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METEORIC DISPLAYS.

Expansive Heavens Filled With Celestial Fireworks.

NEW YORK, PENNSYLVANIA, FLORIDA

And Other States, Have Grand Views of The Imposing Scene.

ARE WE PASSING A COMET STREAM.

The Display Comes From Every Direction Filling The Sky With Streaming Fire.

A New York dispatch says the heavens were filled with celestial fireworks last night, and those who kept their eyes and minds on things earthly missed a beautiful and interesting display. All over the sky bright spots and streaks of light were darting and streaming. They came from all quarters, and darted in every direction. Some gleamed suddenly and brilliantly and suddenly went out like the intermittent flashes from tropical fireflies in the dark forests. Others flashed across the sky, leaving behind them a streak of reddish light that often seemed to extend clear across the firmament and last until the brilliant head and all were swallowed up in blackness. Astronomers were not plentiful on the streets, and an authoritative opinion on what the meteors can mean could not be obtained. Some people suggested that they were the particles left straggling behind by Biela's comet, and that we are now passing through that stream of particles.

The heavens above Pittsburg, Pa., were ablaze with flaming and shooting meteors. The mysterious celestial messengers darted hither and thither through the skies in great numbers and with great brilliancy, interesting the whole town and country, and alarming quite a number of timid persons. Chicago says something in infinite space went to infinite smash. Between 6:30 and 7:30 o'clock enough stars dropped from the firmament to stock a new world. On every side the brilliant meteors could be seen falling. The display was largely confined to the north and east. The sky was clear, and the night cool and dark.

In Denver there was a considerable display of meteors, filling the whole sky with streaks and streams of fire. They came from all directions, and were quite startling in their number and brilliancy. The streets were crowded with people with their faces turned up to the sky, and there has been considerable excitement throughout the town and around about. Many people think it was a comet.

Jacksonville, Florida, was visited by a shower of meteors, which illuminated the heavens for three-quarters of an hour.

In Washington there was a meteoric shower about 9 o'clock. This shower was predicted for the 27th.

Galesburg, Illinois, had a meteoric shower. Shooting stars were flying around in all directions.

Good Suggestions.

Tacoma Ledger. Mr. Powderly made some suggestions at the general meeting at the Knights of Labor yesterday that are worthy of careful consideration. One is that the order should go further with its ballot reform work than it has done hitherto, and insist that no man shall vote who cannot read his ballot. He also favors the further restriction of immigration, that no foreigner be admitted to this country who cannot give evidence of ability to support himself and family, if he bring a family with him. Both these suggestions deserve the support of everybody who thinks our present form of government worth maintaining.

Stranded Goose Hunters.

East Oregonian. Levi Ankeny, the Walla Walla banker, enjoyed two days of gunning last week at Switzer's Island and left for home with thirty of the fowls. Two other Walla Walla gentlemen, Rev. Dr. Law and Mr. Ritz, the nurseryman, have not been so fortunate. They were stranded on an uninhabited island near Switzer's, being unable to leave on account of the wind, which has bedecked the Columbia with white-caps. They put off in their boat Saturday, but were compelled to return to the island, and at last accounts were still hunting geese.

Fighting the Australian Ballot.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 24.—Judge Lawler last night granted a temporary injunction restricting the election commissioners from the official canvass of the vote cast in this city at the last election. The suit is brought by James Welsh, who alleges that the Australian ballot law prevented his enjoying the secrecy of the ballot as guaranteed by the constitution, and that therefore the law is unconstitutional. Welsh avers that he is partially blind, and he could not vote under the Australian law without assistance in making his ballot. A few days before election Welsh attacked the validity of the Australian law by demanding of the registrar of voters and secretary of state that he be furnished with the official ballot to prepare at home. The request was refused and the matter taken before the supreme court, but owing to the shortness of time before election the suit was dismissed without prejudice by mutual consent. Welsh's attorney says the result of the national election will not be affected by the suit, but the legislative and municipal ticket will be knocked out if the suit is decided in his client's favor.

