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Tonight and Friday—Cloudy;
possible light showers.

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COMET MAY HAVE LOST LONG TAIL

Scientist Declares Comet's Tail Did
Not Enwrap Earth Last Evening,
But That It May Do So Soon—
Three Possibilities Pointed Out by
Leading Astronomer.

WILLIAMS BAY, Wis., May 19.—
Halley's comet may have lost part
of its tail, perhaps all, according to Di-
rector Frost of Yerkes observatory,
today. The director declared that the
earth did not pass through the tail
of the comet last night.

Director Frost said that the tail is
still in the eastern sky, where it
showed from 10:38 last night until
3:20 this morning. He also admitted
the possibility that it had not yet be-
gun the recession journey on its orbit.

Frost declared that the appearance
of the tail in the east after it had
been supposed to have passed to the
west means one of three possibilities:

1. The curvature of the tail has
grown so great, possibly by reason of
the earth's attraction, that while the
head has passed the tail has not.
2. The comet may have ceased its
tail-making capacity, like Boreas's
comet of 1903, and gone west, leav-
ing its tail behind.
3. All calculation may be wrong
and the comet may not have passed
us yet.

STEAMER IS BURNED BUT CREW SAFE

Fire Breaks Out in Engine Room—
Captain and Crew of 19 Men Land
at Newport—One Man Dies of Ex-
posure—Terrible Hardships Are
Encountered.

NEWPORT, Or., May 19.—Engin-
eer Haastof and two members of the
crew of the oil burning steam schooner
J. Harhoffer, arrived here on foot
today, bringing news of the burning
of the vessel Wednesday afternoon
and the death of a member of the
crew from exposure following the
abandonment of the vessel.

Captain Peterson, his wife and 19
members of the crew had been en-
camped in a shack at Nogarty creek
and will be brought to Newport this
afternoon in carriages and automo-
biles, which have been sent to bring
them in.

The ship burned to the water's
edge and now lies on the rocks about
17 miles north of Newport.

While racing toward Portland bat-
tling against a northwest gale, fire
broke out in the engine room. In a
moment the blaze had spread and
the terrible heat drove the firemen
and engineers out of the hold to the
decks.

King George V. and Queen May, the Late King Edward and the Dowager Queen.



IMPORTANT RULING SOON BY CALKINS

Will Rule on Reames' Contention This
Afternoon, Which Will Decide
Whether Condemnation Suit Will
Be Tried Out Now or Suffer An-
other Long Delay.

Whether A. E. Reames, attorney
for M. F. Hanley, will again block
the city in the effort to secure an
early trial of the condemnation suit
whereby the city will gain entrance
upon the Hanley premises on Little
Butte creek will be decided this after-
noon, when Judge Calkins rules upon
a contention of Mr. Reames that the
suit in equity upon the alleged con-
tract Hanley holds with the city be
tried first. If Reames is upheld this
suit will come up at once in court
and be threshed out, the condemna-
tion suit awaiting it; but if his con-
tention is overruled the condemnation
suit will start in the circuit court
Friday.

Mr. Reames has long contended that
Hanley holds a valid contract with
the city whereby he is to sell the
Wasson canyon water to the city for
\$25,000. The city claims that no
such contract is held. Reames now
asks that this be tried out before the
condemnation suit is tried.

ROYAL TEARS FALL WHEN KINGS MEET

King George and Der Kaiser Fall on
Each Other's Necks, Plant Chaste
Kisses, Weep and Separate—Many
Persons Striving to See Body of
Dead King.

LONDON, May 19.—King George
met Emperor William of Germany at
the Victoria station at noon today.
Both monarchs were weeping when
they embraced and kissed each other.
The Kaiser apparently was affected
most deeply. After the greetings were
over the Kaiser was driven to Buck-
ingham palace.

A line of people two miles long
was in waiting when the doors of
Westminster hall were thrown open
today. This is the last day on which
the public may pass beside the coffin
of the late king, and thousands re-
mained up all night to hold their
places in the line.

Three thousand soldiers and police
were ordered to be ready to repel any
attempt on the part of the disappoint-
ed thousands to "rush the doors"
when closing time comes.

William Henderson of Ashland
spent Thursday with Medford
friends.

