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OUESTION ABOUT THE TAIL

Comet Crossed Sun-Sun Spots and What Causes Them-Celestial Luminary Can Now be Seen in the Western Sky After Sunset.

comet in Washington.

ever, it will be possible to see the streamer at 8:20 to the best advan-

Sunset comes about 7:10, and twilight ends a little more than an hour thereafter. As to future visions of the comet, its similarity to the sun's corona may be apparent. Prof. George H. Peters, the sun-spot specialist at the Naval Observatory, said that in his view the two phenomena

might be regarded as of like class. In this view both the comet and the sun rays are expelled and are composed partly of atoms and partly of the disrupted ions which, as systems of a thousand to hundreds of thousands, constitute the various elemental "atoms" of the older books. These streums, both those pouring through the holes, which constitute sun spots, and those radiating from the comet head, produce electrical and magnetic effects on striking the earth's atmosphere, because the ions carry electrical charges.

Definite information about the earth's passage through the streamer will hardly be available for some days. It passed through the tail of a comet in 1861 without the fact being known for some time, and then

Chicago, Ill., Special.-Prof. E. E. Barnard, at Yerkes Observatory, says that a comet spectrum secured Friday night is continuous and probably from reflected rays of the sun. No eyanogen gas was shown, but there were traces of carbon monoxyde, hydrocarbon, dioxygen, and sodium. He found it impossible to give any opinion regarding solid matter in the

London, By Cable.—A dispatch from Mahe, one of the Seychelle Islands, in the Indian Ocean, says that Halley's comet has been a magnificent sight there for many nights. The tail at 4 o'clock in the morning of May 17 was fully 90 degrees long. The nucleus was below the horizon. Part of the tail was visible on the following morning, but it was much fainter, and at 4:30 Friday morning it was barely discernable. No phenomena were observable.

Baltimore, Special.-At 4 o'clock Friday morning a ball of light, not unlike a gigantic searchlight was seen to span the firmament from northwest to southeast, Dr. John A. Anderson, of the Johns Hopkins University, stated that this phenomenon was conclusive evidence that the tail of Halley's comet was curved and that the earth did not pass through it.

"The phenomenon was undoubtedly observed," said Dr. Anderson, "and its presence at 4 a. m., seems to me to mean that the tail of the comet has about 2,000,000 miles of curvature, and that consequently the earth missed it altogether."

Providence, R. I., Special.-Prof. Winslow Upton, of Brown University, does not concur wholly with some other astronomers in the belief that the earth missed the tail of Halley's dust," but thinks that the world did make the passage during the daylight hours Thursday.

"We are pretty certain that the earth was swept by the tail of Halley's comet Thursday during daylight," he said, "because we picked up the tail before daylight Thursday morning in the East.

Staggering Appropriation for Navy.

Washington, Special.-That the United States as a nation has gone Wild in the matter of armaments and especially in the construction of batlieships, was asserted in practical concord by Senators Hale. Clay and Gallinger, in the Senate Saturday. These statements were made in connection with the consideration of the naval appropriation bill which occupied the attention of the Senate throughout the day. The bill carries \$133,000,000, and Senator Hale predicted that within five years the annual naval appropriation would not be less than \$175;-

THE STATE FAIR PROGRAM PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLY | THE NEWS MINUTELY TOLD KING EDWARD IS BURIED | CAPITAL

The Great Virginia-Carolina-Georgia Fair Circuit's Race Program-In Raleigh October 17-22.

Raleigh, N. C., Special.-The State Race Program, of the close approaching events of the great Virginia-Carolinas Georgia Fair Circuit is just issued and it will be noted with enthusiasm that the management of the North Carolina State Fair at Raleigh hangs out the most attractive purses offered that city.

In Raleigh the dates are October Washington, Special.-The weather 17-22, and the stake purses amount delayed the first-evening view of the to \$2,100, there being four purses, there being offered a purse of \$1,000 Should the sky become clear, how- for the Big Thursday of Fair Week, besides this the other purses being two of \$500 and one of \$100.

In this record Raleigh takes the lead as it is the only member of the circuit that breaks all precedents and puts up a thousand dollar purse as its banner event, the largest amout previously offered on the circuit being a \$500 prize.