Arctic Explorers' Coolness.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 24.—The coolness existing between Lieutenant Peary and Professor Heilprin, leader of the Peary relief expedition, has at last resulted in an open rupture between the two scientists. The strained relations were made public by Peary's action in securing the influence of the Academy of Natural Science to procure his three years' leave of absence without informing Heilprin of his steps in the matter. He had almost concluded negotiations through General Wistar, president of the academy, with the navy department, when Heilprin became aware of what was going on. The rupture is the result of Heilprin's assuming that he rescued the Peary party from certain death. Peary claims he could have made his way back to civilization without assistance. On this second expedition Heilprin distinctly said: "I will not have a party sent out to rescue him."

The Monetary Conference.

BRUSSELS, Nov. 24.—The statement has obtained currency here that the American delegates to the international monetary conference are not prepared to submit proposals to the conference when it meets tomorrow. On the contrary, it is true the proposals have been definitely formulated by the American delegates, and that they will be laid before the conference tomorrow. There was some delay in arranging proposal six, but this was due to the fact that the American delegates came from different states, and had no opportunity of conferring upon a final adjustment of the minor details until they reached Europe. The proposals are in such a form as will serve as a basis for practical discussion. Private meetings of various sections of the conference are proceeding today for the purpose of considering the information and views that have been interchanged during the last two days.

Sugar Cane Prospects.

HAVANA, Nov. 24.—The sugar-cane contracts made public this season were at Guareiraz in the province of Matanzas. They are on a basis of 5½ to 5¾ arrobes of a centrifugal sugar to be delivered at Matanzas for each 100 arrobes of cane delivered at the side of the mill. There is still a wide difference in the estimates of the coming sugar crop. On one hand the fine appearance of the cane at Remedios gives rise to the belief that the crop will exceed that of last season by from 10 to 15 per cent, while on the other it is asserted by some persons who claim to be well posted that in the province of Matanzas there will be a decrease of 15 per cent.

Fittingly Stated.

Review. The difficulties now being experienced by the transcontinental railroads in the operation of their lines through the Cascade mountains afford additional evidence of the erroneous policy of hauling merchandise over those mountains only to haul it back again to the interior. The severity of the grades, the interruptions to travel, and the waste of energy all protest against the present policy.

Driven to Their Death.

New York, Nov. 26.—The wrong parties were rescued in an accident particulars of which come from Constantinople specials. It seems that an inebriated coachman, who today was driving a carriage in which rode Keman Bey with two distinguished friends, persisted in attempting to drive the carriage over the drawbridge connecting Stamboul and Galata, in spite of the shouted warnings that the bridge was open. The carriage fell into the water and Keman Bey and his friends were drowned. The coachman and footman were rescued.

S. P. R. COMPLICATION

After December Will Ignore all Other Lines at Portland.

MUST BE LOCAL TICKETS OR NONE

Will Issue no More Through nor Will any be Received by Them.

IT IS NOT IN ANY SENSE A BOYCOTT

But it Means That no Further Impositions Will be Tolerated by the S. P. R. Lines.

The Southern Pacific Railroad company has issued orders, announcing that after December 31st, neither one-way nor round-trip tickets will be sold, or baggage checked through Portland to points on the line of the Southern Pacific in Oregon or California, via the Northern, Canadian, or Union Pacific. The Southern will not honor these tickets after January 1st, except such as are sold prior to that date, and will not accept any baggage for Portland under these checks. This order cannot be construed to mean a boycott, as reported, but it is intended to operate on single and round-trip tickets, including those for return for California points through Portland over the Northern and Canadian Pacific, also passage from Portland or Tacoma, to San Francisco by steamer, with return by rail. Commencing January 1st, the Southern Pacific will exact local rates from Portland on any tickets by way of the Union Pacific from Portland to points on its lines in Oregon or California, and on round-trip tickets returning from California through Portland, over the Union Pacific, it will exact its local rates to Portland. Another object may be to keep the Union, Canadian and Northern out of the field for California business. At present each of these lines has officers in San Francisco and is making an effort to secure travel from that city, bringing passengers to Portland over the Southern and thence east over its own lines. This action of the Southern is in line with that of the Union Pacific in refusing to accept coupon tickets issued by other roads, and is an effort to secure the through business for their own line, instead of giving other roads the long haul from Portland east. Canadian and Northern can only handle California business via Portland by paying the local rate over the Southern or on the steamers of the Union Pacific. Whatever the outcome may be, the stand taken by Huntington adds interest to the already very much complicated railroad situation.

