

November

Shelzer on the viola d'amore (a new instrument to me) deserved praise for his sweet strains, Howell as first violinist did well also, so did Kohn as 'celloist. - The piano danced Miss Blue Clarke Cushing moved me but little. - The boys enjoyed the musical treat.

Returning to Dr's we chatted till midnight when all retired save the Dr. & I, we keeping it up till nearly 3 a.m.

Sunday 4
mild
fine

We returned in forenoon, meeting on the way Carl, brother Waldemar. Carl had come up from St. Catherine's to see the Dr. about his knee - being affected by rheumatism or gout from inordinate use in dentistry. - In evening Carl & de. a. abney were at my place.

Monday 5
very fine
warm
eve rain + Thunder

Busy about house & in office. In afternoon I drove Julius to Galt to have two of his teeth extracted. -

Tuesday 6
cloudy

Busy in office. Julius feels happy as his remaining hollow teeth are now filled. - Today is the election for president of the United States - the candidates being Cleveland - Democratic, and Harrison - Republican. The principal issue between the two great political parties is that of tariff reform. The democrats desire to reduce the tariff so that the revenue will be commensurate with the expenditures (being now largely in excess) whereas the Republicans want to retain the tariff for protection (to home industry) sake. - Recollecting during the election in 1884 the misgivings predicted by the Republicans should a democratic president be elected and knowing now that Cleveland did better than even its supporters anticipated it seems reasonable to expect that he will be

re-elected and even by a larger majority than before. — Marie is quite excited over the election and writes most hopefully to me of Cleveland's ultimate triumph, — she writes me that many of our republican acquaintances will vote for Cleveland. — Within the last fortnight Cleveland got into a somewhat unpleasant box by an indiscreet (and highly so) ^{private} letter of Sackville-West the British Ambassador to a person — denunciated — unknown to him, but who asked West's opinion on the present political situation, this letter proved to be simply a trap by the republicans for political purposes. Cleveland was so annoyed that he asked West to resign his post which he did. — It may be stated that it is a national disgrace to what means the political parties and their chief men will resort to further their ends. In the British Isles the word honor has a very vague significance. What others would call dishonorable they generally accredit to smartness. —

Wednesday 7
five

In forenoon made a survey of the Clare family property. — Today's daily papers, altho' the returns are not complete give the presidential election to Harrison — republican. — I was very much astonished at this result, & I find that it is almost wholly attributable to David Hill elected democratic governor of New York State, who had aspired to the nomination for the presidency and having failed therein showed his revenge by turning traitor and sold his democratic votes for president in exchange for republican ones for himself as governor. — It is a most despicable act. — I believe that it would have been a substantial advantage to Cassada had the Democratic party gained the day, as there were strong