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Moses Oates.

As is generally known, MOSES OATES, the renowned weather prophet has been spending a few days in the city, and yesterday a Grip reporter had the honor of an interview. The weather prophet is a large man; especially about the mouth and pedal extremities; with whiskers of that particular hue which no amount of sun or storm could possibly fade, and a form expressive of congeniality with the good things of this world. Mr. OATES wears eye-glasses; he was never seen without them; it is darkly rumored that he does not remove them when he goes to bed; in fact it is doubtful whether he ever sleeps. Mr. OATES smokes a clay pipe; but never a dirty clay pipe. He has been known to remove this from his mouth—when it needed refilling. The glasses, and the clay pipe are as much a part of the prophet as the name, the large mouth, or the big feet. The following conversation took place.

Reporter.—Mr. Oates what is your opinion of the weather.

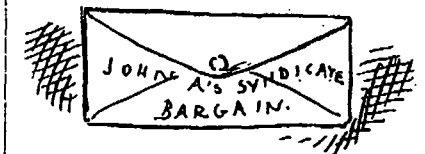
Mr. Oates.—From the collateral consanguinity of the Great Bear and Orion, corroborated by the tendency to molecular action caused by the interterre trial presence of Saturn, I am led to believe we shall shortly have a period of rain or snow intermixed with sunshine, and possibly accompanied by hail and fine weather.

Reporter.—What are the signs on the political horizon.

Mr. Oates.—I do not anticipate any serious disturbance of the political elements for the next few weeks, but owing to the presence in position of the Pacific Railway and also to the contagious conjunction of many of the larger political stars, on or about the 9th Dec., I apprehend from thence a couple of months of serious elementary convulsions, accompanied with much thunder from the region of South Brant, considerable lightning from the Lower Provinces, and a large escape of "gas" from the greater part of the whole Dominion. About the 12th of July next there will be a terrible storm of wind break over the British Isles, accompanied by a shower of brick-bats and a noise resembling thunder. It will be felt principally in Ireland. There is at present a comet with a short tail, but surrounded by much "gas" taking a course which will bring it in contact with the earth in 1883. It is known as the "Rag Baby," and its presence will cause some disturbance in the political elements of that date, but from its extremely gaseous state it will produce but little effect beyond causing a high wind with some noise. Beyond this the stars are dumb.

When our Reporter had regained consciousness he bade the prophet a tender adieu.

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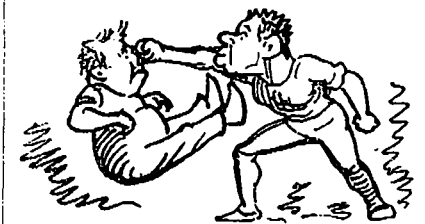


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