

ment to professional politicians and they are widely dissatisfied with the result. The Republican party will be hurled from power. A Democratic administration will come in, and that, too, will fail to give satisfaction."

This prediction is in a fair way to be fully and literally verified. The hurling process has already begun and only needs to be seconded by a Democratic victory in the Presidential election in 1892 to make it complete. But even in that event—the scientific prophet holds—there will be no improvement, but matters will go from bad to worse. The Democracy according to the Boston sage will be succeeded by what will be known as the Labor party; still the confusion, discontent and popular fury will increase and the outcome will exceed in horror any similar situation of which history affords a record. He draws a gloomy picture of the near future, with a glorious background beyond it.

#### A CRYING EVIL.

THE population of the United States is now estimated by the latest census to be about sixty-two and a half millions. It was expected to be about sixty-five. This anticipation was based on the former census, the increase by immigration, and the calculated natural increase by births, deaths of course being deducted.

This has caused some speculation and some scientific inquiry. And it is demonstrated that the increase of population from native-born parents is far below what it ought to be, and, as stated by one of the speakers at our General Conference, the natural increase is largely dependent upon foreigners who have made their homes in the United States.

The Massachusetts census shows some peculiarities which have been tabulated, and from which it appears that a large proportion of the married women in that State are childless, and that the non-productive class of women there are chiefly native-born.

The *New York Press* says, on this subject, that "the time has come when we must face the fact that the increase of population by birth is decreasing;" also that this is chiefly "among well-to-do Americans," the tendency among them being to small families or no increase. And the *Press* declares that "one-fifth of the native married women of the country are childless."

The figures show that in no coun-

try on earth except France is this non-production so marked as in Massachusetts. New England is supposed to be the home of culture, of intellectual progress, and of all that is distinctively American. Yet it is there that the evil complained of is most prevalent. Sin is proportionate in degree to the intelligence of the sinner. Thus knowledge itself does not decrease sin, neither is ignorance its parent. He is the worst culprit who knows most of the nature of wrong and the obligations to do right. The destruction and prevention of natural increase are therefore more heinous in the sight of heaven when perpetrated in New England, than if accomplished among the ignorant classes of the old or the new world.

The people of that advanced region make greater pretensions to morality, and stronger efforts to force other people to their moral standard, than any other in the nation. Yet they are, many of them, steeped in iniquity and sodden in sin. One of the damning crimes of the age is practiced there with impunity, it is known in the most refined circles, it is winked at by the pulpit, it is ignored on the platform, it is handled gingerly by the press, and it clothes itself in silk and velvet, flaunts itself in society painted and powdered, and covers itself with the halo of religion, vaunting itself in its "Christian" civilization, advanced education and lofty Puritan morality.

It is singular that the country prides itself on the high ratio of increase wherever it occurs, that it speaks disparagingly of those localities where it is small, and jeeringly of such as show no increase of population for the decade, and yet its "upper classes" are opposed to large families, and its high-toned American ladies think nothing of tampering with the fountains of life, and throttling nature in its most delicate and magnificent effort—the bringing forth of a living soul.

As sure as retribution is a law of the universe and effect follows cause, a fearful reckoning will come for those who thus violate the laws of God and nature, and for the nation or community that will foster the shameful and debasing iniquity.

#### ON TO THE CAPITAL!

"A strong lobby of Utah Republican politicians will arrive in Washington before the assembling of Congress, headed, it is said, by the ex-

Governor of Utah, for the purpose of rushing through at the short session a bill disfranchising Mormons. It will be a step toward the admission of Utah as a State. There are now pending in Congress two bills providing for the disfranchisement of Mormons, one introduced in the House by Struble, of Iowa, chairman of the committee on Territories, which committee has the bill under consideration, and one of a similar nature in the Senate, introduced by Mr. Cullom."

The foregoing appears as a Washington dispatch to the *Chicago Mail*, dated November 21st. It will be remembered that it was announced by some of the "Liberal" speakers, during the Delegate campaign, that if Goodwin was not elected he would be sent to Washington by subscription to lobby against the "Mormons." This was used as a sort of intimidation, with the hope that some of the people threatened with disfranchisement would try to gain the friendship of the "Liberal" candidate by voting for him. It didn't work worth a cent. It is quite likely, however, that the "strong lobby" will number among its members the defeated candidate. It is rumored that he is looked upon as rather a dead weight on the concern with which he has been identified, and if money enough can be drawn out of "Liberal" dupes he will probably join the noble army of hired wire-pullers and have "a good time" at the capital. We do not believe, however, that he will be any more successful at lobbying than he was on the stump.

#### OIL ON THE BREAKERS.

"CASTING oil on the troubled waters" has been tried again with success, according to the *San Francisco Chronicle*. It appears that the steamer *Mexico* was detained outside the Columbia River bar, and could not cross it. The detention was caused by the heavy breakers which render passage of vessels impossible at certain phases of the tides. Capt. Patterson states that he waited outside ten hours for a favorable chance to cross the bar, and at last decided to try oil.

A large quantity of "waste" was placed in the closet pipes, and oil was allowed to drip slowly through to the water. The oil spread with astonishing rapidity over an immense area of water surface, and it spread inshore over the dangerous bar. The result was that the comb of the breakers was broken, and the *Mexico* passed over in safety, without shipping any sea. The experiment proved such a success that