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SAYS UNIVERSE IS ELECTRIFIED

Professor Birkeland Holds Suns Are Charged.

THEY EMIT POSITIVE ATOMS

Scientist Asserts These Atoms Coalesce to Form Planets That Revolve About the Sun—Theory Similar to Scientists Who Transmuted Matter—More New Worlds Than Beings Born.

An amazing picture of the future development of the universe is drawn by Professor Kristian Birkeland, a Norwegian physicist, in a lecture delivered before the Academy of Science at Christiania.

The earth, said Professor Birkeland, had existed as a globe for over a millard of years. Man had lived and developed for only a fraction of that time. During the last two centuries he had developed in culture and science far more than in the hundreds of thousands of years that he had previously existed on the earth.

"How long has this evolution been going on?" asked the lecturer. Geology taught that life upon the earth was only a brief episode. Lucien Poincare once said that human thought was like a flash of lightning in the dark night, but it would seem to be conceivable that new worlds had arrived in space more frequently than human beings were born on earth. Each world probably had its flash of lightning with its human struggle of thought and discovery, again to disappear without leaving a trace. Worlds died more frequently than human beings on earth, in numbers beyond computation.

Agrees With Other Scientists.

The researches by which Professor Birkeland arrived at these conclusions show an interesting similarity with those of Sir William Ramsay and professor Collie, who recently said they transmuted metals. His experiments, he said, showed that as a result of an electric discharge in the vacuum tube platinum and uranium appeared. At any rate, the original rays were similar to the alpha rays, or, in other words, behaved in a manner comparable with radium. Such action, he said, would appear to suggest transmutation of the elements concerned.

The bearing of these facts on the theory that Professor Birkeland puts forward as to the origin of the universe is that it gives experimental confirmation to his hypothesis that bodies strongly charged with negative electricity can give out positively electrified particles. He regards the suns and stars as such bodies emitting these particles which coalesce to form planets circulating around the parent body.

From this premise he concludes with Arrhenius that the whole of space consists of ether charged throughout with electricity.

All Suns Electrified.

The basis of his system, Professor Birkeland explained, was contained in the belief that all the suns of the universe were strongly and negatively electrified, their electric condition being maintained by radiation. The intensity of the electrification varied with the different stars, but in the case of the sun being calculated from the character of the electric rays passing from the sun to the earth and producing the aurora borealis.

The lecturer asserted that he had shown experimentally that a body in the condition of the sun might become magnetized and give rise to electric phenomena corresponding to those seen in the sun—as, for instance, the sun spots, arranged in belts on both sides of the equator and surrounded by vortex rings, the movements of these spots in different degrees of latitude and the appearance of a corona.

DOCTOR URGES EUTHANASIA.

Movement on in Massachusetts to Legalize Practice.

There is an agitation in medical circles throughout Massachusetts in favor of the adoption of a statute legalizing euthanasia. Among the physicians who favor the project of mercifully killing the incurables through the medium of drugs is Dean Harold Williams of the Tufts Medical school, Dean Edward R. Bradford of the Harvard Medical school, while admitting the virtues of euthanasia, doubts whether it could be administered under proper conditions.

Dean Williams said recently: "The function of the physician is well understood to be the prevention and cure of disease and the alleviation of pain. It should be the duty of every physician to protect his patient from needless suffering, and in all cases in which death is inevitable I believe humanity demands the relief of pain even if the duration of life may be shortened by the agents so employed."

Paradise Plumage Tabooed.

The use of bird of paradise feathers in millinery is condemned by the colonial secretary of Berlin, who publicly appeals to women to refuse to wear hats so adorned. He says that his department will discourage the practice by raising the export duty on birds killed in the German colonies and forbidding a law entirely prohibiting the killing of these birds.

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Automobiles of every make and description will be seen in this city next month, 10th to 12th, when the doors of the armory are thrown open to the public, and the first auto show to be held in this city begins.

The local auto dealers and private owners are taking to the scheme to invite interest in the automobile business by showing off the different cars, and elaborate preparations are being made for the big event. The Portland auto enthusiasts are also taking an interest in the coming show, and the different committees selected by the local auto club report that many makes of cars will be on display here.

The decorations planned are of the finest, and probably the most original ever seen in this state. Every one will be accorded courteous attention by expert mechanics and committees selected from Salem's auto loving public, and the show will be conducted on a first-class basis.

The Salem automobile men are intending to make a record next month and hope to establish the auto show as a feature in future events.

To encourage the out-of-town auto-ists, the railroad companies are making arrangements for reduced rates to those wishing to attend the show, and the Salem club expects a large attendance from other towns in the valley.

