

will arrive. That is the best that any man devoted to public service can hope to come his way.—Toronto (Ont.) World.

Mr. Bryan is more attractive as a candidate in defeat than as a candidate in pursuit of victory. Mr. Bryan's message of congratulation to Mr. Taft is in good taste, while his little address in Lincoln Wednesday night was a perfect exhibition of good temper and good feeling. "I am sure," he said, "that in private life I can have the chance to do something. One is not required to hold office to do big things."

Defeat for the presidency has soured and embittered other men and rendered them incapable of doing well those "big things" which are within the reach of any one who has the will and the capacity to work regardless of office. Defeat does not seem to embitter Mr. Bryan.

Dr. Eliot of Harvard held no office, yet he did big things. Harriman holds no office, but he does big things. Edison never held office, but his life has been one of big things. Wendell Phillips was not an office holder, but his voice was more potent than a presidential proclamation.

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office, that it is getting somewhat difficult to get the right kind of big men to take office.—Wall Street Journal.

MR. BRYAN AT HOME

It is now believed that Mr. Bryan has carried his precinct, his town, his county and his state, and the Journal is glad that he has. At a time of such crushing defeat and final repudiation by his country it should be a precious consolation and solace to Mr. Bryan that his neighbors and immediate friends demonstrated their personal regard for him as a fellow citizen and neighbor by casting their ballots for him.

A town the size of Lincoln should be proud of a citizen who is of sufficient influence and standing to become the nominated candidate of one of the greatest political parties for the highest office in the world. And Mr. Bryan has had this honor three times. It is appropriate that the people of Lincoln should cast their votes for him as a mark of appreciation of this fact. It is highly proper also that in such a case political considerations should not intervene to prevent this testimonial of community feeling from those who know and daily associate with the man.

The presidential candidate who has aspired to the goal through years of effort, who has just finished a nerve-racking campaign of tremendous energy, and then in a day sees the overwhelming defeat of his life's ambition, is a pitiable object. It is enough to well nigh crush the most indomitable spirit. Therefore it is good to know that amid the wreck of his hopes Mr. Bryan can find a soothing salve in the loyal support given him at home. Bryan the citizen, the husband and father, the neighbor and friend, is not the Bryan of the political arena. In his status as a private citizen Mr. Bryan will continue to enjoy the respect and consideration of his own people and of the entire world.—Kansas City Journal republican.

In the face of conditions that tempted rebellion and confronted by information more dependable than was ever given to the voters in a great campaign, the people by a majority vote have reaffirmed their belief in the principles of the republican party and chosen William Howard Taft of Ohio president. An administration with Mr. Taft at its head may be looked forward to without apprehension or fear of unseemly or serious disturbance. It is only essential that Mr. Taft assert himself and shake off the domination of Mr. Roosevelt to be the president whose dignity, poise and sanity will become the man who was made known to the people by reason of sturdy accomplishments in their behalf. Democrats do not expect of Mr. Taft that he will do more than he has promised, or less. They can swallow their disappointment over the kind of tariff revision promised, take what comes in the way of reform legislation, sympathize with labor and find general relief in the profound conviction that the country that can adjust itself to Rooseveltism can adjust itself to anything.—St. Louis Republic.

AS SEEN IN CONNECTICUT

The day before election we all are partisans; the day after we all should be patriots. We are not going to say that we are not disappointed, because we are and grievously so. We are disappointed with the colored vote. With every incentive given them for their political emancipation, with practically all their leaders urging them to show political independence of republicanism our colored brothers have done the usual thing. We are disappointed with the

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organized labor vote. With every reason to vote for Bryan, with practically all the labor leaders urging laboring men to do so, they have done the usual thing. We are disappointed—but what is the use of going down this long list of whys.

There is no feeling of bitterness in what is written here. If we can't be a good winner, we can at least be a good loser. No one can rob us of the right to take defeat standing up and with a smile. It is tough, but we can grin and bear it, if the people can.

It is too early now to carefully summarize the result. At this writing, however, some things are plain. Hearst and his party were not a factor in the result. Hisgen's vote, even if all of it were given to Bryan, could not have elected him. In fact, it looks as if Taft has a majority over the total vote of his opponents

in enough states to have carried him through in any event. There is no doubt that Tammany and the New York democracy swapped and knifed Bryan to elect Chanler. And although a democratic paper we are glad Hughes won.

There is no use denying the wonderful effectiveness of the republican organization. Much of the power of the republican party, however, is due to the hold they have on the press of the country. Taft had a dozen newspapers the nation over to Bryan's one in the campaign and that is a too powerful lever upon public opinion to be overcome by any one man, however brilliant and eloquent he may be.

Taft enters the White House with a fine working majority in both houses of congress and pledged to carry out the Roosevelt policies and the proposals of the Chicago plat-