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## ARCHBISHOP ELDER

ONLY ONE CATHOLIC PRELATE IS OLDER.

Was Ordained to the Priesthood Fifty Eight Years Ago—is an American by Birth, and Finished His Education in Europe—Was the Youngest Man Who Ever Filled the Office of Bishop in Any Church.

Cincinnati, O., March 22.—Archbishop William Henry Elder, the second oldest Roman Catholic prelate in the world, celebrated the eighty-fifth anniversary of his birth today. In all the Catholic churches of the archdiocese prayers were said for him, while the venerable prelate himself celebrated pontifical high mass at the cathedral this morning. He spent the remainder of the day quietly in his study in the parish house, where he received numerous visitors who called to offer their congratulations.

Next week Archbishop Elder will celebrate the fifty-eighth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. He was born in Baltimore in 1819, and comes of an old Catholic family that has furnished many members to religious institutions in America. In 1831, at the age of 12, Archbishop Elder entered Mount St. Mary's college at Emmitsburg, Md., where he studied theology. At the time Archbishop Purcell was the president and Cardinal McCloskey one of the prefects.

After completing his studies at Emmitsburg, where he was ordained deacon, he, in 1843, entered the Propaganda, at Rome, where he completed his theological studies and was ordained a priest in 1846 by the cardinal prefect of the Propaganda. Returning to the United States, he was appointed to the chair of theology of his alma mater, and afterwards, as director of Mount St. Mary's college, he rendered valuable services.

Dr. Elder remained at Emmitsburg until consecrated bishop in 1857, in which year he was nominated by Pope Pius IX to the vacant see of Natchez, then administered by the Most Reverend Archbishop Blanc. Bishop Elder the same year took charge of the diocese. At that time he was the youngest bishop of any denomination of Christians in the United States, being but 38 years of age.

In 1879 he was tendered the appointment of coadjutor to the Most Reverend Archbishop Allemany of San Francisco, the oldest Catholic see in America, with the title of Bishop of Avara, but he declined it giving as his reason that he could not leave his diocese while his people were suffering from yellow fever.

He was ordered by the pope in 1880, to proceed as coadjutor archbishop to Cincinnati. He presided over the fourth provincial council of Cincinnati, held in 1882, and on the death of Archbishop Purcell, the same year, became archbishop of Cincinnati, to which position he has ever since continued to devote his energies.

### Aged Mason Honored.

Newcastle, Ind., March 23.—The local lodge of Masons has completed arrangements for a big entertainment and banquet this evening in honor of J. C. Hudelson, who today celebrates his fifty-fourth anniversary as a Free Mason. Mr. Hudelson is past 81 years of age. In addition to his Masonic honors he enjoys the distinction of being the first conductor to bring a passenger train through this city on the Pan Handle after the road was completed.



Miss Agnes Miller, of Chicago, speaks to young women about dangers of the Menstrual Period.

"To Young Women:—I suffered for six years with dysmenorrhea (painful periods), so much so that I dreaded every month, as I knew it meant three or four days of intense pain. The doctor said this was due to an inflamed condition of the uterine appendages caused by repeated and neglected colds.

"If young girls only realized how dangerous it is to take cold at this critical time, much suffering would be spared them. Thank God for Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, that was the only medicine which helped me any. Within three weeks after I started to take it, I noticed a marked improvement in my general health, and at the time of my next monthly period the pain had diminished considerably. I kept up the treatment, and was cured a month later. I am like another person since. I am in perfect health, my eyes are brighter, I have added 12 pounds to my weight, my color is good, and I feel light and happy."—Miss AGNES MILLER, 25 Potomac Ave., Chicago, Ill. — \$5000 forfeit if original of above letter proving genuineness cannot be produced.

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A good appetite in the spring is a rarity, and we sicken at the sight of food, or thought of eating, and what little we do eat is a burden to the stomach and a tax upon the digestion.

Warm weather is sure to bring out the hidden poisons, germs and seeds of disease that have been collecting in the blood and system during winter, and you may look for some old chronic trouble to make its appearance. It is a time, too, when boils and carbuncles, and pustular or scaly skin eruptions like eczema and tetter, pay their annual visits and make life miserable by their intense pains and intolerable itching and burning.

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## HEARST IS GAINING

### RHODE ISLAND DEMOCRATS SET BALL TO ROLLING.

Result of That Hearst Victory Set the Democratic Clubs and Societies to Thinking—Hearst Strength in the West is Constantly Gaining Ground.

New York, March 23.—The most important political action bearing upon the coming campaign to date is the election of delegates from the state of Rhode Island to the democratic national convention at St. Louis.

Eight delegates were selected at the state convention in Providence. No effort was made in the convention to have the delegates instructed, but before they were selected each delegate made plain his choice for the presidential nomination.

Six of the delegates that were elected went before the convention as being for William Randolph Hearst first, last and all the time, and upon this platform they were chosen. The remaining two delegates, who were not favorable to Mr. Hearst, were elected in order to give representation in the delegation for a small faction of the party.

After the delegates were selected they met and adopted resolutions favoring Mr. Hearst, and as the unit rule will prevail in the delegation, the solid vote of Rhode Island in the national convention will be cast for the nomination of William Randolph Hearst for the presidency.

The result in Rhode Island shows plainly that Mr. Hearst exerts a harmonizing influence upon the factions of the democratic party. His strength in the West has been plainly shown whenever the opportunity has come for a trial, and now the first state in the East, in fact the first state in the country, to select a full delegation to the national convention, has spoken unequivocally in favor of Mr. Hearst.

The news of this signal victory will be very encouraging to all factions of the democratic party in the West and South as showing that there is one candidate who can unite and lead a victorious democracy in the presidential election this fall.

No Opposition to Butler. Philadelphia, Pa., March 23.—The republican congressional convention of the Seventh district, which was called to convene at West Chester today, has been called off. No opposition having appeared to the candidacy of Congressman Butler his re-nomination was made by certification.



A QUESTION.

He (bitterly)—I've come to the conclusion that there can be no happiness before death.  
 She—Your's or mine?

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