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It is said that Congressman Meiklejohn has the field against him in his race for the gubernatorial nomination. This may mean the success of some "dark horse."

M. A. DAUGHERTY is being put forward as a delegate from the Sixth district to the national convention at St. Louis. Matthew is a representative republican, and his friends will make a strong fight for him.

NINE-TENTHS of all patriotic Americans are in favor of granting the Cubans belligerent rights, and nearly as many favor giving them material aid. A struggling people, fighting for their independence, naturally has the sympathy of the people of this country.

WITH all the experiments that have made with the cathode rays for photographing objects enclosed in some receptacle the most satisfactory test has not yet been used. If it succeeds in disclosing money in the purse of the average country editor the process may be said to be a success.

THE Iowa legislature has before it a bill prepared by the banking interests which is a blow aimed at the express companies' money order business. It requires the latter corporations to have at every office \$5,000 in legal tender money with which to take up any paper that may be issued by them.

The free silver wing of the democracy of Iowa are preparing to inaugurate a presidential boom for ex-Gov. Boies by having his candidacy endorsed at the Hawkeye state convention. The principal promoter of the scheme is the secretary of the democratic central committee, who with his following was sat upon in last year's convention.

THE republican state central committee met at Lincoln Friday night last and decided to hold two state conventions. April 15th was named as the date of holding the convention to select delegates at large to the national convention at St. Louis. The date of the second convention, at which state officers will be nominated was not set, but will probably be held about the middle of July.

An attempt was made to have the state central committee endorse ex-senator Manderson as Nebraska's presidential preference, but the scheme which was really in the interest of Tom Reed, failed to carry. Congressman Hainer is probably under obligations to speaker Reed, but his attempts to take the state away from McKinley, when the latter is the preferred candidate of nine-tenths of the Nebraska republicans was an exhibition of nerve and not possessed by many.

THAT re-action against McKinley, which some predicted, is not yet visible to any alarming extent; but to the contrary McKinley's banners are being borne aloft in almost every section of the country. The great protectionist may not be the choice of some of the political leaders, but he is the preferred candidate of the great mass of republicans in the east, south, north and west. The four months which will elapse until the St. Louis convention will only tend to increase his popularity and his chances for nomination.

SENATOR THURSTON's fame as an orator was widespread throughout the west before he was elected. The knowledge of that fact preceded him to Washington, and it was wondered by some people whether its lustre would be dimmed when it had to stand the crucial test in the place where Clay and Calhoun and Webster and many other great orators had won lasting laurels. Senator Thurston has been heard from in the councils of the nation. He will be heard from again. He has made a profound and lasting impression.—Philadelphia Item.

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A. E. CADY, of St. Paul, it is announced, has decided to become a candidate for the congressional nomination in this district and the chances are that he will be the successful man. He will make a very strong candidate, as he is well known, popular and well fitted for the position. With Cady as the republican candidate your uncle Sile Holcomb, if nominated by the populists, will meet his Waterloo.

WANTING.

The new year has brought back the same old blooms. The daisies for the leaf. The bluebells sweet, and the cowslips' plumes. And again with the golden fies of spring The woods and groves are bright, And the same old songs the blackbirds sing In the apple orchards wild.

THE RED LANTERN.

"Oh, pshaw, pop! What made you get a red one?" "Why, my son, I thought a red lantern would tickle you to death." "Naw," returned Jimmy, contemptuously. "I wanted one with a green light. They're twice as nice." "Well, now, that's strange," said John Saunders, looking at his boy's disappointed face. "When I was a youngster, I liked anything if 'twas red—a red wagon, sled, top. As long as there was some red about it I thought 'twas stylish and first class."

There were 50 at least, bareheaded, ragged, prying up the track with crow-bars—a frightful sight to a lonely little boy creeping among the trees. The stray lambs, huddled together under a tree, were bleating in a frightened, helpless way. Jimmy felt sure his father must be near them, so, creeping on hands and knees now, the boy crawled slowly along and suddenly saw his father tied to a tree, watching the rioters completing their work of destruction. As Jimmy saw his father, Mr. Saunders, turning his head, saw his son.

Two minutes later this towheaded, freckled faced young hero was flying up the track, his red lantern lighted, his bare feet springing the earth, panting, stumbling, sobbing, falling, up again and on, on.

At last! The engine gave a scream. "I see you, Jimmy!" it seemed to cry to the poor child. Then a shiver ran through the long train. It groaned and stopped, the engine panting and sighing, at the feet of James Saunders, hero.

