

INK SLINGS.

—They have everything so there can be no alibis during the next four years.

—Who ever heard of a man taking his hat off in a polling place before last Tuesday.

—Now that the election is over Senator Newberry, of Michigan, may be called up for sentence.

—Many a man did something on Tuesday he never did before. He walked to the polls with his wife.

—It's all over and we are willing to abide by the result; principally because there is nothing else for us to do.

—Centre county barns are bulging with hay to be baled while hay presses are idle because not a pound of baler wire can be procured.

—It would be much better to improve the quality of Congressmen instead of increasing their numbers. But we have to take things as we find them.

—My, how we could use that twenty five paid for the two column pictures of Cox and Roosevelt that we ordered some time ago for possible use in this issue.

—A debate between Professor Taft and Senator Johnson as to Harding's real sentiment upon the League of Nations would be diverting as well as interesting.

—From the way they turned out here on Tuesday the good Lord surely will have to help the men if the women ever get together on any local political undertaking.

—It is just as well that Cox didn't get elected because when we came over to the office Wednesday we found every one of the "Watchman's" roosters had started to moan.

—Have you stopped to think what would have happened had Mitch Palmer been the candidate. We might not even have had the South left for the small consolation there is in that.

—If it could be truthfully said that William Jennings Bryan has been permanently eliminated from the political calendar there would be something worth while in the result of the election.

—There's no use in post-mortems. There's no use in blaming it on any one or anything. It seems to us that nothing could have stopped such a deluge. It might have been reduced but not stopped.

—Of the 1049 Republicans who voted in Bellefonte on Tuesday we presume not one has thought of being the next postmaster. Oh, no! Probably not more than 1048 of them has given it a thought.

—As our friend Bill Hollenback remarked to us at a time when he thought of blossoming out as "the white hope": "It's a damned poor carcass that can't take a good beating once in awhile."

—As we viewed the parade on Monday night the thought came to us that some of the ladies might have dressed up as pianos. All they would have needed to complete perfect disguises would have been the bodies.

—A burnt child dreads the fire. For that reason and remembering how they had to break ranks and hunt their holes four years ago, our Republican friends will jolly with a big parade here tonight. They wanted to be sure of it this time and we all know they have every reason to be.

—While we take off our hats to the energy and ability of the women to get out votes we just have to tell that one of them, in a small town polling place in this county, received her ballot and then asked an election officer for a pair of scissors because she said she "wanted to cut her ballot."

—Anyway the women of Centre Hall had some fun out of it. They polled a whale of a vote over there and did for Cox what the country did for Harding and then they celebrated right off with a big parade and a general jamboree. Foxy ladies. They had a lot of fun fiddling while Rome was burning.

—Viewed from the standpoint of its amazing success it was well that generalissimo G. Washington Rees carried an umbrella on Monday night. It was enough to make any promoter go up and if that had happened to G. Washington he would have had a parachute in hand to bring him safely back to earth.

—Harking back to the days when the deft fingers and pointed pencil of J. Thomas Mitchell Esq. always made any bunch of return figures coming in on election night spell comfort to the Republican workers usually grouped about him we can't help smiling when we think of Tom's having business to attend to back in old rock-ribbed Pennsylvania just at election time. We are inclined to believe that he just naturally couldn't stand being in Mississippi when noses were being counted on political preferences.

—Surely the Elks contributed a lot to the joy of living on Monday night. What a happy, frivolous, harmless helpful lark it was for young and old alike. We saw in it something more, however, than the masses turned out for a holiday carnival. It was a real democracy typified. The rich and poor, the exalted and lowly played side-by-side without concern as to whom they were playing with. The spirit of good fellowship was rampant—up to the moment masks were removed then the little groups began to withdraw from the throng and nature was put under the leash of caste, selfishness or snobbery.

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Result of the Election.

The result of the election is a disappointment, though except for the size of the majorities not altogether a surprise to us.

More than a year ago President Wilson appealed to the Republican Congress to enact legislation which might be used effectively to reduce the cost of living.

The facts are, however, that the result of the election is an overwhelming victory for the Republican machine. They have not only elected their candidate for President but they have strengthened their majority in both branches of Congress.

The Election Locally.

The 1920 presidential election is now history and the results are so well and widely known that nothing we can say will change them.

In the North ward of Bellefonte the first woman to cast her ballot was Mrs. Priscilla Bell, and the fact is noteworthy because tomorrow she will celebrate her eighty-seventh birthday anniversary.

Women watchers were at all the polling places in Bellefonte and at most of them in the county, and so far as we could learn there was no friction between them and the men watchers.

As to the result in Centre county, it was simply in line with the vote all over the country, simply overwhelming Republican. In fact the verdict was so pronounced that it must be admitted that the people wanted a change and took the only way to get it open to them.

