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EARTH DID NOT PASS THROUGH COMET'S TAIL

NEW CURVE IN THE TAIL PLAYS HOB WITH SCHEDULE.

WE DIDN'T TOUCH TAIL AT ALL

ASTRONOMERS ALL OVER THE the appearance of the tail in the east WORLD GREAT NED WAZZLED.

NO SATISFACTORY EXPLANATIO.

The Comet's Tail Got Tricky and, Curving off. Never Touched the Earth as Had Been Scheduled

Mount Wilson, Calif., May 19.-Halley's comet passed the sun on schedule time last evening and the sun arose this morning ahead of the nucleus of the wanderers. When the earth will pass through the tail of the comet cannot be determined with accuracy. All that is known is that it is close to the nearer wall of the tail and likely to enter it at any moment.

These are the net results of the observations made at the Carnegie observatory throughout last night and today.

ASTRONOMERS DUMFOUNDED

Streak of Light in the East Startles Yerkes Observatory.

Williams Bay, Wis., May 19.-Setting at variance all scientific figures and predictions and dumfounding the astronomers at Yerkes observatory here, the tail of Halley's comet was the transvaal observatory of which plainly visible in the east just be R. T. A. Ines is the director

The astronomers have no explanation to proffer for the phenomena. Professors Barnard and Frost declare, has been universally believed. Both agree that the earth has entered the comet's tail, but are utterly unable to explain the condition now prevailing which is without parallel in the history of astronomy.

Professor Mitchell, Professor Frost and Professor Barnard say that any of the following three explanations may be right:

Three Possible Explanations.

First: The curvature of the comet's tail, first discovered and noted by Professor Barnard on Tuesday night. may have developed to a wholly unexpected degree, while the head of the

Second: Like Borelli's comet of 1903. Halley's comet may have ceas- Kenrick, indicate violent solar eruped its tail making activity, cutting off tions. the glowing fan that is now puzzling the scientists.

Third: It is possible that all calcomet has not yet passed the earth. lone spot that was the largest.

As nearly as could be computed the period of the appearance of the 1848. It was 182,000 miles in diamcomet's tail in the east extended from eter. The one I saw today was the 3:30 this morning. It was still plain- it just before and while it was break- ing a conclusion regarding the Glavis ly visible at a time when the astronomers were confident the earth would daybreak, Professor Frost issued the following statement:

Earth Hasn't Gone Through Tail.

"Greater than all the theories and all the computations are the facts. And the fact is that the tail of Haleast in practically the same position spot I saw earlier in the afternoon." as it appeared yesterday morning. There is no question about that. The midnight until dawn has not yet passed across the earth. That is a certainty. In addition, it is also certain into this city. that there is no material diminution in the size of this tail as compared

with the tail of the day before. "We are confident that the calcula-

ently of each other in an parts of the world, arrived at these calculations which have been corrected in detail ever since the comet passed Venus on May 2.

"We are also confident that the head of the comet made the transit as per schedule. But the mystery of this morning is the great puzzle. It cannot be explained satisfactorily at historica his time.

HADIN'T FIGURED ON CURVE

Astronomers in Eastern Part of Unit

ed States Tell of Mystery. Princeton, N. J., May 19.-The earth did not plunge through the tail of Head of Comet Has Passed on Time. Halley's comet at the time stated by astronomers, according to Professor 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 th passage of the earth through the com-

et'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 said 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 disc of the sur and was well on the other side of the sun. Shortly after 3 a. m. the light in the east disappeared and Professor Russell said it was possible for the in habitants of Hawaii and possibly the astronomers at Lick observatory in California to detect in the darkness the passage of the earth through the

Professor Russell added that the reason why most astronomers had not been able to tell that the tail was curved was because they had been looking at the tail edgewise.

Johannesburg, Africa, May 19.-Ac cording to the observations made at earth had not travelled through the yield on the three leading questions. tail of Halley's comet at dawn today

The tail was still north of the eclip- | CALLS therefore, that the earth has not pass- tic and at the observatory it was ed through the tall of the comet as thought probable that the earth would pass considerably to the south of it.

