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**NOTICE.**—Having a large amount of business demanding undivided attention, and which, in addition to my editorial labors, is more than I can well attend to, and as this will probably continue to be the case for three or four weeks to come, I have engaged the services of Rev. D. EMERSON, for the time named, and who will take charge of the editorial department of tomorrow evening's paper.

O. CLEMENS.

Wednesday Evening, Sept. 7th, 1853.

## COMETS

Now that one of these magnificent visitors has so lately been seen in our western evening sky, our interest is naturally excited to know something more in relation to them.

Comets are flaming meteors, of a peculiar appearance, having a brighter or denser head, or nucleus, and either a surrounding hazy brightness, or a long, bright, hairy train, or tail.

What is their composition is unknown, and various are the conjectures concerning it. It is certain that they contain but very little matter, for they exert but little influence upon bodies near which they pass. The nucleus of some appears opaque, like a planet. That of others is transparent; and others, again, have no nucleus, but are transparent throughout their whole extent. The envelop, or train, or tail, is more or less thin and transparent, and the stars and other heavenly bodies are seen through it.

When a comet is seen at a distance from the sun, through a good telescope, it resembles a dense vapor, surrounding the nucleus, and flowing far out into the regions of space. As it approaches the sun, its light gradually becomes more brilliant, till it comes nearest to the sun, when it glares with a light inferior only to the sun itself.

When a comet, as is usually the case, has a tail, this tail, or train, is always turned from the sun; so that, while the comet is approaching the sun, its train follows it, but when it is departing from the sun its train goes before it, often curving forward in the direction toward which the body is going.

The substance of which the train is composed, as well as that of the body itself, is hid in mystery. "Tycho Brahe and Apian supposed their tails to be produced by the rays of the sun, transmitted through the nucleus, which they supposed to be transparent, and to operate as a lens. Kepler thought they were occasioned by the atmosphere of the comet, driven off by the impulse of the sun's rays. Sir Isaac Newton conjectured that they were a thin vapor, arising from the heated nucleus, as smoke ascends from the earth; while Dr. Hamilton supposed them to be streams of electricity."

The shape and number of these tails is often remarkable. The tail of a comet in 1744 formed nearly a quarter of a circle; and one in 1689 was curved like a Turkish scabbard. The comet of 1744 had at one time six tails, which appeared and disappeared in a few days. The comet of 1823 had two tails, one extending toward the sun, and the other from it. And one comet appeared with its tail at right angles, or quivering, to the sun. Sometimes the trains are of vast length; that of the extraordinary comet of 1680 extended from the zenith to the horizon, and was 96,000,000 of miles in length; and that of 1811 was 100,000,000.

Comets are peculiar for the form of their orbits. The orbit of a planet resembles a round wheel; that of a comet resembles a wheel flattened, or much longer in one direction than in the other.

They are also remarkable for the rate of their motion. As they go farther from the sun, their motion becomes slower, and continually slower, as they travel away into the mighty depth of space; while, after they have turned and again approach the sun, their motion becomes continually quicker, until at length, when they wheel around the sun, at a short distance from

him, they move with the most fearful velocity. One of these bodies, in this situation, moved with a velocity 1500 times greater than a ball bursting from the mouth of a cannon. Another moved over an arc of one hundred and twenty degrees in a day.

The orbits of some comets are known to lie wholly within the solar system. Those of others extend to immeasurable depths beyond; and this whole system itself is only one end of their mighty circuit.

Although we cannot learn of any harm that has ever been done by any of these portentous bodies, yet they have always been looked upon with more or less alarm, and as either foretelling, or bearing witness to, the most dreadful events. Thus, a comet, which was visible to the naked eye in the day time, made its appearance just after the death of Cæsar, and was believed by the Romans to be his soul, appearing in that form to take fiery vengeance on his murderers.

There are many other most curious and interesting things which might be told respecting comets. They are among the greatest wonders of that most wonderful and interesting study, Astronomy. Every one, by a careful and energetic improvement of his time, can study into all these wonders of the natural universe, and feast his soul continually upon ever new riches.

## Idleness.

Idleness has been denominated "the rust of the soul." It is very irksome to be entirely idle. It eats into the faculties, and deprives them of all their spring and vigor. To rest from all bodily labor, in order that the corporeal powers may be strengthened, would be, in time, to let them decay. And so with the intellectual. The mind does not gain vigor by entire cessation from all labor, but by the earnest tasking of its powers. The great men of this and other ages have been made such, in the first instance, by the iron tasking of their wills; first breaking those headstrong directors of their nature to submit to the necessary toil with patience, until they had practised their powers and disciplined their intellects, and were then prepared to come forth boldly upon the stage to be the leaders and rulers of their fellow men. No idler upon the streets, therefore; no hanger about the bar-rooms and corners, looking up and down the streets, or into the vacant sky for fortune to arrive and alight at his feet, will ever so find it. No. He must awake and arise, if he would overtake fortune. He must sweat and study; must dig and toil. He must form to himself some noble end, yet an end obviously within his possible reach, and then must address all his mortal powers to attain it. He must first train those powers, to make them able. As the eagle is said to take her young out upon her back, from the inaccessible heights of the precipice where she has her nest, and bear them about until they have acquired the strength and hardihood to try the flight for themselves, and then throws them off to shift for themselves, so must the aspiring young man. He must look boldly to the eminence for which he pants; carry thither often his thoughts; exercise his powers; and at length, with a determined will, let go his hold upon lesser things, and sail away toward his destination. He will thus be upon the track trod by all great men. If he has abilities, skill and courage, he may yet write his name among the stars. Whereas, if he had given way to the suggestions of idleness, he would have rotted in merited obscurity.

