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EARTH ESCAPES TAIL

COOLIDGE GETS LONG TRIP

ODD FELLOWS ELECT OFFICERS AT EUGENE FOR ENSUING YEAR—BOWERS GRAND MASTER.

WOODMEN DELEGATES ELECTED

Coolidge, Betring Grand Master, is Honored With Selection of Sovereign Grand Representative to Atlanta, Ga., this Fall—Delegates at Eugene Visit the University—Sharon Re-elected—Wheeler Deputy Grand.

Eugene, May 19.—The grand lodge of Oddfellows today elected its officers for the ensuing year. Thomas Ryan of Oregon City, is grand master, A. W. Bowers, of Albany, is deputy grand master, W. A. Wheeler of Portland, is grand warden, E. E. Sharon of Portland, secretary, Dr. O. D. Doane of The Dalles, is grand treasurer, and H. E. Coolidge, of La Grande, past grand master, is sovereign grand representative.

This afternoon the delegates visited the university of Oregon and were addressed by President Campbell. The sessions close this evening.

The sovereign grand lodge meets in Atlanta, Georgia, this fall, and Coolidge's friends here this afternoon are well pleased at the honors falling to him. He has been a staunch member of the order and the highest honor that can be conferred on a man who is a member of the grand lodge.

Woodmen Elect Officers.

Baker City, May 19.—George Carmichael of Pendleton, W. J. Wright of Union and George Smith of Elgin, were elected delegates last night to the state encampment of Woodmen of the World scheduled to meet in Portland in July.

Students on War Path.

Pullman, Wn., May 19.—To show their resentment of \$25 fines imposed on leaders of last week's opera house riot and subsequent events, several hundred Washington State college students last night paraded the streets and hung effigies to the three men who preferred the complaints. The boys were fined for breaking up a show said by the students to be indecent.

Would Sacrifice Daughter.

Alme, Okla., May 19.—Because Henry Helman, leader of a band of fanatics, wanted to sacrifice Jane Warfield, his stepdaughter, to save the world from the comet, mob violence is feared here today. Helman is a leader of forty people who declared that the coming comet was the Lord's vengeance and only human sacrifice would prevent the destruction of the world. He had prepared to take the girl's life when the officers arrived and interfered. The people of Alme threaten to lynch him.

Stand in Line All Night.

London, May 19.—A line two miles long, was waiting when the doors of Westminster hall were thrown open today. This was the last chance for the public to pass before the coffin of Edward. Many remained in line all night.

CRUISER OFF DUTY.

Cruiser Albany Will Go Into Dry Dock at Bremerton Navy Yards.

Bremerton, Wn., May 19.—The cruiser Albany arrived in the Puget Sound navy yard from Nicaragua today where it has been stationed since the outbreak of the Nicaraguan trouble last winter. The vessel will be dry-docked.

HAVANA FEARS UPRISING

PICKED RURALES SENT TO PROTECT INNOCENTS.

Explosion Killing Many May Be Crucial Moment to Begin Troubles.

Havana, May 19.—A strong force of picked Rurales have reached Pinar Del Rio today. Officials fear a revolutionist uprising following the dynamite explosion which killed 100 and wounded 500 in the wreck of the garrison of massive stone. Many of the injured are expected to die.

It is believed the explosion was accidental but it is feared the revolutionists might take advantage of the opportunity to uprising. The affair is being investigated but the men transferring the explosive were all killed. Little is known and the truth may never be known.

TRANSIT OF SUN ONLY EVENT OCCURRING LAST NIGHT, AGREE WORLD'S ASTRONOMERS TODAY

ALL AUTHORITIES AGREE THAT CURVE IN TAIL PERMITTED EARTH TO MISS THE APPENDIX OF HEAVENLY WANDERER—WILL KNOW DEFINITELY WHEN DARKNESS COMES.

ONE GROUP OF ASTRONOMERS STUDY CONDITIONS FROM BALLOON

Consensus of Opinion is that Earth Did Not Go Into Tail of Comet Until this Morning, if at all, and that no Possible Change Exists for a View of the Comet During Day Time—Negries Idle Today in Great Numbers as Result of Few Meteors Seen Last Night.

Williams Bay, Wash., May 19.—Halley's comet may lose part of its tail and perhaps all of it, according to Director Frost of the Yerkes observatory today. He said that the tail still showed in the eastern skies, after the comet passed the sun disk. He declares that its presence there when it was supposed to have passed to the west means one of three things: that the curvature of the tail, having grown so great, may be due to the earth's attraction; that while the head has passed and the tail has not, the comet may be lost, its tail making the capacity left behind; or that the calculation may be wrong and that it has not passed.

Lick Observatory, Calif., May 19.—Up to daylight this morning, earth had not passed or entered into the tail of Halley's comet unless it passed through this forenoon, Director Campbell affirms, the tail will not sweep the earth at all. He said he would not know definitely until tonight whether or not the earth passed through the comet. This evening, definite observations can be made.

Campbell said there is no possible way to observe the comet in the day time. The director stated further that Professor Lueschner's figures were correct as issued yesterday afternoon through the United Press, as far as the transit of the sun was concerned, but owing to a curve in the tail, earth had not reached it yet. This statement was made this morning.

Other Scientists Corroborate.

Princeton, N. J., May 19.—The earth did not begin its passage through the comet's tail until 8 this morning, according to General Norris Russel, professor of astronomy at Princeton. He said the tail was curved and that he could see it at three this morning but that he could not see when the

earth passed through the tail on account of the day light.

Spent Night in a Balloon.

Berlin, May 19.—Fifty-two scientists today alighted from a balloon in which they had spent the night in order to observe the earth's passage through the comet. They observed no perceptible change in the atmosphere as a result of the alleged contact of the earth with the comet tail.

No Change at Portland.

Portland, Ore., May 19.—"As far as we could ascertain the passage of Halley's comet last night didn't affect the meteorological conditions in the least," said Edgar Beals of the weather bureau here today.

"We had men on during the time the tail enveloped the earth but nothing out of the ordinary was noted. It is cloudy today over a large part of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, and slightly cooler, but this is ascribed to usual changes in atmospheric conditions and not to the comet."

Tokio Machine Gets Picture.

Tokio, Japan, May 19.—Both telescopes of the Tokio astronomical observatory were enabled to give scientists a photograph of the transit of the comet across the sun last evening. No effect on the atmosphere was noted.

Negroes Scared Idle.

New Orleans, May 19.—Twenty-five thousand negroes of the south are idle today. They are scared at the sight of meteors last night.

Schooner in Grief.

Newport, Ore., May 19.—Engineer Hasroff and two members of the crew of the steam schooner J. Marhoffer, arrived today bringing the news of the destruction of the vessel from fire Wednesday afternoon and death of some of the members of the crew from exposure following the abandonment of the vessel twenty miles north of here.

Relief has been sent for Captain

Peterson and his wife and nineteen members of the crew, encamped on the beach.

ROESCH GIVEN HONORS.

Nephew of Local Man Given Unusual Mark of Distinction.

Annapolis, May 19.—Midshipman Herbert Roesch of Pendleton, will get the honor of having his name engraved upon the cup offered by the National secretary of Sons of Revolution for excellence in practical ordnance. Roesch won the individual championship at the national matches held last year.

Roesch is a nephew of Julius Roesch, of this city, and has numerous friends here who will be elated at the news of the unusual honor conferred on the young marksman.

WICKERSHAM AGAIN CANDIDATE.

Will Fight Guggenheim Interests and Hopes to Be Re-elected.

Juneau, Alaska, May 19.—James Wickersham, delegate from Alaska and anti-Guggenheim, announces his candidacy for reelection in a message from Washington. He said he would run because of his unalterable opposition to the Guggenheim domination in Alaska.

STATION TO BE BUILT

CLARK WIRELESS WILL BE HERE SOON.

Stations at Baker City, Pendleton and Boise Also.