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Jimmy. "Gracious! I didn't know it was so late. Mother will be awfully worried." "Well, be sure and come over tomorrow," cried Charlie after him, "and we'll play strike again." "All right," answered Jimmy as he went whistling down the road.

As he came near the road Jimmy heard a strange sound. It was like the distant snarl and roar of the animals he remembered in the one circus he had attended in his life. He stopped for a moment to listen. The noise rose and died on the evening air, and mingled with it rose another sound like the clink of instruments against steel.

When he reached the woods, he stole along as cautiously as possible toward the din and uproar, which every moment grew louder. Suddenly he saw them.

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A Dancer in Kurdistan.

The performers had already drawn themselves up in line when I arrived, and a minute later the shrill notes of the pipe gave the signal for the dancing to commence. Some score of young men and women stood shoulder to shoulder, clasping hands, the line forming a crescent. At the given signal, the clapping of his hands by a youth who stood in front of the semicircle of performers, the dance commenced, the entire line of the dance commenced, the entire line of the dance commenced, the entire line of the dance commenced.

The principal feature of the dance seemed to be the bringing down of the right foot smartly upon the ground at intervals, when, hand in hand, the whole company remained with their bodies bent for a second or two, to spring back into position again at a fresh blow of the pipes. Meanwhile the slow rotating movement was maintained, so that the entire body was circling round the musicians. What laughter and fun there were! Men and girls giving themselves up to the enjoyment of their national dance, which, graceful and exhilarating, bore no trace of the sensual movements which usually mark the art of dancing in the east.—Blackwood's Magazine.

Inception of Fish Hatching.

During the middle ages, and throughout the period of the European predominance of the church of Rome, the necessity of providing a proper supply of fish for use on Fridays and during Lent did much to create a species of fish culture. That this did not extend to fish hatching, but stopped short at inclosing and regulating the supply of fresh water fishes, seems to us probable. At the same time, the Romans were at least acquainted with the securing of oyster spat, and from this to the artificial hatching of fish ova does not seem a very long step or one that may not really have been taken. The probability is, however, that the cost of such artificially produced fish would have been far beyond the purse of the multitude, and the wealthy had viviers and ponds in which they kept their own fish for their own use.

The national character of Fiji finds its best expression in the songs which are common among the natives, but now, under Christian influences, almost obsolete. These songs, or mekkes, as they are called, generally recount the story of some ancient hero, of some military campaign or naval expedition, or perhaps of a peaceful fishing excursion. They are generally sung of evenings by the men only, who assemble for the purpose in one of their long, low huts. Here they sit in solemn state on mats laid upon the ground, the only light being that of a smoky fire in one end. According to Major Abercrombie, an eyewitness of the ceremony, one man begins the chant alone; a second soon joins him, then a few more, till finally all present have taken it up, accompanying the wild music by much pantomime and earnest gesticulation. The time is beaten upon a wooden drum by one of their number, and is occasionally accentuated by a certain clapping of the hands. After a certain climax has been reached the music stops quite abruptly with one loud clap.—Popular Science Monthly.

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Ingenuity in Bordeaux.

At Bordeaux recently a wine merchant, whose business success was about in keeping with the bad quality of his wares, decided on a bold stroke. Every day he assiduously sought out a complete list of deaths of the well to do in the town, and also the date and hour of the funeral. He then wrote a letter to the deceased, thanking him for the order he had received, and at the very hour that the relatives were assembled at the house for the funeral his dray arrived with a quantity of wines and spirits. The bill was always paid, no one suspecting that he was being made the victim of an ingenious trick and quite convinced that the dead relative had given the order.—Galignani Messenger.

Interpreting the Koran.

The Koran is at the same time a religious and political code. All Mussulmans admit it to be so, and it cannot be expected therefore that, since their religion is connected with their national policy, they will not make use of the former to carry out the latter. Their policy may be briefly defined—namely, the maintenance of their faith in its purity by exclusiveness and isolation, the emancipation of the countries which have fallen under Christian rule, the extermination of the infidel nations and races who by refusing to pay tribute for the redemption of their blood are pronounced by the prophet to be in a state of open rebellion against the law and consequently deserving of death. Enlightened and tolerant nations will endeavor to palliate these precepts by quotations from the Koran and Hadis (traditions), but they are not the less cherished creed, the conscientious belief of upward of 800,000,000 Mohammedans.—English Consular Reports.

Telegraphing.

An expert telegrapher says, "Between New York and Philadelphia, over a copper wire weighing 300 pounds to the mile, 3,000 words per minute can be recorded, and with a copper wire of 850 pounds to the mile 1,000 words per minute can be carried from New York to Chicago."