

FRED. DOUGLAS RESIGNS.

POLITICAL turmoil in Hayti is not yet ended. It is reported that General Anselme, the rebel, had sailed from Kingston five or six days ago with a band of followers to make a descent on Haytian territory. Owing to imperfect telegraphic communication between Hayti and the outside world it is not known whether Anselme effected his purpose or not.

The dispatches today inform us that Frederick Douglas, United States minister to Hayti, has tendered his resignation to the State Department. Mr. Douglas will not give a reason for his action, but it is presumed that he has had enough experience in the black republic. Ever since he went there he has been continually in some trouble or other. It was thought at first that because of his color, he and Hippolyte, who is also a black man, would at once fraternize. But it was not so. In fact Fred got along better, even with white Democrats in Washington, than with black Republicans in Hayti.

Mr. Douglass has an interesting bit of history. He was born in Maryland seventy-four years ago. His father was a white man, his mother a negro slave. He was sent to Baltimore when ten years of age, being then a slave, to work with his master's friends. He learned to read and write secretly. In 1838 he ran away, and came to the North. In Massachusetts he got married. He worked at various kinds of employment, but continued to study until he became a forcible writer and speaker. He edited an anti-slavery paper called the *North Star* in Rochester, New York. He is supposed to have advised Lincoln to issue the emancipation proclamation. He also suggested the formation of colored regiments during the war. He has held office almost continually since the Republican party came into power. Though now seventy-four years of age he is still vigorous, and ready to accept another office.

A FACTION OF FORCE.

THE brutal attack made on a motorman on the night of the election by a "Liberal" mob, and which has resulted in fining the principal assaulter \$50, was only one of the shameful violations of law and decency on that occasion. Other street car drivers and conductors were abused in "Liberal" style by the half inebriated crowd of yelling hoodlums, and the language used was fit only for the institutions advocated as moral reformatories by the Salt Lake Tribune.

When the particulars of Ford's assault upon Crow were given in this paper, the "Liberal" organ announced, on what it called "better authority than the News could get," that the motorman was alone to blame. The evidence shows that our account was correct. The supposition all round among the mobocrats and the scribes on their organ was, that Crow was one of "the opposition." So it was in regard to other street car men who were abused by the cowardly crowd that night. The fact is they were "Liberals," but it is very doubtful that they will ever be "Liberals" again.

It was the "Liberal" boss who started the ill feeling against the street car men, when, while delivering an open air speech on a previous occasion, he denounced them and the company that employed them, falsely accusing it of discharging employees because they were "Liberals."

If there is any party that is guilty of using force of different kinds to effect its ends, it is the faction that will soon and certainly go down to death, the party of fraud, coercion, violence and vice, which calls itself "Liberal" but is the most illiberal organization that ever disgraced the earth.

A ONEST REGISTRATION DEMANDED

It has already been announced that the Utah Commission has appointed Secretary Sells the registration officer of this city. We believe this to be a good appointment and that it will be considered far ahead of most of the appointments heretofore made by that body. Col. Sells is Secretary of the Territory and of the Utah Commission. He is a "Liberal" but, as we understand, one of the better sort. He is also a public officer and has an official and personal reputation to maintain. We look for an endeavor on his part to secure a fair and honest registration of the legal voters.

Two things are absolutely necessary in the work to be done before the next municipal election. First, the purging of the registration lists, second the adding to each name upon the lists so purged, the residence of each voter.

The ordinance in relation to elections in this city requires the Registrar, in person or by deputy, to "visit every dwelling house in each municipal ward, and make careful inquiry if any person whose name is on said registration list has died, or removed from the ward, or is otherwise disqualified as a voter, and if so to erase the name therefrom; or whether any qualified voter resides therein whose name is not on said registration list, and if so,

to ascertain upon what ground such person claims to be a voter," and on his taking the oath or affirmation required by law, the Registrar "shall place the name of such voter upon the registry list of the voters of said municipal ward."

The public will expect Secretary Sells to see that this duty is actually performed, and the Commission to hold him responsible for its full discharge. If the work is thoroughly and honestly done, it will be the first time the laws of Congress and of this Territory have been fairly complied with, since the Commission has taken charge of Utah elections.

Every house must be visited. A thorough canvass must be made. It must not be conducted in the special interest of the "Liberal" faction. It will have to be performed for the public good and as required by law. Many hundreds of names will have to be stricken from the lists. In every instance where the individual cannot be found the name must be taken off. But there must be no arbitrary erasures of the names of persons who can be found in the precinct, simply because they are not "Liberals." Nor must there be a repetition of past negligence, in passing by places where voters reside who are not "Liberals," and thus leaving their names unregistered.

The voters of this city should do all that lies in their power to aid in making the new revision of the lists as perfect as possible. Information should be given to the registrars concerning names improperly on the lists. Unregistered voters should see to it that they are duly registered. No excuse should be left to the officers for non-performance of duty.

The work has to be completed before the third Monday in December. There is ample time in which to do it. There are plenty of men competent to attend to it, if the design is not to make it a partizan job.

Under the latest order of the Utah Commission, issued on the day of the general election, and under the rulings of the Third District Court, citizens who have been polygamists but are not now in the polygamic status, have the right to be registered on taking the required oath or affirmation. Such persons who have heretofore been excluded by the arbitrary dictum of a registration officer, should take care to assert their rights and make sure that their names are placed upon the lists.

There should be no registration of persons who have not actually resided in the Territory six months and in the precinct one month previous to the date of registration. Residence for that