Democratic Watchman

INK SLINGS.

-A New York scientist declares that foot-prints are far more positive as identification of human beings than finger-prints. We have seen feet that lead us to believe that there might be something in what Dr. Interland says.

-Those Democratic women who are offering a prize for the best slogan or catchy phrase to offset that of "Coolidge Prosperity" which is to be used by the opposition in 1928, can hand it right over to us. We win with the one work: "Bunk."

-Ruth Snyder and Judd Gray are in the death house at Sing Sing. Both have a chance to come back. Albert Snyder, their victim in almost the most diabolical murder of record, is in his grave. He has no chance, whatever, to get out of that.

-Bellefonte has a real policewoman. So real, in fact, that there are only two places that a lot of slips of girls who had been running the streets all hours of the night can go now after nine o'clock. One of them is home. The other is the calaboose.

is scouting in the west. Of course he doesn't admit it, but there is general suspicion that he is out there to find out whether his presidential bee can get enough honey in the alfalfa and prairie grass regions to sustain life until 1928.

-Farmers who have planted their corn are concerned lest the cold, wet weather will rot the grain before it germinates. Should such be the case they will be in a bad way, for very few of them would be able to get good seed corn for replanting, because it is so scarce.

-"Fatty" Arbuckle, premier screen comedian of former days is to return to the legitimate stage next month and will make his debut on Broadway. Strange world, isn't it, that drives an actor from the screen as punishment for immorality and prepares to welcome him to the speaking stage.

-The awful thing about the Mississippi flood is its lazy way of producing devastation. The current moves was content with a body guard of a so slowly that the crest of the flood small contingent of secret service men is still three weeks away from the whose wages and cost of maintenance homes along the lower part of the valley that have been under water for dent Harding took no summer vacamany weeks now. The situation is tions. bad enough, but think of the hopelessworst is yet to come."

been so concentrated on their arms that they have forgotten their legs. They won second place in the meet, took all the firsts but one in the field events, but not a single first on the track. It would seem that petting parties develop the arms better than dancing does the legs.

-There are insurance companies for boot-leggers now. For stated premiums the purveyors of "moonshine" can insure their wares, get any vast estates "ranging from the Bald- tinued and intimate association with duty" and fixed indemnity for every day spent in jail. We are spending various lumber-jack millionaires in millions to punish violators of the Volstead act and permitting organized effort to make the punishment almost as profitable to them as the business for which they have been apprehended.

shores Ramsay MacDonald, former him a burglar. Inasmuch as he is tion "is a praiseworthy effort to keep in her having to do the same thing. people decent." The distinguished visitor has discovered nothing new. Prohibition is and always was a ley continue to take toll in human life praiseworthy effort and it is keeping many decent, but it has also every effort to check them. This been the cause of many who had been shows the helplessness of man against reasonably decent before its advent the forces of nature. becoming shockingly indecent since.

-The American Medical Association is in session in Washington and charity institutions are bad and growone of the very first things it did was ing worse, but the political machine to demand that the red tape be cut is thriving under the care of loving away so that doctors can get whiskey friends in control of the State govwithout so much difficulty. Since they are permitted to procure it only because it is viewed by the law as a medicament it does seem that they ought to be able to get it as easily as they can any other. This would American people to support the Coolprobably be the case if all doctors would be law abiding in their use of it. Since it is reasonably certain they would not they are treated just the dealers of Centre county for the as are the laymen who once had quarter ending March 31st totaled whiskey without stint. Those who \$14,679.79. The total in the State for knew how to use it had to be deprived the quarter was \$2,629,110.52. of it entirely because of those who

-Miss Mary N. Spencer, a government clerk in Washington, died and left a clause in her will that its executor should erect a monument to cost one hundred thousand dollars over her grave. Remote relatives in Ireland have instituted suit to prevent spending so much money to memorialize such an humble person. Of course everyone knows what they are after. They want to spend part of cousin Mary's "dough" on themselves. They are probably a poor, shiftless lot and can't get anywhere near grasping our thought that a woman who worked all her life, at never more than twelve lap of Spring" this year. He has be no further demands for many trucks is increased and that will meet tune of nearly a quarter million deserves a great monument. If the law doesn't permit her wish to be carried her.



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Mr. Coolidge a Sybarite.

Washington correspondent writes: "So positively has the vision of President Coolidge as a frugal, unostentatious soul been registered on the eye of the great American public that it comes as a shock to realize that he is actually the most Sybaritic executive that has ever presided over the destinies of this nation." This startling conclusion was arrived at after a careful comparison of the vacation expenses of Mr. Coolidge and some of his predecessors in office. Grover Cleveland took a small house in Washington -Governor Ritchie, of Maryland, and at intervals went fishing during the hot season. Benjamin Harrison spent his vacation at the Old Soldiers' nome near Washington. William Mc-Kinley spent the vacation period at his home in Canton, Ohio. William H. Taft "took an unpretentious house at Beverly, and sometimes visited his

> Woodrow Wilson took no vacation during the first three years of his first term and during the summer of his fourth year occupied a mansion, Shadow Lawn, Long Branch, provided for him by the Democratic National committee. During his second term he took no vacation, the World war having held him to his duties in Washington. Theodore Roosevelt spent his vacations at his own home, Oyster Bay, where he indulged in considerable ostentation. It has been said that he drew rather heavily upon the resources of the railroads in his several trips throughout the country and used one of the government owned yachts pretty freely. But he were paid by the government. Presi-