Balloon Explored Comet's Tail. St. Louis, May 19.—Fraught with excitement but not eventful astronomically, the balloon expedition to explore the tail of Halley's comet which began here last night at 6:35 o'clock ended near Hillylew. Greene county, United States attorney for the south-Ill., at 11:20 o'clock. The aerostat traveled sixty-five miles.

SEES SPOTS ON SUN

Violent Solar Eruptions.

St. Louis, May 19.—Thirty sun spots, one of which was estimated to be 150. Secretary Ballinger. comet has passed the earth on sched- 000 miles in diameter, were seen by Father Martin S. Brennan, astronomer at Kenrick seminary, yesterday after- cating him and he had proceeded with noon. The spots, according to Father the conduct of the cases.

"The spots on the sun," said Father Brennan, "were in three groups. I field division, with headquarters at saw them at 2:30 o'clock. Twenty-six Oakland, Calif. spots were in one, three in another culations are wrong and that the and one in another group. It was the

"The biggest sun spot ever recorded was seen by Captain Davis in August, 10:30 o'clock Wednesday night to largest I have ever seen. I witnessed him to assist the president in reaching. Near the bottom appeared a large rent as if the photosphoc was torn.

"The spots had no connection with have passed completely through the the comet, because of the 80,000,000 tail. After leaving his telescope at miles the comet is from the sun. The ply with the attorney's request would solar disturbances, I believe, will continue for several days. The spots at this time are quite unusual, but no uneasiness need be felt. They are caused by internal disturbances in the sun. The spots which were seen by Professor Zee, at Mare island today, and which he said were roughly joinley's comet has been appearing in the ed. I believe to be parts of the largest

Two Sioux City Men Killed.

Sioux City, May 19. - An extra tail which glowed from the horizon freight on the Omaha road struck a station reports that nineteen persons close to the milky way from before track tricycle about five miles east of from the burned steamer, including this city, instantly killing George the captain and his wife, have landed and followed out at the back in a little Burch and Hugh Doherty, bridge car- safely in their own boats. penters, who were driving the machine

Receiver for Canning Plant,

Milwaukee, May 19.—Judge J. V. Quarles, of the United States district Bryan in his first appearance on the tions for the passage of the head of Nicholls and A. B. Cambler receivers South America, gave his initial lec- of fur or beads at the neck and seen his father take reptiles by the any immigrants but favoring legisla- bers of the commission are democrats. the comet between the sun and the for the Wakesha Canning company, ture on the liquor question. Mr. sleeves, giving them an extremely pre- tails and jerk off their heads, earth are correct. Unquestioned as The assets of the concern are placed Bryan is on his way to Edinburgh, Raphaelite expression of decoration tronomical figures, working independ- at \$93,180 and liabilitier \$576,862.

HE ENDS HIS LIFE

AFTER FIFTY-TWO HOURS OF SLEEPLESS SWEATING.

CHICAGO AROUSED OVER POLICE

Young Man of 24, Who Confessed to Shooting a Policeman After Fifty two Hours of Inquisition During Which He Had no Sleep, Suicides.

Chicago, May 19 .- Stephen Zacak, 24 years old, who yesterday after fifty-two hours of almost continuous questioning, during which it is claim ed he was not permitted to sleep, conessed to the murder of a policeman ommitted suicide today.

The alleged slayer hanged himself with a handkerchief while in his cell at the stock yards police station.

Chicago is Arouseu. The patrolman said to have been illed by him met death attempting to arrest robbers plundering a freight car. The ordeal to which Zacak was subjected and the shooting of two nen yesterday, who did not halt at the command of detectives not in uniform, have aroused much comment as to police methods in this city.

WILHELM KISSES HIS COUSIN

Royal Greeting of German Emperor in London is Affectionate.

London, May 19.—Emperor William arrived in London at noon today. The German imperial yacht Hohenzollern reached Sheerness last evening, but his majesty did not land until this morning when he proceeded to the capital.

At Victoria station the emperor was welcomed by King George, the Duke of Cornwall, the Duke of connaught, Prince Henry of Prussia and others of the royal family and diplomats.

The greeting of the monarchs was affectionate. From his cousin, the emperor turned to the young duke of Cornwall and kissed him on both

Negotiations Between Men and Operators Come to an End.