## The Comet.

It has been an interesting question to the curious, whether the interesting comet recently visible is an old comet, having a regular period, or time of return into this quarter of space, or whether it is a new comer into our part of the universe.

It seems now to be admitted by astronomers that it is the comet which, according to calculation, should have returned in 1849, or at the latest in 1852, but which had hitherto failed to make its appearance. That calculation was probably erroneous, and the comet has at length come himself to set the matter right. Will astronomers please now to take such notes of his track as to tell us with decided certainty when we may expect the pleasure of seeing him again? His nearest approach to the sun is said to have been about 30,000,000 of miles, and to the earth, about 75,000,000,000, or 100,000,000.

COLLINS & BREED have received a portion of their goods, and we are sure the public will be pleased with their assortment. They have new styles of ribbons, very handsome all wool delaines, as well as those more common and cheaper; new styles of cloaks, with materials to make them; handsome neck-ties, neck handkerchiefs, gloves, hosiery, &c., Call and see for yourselves.

One of our exchanges says, that "his subscribers would make good wheel horses, they hold back so well." Another says, "A young man is never more happy than when he has a beautiful wife, one child, some cash ahead, and has paid for his paper."

Just now we would excuse all our subscribers from being "wheel horses," and wish to all the young men among them the highest degree of happiness.

The following are the candidates nominated at the meeting last Monday night:

## TEMPERANCE TICKET.

### FOR CITY OFFICERS.

For Mayor—A. G. Gano.  
" Recorder—I. L. Holt,  
" Marshal—O. G. Strong,  
" Attorney—S. S. Allen, Editor of the Whig Messenger.  
For City Council.  
1st Ward—Win. McDaniel,  
J. C. Waugh,  
Robt. Ruffner,  
2d. Ward—Geo. Bacon,  
Frank Snider,  
B. W. Herr,  
3d. Ward—J. B. Lewis,  
Robt. Bridgeford,  
H. Martin,

Missouri is the second, if not the first, State in the Union in producing hemp. The crop of last year is estimated at 60,000 bales, or 12,000 tons. The crop of the present year is estimated at 70,000 bales.

THANKS.—To Mr. B. HARRIS, of the Ben. Campbell, for late papers.

CIVILITY.—When Zachariah Fox, the eminent merchant of Liverpool, was asked by a young man to tell him the secret of his success, he replied, that it was "civility."

FEARFUL PERIL.—TWO MEN RESCUED FROM DEATH IN A WELL.—REMEMBER THE REMEDY.—COLD WATER.—The Fon du Lac (Wisconsin) Journal relates the following wonderful preservation of two lives by the application of water. The remedy is something new.

On the 19th, while driving a team on the Sheboygan road, about one half mile east of Little's Tavern, Mr. Chapman's attention was attracted by the hasty approach of a woman, who informed him that a man had been suffocated by the "damp" in the bottom of a well close by. When he approached the place, to his amazement, he saw the man, a German, apparently lifeless, at the depth of some thirty-six feet, in a new well. In a moment the owner of the well, Mr. H. Pierce, came in from the field, and prepared to descend and tie a rope around the body to haul it up. Before he could tie it, he too fell senseless. Here was a dilemma. No help near and two men perishing, while he had the greatest difficulty in keeping the distracted wife and a young lady from going down also. Mr. C. then started off for help, but on passing into the road bethought himself of trying the effect of throwing cold water into the well, which being continued, soon had the effect of reviving the German, so as to enable him to put the rope around the body of Mr. Pierce, a large fleshy man. He was drawn up, but exhibited no signs of life, being black in the face, and limbs. By a constant rubbing and drenching with water, he was restored, though slowly and painfully. To the energy and presence of mind of Mr. Chapman, these men are indebted for their lives. We have been thus particular in detail, to impress upon the memory of the reader the remedy in such cases—water thrown into the well.

## Large Meeting—Jas. C. Hall Shot.

CINCINNATI, Sept. 1.

There was a meeting of the citizens to-night at the Masonic Hall, to take measures to have Judge Jacob Flynn impeached. The hall was crowded with all parties. A resolution that Flynn ought to be impeached passed unanimously. A committee, consisting of Judge Headley, John Jaliffe and B. B. Pullam was appointed, to prepare and bring the matter before the Legislature next winter.