The Virginia-Carolinas-Georgia Cir. cuit hangs out this season \$20,000 in Stake Races, \$30,000 in Class Races, and \$20,000 in Running Races, about \$70,000 total. It is certain that the race feature this fall will eclipse anything previously seen on the track of the N. C. Agricultural Society.

Methodist Conference Closes.

Asheville, Special.—The sixteenth quadrennial session of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, came to a close Saturday.

Bishop Collins Denny has been elected secretary of the college of bishops. The discussion on the question of an assessment for an endowment fund for wornout preachers was again taken up and by vote of the conference lost. The salary of the secretary of the board of education was raised to \$3,600. The report of only from "calculations based on ob- the committee on the statment of served positions before and after the faith for worldwide Methodism showed that their work failed on account of another Church declining to cooperate in the effort.

By far the most confusion since the conference opened was created by the discussion as to whether the conference strike out the words "the Holy Catholic Church" in the creed and substitute the words "Church of God." The session adjourned without the question being settled.

An appropriation of \$12,000 was voted for the Pacific Methodist Advocate for the next four years.

The last measure adopted by the conference before adjourning sine die was the adopting of a report that a committee of five be appointed to cooperate with the national committee on uniform divorce law.

Remarkable and Mysterious Man. Asheville, Special.-After standing unclaimed for over seven years in embalmed solitude, dressed in full evening dress, with silk hat and cane, the mummified body of Sidney Lascelles, alias "Lord Douglas," alias "Lord Beresford," alias Charles J Asquith, was sent to Washington, D. C., consigned to Dr. McPherson Chrichton, to be burned in the crematory at that city. The body was claimed and identified by a Mrs. J T. Summerfield of New Jersey, who said that she was the sister-in-law of the deceased first wife, now living at Baltimore. She made affidavit to that effect and by her order the

mummy was shipped to Washington. Great mystery shrouds the life and career of this bogus Lord. It is said that he had sixteen living wives. In Georgia he served a long penitentiary term for bigamy. He was a noted forger and swindler, and operated among the wealthy class in several Southern states. He went to Asheville from Texas. He married an Asheville lady several years ago, who serted her. She has not been heard in an election next November. of since. Mystery surrounds thos. through the million miles of "star body. Their identity is a secret. In body. Their identity is a secret. In the letters to the undertaker through

her sister-in-law. Mrs. Summerfield. wife No. 1, speaks endearingly of the great Lothario. She writes, "He had the voice of a Parsifal and the eloquence and charm of a Disraeli, and his influence over women was won-

Newspaper Job For Kerby. Washington, Special.-Frederick W. Kerby, who was recently discharged by Secretary Ballinger, hereafter will be connected with the newspaper as-

sociation to which he gave his statement regarding the work in the Secretary's office. He will probably go it was some days ago. to Cleveland.

Do Something. New York, Special.—Education and reform in sanitation will be the chief to Dr. C. W. Stiles, scientific secretary of the Rockefeller hookworm

Dr. J. W. Bachman, of Chattanocga, Elected Moderator of the Southern Presbyterian Assembly.

Lewisburg, W. Va., Special.-The reatest honor in the gift of the Southern Presbyterian Assembly was conferred Thursday upon Rev. Dr. J. W. Bachman, of Chattanooga, Tenn., when it elected him moderator. The first day's session of the assembly also was marked by the election of Dr. T. H. Law, of Spartanbug, S. as stated clerk.

"We have both fought for the South and for the flag of Jesus Christ." said Dr. W. E. Beggs, of to Dr. Bachman. "You never deserted your colors. In a great epidemic in your city you completed the conquest there of every heart that was worth knowing. To one so it is a great joy to turn over this gravel.".

For a moment Dr. Bachman hesitated, then he said: "I have been nothing has given me more pleasure

than to receive this gravel from you." Then these two great leaders in one another in a tender embrace.

Northern Presbyterian Assembly. Atlantic City, N. J., Special.-Rev Charles Little of Wabash, Ind., was elected moderator of the Presbyterian Assembly of the United States on

the third ballot Thursday afternoon. John C. Cheney, national representative from Indiana, who nominated Dr. Little, told of the fact that the nominee had two brothers in the Presbyterian ministry and three sisters who had married Presbyterian min-

Cumberland Assembly Meets. Dickson, Tenn., Special.—Judge Joseph H. Fussell of Columbia, Tenn., was elected moderator by acclamation and the formal organization of the eighth Cumberland Presbyterian General Assembly was completed at

work of the assembly began. Delegates From 52 Nations. Washington, Special.—The world's sixth Sunday-School Convention opened in this city Thursday afternoon with 3,000 delegates present, and most of them are accompanied by alternates and friends.