En Route to Turkey.

East Oregonian. D. P. Thompson, the Portland millionaire, was a passenger on Wednesdays east-bound train. Mr. Thompson will grace the Sublime Porte with additional splendor by his presence at Constantinople as minister from the United States, and is now on his way to the domain of the Turk. When asked if he had any obligations to express for the Thanksgiving Turkey allotted him he vouchsafed no reply, evidently considering the question irrelevant. Minister Thompson was accompanied as far as Pendleton by State Senator-elect C. H. Woodruff, of Portland, who spent the day in this city.

Editor Mays Overcome.

Washington Independent. We are hungry a little too for federal consideration and have it in black and white from those who can speak with authority that we shall get what we want. We are so dazzled with possibilities we know not what to ask.

The Only Hope.

Inter Mountain. There is not a man in Montana outside the Warm Springs insane asylum, who believes that the democratic party with both houses of congress and the presidency, will ever pass a free coinage bill. The only hope for silver lies in the international conference, which is a republican idea.

A Weather Forecast.

Review. Indian on the Coeur d'Alene reserve predict an extraordinarily hard winter. Inhabitants of eastern Washington will hope that they prove true prophets if a plentiful snowfall will insure next season a crop as bountiful as that which followed our last hard winter.

COSTUME PARTY.

Thanksgiving Eve Suitably Observed at The Academy.

Wednesday evening the pupils of Wasco Independent Academy entertained their friends in the art studio, appearing in costume, and masks. The following characters were represented:

Georgia Sampson, Kate Greenaway; Pearl Butler, Grecian costume; Homer Angell, Clown; Freas Saunders, Clown; Ernie Heppner, Alsatian girl; Daisie Alloway, Flower girl; Myrtle Michell, Old Mother Hubbard; Maybel Riddell, Japanese girl; Maybel Mack, Chrysanthemum; Burnside Taylor, Topsy; Daton Taylor, Milk maid; Miss Aque, and Miss Holcomb, Nobody's chilluns; Forrest Fisher, Colored base ball player; William Fredden, Gentleman of the 14th century; Fred Snipes, African Dude; Walter Johns, Candle seller; May Sechler, Night; Anna Taylor, Astrologer; Ethel Baker, Priscilla; Julia Hill, Topsy; Laura Thompson, Butterfly; Willie Crossen, Grover Cleveland; Neddie Baldwin, The Press; Bertie Baldwin, Soldier; Jake McCown, School girl; Willie Fields, Brownie; Clara Davis, Pearl Williams, Maie Beall, Bessie French, Gypsies; Beulah Patterson, Cleopatra; Harry Kelly, Shyllock; Aimee Newman, Evelyn Newman, Annie Williams, Macbeth's witches; James Maloney, Gypsy; Charles Clarke, Sweet Sixteen; Emma Bonney, Gypsy mother; George Dufur, Gypsy.

After the masks were taken off singing, tableaux, and charades were given, the whole concluding with chocolate and refreshments. It was a very pleasant evening to all invited guests.

Wedding Bells.

Married at Tangent, Oregon, Nov. 17th 1892, at the residence of the brides sister Mrs. Mary Churchill, Frank B. Stevens, of Condon, Oregon, and Miss Lillian Rohrer, of Mt. Vernon, Ill. Rev. Lee officiating.

The rooms were beautifully decorated for the occasion, and at the appointed hour for the bride and groom to make their appearance, the mellow light streamed out on a scene of beauty. The guests were a happy party of relatives from different localities, who appreciated the importance of the occasion also the delicacies of the wedding feast so lavishly spread. Handsome and valuable presents formally presented by relatives of both parties. The bride has for years held a position in the foremost ranks among the prominent educators, both in her old home in Illinois, and in Eastern Oregon. The groom is well and favorably known as a successful stock raiser in Eastern Oregon. Both parties have a large circle of friends who unite in sending after them kind wishes for their prosperity and happiness. May they live without a discord to break the sweet music of domestic happiness, and their lives be attuned to harmony and usefulness.