Peoria, Ill., May 19.-Negotiations between the United Mine Workers and restored for several hours. operators of Illinois will undoubtedly be broken this afternoon and a strike declared. Both sides have refused to

Lawler Admits That He Bears Old Grudge Against the Man.

Washington, May 19.—Assistant Atorney General Oscar Lawler admitted under cross-examination by Attorney Brandels in the Ballinger-Pinchot in estigation today that three years ago L. R. Glavis cast reflections on his ability to conduct the prosecution of the coal land fraud cases, while he was ern district of California. He said it had then been demonstrated that Glavis was untruthful.

Mr. Brandeis was plainly endeavoring to show that Lawler entertained an old grudge against Glavis which Thirty of Them, and They Indicate unfitted him for the preparation of a judiciary finding for the president on the charges made by Glavis against

> Lawler said the department of justice had made an investigation vindi-

"And the persons I prosecuted were onvicted," added Lawler sharply. At that time Glavis was chief of

Attorney Brandeis tried unsuccess ully to induce the committee to re quest the production of all the papers in the case. He urged that it was important for the committee to know whether Secretary Ballinger at the time he took Lawler to Beverley with charges, knew of the grudge of Law-

ler against Glavis. It appeared to be the sense of the majority of the committee that to comnecessitate entering on a collateral in-

STEAMER BURNS AT SEA.

Nineteen Persons, Including Captain and Wife, Land Safely.

San Francisco, May 19.-The steam er J. Marhoffer, which left San Francisco for Portland, Ore., on May 14, has been burned at sea twenty miles lander of the United States life saving

Bryan Talks Prohibition.

Chicago, May 19 .- As the guest of the Catholic Total Abstinence union of America here, William Jennings. Scotland, to attend an international and simplicity.

left Chicago early this morning. Mr. Bryan discussed the liquor question from the classed the liquor question meeting of temperance workers. He from the standpoint of the individual and legislature.

Five Dead in Explosion.

Nanaimo, B. C., May 19.-Five men the Hamilton powder works, four miles from this city.

ROBBERS MAKE

GET THREE PACKAGES OF MONEY CONTAINING \$32,024.

FROM ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY

While the Depot Agent at Oil City, Pa., was Busy Loading a Train, Robbers Made Their Escape.

Oil City, Pa., May 19.-Three pack ages of money, containing \$32,024, were stolen from the Pennsylvania depot here at 3:30 o'clock this morn ing, while John J. Truby, the station agent, was loading baggage onto a being shipped by the Adams Express company to Philadelphia.

RUNNING FIGHT WITH ROBBERS UNCLE JOE DEFENOS HIMSELF

Four Burglars Try to Blow Oklahoma Bank and Wound a Pursuer.

Wapanucka, Okla., May 19 .- After an unsuccessful attempt to loot the Peoples National bank here early today, four robbers engaged in a running fight with a posse of citizens, wounding one of their pursuers, and escaped on a handear.

A posse is now in pursuit and it is believed the desperadoes will be captured. The robbers wrecked the vault of the bank with dynamite and the explosion aroused the citizens, who engaged in a pistol battle with the four men as they ran towards the rails road station. By dodging behind buildings the fugitives escaped the bullets of their pursuers and, boarding a hand COAL STRIKE IN ILLINOIS of their pursuers and, boarding a hand car, started towards Coalgate. Before attempting to rob the bank, the men cut all telegraph and telephone wires leading into this town and communi cation with the other towns was no

ABSURD, SAYS MISS CHASE.

She's Not to be Married to J. M. Bar rie, the Novelist.

New York, May 19.-It is quite ab surd, that report that Pauline Chase is to be married to J. M. Barrie whose first wife only recently became the wife of Gilbert Cannon.

"There isn't a word of truth in the whole matter," Miss Chase declared after she arrived on the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse to sell photographs at the Actor's Fund fair. Nevertheless she sold an autographed photograph of Mr. Barrie for \$34, the highest price paid for any of her collection. There was a bid of \$150 for the autographed photograph of Theodore Roosevelt, but it was decided to withdraw the picture from auction and it will be disposed of by a system of cumulative bidding. Miss Chase sold \$658 worth of pictures in the fifteen minutes she was on the block.