James C. Hall, late Postmaster, and President of the Ohio and Mississippi Railway Co., was attacked in the street this afternoon by Dr. Ames, a returned Californian, and shot; the ball entered his abdomen and lodged in his back. The wound is dangerous. Ames was arrested.

CINCINNATI, Sept. 2.

Mr. Hall is very low, and no hopes of his recovery.

The community are much excited. Ames and family sustain a bad character, and the assault is considered most outrageous. He is in jail, bail having been refused.

The Fever at Jefferson City and Carrollton.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 26.

The Howard Association have extended their aid to Jefferson City and Carrollton, where the fever is very bad. Deaths, last 24 hours, 193; by fever, 164. Weather hot.

Imposing as is the appearance of the Crystal Palace under any circumstances, when lighted up at night it is magnificent beyond description. The experiment was tried a few evenings since, in the presence of a number of invited guests. No less than four thousand gas burners contributed their brilliancy to the scene. The number of visitors has recently increased to such a degree that the Directors have deemed it advisable to open the building in the evening also. This will be a great convenience for the many whose day-time engagements are engrossing.—St. Louis Intelligencer.

NEATNESS.—Neatness is always the first letter of recommendation.

ARRIVALS AT THE MONROE HOUSE,  
Corner of Main and Centre Streets,  
WM. SHOOT, Proprietor.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1853.

Preston Bird, Marion;  
Wm. Stone, Ralls co;  
F. Levering, city;  
J. S. Holloway, Clay co. Mo;  
H. C. Raley, Huntsville, Mo;  
W. H. Hutchinson, Ralls co;  
Joseph Huston, do do  
S. C. Shaffron, and lady, Louisiana, Mo;  
Thomas Bates, Ralls co;  
J. Williams, Polk;  
Lewis Marlett, Pittsburgh, Pa.,  
J. W. Rickett, Mexico, Mo.  
L. C. Fowler, Bardstown, Ky;  
J. A. Williams and lady, Columbia, Mo;  
Jas. Hubanks and lady, Madisonville, Mo.  
Miss T. Woodward, do;  
P. H. Estes, Mexico, Mo;  
John N. Parsons, Paris, Mo;  
John S. Conyers, Middlegrove, Mo;  
R. H. McVeigh, do  
W. Drake, Monroe;  
D. H. Kinnear, St. Louis, Mo;  
J. J. Wilson, St. Louis, Mo.  
J. S. Hawkins, Frankfort, Ky.  
Mrs. Hawkins and son, do  
B. Russell, St. Louis, Mo;  
James Green, Indian Creek;  
Helen Green, do  
Susan Myers, Monroe, Mo.  
P. K. McManis, Burlington, Ky.  
A. F. McCay, Hannington, Mo.  
R. F. Swearingen, do  
C. G. Smith, do  
J. K. Johnson, Salem co. Mo;  
J. McLeavel, county;  
J. V. Rogers, Marion co;  
G. Bird, Marion co;  
W. P. Wampler, Ralls co;  
Josiah Zedler, do

## WHOLESALE Clothing Warehouse.

CLOTHING FOR THE MILLION!  
To this important question there is but one reply; it comes from the

**Voice of the People.**  
Who have long tried and found eminently worthy of patronage, the old-established firm of  
**M'KNIGHT, ENDERS & CO.,**  
Wholesale and Retail Dealers in  
**READY-MADE CLOTHING,**  
No. 66 Main street, St. Louis, Mo.,

AND  
**Simmons' Elck, Boston.**  
We have now on hand a large and splendid assortment of MEN and BOYS' WEARING APPAREL, manufactured under the direct supervision of one of the partners now residing for that purpose in the

**City of Boston.**  
As we are in receipt of new supplies daily, we can offer inducements in the way of  
**Novelty, Comfort and Fashion,**  
Not found in any other store in the western country.  
**27 GIVE US A CALL,**  
And we assure you you will not think of going further to seek for

**GREAT BARGAINS.**  
If you cannot pay us a personal visit, send us your orders and we will fill them to your satisfaction.  
WM. S. M'KNIGHT, St. Louis, Mo.  
WM. F. ENDERS, do  
T. A. SIMMONS, Boston.  
St. Louis, Sept. 1, 1853. s7d&v1m

## Land, Houses and Timber for Sale!

J. R. HARDY offers for sale, 300 acres of Land in Illinois, near the Hannibal Ferry, and convenient to the Hannibal and Payson Pike Road. It is all good land, and 125 to 150 acres of it is on high ground that never overflows, and is the best land this side the Bluffs. 14 acres of it are under fence; it has three good cabins on it; there are 4 acres in potatoes, with a fine prospect of a plentiful crop, owing to the good quality of the land. There are about 2,000 or 3,000 cords of good Boat Wood on it. The timber is worth \$1,000 without the ground.  
There are 44 acres one and a half miles south of Hannibal, of the best Stave Timber—the best in the vicinity.  
One small lot on Hill street, between Third and Fourth.  
All of which I will sell privately or to the highest bidder, on the 20th of this month.  
**LOOK OUT FOR BARGAINS!** for I am determined to leave this country. sep6-28w6t