is believed to be taking place tonight, although early observations did not give positive proof Albemarle Enterprise.

Judge Pell's Umbrella Stolen.

During these days of frequent showers almost every fellow has been afforded the oportunity of "freezing onto" a umbrella, but there is evidently some umbrella thief in this county who is neither a respecter of persons or places, from the fact that some one has gone into the court house of the county and taken therefrom an umbrella, the property of His Honr-Judge Geo. P. Pell, who is now presiding at this term of court. We do not know whether the deed was committed maliciously or wilfully or with malice aforethought, and as there are no legal luminaries around these sanctums to set us straight on this we will not consider any of the intents and purposes but pass them by. The fact remains, however, that the umbrella is gone. The people of this county are seriously disappointed when we are forced to realize that

there is one among us guilty of appropriating the Judge's umbrella.

The citizens of Cabarrus have become so attached to Judge Pell that it is almost imposible to imagine one of our citizens committing any act that would not tend to make his stay with us more pleasant. So we have decided to enter the role of detective, and our first act will be to Profess make this as a warning to the man who took the umbrella, and if he will return it to the Judge at once all will

Mr. Wilson Here.

Mr. Geo. W. Wilson, of Gastonia, is in town today shaking hands with his friends. Mr. Wilson is a candidate for Solicitor in this judicial district and has a number of friends in the active practice of his profession in this district for eight years and has met with great success at the bar and is recognized as one of the ablest lawyers in this district, Mr. Wilson is making an active and aggressive campaign for the Democratic nomination and his friends in this behalf. Mr. Wilson has made a splendid impression on our people, and his friends here are making vigorous efforts to aid him in increasing his already large number of supporters in this county.

WOMEN DENIED RIGHTS.

Methodist General Conference Adopts the Majority Report.

Asheville Dispatch, 19th.

For the first time in the history of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, a woman was allowed to speak upon the floor. By unanimous consent of the conference, Miss Belle Bennett, secretary of the woman's home mission society, was invited to address the delegates on the subject which has been considered one of the most vital quesions before the conference, the right of women to sit in the councils of the Church and for equal rights with he laity.

For some time it was difficult to udge which way the conference would vote, but after many speeches the members voted to adopt the report of he majority of the committee on revisals which denied the women the right asked for. It was thought that the next action of the conference in placing ten women on the great missionary board was a little singular.

The women expressed themselves delighted with what has ben accomplished at this conference in creating sentinment in their favor and do not intend to let the matter drop and during the next four years have determined to work harder than before for the passage of the measure which they claim means so much for the women of the South. Never before in the history of Southern Methodism have the women received so much attention as during the present session of the conference.

Celebrates Seventh Anniversary of His Birthday.

Master Earl Henderson Brown, Jr., friends yesterday afternoon, the oceasion being the celebration of his ticket given by the Gibson Drug seventh birthday. The little fellows Store, was won by Miss Sarah Hermet with him at his grandmother ring. The hearts-dice prize, a pair of Brown's, where a feast of good things shears, given by the representative of had been prepared for them. Each one of the boys had an automobile, Earl Henderson's being a birthday present from his father. After the birthday dinner the party drove their was cut for, and won by Mrs. W. G. ears down to Browns-Cannon Co.'s store, where each little machine was stored, away giving the front of the store the appearance of a miniature garage. They ten visited the moving picture shows and the soda fountains. Earl Henderson entertained his guests in a royal manner, and each of them went away wishing that he may have many, many more birthdays. Those who enjoyed Earl Hender-

son's hospitality were: Luther T. Hartsell, Jr., Crowell Ritchie, Joe Bost, Milton Morris, A. Jones Yorke,

Stanly County News.

We regret to note that Paul Lentz, of Mt. Holly, has been quite sick with blood poison. Mr. Lentz is a brother of Mrs. E. M. Asbury. He is the proprietor of Hotel Riverside, at Mt.

Rev. J. W. Whitley, who has spent the past year in the Baptist Theological Seminary at Rochester, N. Y. is spending the summer at the University of Chicago. Mr. Whitley is a Stanly boy of whom much good is expected.

Cattle Inspector C. E. Ritchie says that cattle ticks in Stanly are now scarce. Of the 75 farms under quarantine a visit to 23 revealed the presence only of a very few ticks, a half dozen smal ones being found on three farms. If the farmers whose cattle are under quarantine cooperate with Mr. Ritchie in the right way, most of the eattle will be released next fall.

