

united with the Utah delegation in urging the President to take a western trip, and their suggestions that he make it a tour of the Pacific coast evidently had considerable weight. In the present prospect, therefore, there is a strong probability that President McKinley will make a trip to the far West and be at Utah's Jubilee, "if," as the President remarked, "the friends of the Jubilee will assist in shortening the session of Congress"—which they certainly ought to do in the interest of their constituents receiving a visit from the nation's chief.

At the meeting in the executive mansion yesterday, the Utah delegation present comprised the committee on invitation—George Q. Cannon, G. W. Bartch, P. H. Lannan, Frank J. Cannon, Joseph L. Rawlins and Wm. H. King; there were also Senators Warren of Wyoming, Shoup of Idaho, Carter of Montana, Wilson of Washington, Perkins and White of California, Pettigrew of South Dakota, Cullom of Illinois, and Proctor of Vermont; Congressman Sutfroth of Colorado, Delegate M. A. Smith of Arizona, G. W. E. Dorsey of Nebraska, and Attorney C. O. Whittemore of Salt Lake.

The formal introductions were made by Hon. George Q. Cannon, who made the opening address on behalf of the delegation, and extended the first invitation—although the regular press report yesterday did not mention this fact or even Mr. Cannon's presence—and also presented Governor Wells's letter, which was the official request of the State for the President to come. Following the reading of this letter, the President said he should like to accept, but could not leave Washington if Congress were in session. Mr. Cannon suggested that there was reason to believe that Congress would be through in time, and Senators Pettigrew, White, Cannon and Cullom expressed a similar view; whereupon the President said that a shortening of the session would pave the way for his acceptance of the invitation. Congressman King of Utah then presented, with a neat speech, the memorial, on which was the inscription of a Pioneer bulletin on the plains—"Pioneers camped here June 8, 1847, making 15 miles today. All well. BRIGHAM YOUNG." The address was then read by Hon. P. H. Lannan of Salt Lake. At the close of the reading the President remarked that the event was well worthy of a general celebration; and said, as reported in the Tribune's special dispatch this morning: "If I can, I shall go." Senators Perkins, White, Shoup, Carter, Wilson and Warren, Representative Sutfroth and Delegate Smith then urged the President to make the visit a trip to the West, receiving thereby that he could do so he would. The members of the Cabinet also were invited to come to the Jubilee, and made the same conditional acceptance as the President; Vice-President Hubert was invited, but stated that he would not be able to come.

Nothing better could be asked for from the President at this time than the acceptance he gave; and it is sufficient to justify strong hopes of his presence, and of a presidential tour of

the West, in which each western state and territory is interested. That such a visit would be of general benefit in augmenting the unanimity of national sentiment there is no room to doubt, as shown by the results of previous presidential visits to the West; and that President McKinley and his party will be warmly welcomed for their own personal worth as American citizens, and will be honored and greeted with becoming loyalty, grace and dignity as the representatives of the greatest Republic on the globe, is also a certainty. May the West have its opportunity of welcoming President McKinley on a tour to this part of the country the coming summer, and may Utah enjoy the felicity of the nation's Chief Magistrate at her Pioneer Jubilee!

WILLIAM HATES ENGLAND.

The animosity of the German emperor toward England is said to date back to the days when he was a student at the university. There were many young Englishmen at the Institute of learning, and these never let an opportunity pass to make fun of him. His physical infirmity, his crippled hand, furnished the athletic sons of Albion with subjects for many sarcastic remarks, and this wounded his pride continually.

It is presumed that the anxiety of the emperor to possess a gigantic navy is due to a desire to rival Great Britain on the seas. But the latest outbreak of anglophobia is the formation, if rumor can be relied on, of an alliance between Germany, France and Belgium for the purpose of supporting the Turkish sultan in a demand to be made upon England to evacuate Egypt.

This information comes from French sources. The activity of Germany in the Greco-Turkish question, in which that empire can have no direct interest, and also the willingness of the sultan to have the Greek question out of the way, no less than the reported unusual gathering of Turkish forces in Europe, may indicate that the rumor of the new triple alliance has some foundation to rest upon.

WOMEN AND BIRDS.

According to the report of the Audubon society of Massachusetts, the demand of women for fashionable adornment with the plumage of birds is going to result in the total extinction of many entire species of bird life, the victims being in the very nature of the case the rarest and most beautiful. The basis of calculation is a compilation of facts relating to the destruction of bird life, from which the following is taken: England imports more than 25,000,000 slaughtered birds every year, the skins and feathers of which are manufactured into articles of personal adornment. Europe altogether uses 800,000,000 every year. A single dealer in London last year received 400,000 humming birds, 6,000 birds of paradise, and 500,000 birds of other species. In the city of Chicago a dealer re-

ceived within twelve months 32,000 humming birds, 30,000 aquatic fowl, and 300,000 wings from birds of different varieties. One of the London auction houses sold within a period of four months 800,000 birds from the West Indies and Brazil, besides tens of thousands of others from different parts of the world. In view of this heartless destruction of the feathered creation, the young lady, no matter how beautiful, who advertises by the decorations of her millinery that she is an ardent patron of this cruelty of fashion, after all may not be such a lovable, gentle, sympathetic creature as she might wish to be considered.

THE FEDERATION OF MINERS.

The Western Federation of Miners began a session in this city on Monday, which was attended by a large representation of intelligent and apparently patriotic citizens, men who value the liberties that are enjoyed in this Republic; who recognize the great advantages of citizenship in a free country; who realize that abuses exist and should be remedied, but know that the barbarous methods of medieval times are not the panacea for troubles not a thousandth part as great as those such methods inflicted upon the people in their time. From their appearance and conduct it might be concluded that this class of men was the chief composition of the miners' federation as it convened yesterday. With this impression, it might cause surprise that such men should applaud the president, Edward Boyce; unless it was from force of habit at such gatherings, and was done thoughtlessly.

That those delegates endorse the violent parts of Mr. Boyce's address we do not believe. If they do, then the loyal, patriotic citizens of this State have little affiliation with them, and none at all in the radical demands of Mr. Boyce. But we prefer to believe, because the fact seems to be indicated by other conditions, that the federation generally holds views different to those of its president, and therefore that he is not fairly representative of the organization. His comment on Colorado officials as "sawing scorpions" because they did not bow to his dictum is a matter which the Coloradans probably can take care of themselves in; but when Mr. Boyce applies it to Utah by saying as he did that "the deplorable conditions" he describes as so official "prevail in every state in the Union," and thereby includes Utah, his utterances were a gross breach of courtesy and an insult to the official welcome his organization received yesterday on behalf of the State.

In making his vituperative utterances apply to all the states, Mr. Boyce referred to "those \$18 a month murderers that compose the National Guard;" advised his organization to boycott the State militia by declaring in their constitution, "all members of the National Guard ineligible to membership and withhold our patronage and assistance from all companies and individuals or organizations where any members of the National Guard