

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) <sup>private</sup> 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

December <sup>reasons</sup> that the tariff would have been reduced and some raw products removed altogether, so that we would have had an outlet for our surplus salt which industry is now in a sad state for want of a market, also our wool would have found a more ready sale, and similarly with many other things. — Poor Marie will feel very sore as she is remaining over the election at sea harbor to have the pleasure of witnessing the celebrations in honor of Cleveland's election. — From the tone of the republican press for the past five months they by no means expect to win. In fact had Jay Blaine had the remotest idea that his party would be successful he would not have withdrawn his name at the time of the nomination, for if there is a man in the U.S. who wants the presidency it is Jay Blaine. Now he'll have to content himself with becoming Secretary of State probably under Harrison.

Thursday 8  
rain  
Busy in office. In afternoon "starred" the celestial vault in the meridian  $\square$ . —  
My special hour of happiness comes after tea when Ma + Julius sit near me at their studios. The most of the time (of hours) I devote to Julius assisting him. At one time the Ency. Britan. is at my elbow, at another Canadian or English history, grammar, Herodotus, algebra or geography. After three hours talking I generally feel somewhat exhausted — they go to bed + I light my pipe + go at my odd work. )

Friday 9  
cloudy  
foggy, rainy  
Busy in office at computation. — In evening Ma + Julius + I sang German college songs I accompanied on the guitar. —