Had Place For a Henery.

It is given up by all the best authorities that a hen is the most provoking animal that exists; and certainly Dick Power, the gentlemanly station agent, postmaster and merchant at Mosier is willing to bear added witness to that truth. For two years he has been justly proud of a band of fine leghorn chickens, but his varied experience in the time named has so discouraged him that he has almost decided to abandon poultry raising. Many have been killed by the cars, killed by passing tramps, and occasionally, perhaps, been munched by friendly train hands. But lately they have taken to riding away on freight cars, having flown up in search of grain, and falling, through either perversity or terror to fly down again when the train is in motion. On one occasion recently it made Dick so mad to see his stock passing majestically by that he quickly got his shot gun and pursued the fleeing train, killing five of them, and bringing them home in triumphal glory.

Dying From Hydrophobia.

DANVILLE, Va., Nov. 25.—A little son of J. A. Lee, of North Danville, was bitten by a dog September 15th. The dog also bit forty or fifty other persons and five days later died, showing symptoms of madness. Two days ago young Lee was taken sick and today developed a genuine case of hydrophobia. He is not expected to live. As so many others were bitten by the same dog, North Danville people are in a state of great excitement tonight.

Is an Exception.

Garfield Enterprise. The democrat who has not been named for a cabinet office or at least as a minister to some foreign country is very small potatoes.

Skaters Drowned.

NEBRASKA CITY, Nov. 25th.—Miss Lola Burnett and George Kennecutt, both popular young people and engaged to be married, fell through the ice while skating yesterday and were drowned. The bodies were recovered.

THE FARMERS MUTUAL

The New Benefit Association Organized in Illinois.

PLANS OF ORGANIZATION MAPPED

Driven to Their Death by an Incurable Disease in Constantinople.

A SMART CHICAGO JOCKEY TRICK.

Electricity Stirs Up a Horse on the Track—A Case of Hydrophobia—Skaters Drowned.

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., Nov. 25.—The national assembly of the Farmers' mutual benefit association closed its labors by adopting resolutions of faith in the future greatness of the order, and calling upon the members to assist in reviving the work; demanding free and unlimited coinage of silver, and an increased circulating medium, and recommending the establishment of postal saving banks, in lieu of the present method of perpetuating national banks; that congress should prohibit dealings in futures of agricultural and mechanical productions, and the adulteration of foods and medicines; demanding an equitable system of a graduated tax on incomes. The assembly provided for a resubmission of the amendment making women and boys and girls over sixteen years of age eligible to membership.

Will Modify the Tariff.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Nov. 26.—The Hon. Owen Scott, congressman for this district, but defeated for re-election, in speaking of democratic policies today said: "The democrats may modify the McKinley law, but as to repealing it, that is another thing. In the way of modifications they will put raw materials largely on the free list and make a general reduction all along the line of manufactured goods. They will abolish the sugar bounty and put sugar on the free list. By this they will destroy the sugar trust, which is drawing from \$25,000,000 to \$30,000,000 annual from the peoples' pockets. They will probably reduce the duty on tin-plate. Nothing will be done in the way of repealing the law taxing state bank issues. That question was voted on in the last session and was voted down. I do not think there will be an extra attempt to decrease the pension list. Our party is a friend to the old soldiers."

Anything to Win.

CHICAGO, Nov. 25.—Jockey Euns was caught stirring up the horse Little Crete with an electric battery at the Roby track this afternoon as the horses came to the post for the third race. The attention of the judges was attracted by the unusual activity of the horse when he came in contact with Euns' heels. The jockey was searched, and under his jacket was found a broad belt with cartridge-shaped attachments, each of which contained an electric cell, with wires running to the spurs. Nothing could be done with the jockey under the rules, but the judges immediately amended the regular ones so as to cover the case.

Needs Improving.

Fairhaven Herald. It is to be hoped that the legislature this winter will amend the Australian election law so that the results can be ascertained and published much sooner than is possible under the present system. Provision should be made for separate officers in each precinct to count the ballots as they are cast. There is such a law in New York now and its operation is very satisfactory. The law in this state is a very severe tax upon the endurance of the election officers as well as the patience of the candidates and the people.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE