

JOKES PLAYED BY HALLEY'S COMET

Star Appears in West, but Not Where Astronomers Say It Should Be.

TAIL HITS EARTH EARLY?

Professor Daniels Believes Passage of Globe Through Appendage is Day Before Time Set, Arguing From Position of Body.

Halley's comet has been discovered at last, and as a small ball or diffused light above the western hills, it proved to many of the hundreds of people in Portland who were out last night that a source of mixed interest and disappointment.

The description given of the comet is that it looks much like a lamp at some distance away, shining through thin clouds. In this and in no other way does it differ from the appearance of other stars.

The really peculiar feature of the comet is its failure to appear in the places assigned to it by the astronomers.

Professor Daniels submitted drawings last night, showing the position of the comet in the sky. Concerning the comet he gave out the following statement last night:

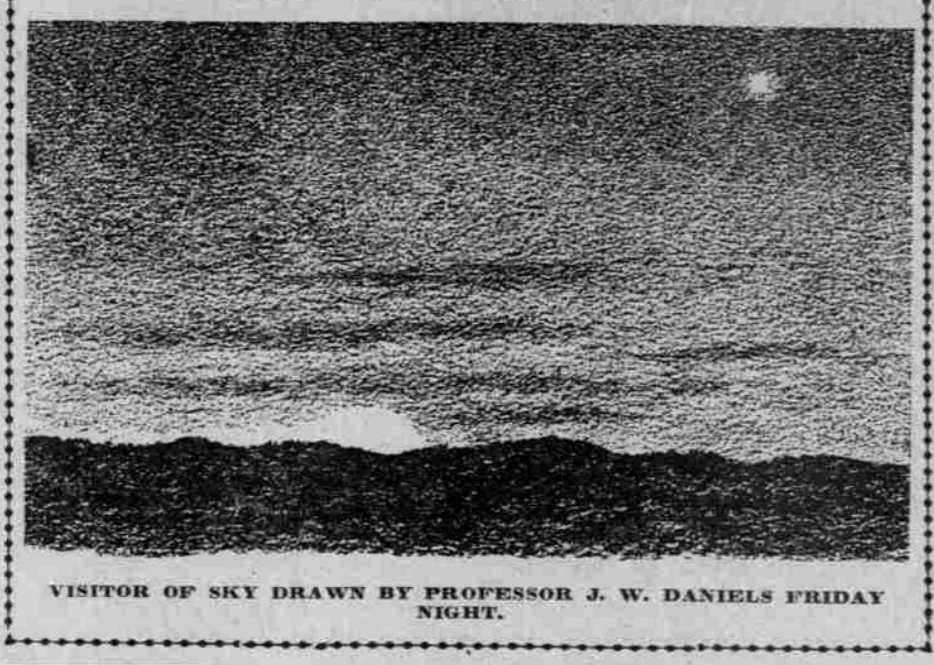
Professor Daniels Describes Comet. "After searching the skies in the more immediate vicinity of the setting sun, hundreds of Portland citizens on Council Crest Friday evening viewed the elusive wanderer's head, at an unlooked-for altitude in the heavens, and rather from the sun by nearly an hour and 30 minutes than the time scheduled by mathematicians in astronomy."

The accompanying cut faithfully represents the relative positions of sun and comet's head at the moment of sunset. The fact that the comet is now seen in the western skies establishes beyond argument the correctness of my contention that it had passed the earth; and that it is, in fact, as it is likewise proved conclusively that it did so some days ago, its great distance from the sun compelling the conviction that the transit occurred certainly as early as May 18, and further suggesting that the conjunction of sun, comet and earth occurred a day earlier, than that date.

"This argument is based upon the errors implied in the difference between the time set in astronomical tables for the setting of the comet and the time of that setting as actually demonstrated by the ocular unaided eye of hundreds of people Friday night, watches in hand; a difference of nearly one and one-half hours.

pany, of Los Angeles, is at the Portland. E. W. Yoder, a business man of Burns, is at the Imperial. J. H. Dunlop, a business man of Cascade Locks, is at the Oregon. Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Lyon and Mrs. M. A. Mann, of Eugene, are at the Seward.

TEST MADE AGAIN Various Fenders Are Tried Out on Dummies.



VISITOR OF SKY DRAWN BY PROFESSOR J. W. DANIELS FRIDAY NIGHT.

Upshur streets, during the past few years. But one of the committee members was present and he came 20 minutes late. Councilman Lombard, chairman, made connections with the automobile that carried the dignitaries to the scene where the helpless dummies were forced to undergo the terrific crushing given by the testing cars, and was not present. Councilman Ellis is banking on peaceful nature's bosom at Collins Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen E. Thompson, of New Haven, Conn., arrived in this city last Tuesday. They went to Honolulu direct last December, and left that place about six weeks ago, landing in Los Angeles. Their same time was spent in the principal California cities before coming to Oregon.

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