New Rates for Wool.

New class rates were made for shipments of wool at a hearing given representatives of all railroad companies operating in Oregon in the office of the State Railroad Commission today.

A rate of second-class was established on less than carload shipments, and fourth-class was established for carload shipments, with the minimum carload placed at 24,000 pounds. Formerly the rate was first-class for less than carload shipments and third-class for carload shipments.

All the larger companies doing business in the state were represented. The smaller roads were notified of the hearing, but communicated with the commission to the effect that the rates agreed on by the larger companies would be acceptable to the smaller concerns.

The following roads were represented: Seattle, Portland & Spokane; Oregon Trunk; Pacific & Eastern; United Railways; Oregon Electric; Coos Bay, Roseburg & Eastern; Pacific Railroad & Navigation Co.; Salem, Falls City & Western; Southern Pacific; Portland, Eugene & Eastern; Oregon Short Line, and the Sumpter Valley Railroad Co.

The Republican party can now, apparently, become progressive in any way to suit Roosevelt, Beveridge and some other progressives.



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SPRING SUITS, GOWNS AND HATS.

Checks and Stripes and Odd Mixtures—
Corset Lines—Draped Dresses—
Color Line—Odd Coats.

New York, March 15.—It will be good news to many women that broadcloth makes some of the smartest suits. It is especially effective for the contrasting style of get-up. A coat of blue broadcloth with skirt in a new draped model of gray broadcloth having buttons covered with the blue cloth as a trimming. The waist with this is like all tops with any claim to elaboration, built of thin materials. Nets are the newest, and the underwaist is apt to be of white or ecru net, the design on this worked out in bold patterns which the outer layer of net in the color of the skirt softens and harmonizes. The sleeves to the wrist are the rule, but it's a rule often disregarded, and few are the waists outside the smart utility sort that have a sleeve constructed all of one material. A dash of glowing color or more often of some of the mixtures of garish blend known as "Bulgarian" is often used to give style to most costumes.

Black and White.

For general wear mixtures of black and white or dark gray and white are leaders, but gay linings and the embroidered and printed fabrics used for trimmings lend these piebald combinations quite a novel air. Blue and black promises to be a very favorite combination. And suits of moire velours, and

Black and White.

with this fabric in combination are very attractive. All the yellow tans, and yellows from palest lemon to flamboyant orange are leaders and no contrast is too startling. A costume of continental blue on simple tailored lines seen on Fifth Avenue displayed the plectral flourish of an orange satin under petticoat where it was cut up in front for several inches at the foot of the skirt, and a vest of the same material was displayed where the cutaway coat was sloped away at the waist. A black straw hat with a paradise plume and patent shoes with yellowish tan uppers completed the get-up, which would have been much prettier had gray, dark blue or brown been combined with the orange fixings.

Corset Lines.
Corset lines must be studied and the model worn carefully selected if one's gowns are to have the correct effect. The new Warner models launched here February 24 embody the authoritative fashion lines for spring. Fortunately these rustproof garments are not out of reach of the most modest dress allowance and can be found everywhere.

New Hats.
Small shapes are the rule in the new straw headgear, and ribbon makes some of the prettiest and most stylish trimming. Notwithstanding earlier predictions the hat that bears the hall mark of exclusive fashion is very lightly trimmed. Flowers are used in small Wattleau bunches and garlands where the posies of many colors sink into the fabric of the hat in a retiring fashion most attractive. Shapes with full tanshooter crowns, and narrow curving brims, and those like a very low-crowned derby, with the left brim rolled up on the crown are developed in Milan straw, hemp, and a few coarser straws, and there is great liking for the flat bow veil wired to stand straight up at the back of the hat, or extend back of it like a Mercury wing.

Small Wrinkles.
Colored bands of hemstitched chiffon are very much used to finish the tops of the collars of the transparent gamp of white or ecru net that finishes every highest bodice. Low cuts are finished with rolling collars and with pleated hemmed frills of the waist material, and small fancy buttons are relied upon to give the color contrast that is the rule just now.

Shoe dressing is all important and makes or mars a costume when the foot is so much in evidence as now. Pump, or slipper lines in black with fancy uppers or hosiery where low shoes are worn, is the leading style in footwear.

LUCY CARTER.

No Easter Gowns.

[UNITED PRESS LEADS WIRE.]
Boston, Mass., March 21.—Home made Easter gowns will be the vogue here as the result of the strike of 1000 ladies' tailors. Sixty shops are affected.