Five hundred delegates are foreigners and represent every country in the world. The other 2,500 come from the United States and Canada. The Canadian visitors are so numerous that a special division has been assigned to them in the great parade of Bible class men to be held tomorrow evening.

The convention meets but once in three years. It is regarded as one of the great events in the Christian world, and affords an opportunity for all denominations and creeds to get together on common ground.

Ten thousand strangers are within the gates of the National Capital. The delegates from the 52 nations will in turn represent 26,000,000 Sunday school students.

Louisiana Wants Panama Exposition. Baton Rogue, La., Special.-With its passage through the House Friday the Panama exposition bill, already favorably acted upon by the Senate of the Louisiana assembly, now goes to the Governor for his signature. Governor Sanders says that he will approve the measure.

The bill submits to the people of the State the question of a special tax providing \$4,000,000 as a subscription to the fund being raised for the promotion of an international exposition to be held in New Orleans in 1915 to celebrate the completion of the Panama canal.

Job Printers Will be Glad.

Washington, Special.-Representative Silvester C. Smith of California intimated in a speech before the convention of the United Typothetae of America that the house committee on postroads and postoffices would soon report favorably a bill to cause the government to discontinue printing return cards on stamped envel-

Roosevelt's Throat Troublesome.

London, By Cable.-Mr. Roosevelt's throat is proving more obstinate than it was thought it would be. He cheys the London specialist's stirct orders to be as quiet as possible, but his throat now seems to be worse than

Another Companion For Morse.

Boston, Special.-George W. Coleman, the \$12-a-week clerk of the

The Heart of Happenings Carved From the Whole Country.

President Taft has consented to make the annual address at the commencement exercises at Bryn Mawr College June 2.

The National Credit Men's Association, in convention at New Orleans, declined to take action on a proposition to raise a fund of \$1.000.-000 for the investigation and prosecution in credit transactions.

Commemorating the completion of the lock and dam in the Ohio river at Cincinnati, thereby furnishing a harbor 25 miles long, there will be Atlanta, Ga., the retiring moderator | held at Cincinnati from August 29th to October 4th, the Ohio Valley Exposition.

The annual Reunion of the South Carolina Division of the United Division of the United Confederate beloved by his people and his church, | Veterans will be held on August 17 and 18 at Spartanburg.

Mrs. Hannah Sullivan, of New York, the widow of "Little Tim," says that he left no real estate and called to accept several honors, but a personal estate worth only \$15,000. One of the most interesting undertakings of the Southern Baptists is the annual Cowboys' Campmeeting, the church threw their arms around which is held every July in the Davis Mountains of West Texas. Rev. Dr. George W. Truett, of Dallas, conducts the services, with the assistance of ministers of other denominations.

Lilliuokalani, former queen of Hawaii, has again met defeat in her effort to secure \$450,000—the rentals from the crown lands in Hawaii.

Mrs. Jarrett Pittman, of near Mc Connellsburg, Pa., 80 years of age whose head has been covered for a decade with snow-white hair, is creating no end of surprise for her neighbors and friends of the vicinity by growing very dark hair.

So tight has the short skirts that is now the vogue, become around the ankles and below the knee, that it it grows any tighter, the wearer will be quite unable to walk.

Harvard College has abandoned the idea of the erection of memoria Thursday night's session. Commit- tablets in Memorial Hall in reverence tees were appointed and the actual to her sons who died fighting under the colors of the Confederacy. Disquieting rumors of an anti-

foreign movement not unlike that preceding the Bexer troubles are be ing reported by the American consulate at Nan King.

Miss Eva Harmon died in Spartanburg, S. C., of pellagra. Miss Har mon was 23 years old, and had been ill for several months. This is one of the first victims of pellagra that has died in Spartanburg County.

The 94th annual report of the American Bible society shows that during the past year the total issue of publications at home and abroad amounted to 2,826,831.

George Mitchell, colored, was sentenced to serve five years in the penitentiary in superior court at Savannah, Ga., for stealing a diamond pin valued at \$500, which evidence showed had been given to Billy Kersands, a negro minstrel, by the late Queen Victoria of England.

