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## HALLEY'S COMET MAY BE BRILLIANT

Celestial Vagabond Cannot Be Depended Upon, However.

### AIR MAY BURN IT'S TAIL

Astronomers Are Looking For New Phenomena In Near Approach.

If Halley's comet has had an interesting history in the past, the present return may add a few more items of interest, says a bulletin published by the St. Louis University. Since its discovery it has been moving sunward at a daily speed of near 2,000,000 miles a day. The rate is nearer 3,000,000 miles a day now. Hitherto its course has lain so far away from our little earth that it could be followed only with the aid of good telescopes. Now that comet and earth are both turning towards their point of closest approach, it is hoped that the comet will soon begin to develop its almost splendid tail. But these hopes may not be fulfilled.

In days before telescopes existed only the large comets were seen, as a matter of course, and they were seen only as a rule, when they had developed the whole of their huge splendours with apparent suddenness. Nowadays, the first appearance of a comet is apt to be a very insignificant affair. There may still be surprises. The comet of last January, for instance, had failed to send his card in advance.

#### Will Approach Near to Earth.

Halley's comet has returned to the near neighborhood of the sun a large number of times, and at almost each of these returns it has also been a superb object to view. This time, however, it will approach the earth very closely. A distance of 60,000,000 miles is a mere trifle, astronomically. A much closer approach of this terrible little body might not be comfortable. The tail, low over if the comet develops one according to expectations, will come much nearer to the earth. In fact, if it attains the length of only 150,000 miles, and retains that length to May 18, we may have a trip right through the tail at a relative rate of some forty miles a second. Astronomers have long wished for a near view of this strange phenomenon. It is hoped that the expected near approach of the coming tail will furnish much desired, definite information about the constitution of these things.

#### May Have Star Shower.

Our probable or possible encounter with the tail next May is burdened with so many ifs that a serious heart is worth while to say more about it. Still, if not this tail, the earth may encounter another comet's tail in the future, as it has done in the past. So what are the prospects? The most inviting prospect is a brilliant shower of shooting stars for those to whom the encounter would take place at night—and we are commonly placed in that list. The particles of the tail, whatever they may be, should strike the earth's atmosphere at something over forty miles a second, and hence their incandescence should be of the most brilliant type.

The total amount of matter in the tail is certainly exceedingly slight. Faint stars shine right through the densest parts of comets' tails with undimmed splendor. A few hundred feet of haze in our own atmosphere blots out all stars completely. The amount of matter represented by that haze is clearly negligible. The amount of matter in the comet's tail must certainly be less.

As to the kind of matter that constitutes the tail very little is really known. There are gases in the tail. Some of them have been more or less well identified. If the radiation pressure explanation of the tail is mostly correct the greater part of the matter, small as that is, must be other than gases. But whatever the stuff may be, it must be utterly "burnt up" if it can burn, miles and miles above the surface of our earth.

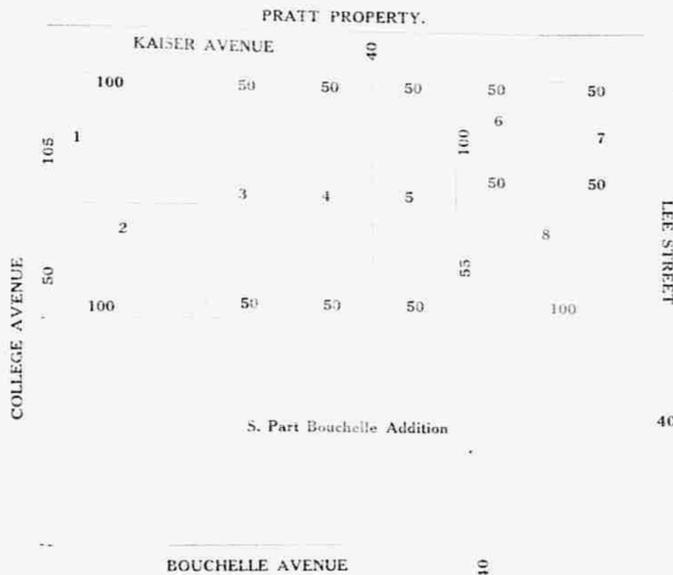
The comet must be left to complete this essay. If the tail, photographed by Barnard, persists, no one will need a guide to find the comet after the middle of April. All that will be necessary is rising before the sun. If the comet exhausts its remnant of tail material before that time there will be little left to excite the interest of the average mortal. In that case the faded remnant of a once brilliant spectacle will pass swiftly between sun and earth—just another example of the ending of things.—From a lecture, "Halley's Comet," delivered at St. Louis by Charles J. Borgmeyer, S. J., of St. Louis University.

