

INK SLINGS.

Nobody has heard of any torch-light processions or other forms of rejoicing over the election of Henry Cabot Lodge.

We have heard mighty few post-mortems since the election. It's strange, too, since the ladies were so much absorbed in the contest.

It may safely be said that Secretary of State Hughes got the hardest jolt in the election. His endorsement of Newberryism seems to have worked the other way.

A good many people are anxious to see the sworn statement of Mr. Pinchot's campaign expenses. If equal in liberality to those of the primary campaign he will have to find sources of revenue other than salary to reimburse himself.

Mrs. Martha M. Allen, superintendent of the department of medical temperance of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, has declared that "whiskey isn't good medicine." We are not here to take issue with the lady on the question, but we are just wondering whether she ever was, or thought she was going to be, bitten by a snake while out fishing.

Anyway, the result of the recent election ought to have lifted a great burden off the shoulders of President Harding. Now he won't have to formulate that constructive governmental policy he has been promising the country for the past two years. It would be no use. The new Congress won't be taking much advice from the other end of Pennsylvania avenue.

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If any of the teachers of the county institute felt that they had missed something by not having been around, in 1866, to hear that lecture on psychology that Col. Spangler told them he had had the temerity to deliver when he was sixteen, we can assure them that those who heard that juvenile handling of a ponderous subject would have nothing on them were they to follow the Colonel to the golf course and glimpse him in the act of teeing up a ball.

This is county institute week. The town is full of earnest educators who are here for a purpose and not for a frolic. My, how times have changed and teachers, too, in manners, dress and equipment. Now the lady who teaches the young idea how to shoot away over in the small end of George's valley looks, acts and is just as capable as her sister who presides in the High schools of Bellefonte or Phillipsburg. The newspapers, the magazines, the telephone, the motor car, have played a large part in the transformation, as the means to an end, but the vocation is becoming more attractive every day so that it is now taken up as a life work rather than as a temporary expedient, as was the case in years gone by.

Whatever unpleasant is said of Senator Newberry he must be credited with having a sense of the fitness of things. Every Senator, but one, who supported his claim for the seat he bought in the Senate of the United States was defeated at the recent election. This result has brought the gentleman from Michigan to the conclusion that the country doesn't approve of his methods and he, therefore, intends to resign. We have stated the situation exactly as the Metropolitan papers have presented it, but we don't believe a word of it. Senator Newberry will resign, if he does, not because of any fine sense of respect for public opinion as expressed at the polls but because he is reasonably certain that the next Senate body won't have enough men who condone such political crimes as his to save his seat for him.

The three big news items coming out of State College this week have been the announcement that the two million dollar endowment drive has reached the half-way mark; that Annapolis will play football at State next fall as the alumni home-coming attraction; that Hugo Bezdek is considering giving up his work as head of the department of physical education to become manager of the Philadelphia National League baseball team. The success of the drive has already exceeded our expectations, for we opined that it would be mighty hard to get individual contributions to aid an institution that the State is pledged to support—and doesn't. The fact that the Naval Academy will make the longest trip it has ever taken when it comes to State College is an incident of more than passing interest. It is incontrovertible proof that State is recognized as a leading educational institution. As to Hugo Bezdek's possible departure we are amazed. We thought when Bez left Pittsburgh and came to State it was to have a hand in greater work than professional baseball and we still think so. If he leaves we hope it will be because of something else than the siren songs of Cullen Cain or the dangling dollars of president Baker.

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Woodrow Wilson Speaks.

When Woodrow Wilson, addressing a host of friends from his doorstep in Washington, on Saturday, said "America has always stood for justice, and always will stand for it. Puny persons who are now standing in the way will presently find that their weakness is no match for the strength of a moving Providence," he voiced the sentiments of a vast majority of the people of the United States in condemnation of the malice that defeated the ratification of the covenant of the League of Nations.

The incident in Washington was one which might well appeal to the best impulses of the country. Assembled to celebrate the anniversary of the armistice which marked, not the beginning of peace but the end of hostilities, the vast crowd which assembled at the former President's home felt it a fit time to pay the tribute of their respect and affection to the man who contributed most to bring the hostilities to a close.

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Legislatures in forty-three States will be in session next year and measures to regulate the use of motor vehicles will be considered in all of them.

The Biggest Fly in the Ointment.

The far reaching results of the recent elections are just beginning to be seen as the leaders of both parties survey of the final results and analyze their effect upon the legislation that should be enacted during the two years that intervene before the next Presidential campaign.

That creature composed of "envy, malice and uncharitableness," Henry Cabot Lodge, of Massachusetts, dodged the tornado of popular reprobation and slipped through to a re-election by the meagre plurality of less than nine thousand votes.

An analysis of the returns indicate that there are various reasons for the political revolution. The tariff law which added materially to the high cost of living helped some.