MR. COMET AND HIS TAIL DIDN'T KICK UP RUMPUS

MANY PEOPLE DISAPPOINTED

Failure of Celestial Wanderer to
Make More of a Row With His Tail
Caused Expressions of Regret—
Hoped Something Would Be Doing.

Yes, Arabela, we went safely
through the comet's tail. It was too
bad you were disappointed, but 'twas
over thus.

For five hours last evening we were
in the tail of a comet, but it failed
to do anything to the Rogue River
valley. Not even one little shooting
star was seen and recorded. The
world is safe again for another 75
years.

A large number of local people
watched for results last evening, but
there was nothing doing. The sky
was the same as usual, much to their
disappointment.

Mr. Comet, no more will we fear
you, or speak your name in awe—
we are Oregonians, but our ances-
tors were Misericordians—and you'll
have to show us.

LOUIS HILL AND PARTY DUE TONIGHT

President of Great Northern, Who
Has Been Touring Central Oregon,
Will Arrive in This City Soon—
Commercial Club to Entertain.

Louis W. Hill, president of the
Great Northern railroad, with his
party of railroad men, who have been
touring central Oregon in automo-
biles, are due to arrive in this city
Thursday evening. The exact time
of their arrival is in question, owing
to the fact that they are traveling by
automobile.

The Commercial club will entertain
the party while here and will hold a
mass meeting if it is agreeable to Mr.
Hill.

John F. Stevens, who is in charge
of the Hill interests in Oregon, is at
present in this city and will meet the
party here.

JAMES WICKERSHAM IS TO RUN AGAIN

Has Announced His Candidacy for
Re-election as Delegate on Con-
gress From Alaska.

JUNEAU, Alaska, May 19.—Jas.
Wickersham, delegate from Alaska,
and anti-Guggenheim man, an-
nounces his candidacy for re-election
in a message from Washington to the
Daily Dispatch here. The cable
reads:

"In answer to insistent demands
of my friends in every section of
Alaska and in unalterable opposition
to the Beveridge bill and Guggen-
heim domination in Alaska, I deem it
my duty to again be a candidate for
delegate from Alaska."

FANATIC OFFERS HIS DAUGHTER AS SACRIFICE TO KEEP THE WORLD FROM DESTRUCTION

JACKSONVILLE TO MAKE EAGLE SCREAM JULY 4

Jacksonville will celebrate the
Fourth of July this year and has
served notice to that effect on other
Southern Oregon towns. Two years
ago Ashland pulled the eagle's tail
last year Medford sent her howls of
patriotism skyward, and this year
Jacksonville claims the honor.

That Jacksonville will make good
is a foregone conclusion. The nat-
ural advantage of the little city in
the hills are ideal for a day spent in
picnicking or celebrating, while the
hospitality of the Jacksonvillians is
well known.

Plans for the "offering" were made
and Heinman and his followers were
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AUTHORITIES JUST IN TIME PREVENT CRIME

ALINE, Okla., May 19.—Because
Henry Heinman, leader of a band of
religious fanatics, wanted to sacrifice
his 16-year-old step-daughter, Jane
Farfield to save the world from the
comet, mob violence is feared here
today. Heinman was arrested and is
under guard at the county jail.

Heinman was a leader of a band of
40 religious fanatics. They declared
the coming of the comet was the ven-
geance of the Lord against the world,
and only a human sacrifice would pre-
vent a great catastrophe. Heinman
offered his step-daughter as the sacri-
fice.

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DELEGATION IN CONGRESS WILL WORK FOR PARK

That the Oregon delegation in con-
gress is doing all in its power to get
a federal appropriation for the im-
provement of the Crater Lake national
park and for the construction
of a road to the park is shown by
the following letters from Washing-
ton, which are self-explanatory:

"Washington, May 12.—Secretary
Commercial club, Medford Or.—
My Dear Sir: I beg to acknowledge
the receipt of your recent communi-
cation inclosing copy of resolutions
adopted by your body, urging the
Oregon delegation in congress to se-
cure an adequate appropriation to
carry on during the present season
the work of surveying, mapping,
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COMMERCIAL CLUB IS TO USE COUNCIL ROOM AND SAVE RENT

O'GARA CALLED TO HOOD RIVER

Pathologist's Services Are Needed in
Fruit Section, Owing to Blight In-
fection, for the First Time in Their
History.

