

not believe in slavery to any arbitrary force, be it in the form of monarchical power or in the disguise of a committee or a federation. Strikes may sometimes be a necessity, usually they accomplish a great deal more harm than good. And every workman, in striving for the best results to his labor, should see to it that he does not forfeit his manhood nor sacrifice his personal liberty.

### FLOOD, FIRE AND WAR.

THE era of calamity by flood, fire and accident does not seem to have ceased in the East. The telegraph brings news from the oil regions of Pennsylvania of the loss of over 150 lives, and over 100 injured in the towns of Oil City, Titusville, Correy, Meadville and other places, by floods caused by rainstorms, aggravated by fire caused by lightning. The loss in property cannot be estimated.

Another disaster of a fearful character is reported from the new town of Creede, Col. During the early morning of the 5th inst. a fire broke out in the southern part of the town which swept the whole business portion leaving nothing visible but safes twisted and warped from the intensity of the heat. It is estimated that over \$1,000,000 worth of property have been destroyed. The number of lives lost, if any, has not yet been ascertained. It is supposed, however, that a number of persons must have been killed, because the burned districts contained several large lodging and boarding houses.

The far west, though exempt in a measure from the visitation of the elements, has trouble brought on by its own citizens. Wyoming is still in the throes of her "rustler war," and Idaho has a serious labor trouble on her hands.

The Wyoming conflict promises to become long and stubborn. At present it is no nearer settlement than when the excitement was at its height several weeks ago.

### A PRELUDE TO VICTORY.

THE dispatches from Minneapolis published in the DESERET NEWS on Monday evening made a great commotion. The victory achieved by the Republican delegates and the defeat of the "Liberal" conspirators, occasioned much rejoicing except among the few followers of the disgruntled faction.

The course taken by C. C. Goodwin of the *Tribune*, is a subject of general denunciation. It also helped to dig the grave into which the bogus delegates have fallen. It was vile and foolish enough, to rehash before men like those composing the sub-committee, the old, stale and mildewed stories that formed the staple of *Tribune* editorials in past years. But when he added the deliberate untruth that his life and the lives of other anti-"Mormons" were or had been in danger because of their utterances, it was so despicable that even "Liberals" of the most pronounced order were disgusted. And what has that to do with the question of which set of delegates is entitled to seats in the National Convention? But then the man has never

figured as a reasoner. He can write pretty sentences sometimes, although they are often ungrammatical, but his logic is always ludicrous. Everyone here knows, too, that while he has been at the editorial head of a paper that has continually published the most infamous libels against the "Mormons," he has never been in the slightest danger from them or has received any other than the kindest treatment. His present reasoning is ridiculous and his mendacity contemptible.

The battle for the seats is not yet over. The National Committee has endorsed the action of the sub-committee. Delegate Salisbury has a place in the committee on credentials and Delegate Cannon in the committee on platform and organization, and so the odds are largely in favor of the straight Republicans. But the fight will, no doubt, be renewed before the committee on credentials, and perhaps again before the full convention. However, we think the brunt of the conflict is past, and the "Liberal" hyena is pretty well stripped of the Republican lion's skin with which it was disguised.

The bogus Tuscarras may scent from afar the odor of defeat, and see in the disaster to this division a dark omen of the fate that awaits their umbrella brigade. They are counting on being ferried over the stream that runs between them and the seats at Chicago, but the indications are that they will need Charon for their boatman and that the trip will be across the political Styx, while the tri-colored umbrellas will be necessary to cover their dejected faces, and keep them from the wet.

The outlook, altogether, is promising for Utah. Only the existence and obstruction of the "Liberal" faction stand in the way of her liberty and prosperity. That barrier will soon be broken down and dispersed, and this great Territory will march forward in triumph to its high destiny as a great and glorious State, strong and true, and free forever.

### OLD FOLKS EXCURSION.

THE annual Old Folks' Excursion is set this year for June 29th and will go to Payson, where the people are preparing to give the veterans a cordial reception and a grand entertainment. The heartiness and generosity with which the leading men and ladies of that city have volunteered to welcome the aged and make their hearts glad, are praiseworthy and give evidence that Payson is abreast with the times.

There is no project that has taken hold of the hearts of all classes of this community with anything like the unanimity and vim that the Old Folks' Excursion inspires. All classes, sects and parties are included in its benefits, and all classes, sects and parties take hold of it with a will and help to make it successful.

The regular supporters of this worthy movement are requested to send in their subscriptions to the committee as soon as convenient. Everybody who desires to contribute with money or with merchandise, is invited to join in aiding the committee to make the en-

tertainment of 1892 at least equal in attractions to any former excursion. All people over 70 years of age, without distinction of faith, politics, sex or race, are invited to participate in the enjoyments of the day, without cost. Now, friends, come to the help of the Old Folks' Committee, and send in your donations to C. R. Savage, at the Art Bazar.

### IS THE POSITION OF THE EARTH CHANGED?

PRINCE KRAPOTKINE, the famous Russian nihilist, is also a scientist. He has written an elaborate review of what is being done by men of science in the way of observation, discovery and research, regarding the cosmographical relations between the sun and earth. The astronomical theory is that if the poles of the earth continue as at present to turn themselves alternately to the sun at the same angle, the same alternation of seasons will prevail. If the poles should diverge gradually from the sun the present order of season and climate would ultimately change.

Krapotkine says that owing to a gradual divergence of the poles from their angular regularity to the sun, the alternation of seasons is sure to follow. This means that Alaska will yet be a banana plantation and Southern California a region of ice and reindeer.

Astronomers at Berlin and at Poltova have been making observations for some time in regard to what the Russian writes about. It has been found that both places are receding annually about six inches from the pole, or the pole has been receding from them. At Kronberg similar developments have been observed. Agents of the British Geodetical Society made observations in Honolulu in 1890.

### A HORRIBLE CATASROPHE:

AMONG the catastrophes that have recently occurred in this country, none have surpassed in intensity of horror, the frightful calamity in the oil region of Pennsylvania. The combination of destructive elements was of the most terrifying character—fire and water. The raging flood combined with the devouring flames on the surface of the roaring, sweeping torrents, performing their death-dealing work in the night, must have presented an appalling picture to the spectators who could view it from a point of personal safety, while none can estimate the sensations of those who were engulfed in the flaming, rushing vortex. No kindly disposed person can read the account of the terrible occurrence without being profoundly moved.

The disasters by storm, flood and flame that have been crowded into the last two or three months have surpassed, in number and extent, the record of so brief a time in the whole past history of the country.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 14.—Heavy earthquake shocks were felt at Riverside, Santa Ana and other California points early this morning.