

Shower of Meteors Is Due June 27

Pons-Winnecke, Short-Period Comet, Now Headed for Earth at Terrible Rate

London, June 8.—Pons-Winnecke, the short period comet, which is hurtling through space at a speed of many thousand miles an hour towards the earth, will not have the best of the "bump," according to Professor A. Fowler, chief lecturer in astronomy at the Imperial Science college, South Kensington.

"It is generally accepted," said the professor, "that we shall come in contact with its tail, if at all. In the event it is possible Pons-Winnecke may become so disintegrated that other self respecting comets will disown him."

Cyclonic Traveler

One can picture some scientist in a few weeks' time picking up a small meteor, the mortal remains of this cyclonic traveller in our space. "Alas, poor Pons, we knew him well!" will doubtless be the comment of the astronomical world.

Professor Fowler was the first scientist to prove that the tails of comets have carbonic oxide gas instead of the deadly cyanogen gas, as was previously supposed.

"When the tail of Pons comes in contact with this earth," continued Professor Fowler, "vast quantities of carbonic oxide, which is an odorless gas, will be absorbed in the atmosphere of this planet. There is no cause for alarm, since the proportion of carbonic oxide is so small in relation to the immense volume of atmosphere round the earth that the effect will be imperceptible. People do not realize how many million tons the atmosphere we breathe weighs. At ground level the weight is fourteen pounds to the square inch. In addition to gas the tail will contain meteoric dust—that is, particles of iron and nickel. This dust is not likely to reach us.

Fascinating Theory

"As to how a comet is formed I cannot tell you, any more than I can tell you, from a scientific point of view, how the earth was formed. Perhaps they come from gases thrown off from the sun, which are gradually cooled. On the other hand, leading authorities on astronomy say that it is clear that comets cannot have originated within the limits of

the solar system. They propound the fascinating theory that comets, such as Pons-Winnecke, come from a distance in space so great that it is impossible to think or speak of it in terms of miles."

Professor Fowler added that Jupiter, to whose family Pons-Winnecke belongs, may cause a disturbance and so alter the path of the comet that it will reach its nearest point to the earth about June 7, the date on which it is expected.

"When the public interest in Halley's comet became acute I worked out the exact date of the arrival," continued Professor Fowler, "but I should be involved in laborious calculations for days on end if I were to ascertain the day on which Pons will drop his visiting card in the shape of a shower of meteorites."

Pastor, 85, Will Wed Second Time

Ridgefield, Wash., June 8.—"Wedding bells ring as merrily for the old as for the young," says Pastor Andrew Jackson Stover, of the Seventh Day Adventist church, who, at the age of eighty five contemplates his second adventure in matrimony.

Late in May, Mrs. Sarah R. Le Master of Norwich, N. Y., a widow, sixty five, and an old acquaintance of Stover, became his second wife. The newly weds will make their home in Ridgefield.

Elder Stover was first married in Indiana in 1855 and spent sixty five years of wedded life, his wife dying here a year ago. Thru this marriage eight children were born, five of whom are living, with about sixty five grand children and great grandchildren.

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Before coming to the northwest, Stover was prominent in religious circles of Indiana, Iowa, Kansas and Colorado.

Despite his advanced years Mr. Stover can do a fair day's work. For more than fifty five years he has lived on two meals a day, and bars from his table tea and coffee. He uses little fresh meat or butter and never indulges in alcoholic drinks or tobacco. To his method of living Rev. Stover ascribes his wonderfully robust health.

Knights of Pythias Elect Officers

Dallas, June 8.—County school Knights of Pythias, at its regular meeting in the Pythian hall Monday night, elected the following officers for the ensuing term: Chancellor Commander, Charles Lynn; Vice Chancellor, Williams Himes; Prelate, O. E. Worden; Master at Arms, L. D. Leighton; Inner Guard, Lester Gardner; Outer Guard, Dell Plaster; Master of Work, R. Y. Morrison.

Delegates to the State convention, one year term, John R. Allgood; alternate, A. P. Starr; two year term, John R. Sibley; alternate, J. N. Helgeson.

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Charley Vonderhea was fined \$400 and sentenced to serve 90 days in jail for operating a still at Athens.

Jack's Mother Ardent Fight Fan Is Report

Atlantic City, N. J., June 8.—Mrs. Cecelia Dempsey, the 61 year old mother of the world's heavy-weight champion, is a newspaper fight fan. Although she never has witnessed a ring battle, nor expressed any desire to see her son in action, she has been an interested reader of glove contests, even before she became the mother of the world's title holder.

"It's a strange thing but our mother has been always an ardent reader of fights, even before Jack was born," Bernard Dempsey, Jack's eldest brother said today. She knows more about heavy-weight history than either Jack or myself. All of the old clippings of famous fights now musty and yellow with age, are still in her trunk at home. She can give you an account of the Sullivan-Corbett fight as well as any person who sat at the ringside."

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disciplinatory measures against the admiral. He did not seek the president formally but asked Secretary Christian to call the admiral to the attention of executive.

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