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PASSING OF THE COMET

Adieu, Mr. Halley's Comet,
We bid you now, good-bye!
In passing you've not grieved us,
Nor made of us a "fry."
You showed up in the morning
Too early for the eye
Of some who sought to see you,
But all can say, good-bye!
And watch your fading beauty
As you pass, again to roam,
But when you call, in future,
We'll all be 'way from home.

The special election to amend the town charter is called for Saturday, May 28. Remember the date and exercise your right for the best interests of the town.

According to the calculations of scientific research the earth has now passed through the comet's tail, and that luminary should show up in the Western sky, this evening, between sun-down and dark.

Help in the HERALD office has been limited, this week, and as a consequence, the HERALD looks as though it had received a ride-swipe from the comet's tail, and perhaps it has, as all the force except the editor is on the sick list, and the comet makes a good scape-goat to bear the blame for all our ills and misfortunes. The editor is chief typo, this week, and nearly the whole force all the way down to his "imp" who does the chores. However we hope there is a good time a coming.

An Indiana preacher has fallen heir to much notoriety and free mention lately because of having left the temperance army and entering the ranks of the advocates of the saloon. It is rather astonishing to observe how quickly the saloon element will hold up a man of this character as a sample of citizenship favorable to their cause, and we shall not find fault with them for it as most people like good company and an addition of this nature appears to be held up as an acquisition who has brought and imparted respectability to their cause. This preacher—we cannot call him a minister of the gospel, from the fact that to be a minister of the gospel a person must administer in the gospel, while a preacher can propagate any doctrine that suits his pleasure—would probably never have been heard of outside his own district had he not become an ally to the saloon men and aligned himself so that those advocating the rum power thought that they could use whatever of Christian influence he might have had, as well as that which his profession might carry where the man is unknown.

We want your Wool and will pay you the Highest Market Price for it. T. A. Riggs—G. T. McKinney, agent.

A COOL RECEPTION

It Was Not Surprising, Though, In View of the Explanation.

Letters of introduction are not invariably serviceable. For one reason, they may be too frank. Harry Furniss in his "Confessions of a Caricaturist" says that when a brother artist was setting forth on his travels in foreign climes he was provided with a letter of introduction to a certain British consul.

The writer of the letter inclosed it in one to the artist, saying that he would find the consul a most arrant snob, a burlesque, arrogant humbug, a cad to the backbone. Still, he would probably offer some courtesies to any one who had a good social standing and thus compensate the traveler for having to come in contact with such an insufferable vulgarian.

On the return of the artist to England the writer of the letter asked how he had fared with the consul.

"Well, my dear fellow," drawled the artist, "he did not receive me very warmly, and he did not ask me to dinner. In fact, he struck me as being rather cool."

"Well, you do surprise me," rejoined his friend. "He's a cad, as I told you in my letter, but he's very hospitable, and I really can't understand this state of things. You gave him my letter of introduction?"

"Why, I thought so; but, do you know, on my journey home I discovered it in my pocketbook, so I must have handed to him instead your note to me about him."

The explanation was quite adequate.

A MEMORY TEST.

The Act by Which One Controversy Was Decided.

Three men were disputing in Berlin one day as to which of them had the best memory, and finally they asked a well known writer to decide the matter.

"Read me any page of Goethe's prose works," said one of the three, "and I will at once repeat it word for word."

"I can do better than that," said the second one. "Put me in a corner of this room, and I will play three games of chess simultaneously without ever looking at the boards."

"That's nothing to what I can do," said the first speaker again. "Begin a conversation with me now about the most absurd things possible, and at the end of an hour I will repeat the entire conversation to you."

The third man was silent, and the referee said to him: "Why don't you tell us what you can do? A few minutes ago you were boasting a good deal of your wonderful memory."

"I know it," was the reply. "but I did not then know that my two friends took the matter so seriously. And as they are so much in earnest I will not try to surpass them, for I cannot forget that each of them did me a favor yesterday."

"Yesterday?" asked the referee.

"Yes," was the reply.

"And you have not yet forgotten it? In that case the laurels belong to you, for you have indeed a wonderful memory."

Seven.

Numerous are the queer beliefs concerning the number seven. From the very earliest ages the seven great planets were known and ruled this world and the dwellers in it, and their number entered into every conceivable matter that concerned man. There are seven days in the week, "seven holes in the head, for the master stars are seven," seven ages both for man and the world in which he lives. There are seven material heavens. There are seven colors in the spectrum and seven notes in the diatonic octave, and the "leading" note of the scale is the seventh. Be it noted that the seventh son is not always gifted with beneficent powers. In Portugal he is believed to be subject to the powers of darkness and to be compelled every Saturday evening to assume the likeness of an ass.—St. James' Gazette.

Never forget that the nearest approach to perfect domestic happiness on earth is the cultivation of unselfishness.

POLK COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

BASE-BALL LEAGUE

SCHEDULE OF GAMES.

April 23—Independence at Dallas; Falls City at Monmouth.
April 30—Monmouth at Independence; Dallas at Falls City.
May 7—Falls City at Independence; Monmouth at Dallas.
May 14—Monmouth at Falls City; Dallas at Independence.
May 21—Independence at Monmouth; Falls City at Dallas.
May 28—Independence at Falls City; Dallas at Monmouth.

An Inspiration.
"What's the name of her successful story?"
"Byloxi-perhoof!"
"Gracious! What does it mean?"
"She doesn't know."
"Where did she get it?"
"Why, she was on a train wondering in a discouraged way where she would get a name for the story. And just then the brakeman opened the car door and called the next station."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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Evening service at 7:00 o'clock
Sunday School at 10:00 a. m.
Y. P. A. Meeting at 6:30 p. m.
Prayer Meeting Wednesday evening.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.
W. A. WOOD, Pastor.
Morning Service at 11 a. m.
Evening Service at 7:00 p. m.
Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
Y. P. S. C. E. 6:30 p. m.
Prayer Meeting Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

BAPTIST CHURCH.
W. W. DAVIS, Pastor.
Preaching Service, 11:00 a. m.
" " 7:30 p. m.
Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.

W. C. T. U.
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