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the shadow for the substance, and while they were chasing the shadow the substance has been swallowed up by the enemy.

Talk about being buncoed! The Parker men did not even receive the support they had a right to expect. Where was the promised support of the money kings who were going to furnish them the immense campaign fund? Where were the millions of "conservative" democrats who were pining for a chance to return to the fold? Where are the electoral votes of New York which they said "is absolutely necessary to have and which Parker alone can get." Where is everything? Where is anything? Oh, merciful father. which is so absorbed with race strife as to be almost oblivious to everything else?

The I-told-you-so man is ubiquitous today, and his pet phrase is exceeding- is also the right time to take warning, ly trite, but it might not be inappropriate to recall that the Press-Post strongly advised the national convention against the course it was bent on following, and it is certainly not inappropriate to recall Mr. Bryan's anteconvention prophetic vision that Parker's nomination would be followed by a most overwhelming democratic defeat.

The great esson to be learned from the election is that while a convention may be bought, paid for, and delivered, it is not so with the great mass of the people.

A great many people are no doubt already wondering what to do. There is nothing that can be done for the present. It is all over. We have elected a good man president of the United States. We have elected a man who is a great deal better than the politicians and the trust interests who are trying to control him. He has received an overwhelming popular approval. The restraint of carrying out the polices of McKinley has been removed. No man can say what he will do. He can not himself know what he will do. In the main, he will be controlled by circumstances. Each day he must be active and do the best that is in him. That is all we can ask. Our attitude must not be partisan. He is our president. When he is acting in accordance with the laws and the constitution, we should hold up his hands. If otherwise, it is not only our right, but our duty to criticise him. In the meantime, let us bid him Godspeed .-- Columbus Press-Post.

ers of the democratic party mistook country will contribute to the supply of information. There will be laboratory work at Boston, New York and Philadelphia, and every hosiptal in the land will be expected to make reports of field work.

Thus science hopes to obtain light on the cases, manner of transmission, conditions that seem to favor the prevalence of the disease, as well as those most marked where it is least prevalent.

Much more deadly than smallpox, and perhaps as easily communicated, is pneumonia, yet cities and states are up in arms against smallpox, communities go into panic over its presence, and it is popularly regarded as the pest of all pests, while until the last few where would the reorganizers have years pneumonia has been viewed with been if it were not for the solid south more or less indifference by all save the medical fraternity.

> This is the proper season for a study of the disease, as it begins its ravages with the beginning of winter. It but not to take fright. Pneumonia is a preventable disease to the extent that the chances of contracting it are reduced in proportion to the care taken to keep the system in good tone and, so far as possible, avoid exposure to wet and cold.-Minneapolis Times.

#### The President's Rash Act

May the earth rest light on Galus Plinius Caecilius Secundus and every other prolific epistolator of the ages. Their combined correspondence will bulk but as an ant hill to Olympus when sat next to the mountain of correspondence which the president of the United States is about to assail. Answer personally every one of the ten thousand letters of congratulation that have already poured in, together with the myriad others that may still be looked for! It is seemingly impossible. Not if he had a hundred clarion tongues, each dictating ceaselessly to a hundred stenographers of steel wrist and tireless speed; not if he had a hundred hands, armed with a hundred pens, each busily signing a series of epistles as they clicked from a hundred swift writing machines; not even if he had the dread facility of expression of a Clyde Fitch or a Cyrus Townsend Brady could Mr. Roosevelt hope to keep up with the correspondence that is likely to follow the announcement of the president's intention to send forth a note of reply to each person who has written to him. Those who cavil at Mr. Roosevelt's strenuosity and impetuosity may find themselves justified in this instance. Each morning as the white house doorbell rings and the president looks out of the window upon the long line of groaning mail wagons he will be likely to exclaim: "Alas, what rash thing have I done?"—Boston Transcript.

into consideration the fact that a question of national policy is either right or it is wrong, and that the issue must be fought out on this basis.

There is nothing from a present view of the returns that will warrant the assertion that the vote is due to the personal popularity of Roosevelt. His party has a fine organization, and al-

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Of every 100,000 persons who die in this country, over 10,000 are claimed by pneumonia. Consumption has been called "the great white plague," and is dreaded above all other diseases, but the close race made by its sister scourge is startling.

The latest reliable statistics for the country as a whole are those of the census of 1900, and in the year closing with the beginning of the census count, there had been 105,971 deaths from pneumonia, while consumption had scored only 5,000 more, or 111,053.

Is it strange, then, or in the least surprising, that physicians and sanitarians are sounding a note of alarm and ceasing to regard tuberculosis as the one great enemy to be met and battled with?

The disease is such an insidious foe to the race and does its work so quickly that it has not been as successfully studied as some others that are less deadly. The medical profession is fully aroused, however, and will prosecute a vigorous campaign this winter. Minneapol's is one of the cities asked to assist in the collection of data, and every other large city in the BALSAM the monoral account of the

#### **Overwhelming Victory**

The result of the election yesterday nounced an overwhelming victory for Roosevelt and the republican party. While it may be unique to say it, the fact remains that democrats could not but feel that such a result was inevitable. At least the great majority in the west held this view. The hour is too early to make a careful study and draw deductions from the election returns, but one thing is sure, and that is that the eastern democrats must have awakened to the fact that there is more to this country than the few states that border along the Atlantic seaboard, and that no party can be a national party which does not take



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