The Continental Wireless Telegraph and Telephone company, which is in reality the Clark people, will soon erect a wireless station in La Grande, according to District Manager T. Durham, who is in the city today. Mr. Durham says the apparatus for successfully sending messages overland has been perfected under Clark patents and now the company enters the field on a commercial basis guaranteeing service in connection with the wire companies.

There is to be no delay in this station for within thirty days it is intended to have it in operation. Not only will La Grande have a station but there will be one at Pendleton, Baker and Boise thus giving service to all of this interior country.

"It has been the dream of every wireless concern to successfully communicate without wires overland," said Mr. Durham. "For some time it has been possible to accurately telegraph over water without the use of wire, but the land problem was not so easily solved.

"Until communication overland could be assured the wireless business was not a success. Under the Clark patents this is accomplished. Not one day of a week when atmospheric conditions are just right, but every day and at all hours of the day and night. Storms do not affect this service and with the instruments we have there is yet to be the first failure recorded. There is a great field for wireless, but it must reach a sound business basis just as the old wire companies have reached and the Continental company is standing on that ground right now. Mere claims would count for little, but we purpose erecting a station right here in La Grande so that people will see the advantage of the great improvements in telegraphy."

BOOTLEGGING CHARGED

NORTH POWDER DRUGGIST ARRESTED ON CHARGES OF SELLING WHISKEY.

LADY IS COMPLAINANT IN CASE

Man Alleged to Have Purchased the Whiskey is Not Here to Testify But Wife and Brother Claim He Got It at Drug Store and that It Was "Good" Whiskey—Defense Denies Allegations Saying Man Was Refused.

Charges of selling liquor in North Powder were preferred against L. B. Russel, a druggist of North Powder, this morning when Mrs. Curtiss Dalton of North Powder, swore out a complaint against the druggist, and Curtiss Dalton, husband of the complainant, is named as the man who bought the fiery liquid. Russel was arrested early this morning and brought to La Grande where this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock he was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Williams on bootlegging charges.

"Husband" is Missing.

Curtiss Dalton was supposed to be present today to act as a witness for the state, but though served with a subpoena, has not made his appearance, in fact is said to have gone east on this morning's train.

State Has One Witness.

The state, represented by Attorney C. E. Cochran, has one witness, a brother of Curtiss Dalton. Grant Dalton is his name. He says he saw his brother buy the liquor at the Russel drug store, and after the purchase he tasted of the contents of the bottle and pronounced the contents first class whiskey.

It was on the statement of Grant Dalton that the case of the state was made up.

With the defendant, Clyde Scheurer and others, the defense set out to prove, at the conclusion of the state's case, that Dalton had come in to the drug store on the afternoon of Friday the 13th to ask for liquor but had been refused and ordered out of the house. The case will likely be concluded late this evening.

HALL WILL BE USED

BOLLONS GIVE PERMISSION TO USE OLD STRUCTURE.

Club Successful in Securing Use of Old Exhibit Hall Again.

The Union county exhibit hall will stand practically where it is. This decision was reached today at a conference between Superintendent William Bollons and a committee of commercial club people. The structure will be moved back a few feet from where it now stands, but otherwise will be used for the same purpose and in the same way as heretofore.

The decision ends a long piece of dispute between the company and the club, in which the club kept asking for more time, and finally gained the permission sought.

THESE ARE THE HAPPY DAYS.



—Briggs in Chicago Tribune.

FREE STEREOPTICAN GOOD ROAD LECTURE TONIGHT

Government Good Road Expert Elbridge and Judge Leonel Webster of Portland, will tonight entertain the public of La Grande at a Good Roads meeting to be held in the Isis theatre. Good roads pictures, of the best in the country, processes of making them and the results of the making will be shown on the screen in the most effective manner. Both good

road promoters have been having the very best success everywhere in the state. Automobile people especially are showing interest and no doubt many will attend this evening. The La Grande band will herald the commencement of the meeting this evening and every business man and citizen who has the interest of good roads at heart, is urged to attend as the lecture is absolutely free.