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THE CONTEST FOR THE CAN DIDACY.

A little more than half of the states are yet to hold their republican conventions for the election of delegates at large. These are in the order in which the states will meet: Oregon, Rhode Island and Kentucky, Nebraska, North Dakota, New Jersey, Maine, Connecticut, Tennessee, Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Alabama, Vermont, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Montana, Missouri, California, West Virginia, Wyoming, North Carolina, Colorado and Idaho, while the territory of Arizona has its convention the same day as Georgia and Illinois. Idaho, which is last on the list, has its convention on May 20. Two state conventions take place this week. These are Oregon's, which meets on the 9th, and Rhode Island's, which occurs on the 10th.

Slightly less than half of the 900 delegates, at large and district, which are to appear in the St. Louis convention have already been chosen. A little more than half of these have either been instructed for McKinley or are known to favor his candidacy. The other aspirants range in this order at present: Morton, Reed, Allison, Quay, Cullom. This, however, will not be the order after all the delegates are chosen. Reed will undoubtedly be the second on the roll at that time, and Morton will have fallen to fourth place, as he apparently has no strength outside of New York, while Allison will probably get a few delegates in the states yet to choose them. Quay is likely to secure two-thirds or three-fourths of the sixty-four delegates from Pennsylvania, while not more than half of Illinois' forty-eight delegates will be for Cullom if he allows his name to go before the convention.

The question of commanding importance here is, will McKinley keep up the lead over the combined forces of his rivals which he has maintained from the beginning? The chances at this writing are that he will. In Maine, Vermont, Connecticut and Rhode Island, in which delegates are to be chosen, Reed will probably be far in lead of all the other contestants, but in all these states, except Maine and possibly Vermont, McKinley will receive some votes, no matter what the instructions to the delegates at large may be. A few district delegates in Massachusetts and New Hampshire have already been secured by him, and the sentiment for him in Rhode Island and Connecticut has all along been strong. In New Jersey, Maryland, North Carolina and Georgia McKinley will undoubtedly be far ahead of all the other aspirants, while Kentucky, which is ostensibly for Bradley, who of course, is an impossibility, is really for the Ohio man. Outside of Illinois, in which Cullom is likely to receive a few more votes, McKinley will make a virtually clean sweep of the west, getting at least three out of every four of the delegates yet to be named. Missouri is practically solid for him, and so apparently are Indiana, Michigan and the Rocky Mountain and Pacific Coast States. It is exceedingly difficult to see at present how McKinley's rivals can prevent him from carrying off the prize on the first ballot.—Globe-Democrat.

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DISTRICT COURT.

The March term of the District Court closed on Friday evening. It was the first term held by Judge Stull and naturally every one was curious to see how the business would be managed by the new judge. The unanimous sentiment seemed to be that he was conscientious and fearless in his rulings. His determination to decide cases promptly when submitted and not to take them under advisement, was commended and approved of by litigants and counsel.—Falls City Journal.

Edison's recent announcement that he had succeeded in converting the X rays into light, thus enabling observers to see through opaque objects, has been confirmed by a series of scientific experiments in Pittsburgh. The cathode ray was passed through a two inch pine board, on the opposite side of which was fixed a sheet of cardboard coated with powdered tungstate of calcium. A funnel was placed against the cardboard to shade the eye, and the experimenter, looking through the funnel, cardboard and block, saw the outlines of his fingers. A piece of steel was seen more distinctly, and it was suggested by a surgeon who was present that, by putting a Crookes tube behind a patient and looking through a layer of the tungstate, the course of an operating knife could be exactly followed. By employing this process the aid of photography would be needless. Thus it seems that Edison's proposition to use the eye instead of the camera in exploring opaque bodies is already, to some extent, an accomplished fact.—Globe-Democrat.