Astronomers Nonplussed.

Setting at variance all scientific figures and predictions and dumfounding the astronomers at Yerkes observatory, the tail of Halley's comet was plainly visible Thursday. The astronomers have no explanation to proffer for the unprecedented phenomena, says a Williams Bay, Wis, dispatch

Professors Bernard and Frost de-clare therefore that the earth has not passed through the tail of the comet as has been universally believed. Both agree that the earth has entered the comet's tail but ar utterly unable

CLASS POEM.

The following is the class poem read at the graded school commencement by Miss Edna Campbell:

The day has come—the hour has day in Charlotte. struck.

And now we stand to say farewell, While memory weaves her magic

spell Around the scenes of vanished years.

The lights and shadows come and go, We see them thro' time's soften-

ing haze, They fade, and pass beyond our gaze Bearing our laughter and our tears.

No more the bell's relentless din Calls us on hurrying feet from

Filled with forebodings dire we

Trembling with fear of being late.

No more our teacher's smile or frown Marks peace or trouble for the day No more we join in merry play With schoolmates on the old school

This chapter of our lives is closed, We close it with a smile and sigh And turn with resolution high To meet the untried, coming years.

Goodbye sad past! Goodbye sweet

The future, with her smiling face, Beckons us onward in the race, And hope points to a shining goal.

Made \$25 for the Orphans.

The orphans are so grateful, and so are the members of the Thompson Orphanage Guild. The party on Thursday afternoon was a great success, socially, and twenty-five dollars was cleared for the orphans. Fifty entertained a number of his young ladies were present and all seemed to enjoy it. hTe enchre prize, a soda J. Weiss & Son, was won by Mrs. Lester Coltrane, and the consolation prize, a pair of embroidery scissors, donated by the Ritchie Hardware Co., Means.

Little Miss Fannie Person Rudge collected the money at the door. A great many people who did not come to the party sent the money, and to them, and to the above firms, we are particularly grateful.

Both moving picture shows gave half of their proceeds yesterday afternoon and last night to the same cause and a neat sum was realized in this way. Mr. Odell and Mr. Isenhour were most kind in every way and did a great deal for us.

The Tribune also was particularly kind in advertising and we want it, as well as the others, to receive our THOMPSON ORPHANAGE GUILD.

Joker Scares Town With His Home Made "Comet." New York World.

Comet watchers of Roselle, N. J., were thrown into a state of terror late last night as the result of the practical joke of Herman C. Boehm, a chemist of that place.

Knowing that the residents of the town were on the lookout for any phenomena that might result when the earth passed through the tail of the comet, Boehm, with the aid of a small balloon, a quantity of sodium, a time fuse and a stick of dynamite, contrived an apparatus which would rise into the air to a height of 1,000 feet and then explode with a terrific roar, igniting the sodium, which would fall to the earth in a great shower of

Boehm, accompanied by his son, Rudolph, took the apparatus to a large vacant field in the south section of the town. It was released and worked to perfection. The explosion of the dynamite could be heard for miles and immediately all looked in the direction where the noise came to see great streams of fire flowing to the ground. Pandemonium resulted and it was not until an hour had passed that the fears of the people had been

Burned Herself to Death.

Resorting to three different methods to kill herself while her family was asleep around her, Mrs. J. H. Deal, who lives a little over a mile from Maiden, Catawba county, committed suicide Thursday morning before day, saturating herself with kerosene oil and setting herself on fire.

Her husband was awakened by the flames from her dress and ran to her rescue but too late to save her. A razor and axe were lying near. She Resorting to three different methods

PERSONAL MENTION.

Some of the People Here and Else-Where Who Come and Go.

Mrs. R. K. Black is spending the

Miss Shirley Montgomery has returned from a visit to Charlotte.

Mr. Oscar Beasley, of Randleman, is visiting relatives in the city.

S. C., is spending the day in the city. Mrs. W. T. Kluttz, of Salisbury, is visiting her mother, Mrs. W. C. Boyd.

Mr. Nevin Fetzer and friend, Mr. Joe Caldwell, of Davidson College, are spending the day in the city.

Mrs. J. Mack Caldwell and son, Eugene left yesterday for Wilkesboro, to visit friends. Miss Mollie Fetzer, of Reidsville, is visiting her brother, Mr. P. B. Fet-

zer, on Georgia avenue. Mrs. J. H. Witherspoon, of Lancas-ter is visiting the family of her fath-er, Judge W. J. Montgomery.

