

THE COMING PHENOMENON.

On January 1st the people of a portion of the Pacific coast will be treated to a grand spectacular play to the accompaniment of the music of the spheres. On that day there will be a total eclipse of the sun by the moon, a sight which has been witnessed by only a small number, and there are many astronomers who have never seen one. The path of the total eclipse strikes the continent a little north of San Francisco and turning northward crosses Nevada, Idaho and Montana and ends up far in Canada. While only the observers along this line will see the sun totally eclipsed and in the middle of the day lie in darkness, a partial eclipse will be seen all over the United States. Here in Portland we are so near the line of totality that it will be almost a total eclipse.

An astronomer says in speaking of the eclipse in January: "An eclipse of the sun is always in the highest degree interesting, because there is hardly any phenomenon of the heavens at once so startling, so beautiful and so awe-inspiring. Millions have seen partial eclipses, but in order to see total eclipse you must be somewhere along a line only a few miles wide, from which the moon, at the moment it comes between the sun and the earth, will be exactly in line between the eye of the observer and the center of the sun. Then the moon for a few minutes will completely cover the sun, shutting off its light and heat so effectually that the chickens go to roost, and the observers frequently shiver with the sudden lowering of the temperature of the air. Then, too, with startling suddenness, those great and mysterious banners of the sun, that astronomers call the corona, are seen displayed in the sky around the hidden orb, like vast streamers and enormous spreading beams of nebulous light. Occasionally with the naked eye, and always with the telescope, fiery red masses like huge tongues of flame may be seen projecting beyond the black edge of the moon at various points around the border of the hidden sun. There is no greater mystery in the visible universe, perhaps, than the coronal streamers appearing around the sun when it is totally eclipsed. Of course these strange phenomena are there all the time, but owing to the effect of the glare of sunlight in the earth's atmosphere, they are invisible to us except during the very few minutes that the blazing face of the sun remains hidden by the opaque body of the moon."—News.

A dispatch from Charleston, West Virginia, says:

"The county court, in the matter of the recount in this Kanawha county, decided to-day to take the original count in Charleston City and St. Albans precincts, and reject the recount in these precincts, to throw out Lewiston and Coleburg precincts, and accept the recount in the balance of the precincts in the county. By this, McGinnis (rep.) has a majority in this congressional district of 29. The matter will be taken to the circuit court by the democrats."

Here is a open, dare-devil steal. On the first count McGinnis had a few votes over his democratic opponent, but on a recount made by a republican board the democrat was elected. Now the republican county court of Kanawha county deliberately proposes to steal a Congressman by throwing out precincts enough to do it. It is time for Quay and his cohorts to use his "mailed hand" on the throats of his own political managers in West Virginia to prevent them from committing theft openly. Such fraud and bribery as has been practiced in that state by republican managers is without parallel in elections. If Quay was an honest citizen he would hang his head in shame instead of talking about holding his majority in Congress with a "mailed hand."

The Duchess de Luynes returned to her home in Paris the other day after a trip into the country, and found her Italian waiting maid strutting about arrayed in her mistress's ball dress. Before the Duchess could remonstrate another servant walked into the room, and remarking that the millennium had come, began to throw bric-a-brac, albums, and other ornamental articles out of the window. The police were called in, and on examination by physicians it was found that both girls had gone stark mad at the same time. No one is able to find any reason for the coincidence.

The San Francisco Examiner has interviewed quite a number of G. A. R. men in that state as to the charge brought against the order of being political in its character. Most of those interviewed denied the charge, though there were some who said it was true. From a number of interviews held in the East we see that in some localities the charge is denied in toto, while in other localities it is quite often alleged to be true.

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Mrs. Sartoris is expected to join her mother before long and she will probably spend the greater part of her time at Washington in the future. The Grant house will then become hospitable, as Nellie is the only member of the family who cares for society. Mrs. Grant always found her social duties in the White House and as the wife of the most distinguished citizen very irksome, and ever since her husband's death she has suited herself in that respect and never formally entertained any one. She has guests to dinner in an informal way now and then, but the women come in high gowns, the men in frock coats. This will all be changed on Mrs. Sartoris' advent, for her tastes were not formed in a country town. Mrs. Sartoris carries her years well. She has retained her pretty figure and complexion, and, despite many hints of serious troubles, her face is unmarred by the traces of care.

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