

To read the Republican newspapers one would think that the election of Harrison and Morton was as sure as sunrise; while a reader of the Democratic newspapers would conclude that Cleveland and Thurman would certainly be elected. The probabilities of success are about even. Democratic candidates have the best of it in some ways—they have sure 153 votes, the electoral vote of the south, which is counted as confidently and certainly for Cleveland and Thurman to-day as it will be next December. They also have the great foreign cities on Manhattan and Long Islands, known as New York and Brooklyn. With the 153 electoral votes of the south, they only need 48 more, 36 of which will be given by New York. The prohibitionist side show will help in this way as intended, and will probably beat Harrison in the Empire state in '88 as it did Blaine in '84.

The Republicans have 182 votes sure—they need nineteen more; Indiana will give them 15; the other four they must get in Connecticut, which has 6, or New Jersey, which has 9. Both these states were carried by the Democratic candidates in '84. The Republicans have some advantage in being opponents and therefore hostile critics of the present administration, and more in having for principles, ideas that appeal to American pride, patriotism and profit.

Bets, either way, don't influence anyone and don't indicate how the election is going. Some men bet on their judgement, more on their feelings and wishes. To the writer it appears to be an even thing, with the chances in favor of Harrison and Morton. Our reason for believing that Harrison and Morton have the best chance is based on the probable action of the Irish and the manufacturing operatives in New Jersey. They decide the election in that state and if the dwellers in Newark, Paterson, Elizabethport, and Jersey City once get the idea firmly into their heads that the success of Cleveland and Thurman will lower the price of their labor, they will vote the Republican electoral ticket.

As for the Irish they will probably resent the slur cast upon them by the London Times, which says that the only time an Irishman is any use to England is when he goes to America and votes the Democratic ticket and helps England in her hope of universal free trade, and, this time, be "fermest" the government.

#### SURVIVAL OF THE UNFITTEST.

DARWIN tells us that the progress of plants and of all animals, including man, has been due to a law of nature that makes it comparatively easy for the fittest to survive. They have a much better chance in the race for life, and accordingly they develop into higher forms of usefulness and beauty while their less-favored companions retrograde or miserably perish. In the early history of the race man worked in harmony with the great law of nature. The deformed as well as those who were mentally and physically well were left to die, and in some parts of the world an end was put to what was considered a miserable and undesirable existence. The ancient Spartans sought to improve their race by killing off the unpromising specimens in infancy.

Modern civilization has changed all this. In most Christian countries the lame, blind, and deaf receive more care and attention than those who can walk, see and hear. It is stated that there are fewer illiterates among the blind and deaf mutes in this state than among a corresponding number whose sight and hearing are nearly perfect. In some cases the blind or deaf in a family are much better educated than their brothers and sisters who can see and hear. The former are sent to a public institution where they are carefully trained and instructed, while the latter are allowed by their parents to grow up in ignorance. More money is spent in educating the feeble-minded than on an equal number whose minds are bright and capable of the widest expansion. To those that have little much is given.

It is possible that there may be such a thing as going too far in this matter. Fifty years ago Dr. Samuel G. Howe, whom Whittier in the grandest of all his poems has called "the Cadmus of the blind," found in a town in New Hampshire a child who could neither see nor hear. He took her to Boston and taught her to read, write, sew, knit and to do many other useful things. She also acquired many accomplishments. Few persons are better or more widely known than Laura Bridgeman, the blind,

deaf-mute pupil of Dr. Howe. He demonstrated what it was possible to do with a person destitute of the two senses which stand first in the order of usefulness. It was fortunate for this unfortunate girl that she fell into the hands of one who united genius with industry.

More recently attention has been called to the case of Helen Keller of Tuscumbia, Alabama, who at an early age was deprived of her sight, hearing, and power of speech. She was naturally a bright child and belonged to a good family. During the past year and a half she has been under the care of Mr. Anagnos, the successor of Dr. Howe in the Massachusetts institute for the blind. That she has made most remarkable progress is certain. She writes correctly and has read a large part of the books printed in the alphabet for the blind. She can express her thoughts by pantomime. She is said to be further advanced in studies than most girls of her age who can see and hear.

Few persons have thought how many children who can see and hear, but have grown up in ignorance, could have been finely educated for the time and money spent on these two blind and deaf girls. The time of one person, it is said, was spent for twenty years on Laura Bridgeman alone. It was not the time of an ordinary teacher, such as is commonly employed in a primary school. It was that of a genius, scholar, and "one apt to teach." Such an instructor would have educated several hundred children in the time spent on a single pupil. The results would not have been as striking, but they would have been much more beneficial to the world, while many more individuals would have been profited. It is possible that sentiment has got ahead of common sense in the matter of educating the blind, deaf, and feeble-minded. Educators, like all showmen and some preachers, desire to do something that will produce a profound sensation.

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Freight, merchandise \$5. Flour and mill feed excluding bran, \$4. Freight to Shoalwater Bay \$4. If sufficient freight offers a trip to Yaquina and Coos Bay will be made early in August.  
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#### THE CHICAGO CONSPIRACY.

(SPECIAL TO THE ASTORIAN.)

CHICAGO, June 20.—Official intimations given out here make it probable that the United States has expressed a willingness to agree to England's proposition, made a year ago, for the appointment of a mixed commission to adjust claims for damages made by owners of seized Canadian sealers in Behring sea. Along with this information were facts which indicate that at times there was serious danger of a collision between war ships. They are as follows: Her Britannic majesty's ship *Caroline*, the same that has just gone to the Skeena river with troops to subdue rebellious Indians, arrived at Victoria, under orders to repair, coal and get provisions. What her service was to be no one knows. Here in Ottawa the Dominion cabinet was all in a flutter. Something was in the wind, and that something was that the *Caroline* had been ordered to get ready to secretly proceed to Behring sea. Every attempted exercise of jurisdiction by the United States beyond the three-mile limit was to be met by actual resistance, and every British vessel captured by American cutters, or seized by the American authorities in Alaskan ports, was to be recaptured by the *Caroline* at the muzzle of her guns if necessary.

Immediately following the disavowal of any intention on the part of Canada of adopting resistance as a mode of settling the Behring sea disputes, the home government ordered the *Caroline* to proceed to Victoria and act as told above.

Early in May the *Dolphin*, United States dispatch boat, left San Francisco for Alaska. It was given out that she had been instructed to the Alaskan authorities from Washington, but it became known that she had gone to see that the claims of the United States were not disregarded. Messages were flashed over the wires to Ottawa from Victoria, and the cables to England were kept busy for nearly a week, and then, as a result of this excitement, the *Caroline* was ordered to discharge her provisions and await orders. The projected trip to Alaska and Behring sea was given up. The times were not propitious for collision with the United States, and the British government dropped its foolish idea as if it had been a piece of hot iron.

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She hid in a pillow her streaming eyes,  
And wept with anguish beyond control.  
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At a vendor's stand, in a noisy street;  
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"How well you look!"  
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