SHADOW DRESS IS SCANT.

Plump Women Will Be Barred From the Latest Style.

New York, May 19. - Silhouette obliged to if you aim to encompass on the freight tariff. your form in the yard and a quarter wide dresses of the near future.

"Never," said Mme Bertin, "have he dresses been so scant since the days of Empress Josephine and Mme. De Stael. There is hardly a skirt hat measures more than thirty-six inches at the ankles, but the waists are all made in big blouse effects, giving the gowns an upside-down look, caused by the material that rightfully belongs in the skirts being relegated to the upper part of the

"The new dress demands more of he women of fashion than ever before," she assured me. "She must be more careful of her diet if she wishes to succeed in the new silhoutte dress for it will not be becoming to the plump woman; she must have small feet and she must learn to walk gracefully in spite of the weights, elastics

and limited skirt width." As she spoke, madame showed a frock that measured a little less than two yards around the bottom. It was black net over black satin. A tunic north of Neport, Ore. Captain Wel- of net reached just at the ankle where the net tunic was bound at the ankles in a loop of jet black beads. The satin skirt tapered at the toes

The waist was a voluminous blouse of black satin and net trimmed with ropes of jet beads wound about the neck of the bodice cut decollette, and looping the blouse at the waist line.

Dresses in this style are also shown

were killed today by an explosion in THAT WAS INTENTION OF NEAR-MURDERER AT PIERCE.

VICTIM OF ATTACK SELLS OUT

Over in Assyria It Is Said to be Not a ployer's Business.

Pierce, Neb., May 18 .- Special to his neck. The News: Henry Meinert purchased the pool and billiard hall of Nick Coury and will take possession at once. Mr. Coury is the person that Oscar face. The father pulled the snake a lamp exploding in the hands of Mrs. Rish tried to drown in the Elkhorn from around his son's neck and jerked. Hewitt as she was upstairs putting river the first of the week. Since his off its head, experience Coury has been unnerved and desired to get out of business. Got Three Packages of Cash and Over in Assyria, where he and Rish thereby he would come into possession superior court today. of his pool and billiard hall. Rish is still laid up at the hotel with the selfinflicted wound in his leg, but will un-Buffalo bound train. The money was doubtedly be taken in charge by the authorities as soon as he is able to get around.

Says Shooting Would Be Too Honorable a Fate for Insurgents.

New York, May 19,-"Shooting were too gentlemanly a fate for certain republicans," thundered Speaker Cannon of the national house of representatives, as he addressed the annual banquet of the National Association of Manufacturers at the Waldorf Astoria He was making an eloquent defense of his conduct as speaker and he was wildly cheered.

"You believe we have a majority o forty-four in the house of representatives and two-thirds in the United States senate," said the speaker, "and vet we are under the sway-I will not say of dishonest-of mistaken people and now and then a demagogue, seeking power, and I can pick out among them men who would have competed with Judas when he betrayed his mas-

"We have a great president and a republican majority, yet we cannot say whether there are not enough cowards in the flock with the populistic-democratic minority to leave us without an efficient republican majority.

"If there were two armies drawn up in actual conflict, do you know what would be done with such men?" "Shoot them," cried one of the din-

"Shoot them," thundered the speak

"Shoot them: that would be too hon orable a death for them. Hanging

WILL FIGHT THE RAILROADS

would be their fate."

Shippers Will Enjoin Them From Ir creasing Freight Rates.

Chicago, May 19.-The president of every railroad system in the official classification territory today will receive a letter from the committee of seventeen appointed at the shippers' convention of protest against increased freight held here, demanding a suspension of the proposed advance and asking that the question be settled by federal arbitration. Unless the carriers accept arbitration by the interstate commerce commission, an insuits and shadow dresses! Ladies junction, it is said, will be asked by hold your breath. In fact you will be the shippers restraining the increase

A conciliatory clause was inserted in the letters sent the railroad presidents which members of the committee say may result in a peaceful set tlement without intervention. This clause suggests that if desired by the railroads the shippers are willing to meet them half way by holding a conference and attempting to adjust and re-arrange without appealing to the commission. The shippers say they are not pleading for a conference, but simply offer to meet the railroads if the latter desire. The committee re ceived a message from President James McCrea of the Pennsylvania railroad, which says that increased transportation tax is to be levied.