Miss Francis Hill, who has been teaching in the graded school at Gas-

tonia, returned home yesterday. Mr. Buford Russell, formerly of New York World. this city, who has been living in

visiting relatives here. Misses Laura McGill Cannon and Mary Morris, who have been attend-

ing Salem Female Academy, returned home yesterday afternoon. Rev. and Mrs. F. W. Hancock spent vesterday in the city the guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Morrison and left last night for Washington to attend the World's Sunday School Convention.

They will go from there to Scotland

and from Scotland to their mission

Much Speculation as to Who Will Succeed President Kilgo.

Asheville Dispatch, 19th.

field in China.

The sentiment among the North Carolina delegates to the general conference of the Methodist today seems to besthat either Dr. W. P. Few, dean of Trinity college, or Mr. James H. Southgate, of Durham, president of the board of trustees of Trinity College, will be chosen in June as President of Trinity, to succeed Bishop J. C. Kilgo, whose elevation to the episcopacy makes necessary his resignation as president. Those who favor a business man want Mr. Southgate, while those who prefer a teacher are adherents to Dr. Few. There is some talk of Dr. Gilbert Rowe, of Charlotte, but his election now is hardly probable. There is practically nothing definite as to who will succeed Dr. T. N. Ivey as editor of the Raleigh Chrisian Advocate.

Reunion at Lower Stone.

The Veterans' Choir of this county attended the reunion of the Confed erate Veterans of Rowan county at Lower Stone church yesterday. The Veterans who have returned say that they had a grand time and were enter-tained by their comrades of Rowan in royal style. Several hun ed people were present to witness the exercises. The crowd was so large that the managers of the reunion found it necessary to give out tickets to all the Veterans so as to be sure that they would all get a place at the dinner ta-ble. Each veteran was given three tickets, which entitled him to dinner and a glass of lemonade.

Mr. John D. Bost received a 'phone message last night stating that his brother-in-law, Mr. C. M. Goodman, was critically ill at his home in No. 6 township. Mr. Goodman has been ill for several weeks and his condition now is more serious than at any time during his sickness.



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Saw Thirty Sun Spots.

S. Brennan, professor of astronomy to William Goldstein. at the Kenrick Seminary at St. Louis.

He saw 30 distinct spots on the

150,000 miles in diameter.
"Three awful groups," is the way that Father Brennan described the spots. "The recurrence of spots at this time is unusual, but there is noth-Mr. J. Lindsay Ross, of Anderson, ing in it to cause uneasiness," he said. 'It simply indicates internal activity. There is no possible connection between the comet and the sun spots. The comet is 30,000,000 miles away

from the sun and could not possibly nave any effect on it." Prof. J. S. Richard, of Santa Clara ollege meteorolgical observatory, California, reported that he observed two very large sun spots both intensely

> The astronomer said that one spot was about twelve hours from the central merdian. East of it were 13 Seen observed for three months.

Small Boy.

your medicine like a man, shake

Saw Thirty Sun Spots.

Solar eruptions were observed yesterday afternoon by Father Martin

William had agreed to fight out a He saw 30 distinct spots on the childish quarrel with Abraham Kasssun. One of them he estimated was 150,000 miles in diameter. childish quarrel with Abraham Kassner, aged 12. In the fight the Abraham tripped William and the latter fell to the ground, sustaining a concussion of the brain. He was taken to the Methodist Episcopal Hospital and recently he was dismissed cured.

He brought a charge of assault against his opponent.

"Did you agree to fight with fists. or by tripping each other up, or just the one who got the worst of it was defeated?" asked the Judge.

"We just agreed to fight it out," said William.

"Well, then take your medicine. Case dismissed," said the Judge.

The Unchanging Sea.

The theme of this subject is suggested by Chas. Kingley's poem, "The Three Fishers." Three young husbands set out to sea. A squall pores or small spots. These spots "The Three Fishers." Three young were entirely new, he said, as almost nothing in the nature of spots had arises, and when the tide goes down, 'three fishers lay out on the shining sands.'' The rescuing party finds Whipped in Fair Fight, Judge Tells life in one and he regains his health, but his memory is a blank. As years roll by he returns to his native village. The familiar scenes restores his this city, who has been living in 'Now young man, you were licked; memory and he is happily reunited there is no question about it. Take with his family. This is the Biograph on at the Pastime tonight.

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