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### Earth Hits Comet Tail Wednesday; No Danger

(By United Press Leased Wire.)  
NEW YORK, May 16.—Halley's comet will cross the disk of the sun on Wednesday evening. The earth, when it passes through the tail, will be 15,000,000 miles away from the comet. The tail is supposed to be of extremely tenuous gas. There is no probability that there will be any sensible effect upon the earth's atmosphere. The following views are expressed by leading scientists:  
Prof. Andrew Combellin, Greenwich observatory—There is no probability of any effect on the earth.

Prof. Michael Glacolin, Paris observatory—It is not certain that the earth will pass through the tail, but anyway the gases will be so tenuous that no injury is probable.  
Prof. David Gill, president of the British Royal Astronomical society—It is doubtful whether the tail will reach the earth.  
Prof. E. E. Barnard, Yerkes observatory—The comet will have no effect on the earth.  
Prof. J. M. Schaeberle, Ann Arbor observatory—All predictions are purely speculative.

### Roosevelt Arrived In London Today



TEDDY IN LONDON.

(By a Staff Correspondent of the United Press.)  
LONDON, May 16.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt and party arrived here at 7:30 this morning. He was met at the Victoria station by officials of the municipality and representatives of the British government.

King George sent a royal carriage to convey the Roosevelts to Dorchester house, the home of American Ambassador Reid. The morning papers here print columns of praise of the former American president.

### TAX DROPS IN POLICE DEPT.

The ax fell in the police department today. Ex-Chief of Police J. M. Duley will return to the department as desk sergeant, taking the place of Sergeant M. L. McCoy, who will relieve Jallor Sipe. Jallor Sipe will step out into the cold, cruel world at the end of the shift today. Police Clerk N. Terry is today instructing Harry Smith, who has been appointed in his stead. The first change among the patrolmen, takes place when ex-Patrolman Hector Campbell, who was in the department under Mayor Campbell, takes the place of Patrolman Gilchrist of the North End.

### LAUZON QUIT CITY JOB TODAY

Felix Lauzon, formerly city electrician, who has spent seven years with the city light department, growing up with the work, is now out. He was relieved of duty by the new city electrician, B. W. Collins.

### POLICE CATCH RUNAWAY BOY

(By United Press Leased Wire.)  
PORTLAND, Ore., May 16.—Prescott Maggie, a 16-year-old Seattle boy, who says he ran away from his home, is in custody here today. The lad was found yesterday in a Japanese lodging house, where he was rooming with a negro.

A distressed mother wrote to ask what to do about her daughter who cannot keep her mouth closed. The woman's page editor wrote back advising her to teach the child to pretend she was always smiling.

### HYDE CONVICTED OF MURDER

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 16.—Dr. B. C. Hyde today was convicted of murder in the first degree and was given a life term in the penitentiary for having killed Col. Thomas H. Swope, the Kansas City millionaire. The conviction and sentence of the young and popular physician comes as a climax to one of the most sensational murder trials in the history of Missouri. The jury which brought in the verdict had been out since last Friday night. For a time it appeared likely that the jury would not agree and that Judge Latsch would declare a mistrial. Hyde Hears Verdict. The defendant, his wife and his sisters were in court by the time the jury filed in. Dr. Hyde was composed and calm and apparently unmoved as the verdict of "guilty of murder in the first degree" was read. Mrs. Hyde, who has expected

an acquittal, burst into tears at the word "guilty" and was led, sobbing, into an anteroom. The jury, which has power to fix punishment, sentenced Hyde to life imprisonment. No Luxuries for Hyde. Judge Latsch remanded Hyde to jail without bail. He declared Mrs. Hyde would be allowed to visit her husband only on regular visiting days. "Hyde's meals may be sent him and his cell provided with a few comforts," Judge Latsch said, "but he is to be allowed no luxuries." Hyde's attorneys will fight for a new trial, and if it is denied will appeal the case. They will fight the case to the limit. Dr. B. Clark Hyde was convicted on the indictment charging him with murder of Col. Thomas H. Swope. There are ten other indictments, one charging the murder of Chrisman Swope.



DR. HYDE AND HIS WIFE.

DAILY COMET BULLETIN  
May 16.—Halley's comet rises tomorrow morning at 3:26.

### FAWCETT AIMS HOT SARCASTIC AT ROYS

Fern Hill stands pat for five-cent fare to the city limits. And so does the city commission. Roys says he will demand it and stay by it till it comes "in a legal way." The rest of the commission says its got to come, whether or no. The commission went on record this morning when 100 Fern Hill people came down again to the city hall to report the result of a great mass meeting there last night. Lorenzo Dow was orator. He said nothing is ever settled until it is settled right, and Fern Hill people recognizes it, and they will not stand for the present compromise of the street railway company as a settlement at all. "Fern Hill takes in everything from Larchmont on the east, to Parker street on the south, and we are all citizens of Tacoma and entitled to five-cent fare," said Dow. He thanked the commission for standing by them, and said the Fern Hill people would back up the commission. Mayor Fawcett said he was for five-cent fare to the whole city and would be, until it was secured. He had refused to agree to the present compromise. Freeland, Lawson and Woods in turn arose and pledged themselves to the cause. Then Mr. Roys arose. "I told you election day I would stand by you and I meant it. I (Continued on Page Three.)