The message, say members of the committee, leaves no doubt that the eastern roads have fully made up their minds to increase rates

City Council Bribery Scandal.

Salt Lake, May 19 .- Councilman r 3. Fernstrom startled the city council by claiming he had been offered a bribe and charging Mayor J. S. Bransford with collusion with a contractor in changing the terms of a sewer pipe contract. The council authorized the appointment of an investigation com-

SNAKE NEARLY STRANGLES BOY Young Farmer Attempts to Snap Its

Head Off.

Nashville, Ind., May 19.—Charles Cummings, a young farmer near here, had a thrilling experience with a large

While he was plowing he came across one, five feet four inches long. laborers.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER CAME NEAR Temperature for Twenty-four Hours Forecast for Nebraska.

Minimum Average Chicago, May 19.-The bulletin issued by the Chicago station of the United States weather bureau gives

Maximum

the forecast for Nebraska as follows: Unsettled, with showers east por- LAMP EXPLODES, HOUSE BURNS tion tonight or Friday; colder Friday and west portion tonight

Serious Think to Take a Man's Life Thinking to imitate his father, he and This Fellow Wanted His Em- caught it by the tail and whirled it over his head, but instead of the reptile's head flying off it coiled around

> same field, saw the situation and hurried to him. The snake had strangled the boy until he was black in the

To Compel Wrestling Match. came from, the taking of a man's life of mandamus to compel Mayor Busse bed on fire. Before help could arrive is not considered a serious thing, they to issue a permit for the holding of the house was gutted. The damage say, and it is now thought that Rish's the Gotch-Zybszko wrestling match extended no further than the complete purpose was to drown Coury and here on Memorial day was filed in the destruction of the house and contents.

Injured in Cuban Dynamite Disaster Are Pinned Under Debris.

have been more thoroughly examined in the court house closet between 6 t will not be known positively how and 7 o'clock last evening, by Henry many lives were lost when the rural guards barracks in the city of Pinar Del Rio, was demolished by an explo- and liquor was found on his person. sion of dynamite late vesterday

There is reason, however, for the hope that the fatalities did not exceed fifty. The wounded will number more than 100, it is believed. It is almost from the accidental fall of a case of dynamite from the hands of an employe of the public works department, who with others was engaged in loading on wagons seventy-two cases of the explosive which were to be transferred from the barracks to the government magazine in the city.

The injured are believed to be penned under the debris. continued throughout the night by

Havana, May 19 .- Two almost simultaneous explosions of dynamite sup-Most of the dead were rural guards, reported, were killed also, as were lso several employes of the public works department and residents of the city on which fell a deluge of masonry

It is not known yet whether the xplosion was the result of an accident or was due to an act of con pirators, but the former hypothesis is onsidered the more probable. Several relief trains carrying surgeons. officers and men of the rural guard and government officials started from Havana to the scene of the catastro-

phe 108 miles away. Captain Alfredo Ravena and Captain Gasper Betancourt of the garrison and their families are reported to be buried in the ruins.

The barracks was a massive building of Spanish construction and occupied an eminence in the outstarts of the city to the north. During the late insurrection it was the headquarters of Colonel Parker's regiment the Seventh cavalry. In consequence of the alarm over the race disturbances the government ordered all dynamite in the vicinity in the poskeeping. The work of removing the stationed here, the vote was very light dynamite from the barracks for ship but stood 140 for and 8 against. The ployes of the public works department | that the people were unanimously for assisted by rural guards.

They were engaged in loading cases of the dynamite on wagons when the explosion occurred, strewing the central court in which the work was going on, with dead and wounded.

The work of exhuming the dead and searching for those who still may be

There'll Be no Direct Nomination of Senators in That State.

mains in the ruins.

Albany, N. Y., May 19.-The Hinman-Green direct nominations bill, ad- of the sixteen members, the republivocated by Governor Hughes, failed to cans having three and the citizens pass the senate by three votes, receiving 23 to 25 against.