The surprising results in Centre county are really not so surprising when we stop to consider that the Republicans had a most efficient machine that has been working quietly for months on ground that was peculiarly fertile this year.

The vote gives Harding a plurality of 2867. Senator Penrose was cut some but not as much as many predicted he would be, especially by that of the head of the ticket.

Comely, for Congress, lost the county by 3210 and Tom Beaver goes to Harrisburg leaving Nagney to ponder over a defeat the like of which has never before been recorded in a legislative race in Centre county. He lost by 3148.

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DEMOCRACY ROUTED BUT NOT SURRENDERING.

REPUBLICAN VICTORIES BEYOND THEIR MOST OPTIMISTIC PREDICTION HOPES—HARDING AND COOLIDGE AND EVERY ONE ELSE WITH A G. O. P. TAG CARRIED ALONG IN A WONDERFUL POLITICAL TIDAL WAVE.

The conditions of 1912 are just reversed. Eight years ago to day the "Watchman" announced to its readers the overwhelming victory of Wilson and Marshall. Then we had 435 votes in the electoral college and had carried 38 of the 48 States of the Union for the Democratic standard bearers.

An analysis of the results would be futile, as well as hopeless. While most every Democrat with the least bit of political perspicacity has been looking to Tuesday's contest with faint hope for two years or more, few really thought that the little ground swells discernible then would develop into the great avalanche that has overwhelmed us.

And while there is no use in trying to explain away the potential power of the general unrest and disturbed conditions as principal factors in the result; in many States local disruptions in our party were such as resulted in throwing the balance of power against us.

On the face of the returns the Republicans will probably have a majority in the Senate of 16 and possibly 20. In the lower House they have made a gain of thirty or more seats, so that the new President will not be hamstrung like President Wilson has been for the past two years and the country will have every right to expect the much promised beneficial legislation to be enacted at once.

The "Watchman" is glad it is over. We expected it, but would not have been surprised had the result been different. The Democratic party is not dead. Many pessimistic Republicans thought their party was dead eight years ago. We are not that kind.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Pennsylvania gave Warren G. Harding a plurality which may exceed 700,000, thus breaking all records in the history of the State.

The sweeping character of the victory is best shown in returns from the Congressional districts. Figures so far indicate there will be but one Democratic member of the House of Representatives from Pennsylvania.

Charles A. Snyder, Republican candidate for State Treasurer and Samuel S. Lewis, of York, Republican candidate for Auditor General, were elected with large pluralities.

Although he was cut, particularly in the western end of the State, Senator Penrose's plurality probably will be the highest since the electors have been voting directly for United States Senator.

Guy Campbell, of Allegheny, probably will be the sole Democrat Representative for Pennsylvania, and he had both the Republican and Democratic nominations.

Three of the Democratic strongholds, which for years had been impregnable to Republican assaults, fell before the Harding onslaught and elected Republican Congressmen.

Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer lost his district, the Twenty-sixth, comprising Monroe, Pike, Carbon and Northampton counties.

The Sixteenth district, embracing Columbia, Montour, Sullivan and Northumberland counties, is claimed by Republicans on the fact of the latest returns.

The Republican victory in the Berks-Lehigh district was the first in more than 100 years.

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According to incomplete returns we carried but three counties—Monroe, Greene and Columbia—each by about 1000 votes.

NEW YORK.

Revised returns, tabulated at 8:15 o'clock Wednesday night, gave Nathan L. Miller, Republican, a majority of 56,381 over Governor Alfred E. Smith, Democrat, in the State gubernatorial contest.

With complete returns from all but 203 of the 7308 districts in the State, Senator Harding had a plurality of 1,057,445 votes over Governor Cox. The vote was, Harding, 1,835,513; Cox, 778,068.

NEW JERSEY.

In the unprecedented Republican tidal wave which swept the country Tuesday, New Jersey contributed more than 250,000 votes toward the popular plurality of Senator Harding.

All previous records were smashed in several other particulars. The Republicans elected eleven of New Jersey's twelve Representatives in Congress, were successful in seven of eight counties in which Senators were elected, and probably left the Democrats with only a single representative in the House of Assembly.

DELAWARE.

In one of the most sweeping victories ever known in the political history of the State, Delaware Republicans rolled up a majority of about 12,000. It was a clean sweep for the party, from the Presidential electors to the last man on the State ticket.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Returns from 1425 districts out of 1868 in West Virginia for President give Cox, 159,177; Harding, 213,513. For Governor, the same precincts give Kootz, Democrat, 136,010; Montgomery, non-partisan, 65,206; Morgan, Republican, 136,668.

Ben Rosenbloom, Republican, of Wheeling, was elected to Congress in the First West Virginia district, according to practically complete returns compiled late Wednesday.

KENTUCKY.

