

The Transit of Venus.

This is not a local item; it is a universal one concerning Venus. The goddess of love and beauty defiled, was never more interesting than Wednesday. At Salt Lake the sky was cloudy until 12 o'clock, but afternoon gave us an opportunity to see Venus pass at a distance of 60,000,000 miles from the sun, between the Earth and Mercury. At San Francisco the meteorological report was of a clear day, so that a fine observation from there and other points may be expected. Many funny stories were told and numerous scientific astronomers were met yesterday. A drunken man was assuring the pedestrians on Main street that he saw Venus pass behind the moon last night; another man was looking for a calendar for the year 2,001 to see the day Venus would reappear; several parties had marked noses from having the smoked glass turned against their proboscis. The whole performance went off according to schedule time without earthquakes, storms or other catastrophes.