Professor O'Gara, assistant pathol-
ogist of the department of agricul-
ture, has been called to Hood River,
owing to a blight infection there
among the Spitzenberg apples. This
infection is the first in their history
and while not serious now is exceed-
ingly dangerous and the orchardists
are taking immediate steps to check
its spread.

The Umpqua section is also calling
for the services of Professor O'Gara,
owing to an outbreak of blight.

HALLEY'S COMET DRIVES MAN INSANE

Washington Shepherder Confined in
Padded Cell as Result of Worrying
Over Approach of Sky Wanderer.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., May 19.—
Peter Augusta, a French shepher-
der, is confined in a padded cell
in the city jail today, suspected of
being insane as a result of worry
over the approach of Halley's comet.

The man was brought to Walla
Walla several days ago from the
Snake river district.

Since being placed in the cell he
has talked insistently in his own
tongue about the comet, and showed
every evidence of terror on account
of its approach.

Frenchmen who heard Augusta's
ravings said that the man's talk
showed that he is a close student of
literature printed about the comet.

STILL LOOKING BUILDING SITE

McAndrews Lot Is Favored as Site
for Club Building—Will Move to
City Hall July 1 and Occupy Coun-
cil Chambers Free of Charge.

At the regular meeting of the Com-
mercial club Wednesday evening A.
S. Rosenbaum reported for the build-
ing committee that the McAndrews
lot was again on the market for \$8000
and although he had been unable to
see the other members of the com-
mittee he was certain that they would
consider the property a good invest-
ment for the club.

He also said that the mayor and
city council had offered the club the
use of the council rooms for club pur-
poses, absolutely free of charge, and
recommended the club accepting the
offer. The club accepted the offer of
the city and will move into the coun-
cil rooms on July 1.

The committee were given more
time in which to see Mr. McAndrews
and find out what terms the lot could
be purchased on.

TO URGE BONDS TO BUILD ROADS

The matter of circulating initiative
petitions for the purpose of having
the people vote in November on a law
allowing counties to create a bonded
indebtedness for road purposes has
again been taken up by the Commer-
cial club and the matter will now be
attended to. Last evening a commit-
tee consisting of G. Putnam, Porter
J. Neff and C. L. Reames was ap-
pointed to prepare the petitions and
launch the work. The committee will
get in touch at once with the Oregon
Good Roads association and work
with them.

SCIENTIST SAYS THAT AT DAYLIGHT TODAY WE HAD NOT YET ENTERED COMET'S TAIL

LICK OBSERVATORY, Cal., May
19.—Up to daylight this morning the
earth had not entered the tail of the
comet. Unless it passes through the
tail this forenoon it will not pass
through at all. This is the statement
today of Director Campbell of the
Lick observatory.

"We will not be able to ascertain,"
said Campbell, "definitely that the
earth has passed through the tail of
the comet today until darkness comes
and an observation can be made. Then
we must judge by the position of the
tail whether the earth passed through.
There is no possible way to observe
the tail in daylight. The scientists
here feel certain that the earth en-
tered the tail of the comet this fore-
noon, but they have no way of defi-
nitely ascertaining this fact as long as
daylight lasts.

"The figures of Professor Leusch-
ner, corroborated by Professor Kreutz
of Kiel, Germany, and endorsed by
Professor Ticker of Harvard, are
correct as far as they refer to the
transit of the comet across the disc
of the sun, but up to daylight this
morning the earth had not passed
through the tail of the comet.

"I observed a faint glow in the
southeast before daylight today,
which indicated that the comet's tail
is near us, but as we do not know the
distance of the tail from the earth,
we cannot predict the exact time of
transit except to say that if the earth
does not pass through the tail before
noon it will not pass through during
the present visit of Halley's comet
in this portion of the universe."

HOLDS ALL RECORDS FOR LONG APPENDIX

Montana Man Has Vermiform Ap-
pendix Nine and Half Inches Long
—It Was Wrapped Around Liver.

BUTTE, Mont., May 19.—An au-
topsy over the body of W. G. Mor-
fitt, who dropped dead today, re-
vealed a vermiform appendix nine
and a half inches long, the end be-
ing wrapped around a portion of the
liver.

No similar case is known in med-
ical annals