A jagged fragment of glass was found in the appendix of a young man operated on in New York. Coroner I. L. Feinberg, who operated, said that as far as records known to him show this is the first case in which the presence of glass was cause of appendicitis.

Los Angeles probably has the only woman deputy district attorney in the county. Mrs. Clara Shortridge Foltz has received her commission, and took the oath of office.

Judge John D. Haymaker made an adoption order in an unusual case at ant Hill township gave birth to sev-Pittsburg, which makes Ida Selma, eral pigs a few days ago and in the Light, 40 years old, the daughter of litter was a decided monstrosity, Mary L. McIntosh, who is 76. Neither which he brought to town Saturday woman has ever married and have no heirs. The order of court gives the adopted woman the right of a child and bill of a duck and the claws of disappeared completely after he de- The people will vote on the tax and heir, and directs that she shall a cat. be subject to the duties of a child.

> Significant of the growth of Catholicism in the new world was the splendid ceremony performed by Archbishop Ireland in St. Paul, when for the first time since the church came to America six bishops were consecrated simultaneously.

> Woodmen of the World observe memorial day June 6, this being the date set for the members of this order throughout the country to honor their dead.

> Following the spirit of the recent conference held to consider social diseases and their prevention by education, the Department of Public Health and Charities, Philadelphia, makes in its weekly health talks an earnest appeal to parents to talk plainly with their children, and not to be reticent through a feling of false modesty, on the important facts of personal and sexual hygiene.

William H. Barrett, a hotelkeeper, tution of \$309,000 and was sentenced size 221-2, he was 6 feet 8 inches to 21-2 cents, the consumer paying thirty-two rooms for the accommodation of \$309,000 and was sentenced size 221-2, he was 6 feet 8 inches to 21-2 cents, the consumer paying thirty-two rooms for the accommodation of \$309,000 and was sentenced size 221-2, he was 6 feet 8 inches for this 25 cents a pound and upward tion of 300 employes. pounds. He was 48 years old.

Largest Number of People Ever Gathered in London-Glittering Pageant-Roosevelt There.

London, By Cable.—The body of King Edward VII was carried through the streets of the capital Friday in the presence of many hundred thousand subjects and with the Kings of nine European nations, several future rulers, members of all the royal families of the world and a former president of the United States following the casket from Westminster Hall to Paddington station.

The cortege moved through solid double lines of red-coated soldiers standing with rifles reversed and the regimental colors dipped to the ground. At the railway station the casket was placed in a funeral car and was taken to Windsor where, after the Church of England service had been conducted by the archbishop of Canterbury, St. George's chapel were entombed in the Albert memorial adjoining.

No such processional spectacle had been witnessed in London since Queen Victoria's jubilee.

Behind the casket upon which rested the imperial symbols followed the late King's charger, while his favorite terrier was led by a Highlander soldier just before the imperial en-

The representatives of the two great republics, the United States and France were given a position at the rear of all the royalties and the prince of the pettiest of European states. Their carriage followed those carrying the royal ladies and they were the last in line of the representatives of foreign governments.

The morning was clear and a hot sun beat upon the great mass of humanity that lined the route of the procession. It is doubtful that so many people were ever seen before in London. At the Mall, in St. James street, and at Hyde Park the throng almost overwhelmed the procession. The police and soldiers had to fight to prevent the lines being swept away by the crush. There were many broken limbs and other injuries were received. Hundreds of persons faint ed, among them many women who had been standing on the pavement for hours before the procession left Westminster Hall.

Bishops Block Change of Name. Asheville, N. C., Special.-The measure adopted at Friday morning' session to name the Church the Meth odist Church was vetoed at the afternoon session by the college of bishops. Then conference voted to change the name to the Methodist Episcopal church in America and requested the bishops as it is a constitutional question to have the annual conferences vote on the question. Not until the next General Conference can the name be legally changed if by a threefourths vote of members of the annual conference they vote in favor of a change. It is predicted that the church at large will not accept the change and equally confident are the delegates who favor the change that

the conferences will support them. In explaining why the bishops ve toed the measure Bishop Candler stat ed that in their minds the change would involve titles and pave the way for litigation. This is the first time since 1894 that the bishops have exercised their right to veto.

