

Did the Comet Give the Sun a Black Eye?

Happening to look at the sun one 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," he 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 comets have been engaged with him at close quarters, perhaps the theory is not 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 comet. But it undoubtedly passed through the atmosphere of the sun, and if it had gone much closer would have touched what appears to us as the sun's actual surface. You know that one of the discoveries of recent years is that meteors follow in the tracks of comets. The tremendous spot that adorned the sun's face after the perihelion of the comet of 1843 has been ascribed to the fall into the sun of a huge meteor following the comet, and the present spot, or rather spots—for there are several which made their appearance 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 nucleus; 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 the sun, and some of the smaller ones too, undoubtedly make their appearance when the comet was at its perihelion; and, moreover, they appeared on that side of the sun which was then turned toward the comet.

"So you see there is really some reason 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."

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 until they were letter-perfect."

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

"The floral offerings were excessive, and from the number received by Miss Simplesh 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 lady speak of this 'dear teacher' as a 'hateful old thing.'"

"I've lost a patient," said a doctor, sitting down to a boarding-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 boarders. "Man," "When did he die?" "Died 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.

STATE NEWS.

A reading and billiard hall has been opened at Hillsboro.

The new Court House for Jackson county will cost \$32,000.

The merchants at Albany refuse to close at 7 o'clock in the evening.

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

At one clean-up this fall, Hillis & Co., of Marysville, Grant county, took out 174 ounces of gold dust, the result of a short run with their hydraulic.

A grouse that was killed on Pine creek, Baker county, recently, had pieces of gold-bearing quartz of an aggregate value of fifty cents in its gizzard.

Grant county has 27 taxpayers who pay taxes on over \$10,000. W. T. Tredhunter is the largest, paying on \$109,000, and 3) who pay on less than \$10,000 and over \$5,000.

Ted Parker, Elder and others are talking of building a steam schooner at Oneatta this winter, to be finished if possible by March. The schooner will be 110 feet keel, 33 feet beam, with eight feet depth of hold, and will cost from \$14,000 to \$20,000.

It is reported that a San Francisco firm have expressed a desire to purchase ground on which to erect a business house at Yaquina, promising if they could get the said ground, to erect a large building and bring up \$25,000 worth of groceries and provisions to place in it.

FINAL SETTLEMENT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned, administrator of the estate of Martha Mulholland, deceased, has filed his account or final settlement therein, and by order of the County Court Tuesday, January 2d, 1883, has been set for hearing the same.

R. M. MULHOLLAND, Adm't. Geo. S. WASHBURN, Attorney.

Advertisement for 'SAFE' featuring an illustration of a safe and text describing its benefits for health and safety.

The leading Scientists of to-day agree that most diseases are caused by disordered Kidneys or Liver. If, therefore, the Kidneys and Liver are kept in perfect order, perfect health will be the result. This truth has only been known a short time, and for years millions suffered great agony without being able to find relief. The discovery of Warner's Safe Kidney and Liver Cure marks a new era in the treatment of these troubles.

Advertisement for 'PARKER'S HAIR BALSAM' with an illustration of a woman's face and text describing its benefits for hair.

Advertisement for 'PARKER'S GINGER TONIC' with an illustration of a bottle and text describing its health benefits.

Advertisement for 'FLORESTON' with an illustration of a bottle and text describing its medicinal properties.

Advertisement for 'PALMER & REY' printers and stationery, located at 305 & 297 Leidesdorff and 529 Commercial Streets, San Francisco, Cal.

GROCERIES—I shall keep on a full of GROCERIES & PROVISIONS And have the best of housekeepers. T. G. HENDRICKS

Advertisement for 'HAYS & LUCKEY' dealers in Drugs, Medicines, Perfumery, Paints, Glass, &c.

HAVING BOUGHT OUT THE STOCK of Ellsworth & Co., we will continue to do business at the old stand on Willamette street, offering increased inducements to our customers.

Advertisement for 'THE Eugene Guard' newspaper, book and job office, located at Willamette St., Eugene City, Or.

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TAKE PLEASURE IN ANNOUNCING to the public that he has opened a shop in the old stand adjoining Bettman's corner where he will sell at the lowest cash price.

BE NOT DECEIVED By Plasters claiming to be an improvement on ALLCOCK'S POROUS PLASTER.

See that you get an ALLCOCK'S PLASTER, which we guarantee has effected more and quicker cures than any other external Remedy.

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NERVOUS DEBILITY. A SURE CURE GUARANTEED

D. R. C. WEST'S NERVE AND BRAIN treatment, a specific for Hysteria, Dizziness, Convulsions, Nervous Headache, Mental Depression, Loss of Memory, Spasmodic, Impotency, Involuntary emissions, premature old age, caused by over-exertion, self-abuse or over-intellectuality, which leads to misery, decay and death.

COME AND SEE R. G. CALLISON

Next door to S. H. Friendly, and get your BOOKS, STATIONERY AND GROCERIES. He is always on hand ready and waiting to accommodate his Customers with ALL kinds of food for MIND AND BODY.

Geo. W. Kinsey, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE. Real estate for sale—Town lots and farms. Collections promptly attended to.

B. F. DORRIS, DEALER IN Stoves, Ranges, Pumps, Pipes, Metals, Tinware. House Furnishing Goods Generally

LAKIN'S LIVERY STABLE. Formerly owned by Titus. Having PURCHASED THIS WELL known stable, I respectfully request a continuance of the public's patronage.

Nobby Rig. Be sure and give the Fashion Stable a call. Horses Boarded at Reasonable Rates. This Stable is first-class in every respect, and competent and obliging hostlers are on hand ready to serve the public.

FINAL SETTLEMENT. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned, administrator of the estate of Wm Drury, has filed his account for final settlement; and that Monday, November 6, 1882, has been fixed by the court for the hearing of objections to said final account and the settlement thereof.

Advertisement for 'Boot & Shoe Store' by A. HUNT, Proprietor, offering a complete stock of ladies' shoes, children's shoes, men's and boys' boots and shoes.

NOTICE. I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE THAT I AM the sole owner of the Patent Rights for Sinking and Driving Wells in Lane County, State of Oregon, and that said Right is protected by Letters Patent issued by the U. S. Government to Nelson W. Green, of Courtland County, State of New York.

To Whom it May Concern. I am prepared to drive Wells or will grant permission to others on application.

SPORTSMAN EMPORIUM. Chas. M. Horn, PRACTICAL GUNSMITH. DEALER IN GUNS, RIFLES, Fishing Tackle, etc., antlers. Repairing done in the neatest style and warranted. Sewing machines, Safes, Locks, etc., repaired.

OPPOSITION. LIFE OF TRADE. SLOAN BROTHERS. WILL DO WORK CHEAPER than any other shop in town.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County Court of Lane County, Oregon, administrator of the estate of Samuel H. Housset, deceased, and all persons having claims against said estate are requested to present the same to me with the proper vouchers at the law office of Geo S Washburn, in Eugene City, Oregon, within six months from this date.

Summons. In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the county of Lane. James Humphrey, Plaintiff, vs. N. L. Strang, Defendant.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT R. F. Moss has been appointed administrator of the estate of Andrew J. McDonald, deceased, by the County Court of Lane County, Oregon.

Summons. In the Circuit Court of the County of Lane, State of Oregon. M. E. Gibson, Plaintiff, vs. M. W. Gibson, Defendant.

Advertisement for 'OSBURN & CO' NEW DRUG STORE ON WILLAMETTE, offering a complete stock of drugs, chemicals, oils, paints, glass, varnishes, patent medicines, etc.

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