

als hold forth in numbers." There are not enough "Liberals" in the valley to form a respectable ward club.

For the benefit of the Park City editor, since he does not seem to be informed of the fact, we will explain, that so far as the People's party is concerned it is no longer a factor of the political problem. The Territorial committee has formally met and formally and voluntarily dissolved. The acts of the several counties have been thus far in harmony with this movement. There is therefore no People's party for it to quarrel with. As to what course the members of the dissolved organization will pursue, the *Record* will probably have to find out like the rest of us by waiting to see. But we think the *Record* and its co-adjutors may be assured that for "Liberalism" at least, the next election day will be a cold one. To a man of sense the disbanding of the People's party ought to testify that it is no longer in the field as an object of "Liberal" wrangling or "Liberal" abuse and misrepresentation. All that "Liberalism" has now to fight is straight Republicanism and pure Democracy.

### THE HISTORY OF A TREE.

ONE of the features of the California exhibition at the World's Fair will be a large red wood tree, which has just been shipped for that purpose. This mammoth specimen is ninety feet in circumference and it is estimated to be at least 3000 years old. A facitious correspondent in one of the eastern metropolitan newspapers writes of it in this fashion:

"Religions are more or less distinguished for antiquity, but there are only two existing religions of importance which flourished before this tree grew up, that of the Jews and that of the Hindoos. The tree showed its head above the ground about 1100 B. C. It was a promising sapling during the Brahman period about 600 B. C., when Buddah died about 540 B. C., and when Confucius died in the year 479 B. C., and an elderly tree when Mahomet died A. D. 622. At the time of the birth of Christ it must have been a tree of great size. Great men like Alexander, Plato, Pompey, Julius Caesar, St. Augustine and William the conqueror have come and gone with such rapidity during the time of its maturity, that had it been able to count it would have grown tired of doing so before the time of George Washington and Napoleon."

### FOR EXAMPLE.

"By the way, how bad would a man have to be to be worse than a 'Mormon'?"

The foregoing question appears in the St. Paul, Minn., *News*. The answer is, he would have to be a writer on an anti-"Mormon" paper—the St. Paul *News*, for example.

### RELIGIOUS CONDITIONS IN EUROPE.

THE existing condition of religion in Europe presents a rather anomalous appearance. On the 20th ult. the Emperor of Germany closed the Landtag, as the dispatch says, "in a characteristic manner." Touching upon ecclesiastical affairs, he noted with pleasure that the restitution to the Catholic church of the clerical stipends stopped during the Kulturkampf was resulting in benefits to both church and state. He made reference to the status of the religious orders of Redemptorists and Jesuits which are not permitted domicile in Germany. In Bavaria the parliament has been asked to admit the Redemptorists, and the question has been submitted to a commission. Petitions have also been sent to the German parliament to admit the Jesuits. The total number of signatures asking for the return of this order is 980,000, the total against it 985,000. The Jesuit order numbers 12,300 members.

While Germany and her Emperor appear in the role of defender of Romanism, it is strange that Italy and France are regarded as its mortal enemies. The Catholic press of America, as well as of Europe characterize Italy and France as anti-Catholic. This seems strange.

Italy has a population of about 23,000,000. Of these 62,000 are classed as Protestants, and 38,000 as Jews. The men who vote against the temporal power at elections and the men who hold office are Catholics. The Parliament which restricted the power of the papacy and subordinated the Church to the State was a Catholic Parliament. Even the constitution of Italy says: "the Catholic apostolic and Roman religion is the sole religion of the State." Notwithstanding all this, Roman schools were suppressed and several of the religious orders were either banished or restricted in their work by legislation. But the grotesqueness of the picture is in the fact that Italy with 62,000 Protestants, and 38,000 Jews is classed by Catholic papers as a protestant country.

France has a population of 36,000,000. Of these 32,000,000 are baptized Catholics, 1,000,000 Protestants and about 3,000,000 avowed infidels. Yet in France the Catholic papers say that the priests are driven from the schools, the sisters of charity are driven from the hospitals, and even the little "sisters of the poor" are legislated against. That may be all true, but it is wrong to charge Protestantism with restricting the power of the Roman Church in these countries. Statistics show that as a religious factor in both countries it is really insignificant. It is a purely

domestic quarrel, and the Catholic power has been restrained by Catholic influence.

While viewing the religious situation of Europe, the condition of Ireland presents also a rather striking picture. According to the census of last April, the Catholics of that country number 3,549,745, showing a decrease of ten per cent. since 1881. The Protestant Episcopalians number 600,830, showing a decrease of 6 per cent. since 1881. The Presbyterians number 446,887, showing a loss of 5 per cent. since 1881. The Wesleyan Methodists number 55,235, showing an increase of 12 per cent. since 1881. Here we have the Catholic religion in Ireland showing, in ten years, a decrease of 10 per cent., while among Methodists, during the same time, there is an increase of 12 per cent.

Furthermore, we find that the Catholic majority in Ireland over the Protestant sects has fallen by 355,000 since 1881. Should the Wesleyan Methodists continue to increase in the future as they have in the past ten years, their religion would soon contest the dominancy with Romanism. As a rule, the Methodist ministers in Ireland are more national than any of the sects, Rome included. The result is, that many persons who feel intensely on the Irish question are allying themselves with that sect. Religion in Europe, as in the United States, appears to be in a lively state of unrest.

### GOOD RESOLUTIONS.

THE resolutions passed by the Democratic convention held in this city on June 22d are broad enough, we should think, to satisfy the most liberal believer in Democracy, whether he be "Mormon" or "Gentile." As we understand the matter, they are an expression of true Democratic doctrine, both on national questions and such as relate to the local situation. They cannot fail to bring a great following to the party throughout this Territory.

In the movement for the elevation of Utah above the plane of local strife and bitterness, the Democrats have taken the initiative and so far have kept ahead. They have obtained material advantages. It depends upon the course that will be pursued by their political opponents in the near future, whether they will be able to maintain those advantages.

It is evident that but very few professing Democrats will remain connected with the decaying "Liberal" faction. Adherence to it by prominent Republicans will prove the most potent bar to the success of the Republican party of Utah, in winning to its ranks