The May number of the Delineator is called the Commencement Number. Its forecast of summer styles in dress and millinery is complete, including, beside the usual monthly display, a number of commencement gowns and a chapter on the latest ideas in attire for bicycling. The varied methods of dressing the hair now in vogue are illustrated and described, and a New York dentist discusses the proper care of the teeth. Not less practical and useful to women are the first of a series of papers on interior decoration, by Mrs. Genevieve Wigfall, A. B. Longstreet's article on recent culinary inventions, one on domestic sanitation, and the usual review of the markets and talk about cookery, the spring dainties receiving due attention. Among the general reading a very entertaining article is contributed by Mary Cadwalader Jones, Mildred Conway tells about a novel poster party, and Carolyn Halsted describes the origin, organization and object of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Mrs. Witherspoon's tea-table chat, notices of new books and illustrated descriptions of the latest designs in embroidery, knitting, tatting, lace making, etc., complete a magnificent number. The Delineator is published by the Butterick Publishing Co., New York, at \$1 per year; 15 cents per single copy.

Banking in Russia.

In Russia the state bank advances money at 4 1/2 per cent. a year on all kinds of goods in amounts as high as two-thirds of their value. It takes money on deposit at 1 1/2 per cent. A little while ago, to assist the grain trade, the government bought largely direct from the producers and will soon be the largest holder of grain in the country. It has nearly completed the absorption of private railroad lines. It has acquired the monopoly of the manufacture of spirits and the control of the retail trade, is about to take the wine and sugar trade into its hands and very likely the coal trade as well.—Chicago News.

SINGULAR DISCOVERIES.

A Whale That Was a Valuable Contributor to Science.

A very strange thing happened to the prince of Monaco's steam yacht Princesse Alice, near the island of Terceira in the Azores last summer. The prince has devoted his yacht to the study of the ocean and its inhabitants, and many important facts have thus been gathered for science. On the occasion referred to a sperm-whale, or cachalot, about 45 feet long, was harpooned by some fishermen, and in its dying struggles it made direct for the Princesse Alice. If it had struck the little yacht the consequences might have been very serious, but just when the collision seemed inevitable the whale dived, and coming up on the other side of the yacht, turned upon its back in the death-agony. At this instant the bodies of three gigantic cephalopods—the class to which cuttlefishes belong—were ejected from the whale's mouth. These were secured by a boat from the yacht, and later the bodies of a number of curious inhabitants of the sea were found in the whale's stomach. The cephalopods belong to a new species. Other captures that the whale had made were so interesting as to lead Mr. J. Y. Buchanan, the naturalist, to remark in a recent number of Nature: "The cachalot which was killed by the whalers of Terceira almost under the keel of the Princesse Alice seems as if it had been guided in the pursuit of its food by a desire to devour nothing but animals which, up to the present, are completely unknown."

VERY SHOCKING FISH.

Inhabits the Mediterranean and Possesses Peculiar Attributes.

Many people know of the electric eel of South America, but there are comparatively few who have heard of the torpedo or electric ray of the Mediterranean sea. This curious fish, according to the New York Journal, is about the size and shape of a large frying pan, with a short and exceedingly broad handle. It is flat and swims horizontally in the water.

The torpedo, which is found practically in the Bay of Biscay and the shores of the Mediterranean sea, is so called because of its habit of giving electric shocks. Such shocks are feeble, as a rule, not greater than those from a small electric battery. If the fish is enraged, however, it is capable of giving a much more powerful shock. It uses this curious weapon to stun the small fishes and animals on which it preys, thus making the victim insensible previous to devouring it. It is a very sluggish fish and will lay for hours buried in the sand a few feet from the shore in shallow water. Electricity is much talked of as a medical agent nowadays, and for such uses is spoken of as a new discovery, but in the days of Caesar this natural electricity was much used for the same purpose and physicians of the time applied it to the leg or arm of a person suffering from rheumatism, gout or nervous diseases, the patient keeping his hand or foot on the fish as long as it was possible to bear the shocks. This was said to have been an excellent remedy.

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