Did the Comet Give the Sun a Black Eye?

STATE NEWS.

Happening to look at the sun one opened at Hillsboro. 'day last week through a pair of those

very dark spectacles which are used in the manipulation of the electric light, the reporter saw a distinct black spot on its disk.

"That must be a very large sun spot," the thought, and immediately betook himself to the observatory of his friend 'the astronomer.

"Yes," said the astronomer, "that's a truly remarkable spot. It's the black eye that the great comet gave the ruler of the solar system! At least there is a theory which says so, and, as the sun has shown black eyes before after great creek, Baker county, recently, had comets have been engaged with him at close quarters, perhaps the theory is gregate value of fifty cents in its giznot so very far out of the way."

"Do you mean that the comet hit the sun?"

"No, not exactly that, for if it had it would have been the end of the \$100,000, ard 3) who pay on less than comet. But it undoubtedly passed \$10,000 and over \$5,000. through the atmosphere of the sun, have touched what appears to us as the Oneatta this winter, to be finished if

one of the discoveries of recent years be 110 feet keel, 33 feet beam, with is that meteors follow in the tracks of eight feet depth of hold, and will cost comets. The tremendous spot that from \$14,000 to \$20,000. adorned the sun's face after the perihel-

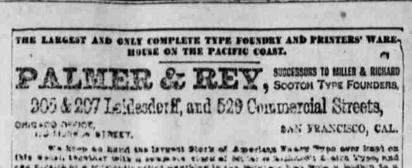
parance about the time of the perihelion of our great comet-may have had a similar origin There is another view that can be taken of it. It has been shown that a comet going very

close to the sun is liable to be torn to pieces by the divergent forces operating upon it. The present comet, you know, has a divided nacleus; in fact it has probably thrown off several cometary masses of considerable magnitude, and the work of disintegration appears to be still going on. Now it may have parted with a portion of its mass when it was nearest the sun, and the fall of this may have produced the spots. There is yet another way of looking at it which does not involve the fall of anything upon the sun, and that is this: The exceedingly close approach of the comet may by itself have caused the spots. It is true that no comet has ever shown that it possessed mass enough to effect by its attraction the motion of any planet near which it passed, but the gaseous surface of the sun is in a condition far different from that of the solid globes which revolve around it. At any rate, the great spot which you now see on the face of on that side of the sun which was then turned toward the comet. son for saying that that the comet gave the sun a black eye. In return for this pugilistic salute, however, if all the observations are to be trusted, the King of Day reduced the comet's head to fragments."

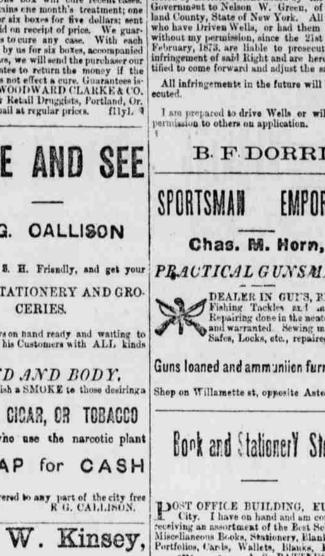
county will cost \$32,000.

A young man in Corvallis cleared three or four thousand dollars in the past two months, speculating in hops,





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What Was Reported.

Boston Transcript. A new city reporter was sent to the annual exhibition of a neighboring female seminary. His report read very well, but there are a few things in it that were somewhat equivocal in their meaning, and for this reason did not quite meet the approval of the local editor. Here are some of them:

"The young ladies showed that they had thoroughly rehearsed their parts runtil they were letter-perfect."

"The essays of the graduating class were good, wheever wrote them."

. "The floral offerings were excessive, and from the number received by Miss Simplegush we judge her father must be the owner of a fine conservatory."

"The young lady who read the valedictory to the teachers has in her the making of a fine actress. She simulated sorrow with such effect that the writer might have supposed it real, had he not subsequently heard the young young lady speak of this 'dear teacher' as a 'hateful old thing.' "

"I've lost a patient," said a doctor, sitting down to a bearding house dinner with a frown on his face as black as a gunpowder poultice. "I am sorry to hear it. Man or woman?" asked one of the hoarders. "Man." "When did he die!" "Die! Hang him, he ain't dead. He stopped taking my medicine, got well and ran away without paying the bill."

A fast youth may wear tight clothes, and yet be addicted to loose habits.