### "SUICIDE" NOTE MAY FIX GUILT IN OCEY SNEAD MURDER CASE

Last year my little daughter died. Other near and dear ones have gone before. I want to join them in Heaven. I have been prostrated with illness a long time. When you read this I will have committed suicide. Do not grieve for me. Repose with me that death brings me a blessed relief from pain and suffering greater than I can bear.  
O. W. M. Snead  
NOTE STATE CLAIMS AS BLIND TO COVER MURDER.

NEWARK, N. J., May 16.—Found pinned on the nightgown worn by Ocey Snead when her emaciated body was found lifeless in a bathtub in an old house in the suburbs of Newark last November, this note, reproduced here, forms what the attorneys for the state believe will prove to be the strongest link in the chain which they will endeavor to weave around three old women, two of them the aunts and one the mother of the young woman, charging them with her murder. The state has one physician who saw Ocey Snead almost daily, until her death, by whom the state hopes to prove that Ocey Snead's weak hand could not have framed the firm characters in the note. Other notes, written in a like hand, were found in possession of the women. (Continued on Page Three.)



OCEY SNEAD.

### PETITION OF C. W. MORSE DENIED

(By United Press Leased Wire.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 16.—The United States supreme court today denied the petition of Charles W. Morse, the "ice king," for permission to file a writ of habeas corpus. The decision means that Morse must serve his sentence for violation of the federal banking laws.

### VICE-CONSUL TO MEXICO VICTIM OF SMALLPOX

(By United Press Leased Wire.)  
JAUREZ, Mexico, May 16.—American Vice Consul John Gourley died of smallpox at noon today. Gourley's brother is an immigration inspector. He contracted the disease while inspecting Mexican immigrants. Capt. Amos Martin, an army officer stationed at Vancouver, Wash., barracks, is suing some of his wife's relatives in Baltimore to recover a sword once owned by George Washington. He values the sword at \$5,000.

### Italians Start Fight Over Ball Game; One Victim Died Today

Antonio Paonessa died today at St. Joseph's hospital, after being shot in a fight with five of his countrymen at the corner of 13th and Cedar streets yesterday. Six West End Italians had a street fight over a ball game yesterday, and as a result Antonio Paonessa is dead, one named Nick is in jail with his face carved by a knife, and Vito Bertucci and Nicola Paonessa are missing and being hunted by the police. The police had difficulty in learning anything about the trouble. Detective Milone had to threaten Mrs. Guagliardi with arrest before she would admit the missing men had disappeared. Nicola Paonessa is cut in the wrist, but the others are not seriously hurt, it is believed. Nick Teno and Joe Bertucci were arrested this morning.

POSTPONE TRIAL ON ACCOUNT OF GIRL  
(By United Press Leased Wire.)  
CHICAGO, May 16.—The trial of Lee O'Neill Browne on an indictment charging bribery was postponed one week because of the illness of a daughter of Attorney Patrick O'Donnell, of defendant's counsel.

### ITALIAN STABBED ON STREET

(BULLETIN.)  
VANCOUVER, B. C., May 16.—One Italian has just stabbed another to death on one of the leading streets. No details have been learned as yet.

BRIBERY TRIAL RESUMED TODAY  
SAN RAFAEL, Cal., May 16.—The trial of Harry P. Flannery, indicted for grand larceny in connection with the alleged fake pool-room at Sausalito, was resumed here today.

### BALLINGER IN HOT RAGE FIRES KIRBY

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 16.—Frederick M. Kerby, stenographer in the interior department, was dismissed from the government service today in a special delivery letter sent to his home and signed by Secretary Ballinger. The letter stated that he was dismissed because he was "unworthy to remain in the service." The dismissal of Kerby is another of the sensations which has developed in the Ballinger case in the last three days. Saturday Kerby made public a statement in which he told of the preparation of the Lawler document. Following this Wickersham sent a copy of the Lawler memorandum to the investigating committee, and later the president took the center of the stage by issuing a letter of explanation, saying that he had ordered Lawler to frame the letter, known as the memorandum, and told him to write "as if he were president." The prosecution in the Ballinger investigation today is trying to find out just why the Lawler draft was not sent to the senate when that body called for "all documents" in the Ballinger controversy, or why it was not produced in answer to a score of specific requests made by the attorneys for the "prosecution" before the committee.