Mr. Pinchot's committee on Fineganism is likely to report favorably to Finegan now that the election is over.

If Pinchot had been able to put his hand-picked chairman across things might have been different.

It is now well settled that some of the political prognosticators are prevaricators.

Touching Up the Yellow Peril.

The so-called "Yellow Peril" is more likely to reveal its menacing head as the result of the decision of the Supreme court of the United States in the case of Takao Ozawa, handed down by Justice Sutherland, on Monday.

The justice took pains to state that the court was in no respect influenced by race prejudice and it was not intended to reflect upon the character of the applicant or the dignity of his native country.

It appears, however, that two Japanese have been naturalized in the State of Washington. This happened previous to the enactment of the present naturalization law in 1906.

If there are any farmers in Centre county who have not finished husking corn, they cannot blame it on the weather; and there is just a possibility that the good weather is almost over.

Newberry Case Will be Reopened.

Not the least important feature of the great Democratic victory of the recent election is the fact that it will result in a reopening of the Newberry case. For nearly four years Mr. Newberry has occupied a seat in the United States Senate purchased at the price of a princely ransom.

As an historical relic of the Bellefonte of almost eighty years ago this piece of scrip is quite valuable. Though printed on flimsy paper it is in a good state of preservation.

The very interesting report of the teachers' institute published in the "Watchman" this week was furnished by one of the young lady teachers whose efficiency in this direction is exceeded only by her modesty in declining to permit her name to be mentioned therewith.

Both the wets and the dries appear to find comfort in the election returns, which proves that they are equally easy to please.

Trouble for the Republican Machine.

The indications are that the "Agricultural Bloc" which cut considerable of a swath during the last sessions of Congress will cease to exist with the beginning of the next Congress.

When the Agricultural Bloc was first organized Senator Kenyon, of Iowa, was made the leader and his activities made an impression on the work of the Senate.

It may be predicted that the ship subsidy bill will not be forced through Congress at the coming special session, though that is what the special session was called for.

Bellefonte Had Its Own Money.

How many of the present generation know that there was a time when the borough of Bellefonte floated an issue of currency all its own? Real, nicely engraved scrip, that passed at face value in all kinds of business transactions.

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When Governor-elect Pinchot issues orders to Vare's bunch of legislators to get into line for prohibition measures the real excitement of the session will begin.

Tourists who have returned from Russia paint rather gloomy pictures of conditions there but the average man doesn't have to encounter them.

Happily Gifford Pinchot doesn't expect a bed of roses in Harrisburg, for if he does he will be gravely disappointed.

The centenarian places no confidence in the adage that "the good die young."

The G. O. P. Gets a Wiggling.

The best part about the wiggling which the people have given at the polls in many parts of the country to the party in power is that the wiggling was well deserved.

Instead of the leadership in the lower House of Congress the Republicans have set up an oligarchy consisting of Mondell, of Wyoming; Madden, of Illinois; Kelley, of Michigan, and Anthony, of Kansas—the worst of the lot.

What is the penalty which the party has paid for afflicting the country with the worst House of Representatives that Washington has seen in 20 years?

The Tragedy of Lodge.

As the leader of the Republican party in this State Mr. Lodge can hardly survive the staggering blow his prestige has received.

Mr. Lodge led his party to a virtual disaster by pressing his own claims upon it. After such a blunder his position is more uncomfortable, even more humiliating, than it would have been had he been actually defeated.

Opportunities for Giving.

These are days when we may all enjoy the sensation called "giving until it hurts." According to the theorists this is the only worth while method of giving.

It seems the ex-Kaiser is a tax dodger too. He has withdrawn his money from a Swiss bank because it was proposed to levy a tax on deposits in Switzerland.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

Robert Conn, beekeeper, of Roaring Branch, Lycoming county, has obtained more than eight tons of honey this year from his 150 colonies of bees.

Two thousand dollars in cash and \$5000 in set diamonds were taken from a safe in the store of Lorch Brothers, at Franklin, Pa., early on Sunday.

Wilson College has received a gift of \$75,000 from George H. Stewart, of Slippenburg, Pa., president of the Valley National Bank of Chambersburg and treasurer of the college.

Fifty members of St. Paul's Evangelical church, of York, Pa., held a portest meeting on Saturday at which they went on record as opposed to the merger with the Evangelical Association.

When J. P. Corryell, of Shamokin Dam, lifted his net in the Susquehanna he found a big silver tip fox caught in the meshes.

The Highway Department the coming winter will keep 175 miles of State roads clear of snow.

When Miss Mame Grace, of Pottsville, inserted a lighted candle in the chimney of her home on Saturday in order to remove an obstruction the soot exploded, setting fire to her clothes.

The Arkwright Natural Gas company, of Forestville, N. Y., struck a big oil well on the Farrar lease in the Tidoute, Pa., gas and oil field at 1446 feet in the quicksand last Saturday.

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