Chicago, May 19.-After argument party. lasting three days in which nearly The elections commission will inevery delegate participated, the na-

tion designed to prevent the importa-

CREMATION

NARROW ESCAPE FOR FAMILY OF CLEARWATER MARSHAL.

While Mrs. B. F. Hewitt Was Upstairs Putting Her Children to Bed, a Lamp Exploded in Her Hands and the Home Burned-Children Saved.

Clearwater, Neb., May 19.-Special His father, who was working in the to The News: Fire destroyed the residence of B. F. Hewitt, the viliage marshal, tast night at 9 o'clock, caused by

the children to bed. That no one was burned to death was almost a miracle, as the burning Chicago, May 19.-Petition for a writ oil flew all over the room and set the

STANTON MAN FOUND DEAD.

Farm Hand Believed to Have Succumbed to Alcoholism.

Stanton, Neb., May 19.-Special to The News: Max Habler, a farm Havana, May 19.-Until the ruins laborer 45 years old, was found dead Nye, a printer. Death is supposed to be due to alcoholism, as he had been drinking heavily the past few days,

Max Habler was married and is not known to have a living relative in this country. The impression here is that he was well connected in Germany, from where he has ben receiving remittances regularly, all of which as certain that the explosion resulted well as his earnings as a farm hand

have been spent for liquor. A coroner's inquest was held this morning to determine the cause of his death, of which there seems no

Tribute to Dr. Oelke. Pierce, Neb., May 19.-Special to The News: Dr. E. H. Oelke was given a surprise by the members of Ever-Work of excavating the victims was green lodge, A. F. & A. M., during the regular convocation. Dr. Oelke, who was acting as worshipful, was interrupted in the services by W. E. Bishop, who in a short speech presented posed to consist of 3,000 pounds, com- the presiding officer with a solid gold pletely demolished the rural guard watch charm, beautifully engraved name of the receiver as well as that but the entire families of several of of the lodge, date and occasion. Dr. the officers of the rural guards, it is Oelke was deeply touched and responded in an appropriate and feeling manner. The doctor and his family expect to leave for their new home at Wheaton, Ill., the first of next week, and debris from the blown up build- Both he and his estimable wife will

e greatly missed in this community.

Verdigre to Celebrate the Fourth. Verdigre, Neb., May 13.-Special to The News: Verdigre has decided to elebrate the Fourth of July and will ry to make it the grandest celebration ver held in this part of the state. Verdigre has the most beautiful litle park in northeastern Nebraska. It will therefore be an ideal place for people from surrounding towns to

Court at Valentine. Valentine, Neb., May 19.—Special to The News: Court convened here with Judge Harrington on the bench, there are four criminal cases and numerous civil ones to be tried this term.

Valentine Gives Land.

celebrate.

Valentine, Neb., May 19.-Special to The News: At the special election held here to see whether or not the ession of contractors for road con- city would give the state forty acres truction and other public works to of land on which to erect their builde removed to the barracks for safe ings for the state experimental farm ment to Havana was begun by em- vote was light for it was well known it anyway.

DENVER ADOPTS INITIATIVE.

Proposition for a Water Commission is Likely Carried.

Denver, May 19.-Although the official count of the election has not alive is going on but it is greatly re- been compiled, all parties practically tarded by the destruction of the elec- admit that the initiative and referentric light wires and the wear that a dum and recall amendments to the quantity of unexploded dynamite re- city charter were adopted, as well as the proposition for a water commis-

> PRIMARY The latter provides for a commission sion of three to decide the question of municipal ownership of Denver's wat-

er plant. The democrats will have control of the board of aldermen, with eleven two.

the poard of supervisors will consist of three democrats, three republi-Socialists Would Bar Strike Breakers. cans, and one member of the citizen's

clude a woman, Miss Ellis Meredith, a tional congress of the socialist party well known author and newspaper at the close of its sessions adopted a writer, who was a candidate on the court today appointed William H. lecture platform since his return from in large flowered pattern, with strips blacksnake while plowing. He had resolution opposing the exclusion of citizen's ticket. The other two mem-The law provides that only two of tion of strike breakers and contract three members can be members of the same political faith.