#### E. H. Eckel Visits Son Here.

The Rev. E. H. Eckel, of St. Joseph, is visiting his son, E. H. Eckel, Jr., a junior in the College of Arts and Science. E. H. Eckel, Jr., recently won a Rhodes scholarship in Oxford University.

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## DUTY OF COLUMBIA

A. H. Shepard Shows Why Bond Issue Is Necessary For Public Schools.

That every citizen in Columbia should vote for the \$25,000 school bond issue May 2 is the belief of the members of the school board. It is absolutely necessary, the members say, that this money be voted.

"When we asked for \$50,000 for a new high school building we thought that could be sufficient to put up an adequate building," said A. H. Shepard, a member of the school board, this morning. "But later we found it insufficient for Columbia's needs. Columbia should have a public school seat in equal to any city of its size in the state. We intend to put the best possible heating and ventilating plant in the new school house. Money for improvements in the water and light system of Columbia, which was expected to be adequate for ten years, has been asked for. We don't want this same state of affairs in the school system. We hope that everyone will vote for this issue. It is absolutely necessary. We don't want to put a cheap, inadequate heating system in the new school building."

#### AD CLUB TO ENTERTAIN

High School Day Visitors Will Be Met at Trains.

The entertainment of high school students at the University of Missouri High School Day, May 7, this year will be in charge of the University Ad club. Heretofore the Athletic Committee has had charge of the entertainment of visitors. It is planned to have members of the Ad club meet the visitors at the train and to arrange for rooms for them while in Columbia. Each member of the Ad club will have charge of the high school students from his own county.

Dr. W. W. Charters, dean of the School of Education, and Dr. W. J. Moullay, manager of athletics, will address the Ad club on the entertainment of the High School Day visitors. The meeting will be held at the Y. M. C. A. building at 7 o'clock tonight.

#### Co-eds Must Take Long Walks.

Two long walks a week are required of co-eds at Wisconsin until the new women's gymnasium is completed.

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"This basis of voluntary classes is in the nature of an innovation in the Y. M. C. A.," said J. S. Moore, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., this morning. "In denominational schools the students are compelled to take so much Bible work before they can be graduated, and the result is that while there are many studying the Bible, it has no meaning except as a means to credit. This voluntary method is more successful. There are 60,000 men taking voluntary Bible study in the United States today. Men will not do well what they are compelled to do, especially in matters of religion.

"In the University of Missouri Bible study has been greatly hindered by the financial problems which the Y. M. C. A. has had to cope with," said Mr. Moore. "Next year we expect to have an instructor for the special purpose of developing the Bible classes. We will also hold Bible institutes at which men who have made a life-study of Bible work will speak. We have also selected for teachers next year men from the students and faculty who will study for the work this summer.

"There is a general impression that college men of America are not religious, but there are more men studying the Bible in colleges today than

ever before in the history of higher education. This is largely due to the new voluntary basis upon which the work has been placed."

#### WILL BOOST FOR DIRECT TAX

St. Louis Ad Men Adopt Resolutions To Help M. U.

ST. LOUIS, April 27.—The members of the St. Louis Advertising Men's League at its weekly luncheon Tuesday unanimously endorsed a resolution to place the Missouri State University on a direct tax basis, instead of financing the institution through appropriations from the legislature. The resolution was introduced by Simon M. Frank, advertising manager of Rice, Stix & Co.

The advertising men all agreed to get signatures for petitions to be filed with the Secretary of State, so that the question of giving the State University a direct tax could be left to the votes of the state at the November election.

Among those who discussed the movement were Dr. Frank A. Manny of the Michigan State Normal School, S. D. Ebersole and J. H. Craig.

## I. O. O. F.

To all boarding houses and private houses and private families who can entertain during the Grand Lodge session, from May 17 to 19, inclusive:

All persons residing west of Eighth Street will please phone 894 Black, and those living east of Eighth Street 496 Red, giving name, street number and number of persons they can entertain, whether male or female or both, whether room and board can be furnished or room alone.

The attendance will be large and the hotels are inadequate to accommodate all, and we hope the people will respond. The usual price at the Grand Lodge sessions has been \$1.50 per day for room and board or 50 cents for room alone. It is hoped that the people will open their doors and help us entertain from 1,000 to 2,000 of the best people in the state of Missouri. Of these about 450 are ladies of the Rebekah degree.

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Dr. Shelton Gives Up Position.  
Dr. C. E. Shelton has resigned as President of Simpson College, where he has been in charge for eleven years.

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