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Hazing seems to have been as prevalent at Annapolis as salary-raising in an insurance company.

If Reed Smoot is not expelled from the Senate, he will regard the Mormon Church as a much stronger factor in politics than the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Our good old Independent delegate David P. Smith, of this county, made a good showing for Speaker of the House. He received three votes (counting his own) out of a possible 101.

Mr. Carnegie, it is said, will write the story of his life. It ought to contain mighty interesting reading, and it will be the book of the century if it will only tell how he got it. Make the directions clear.

Who said that the voters of Queen Anne's county did not elect last fall able Statesmen to represent them in the legislature? You can search us! Just keep your eye on the important bills they get passed(?) for our county and also the many plums(?) they will be able to pick.

The Independents of this county laid pat Wednesday morning thinking they held the key to the situation at Annapolis as the Democrats could only muster 50 votes for Speaker of the House but, when Myer, a delegate from Carroll county who was sick, came to Annapolis on a special train, they soon found out they had a "bob."

A story from Long Island says that lately was seen there three miles of codfish, one fisherman making a haul weighing six tons, requiring a team of horses to draw it out on land, the oldest inhabitant confessing himself unable to recall a similar experience. From which it can be seen that the fish-story season is dying hard.

The fact that many of the middies at Annapolis are expected to fail in consequence of the time lost by hazing, emphasizes the homely old truism that few can do two things at once. Either hazing should be abolished in favor of the studies, or the studies should be so arranged as not to interfere with the hazing, so the public, which pays the freight, may know "where it is at."

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Governor Warfield in his message referring to the corrupt practice of vote-buying, says:

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Nearly every politician will heartily approve of the Governor's words and will resolve to give the vote-seller a cold shoulder but, let them get interested and see how quickly they will dig down in their clothes for money to help carry their point. Even our Governor and other high officials would not hesitate to donate a few and, as a consequence, the lesser lights must fall in line. Why didn't his Excellency put this in practice two years ago when he was running for the Governship, and give us the practical part and not so much theory? Our friend, Hon. James E. Ellegood, on an anti-bribery platform, tried the practical part and he did not get out of his precinct.

If this evil must be crushed, the start will have to be made by those high in party circles and the rest will be easy. We would not be afraid to wager that, if his Excellency would be fortunate enough to secure a nomination for a second term that he would not be scrupulous in regard to donating a few for the "widow's mite."

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