The announcement that the bishops had vetoed the measure created a lit tle stir.

An Extraordinary Freak. Lancaster, S. C., Special.-A sor belonging to J. B. Vaughan of Pleas afternoon and exhibited, the unsightly freak being dead. It has the head

Can't Give Whiskey for Sickness. Montgomery, Ala., Special.-Whiskey can not be legally lent for the use of a sick friend, according to a ruling handed down by the supreme court in the case of Presley Clarke against the State. Clarke was convicted of exchanging prohibited liquors and entered the plea that quart which he transferred was given to a neighbor, members of whose family were ill.

Difference in Cost of Coffee. Washington, Special. - Herman Sielcken, a New York coffee importer, told the House Ship Subsidy Investigating Committee that the mid- for steel stacks for the scientific dleman's profit on coffee in this country is approximately 15 cents a pound, against Germany's 7 cents largement of the heating plant of profit. Germany imposes a tariff on Howard University and Freedmen's coffee and the United States does not. Hospital. Sielcken, replying to questions of Officials of the Interior Department

Interesting News Gathered in the District of Columbia.

AMERICAN CONGRESS.

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Uncle Sam's Popular Cook Book. Uncle Sam's cook book, which has been in preparation for several years under the direction of Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, has become a mighty popular publication among Congressmen who are encountering opposition to their return to Congress.

The House authorized the publica-tion of 1,000,000 copies of the cook book, but the Senate does not put such a high estimate on the value of the publication.

The authorization for the publication of 1,000,000 copies of the cooking manual was cut down from 1,-000,000 to 300,000 copies in a bill that passed the Senate.

Less Beer and More Work.

Brewers in Washington have conceded to their employes an eighthour day. In return the employes have agreed to take not more than two drinks of beer during the eight

No wave of temperance reform on the part of the breweries management however, is responsible, but a wish to get a full measure of work out of the employes. Before and lafter working hours it is agreed employes can drink all the beer they want.

Kemp's Prison Term Ending.

J. Arthur Kemp, former chief clerk of the police department, who was sentenced to the United States penitentiary at Moundsville, W. Va., for two years for embezzling several thousand dollars from the funds of the Police Protective Association, will be released on May 29.

Famous Educator Will Retire.

After 52 years of service, Dr. E. M. Gallaudet, one of the best known of educators in the country, and president of the Gallaudet College for the Deaf and Dumb, announces his intention of retiring. He is 73 years

Cadets Going on Long Cruise. The revenue cutter service cadet practice ship Itasca, will leave Arundel Cove, Md., on the annual practice cruise, with the graduating class, on June 6. Visits will be made to England, France and the Azore Islands. The Itasca will return to Baltimore August, 12.

Doctor Wins Pis License. The action of the District Medical Board in refusing Dr. Lewis B. Thompson, a Maryland physician, a medical license to practice in Washington, is held by the District Court of Appeals, in a decision just rendered, to have been arbitrary, and the license will be issued by direction of the court.

An Inventor's Dream. Rapid transit beyond the dreams of other men has been offered to the Postoffice Department by an Effingham (Ill.) inventor. The Illinois man had a scheme to run a railroad train at the rate of 80 miles an hour for 500 miles without stopping. He would unload passengers, mail and baggage while the train was in motion. His device would whirl? the most delicate passenger out of the car and into the station without lessening the speed of the train or injuring the passenger. It would do the same with mails, he says. On the grounds that Congress gave to the Postoffice Department no authority to buy railroad equipment the invention has been declined.

White House "Home Coming Week." The White House will be open to the thousands of visitors who are expected to be in Washington for home-

coming week in October. President Taft notified Isaac Gans. chairman of the committee which is arranging for the fall celebration, that he would be glad to have the White House visited every day of home-coming week.

Patent Office Must be Enlarged.

In estimates submitted to the Senate \$220,000 is asked for the enlargement of the Patent Office and \$2,500 library of the department. Other estimates were for \$80,000 for the en-

Representative Longworth, said that in their report declare the Patent during a period of many years the Office lacks sufficient space. It is of Locust Valley, L. I., famed for price of coffee laid down at New proposed to erect a four-story stone means by which the hookworm will National City Bank, of Cambridge being considerably broader than he was long, is dead. His collars were cost of roasting and preparing it 2 court. The addition will contain