Straggling returns from remote voting districts in Kentucky failed to considerably change the lead obtained by Governor Cox over the Republican President-elect.

The Simple Life?

From the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

It is nearly a generation since Pastor Wagner came over from Paris full of the spirit of French thrift and frugality and domestic economies and laid down for Americans his rules as to the Simple Life.

What is the use of the pulpit preaching a consideration for the merged poor or the soap-box orator talking about the "wage slaves" and the "proletariat millions" who are without hope when we are confronted with the fact that \$750,000,000 was spent for rouge, face powder, cosmetics and perfumery?

It is true that these colossal expenditures for so-called luxuries are not wholly indefensible. There is even a secular warrant for the proper use of a box of spikenard ointment. But it is a little unfortunate that all the eloquence of the exhorters of twenty years ago, with Pastor Wagner and Colonel Roosevelt in the lead, seems to have been wasted.

What kind of a civilization we might be setting up, therefore, were \$1,000,000,000 spent for art instead of face powder, for pastels instead of pastilles, is a matter worth while pondering over. After all, there are certain lessons we might learn from the simpler life of European people.

Behind the Face of the Returns.

From the Philadelphia Record.

"The Record" accepts the verdict of the people without bitterness, but not without sorrow. There was more at stake in Tuesday's voting than the triumph of any party or the advancement of the political fortunes of any individual.

No sane man who loves his country will believe, however, that the election results are to be read at their face value as an expression of the popular will against the entrance of the United States into the League of Nations.

No question is ever settled until it is settled right. Our faith in America is not shaken by the election returns. If a majority of the people have allowed themselves to their partisanship, it has been partly because, for lack of money and pitiable weakness in organization for the spreading of the truth about Democratic achievement and Democratic policy, they were not adequately informed.

—The women of the country performed their duty as they understood it and to that extent at least vindicated their right to the ballot.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—David G. Meek, cashier of a bank at Beaverdale, Cambria county, has been elected cashier of the new Beech Creek State bank.

—Unmasked but heavily armed, a well dressed bandit held up Vincent O'Donnell, at Ashland, early last Friday morning, bound and gagged him and then stole \$25 from a drawer, but missed a large sum in another drawer. He escaped in an automobile.

—Murray Henry, son of borough engineer J. Luden Henry, of Hollidaysburg, has accepted a position with a United States government engineering corps at Santo Domingo, Haiti, and will set sail from New York on Saturday.

—The 18 month old son of Anthony Stopper, of Bastress, Lycoming county, was stung nearly to death when attacked by a swarm of bees, whose hive he had overturned while playing in his father's yard.

—Phillipsburg investors have purchased the abandoned Clinton Coal company mine at Westport, Clinton county. In addition to the mine and equipment, the purchase includes fifteen houses and a lease of 2000 acres of coal land.

—Placing a valuation of \$10,000 on his wife's affections, Henry Phillips, of Reading, has brought a suit for that amount of damages against Samuel Slater, also of Reading. He charges Slater with breaking up his home.

—After a delay of ten months, the five gallons of alcohol purchased by the Altoona school district for the science department of the High school has arrived and is now under double lock and key.

—State policemen recovered and restored to owners property valued at \$225,000 in the first nine months of 1920, according to reports filed with the state police officers. The value of stolen automobiles recovered last month was \$80,770.

—The Columbia Daily Spy, established June 14, 1893, by the late Major Joseph W. Yocum, ceased publication with the issue of Saturday afternoon. For the last two issues the paper had a struggle for existence due to the high cost of news print paper and labor.

—With three borough schools closed and twenty-four cases the State Health Department threatens to take a hand in the diphtheria situation in Sunbury, close up everything and send state troopers there to see that quarantine laws are obeyed, according to the health board.

—Some fifteen cases of chicken-pox have been placed under quarantine in the Third ward, DuBois, by Health Inspector Dennis Crancy, and in nearly every instance the case was brought to light by the truant officer of the schools and not by physicians.

—William Vance, prospecting for oil and gas in the York county hills, above Marietta, has found sand containing crude oil, and considerable land has been leased. Machinery has been ordered, and operations are to begin as soon as it arrives.

—The Pennsylvania's Buffalo evening express, due at Harrisburg at 5:15 p. m., was delayed Saturday evening by a deer which got on the track near Millersburg and raced ahead of the locomotive for about a quarter of a mile.

—The jury in the case of Miles Clinger, 48 years old, against Walker D. Hines and the United States Railroad Administration for damages in the loss of his right arm rendered a verdict at Lewistown last Thursday for \$624.58.

—That women are gradually beginning to enforce equal rights was made apparent last Saturday in the case of Benjamin Elliott, of Chester, who presented a woman's spectacle as he stood with his head wrapped in bandages in city court. He had been arrested for creating a disturbance in front of his home.