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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 Boreal'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.



KING GEORGE V.

LATE KING  
AND THE DOWAGER  
QUEEN

QUEEN  
MAY

## 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 Miscellaneous—and you'll  
have to show us.

## 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.

## 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 na-  
tional 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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## 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."

## 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.

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

WALLA WALLA, Wash., May 19.—  
Peter Augusta, a French sheep-  
herder, 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.