### HERE'S THE LETTER KIRBY GOT TODAY

"Sir: You are hereby discharged from the public service because you are unworthy to remain in it. Divulging information obtained in the confidential relations of a stenographer to the secretary of the interior in a communication giving information to those whom you are bound to know or wrongfully seeking to bring reproach upon the administration and injure me and in deliberately misstating material facts as to what you did treacherously communicate, show you unworthy and unfaithful. The fact that your treachery is futile cannot mitigate the character of your offense. For the good of the service you are hereby dismissed."  
Respectfully,  
"R. A. BALLINGER."

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

Harry Olof Bruhn and Petra R. Hansen, Tacoma; Esten R. Crawford and Frances L. Pollock, Tacoma; Ephraim Wistfall and Runa Bell Brown, Puyallup; Louis Jurich and aMria Stambuk, Tacoma; Joe Sartoris and Malissa Schneider, Tacoma; Charlie Mazza and Maddalena Delisa, Tacoma.

### TOMORROW LAST DAY

The time limit on the prize mystery story contest is extended until noon tomorrow. This extension is made because the Frohman production of "The Thief," tickets to which are given as free prizes for the best solutions of the mystery, will play here one night only, Wednesday, May 18. For the most convincing, satisfactory solution of the mystery of "The Shadow Burglar," which appeared in The Times last week, The Times will give these prizes: For the best solution, two best seats for the performance of "The Thief" at the Tacoma theater on May 18. For the next three best "last chapters" two good seats each for the same attraction; eight tickets in all. The "last chapters" must not exceed 300 words in length; must be plainly written on one side of the paper. The prizes will be awarded for the most ingenious solutions; literary merit will not count. Address your solutions to The Mystery Story Editor, Times, Tacoma.

### Odessa Cuba

### 'THEN IT HAPPENED'

Our Daily Discontinued Story.  
Lem Lumber, aspirant for the Marathon honors, had left all his competitors behind and the goal was in sight. "Another spurt," he said, "and the laurels is mine." Lem was some runner, but he was no grammarian. Excitingly he leaped a hedge, not seeing the bear trap carelessly left there, and—  
THE END.  
The 22nd annual May festival has just been given in Boston. This event is the largest amateur production in the world. About 700 children appear in it each year.

### Friends Report Young Married Man Gone

J. R. Luckey, who formerly owned a cleaning and pressing establishment on St. Helen's avenue, is strangely missing, and his friends are at a loss to know what has become of him. It is said that he left rather hurriedly after calling out his shop. His wife is suing him for divorce. Billboards cover a multitude of tin cans.

### CARRIE TALKS TO MEN ONLY; SHE'S A FINE BUSINESS WOMAN

To "Men Only." That was the announcement of Carrie Nation's lecture in the First Baptist church was made yesterday, and there was a fairly good-sized crowd of men only on hand to witness the carnage. But there was no carnage. Carrie is completely used up on the hatchet-smashing thing just at present; in fact, Carrie told the reporters that she had not done any active work for a year, now. Carrie made frequent allusions to her smashing stunt that first brought her into prominence, however, and began the sad recital of her life, going as far back as a decade ago when she smashed her first saloon in Kansas. Carrie visited the Olympia club on Commerce street and the Donnelly hotel on her way up from the depot. She made short speeches at both places. She attracted a crowd of as many as four-teen men, three giggling young girls, a sleepy newboy and a yellow pup. Her auditors cheered lustily, and Carrie moved on, smiling triumphantly. Just why the triumph was not apparent. To her "Men Only" audience, Carrie talked a whole lot more about the social evil than she did about her old friend, Demon Rum. But Carrie presses thirty she still has an eye peeled for Main Chance—and Carrie never overlooks a bet. After her Men Only festivities yesterday, she dragged forth a mastodon telescope bag. From this she produced "The Sad Story of My Life," or something of that sort.—It is a book, and sold like hot cakes or something equally traditional, for 50 cents a throw. Carrie also distributed dainty little hatchets at 25 cents. Then she got busy and gathered a generous donation from the Men Only. Carrie tried a season in vaudeville, but administered the kibosh to this branch of industry. There is more money in playing the church street.

Carrie will not return to our midst. She was to have given a public lecture at 25 cents admission tomorrow night, but Carrie left Seattle today for Richmond, Texas, where her son-in-law, A. D. McNabb, is believed to be dying. Turning now fiercely to the reporter, Mrs. Nation said: "I smell the odor of cigarettes. Do you use tobacco?" The reporter admitted that he was somewhat addicted to the use of the noxious weed. "You are a curse to the human race," she at once decided. "Not only are you destroying your efficiency here, but you are impressing on posterity the weakness due to your vile habits." Not satisfied with scolding the reporter, she also wanted to search him for evidence of his vicious habits. The reporter declined a "trick" by swearing to