President Coolidge's vacation last ness of waiting three weeks for "the year was a perfect orgie of luxuriance. The correspondent says White -The result of the county field Pine Camp is "a veritable little city meet, held at State College, last Sat- in the woods, set down amid the playurday, would indicate that the ath- grounds of New York millionaires, letes of the Bellefonte High have with its beautiful master's cabin, it multitude of guest lodges, its private lake whereon nobody but the President could fish." He "finds it necessary to travel with a retinue of 200 people, which includes a guard of a hundred marines to police the environs of whatever country seat attracts looking for a place in which to spend the choice of half a dozen places and win and Penrose mansions at Color- criminals develop curious ideas. ado Springs to the luxurious homes of Wisconsin."

-The Williamsport lothario who sweetheart's home, in order to throw -After a month's stay on our shot twice by her father, who thought

> -Floods in the Mississippi valand spread desolation in spite of

> -The condition of the State ernment.

---The Nicaragua Liberals killed two American marines the other day. They must be trying to force the idge policy down there.

-Gasoline tax collections from

The doctors of the country are opposed to the Volstead law but the bootleggers are in favor of it, which makes it "hoss and hoss."

-Jugo-Slavia had thirty-seven earthquakes in forty-eight hours. That experience out to subdue the war spirit of the people.

-Esteemed Republican contemporaries are worrying too much over work. There were emoluments in the the Democratic nominee for President next year.

-Winter isn't "lingering in the simply kicked the old lady out of the house.

out the public ought to build it for to fly over the Atlantic, and lots of patience to get started.

The Electoral Code Commission.

Governor Fisher, having approved of the State, the people of Pennsylvania may hope for honest elections some time in the future. Of course much will depend upon the personnel of the commission. The fact that the tives and the president protem of the Senate will be members of it, and that the chairman of the Republican State the equation. But even at that, a obtained that will guarantee considerhave power to achieve.

It may safely be said that the orig-The inadequate measures sponsored hazardous and partially stopped the al election next year made it necessary to delay any substantial reform legislation until after that event, and gasoline, for the rivals in that industhis commission is the expedient try are always willing to make a adopted.

But on the theory that improvement "is better late than never," the themselves with proper force "good may come out of Nazareth."

-Clarence Darrow, famous crimhim." Just now he has a group of inal lawyer, thinks Mr. Vare is enscouts under pay of the government titled to the Senate seat which "he partly bought and partly stole," but his vacation this summer. He has he also thinks it would be "terrible" to execute Mrs. Snyder. Long con-

Worst Salary Raiser Approved.

When the Governor vetoed a bunch climbed onto the porch roof of his the recent session of the General As- General Assembly during its recent a bunch of posies into her room, was form of looting the treasury was rived at the conclusion that prohibi- to "say it with flowers" might result worst measures of this type that was makers of the State have felt it their mileage allowance that will add con- of enactments, some improving and siderably to the pay check, and that the others conflicting with acts preincreasing the salary of Big Tom iously passed. These processes have \$8000.00 to \$10,000.00 a year.

Cunningham may have been in the law. form of a reimbursement of his much \$50,000 to the Vare campaign fund, roads to thirty-five miles an hour inevent it showed that Big Tom was the reason that slow motion has a special consideration. But what in- cause of many accidents. This of fluenced the Governor to approve the course is mere conjecture which will salary raiser for the Legislators is be determined by time and experinconceivable.

For many years really capable men cheerfully served in the House and Senate of the State for \$1500.00 the which was certainly ample for the has been disappointed and to public It requires courage to attempt a salary bill that will run considerservice.

Curious Methods of the Standard.

The Standard Oil company seems the joint resolution providing for a to be a resourceful as well as a "soul-commission to codify the election laws less corporation." According to inless corporation." According to information coming from New York, the officers of the company held a long conference, the other day, to consider the question of increasing the long conference, the other day, to consider the question of increasing the long conference of the company held a long series of charges of graft extending over several years, following so closely upon the sentencing to jail of a Philadelphia Magistrate who had collected over \$80,000 threat of the company held a long series of charges of graft extending over several years, following so closely upon the sentencing to jail of a Philadelphia Magistrate who had collected over \$80,000 threat of the company held a long series of charges of graft extending over several years, following so closely upon the sentencing to jail of a Philadelphia Magistrate who had collected over \$80,000 threat or jail of the company held a long series of charges of graft extending over several years, following so closely upon the sentencing to jail of a Philadelphia Magistrate who had collected over \$80,000 threat or jail of the company held a long series of charges of graft extending over several years, following so closely upon the sentencing to jail of a Philadelphia Magistrate who had collected over \$80,000 threat or jail of the company held a long series of charges of graft extending over several years, following so closely upon the sentencing the properties of the company held a long series of charges of graft extending over several years, following so closely upon the sentencing the properties of the company held a long series of charges of the company held a long series of the company held a long series of charges of the company held a long series of the comp less corporation." According to inprice of gasoline. The reason given Speaker of the House of Representa- for this movement is that there has been lately an "unprecedented over-production of petroleum." It appears that in some sections of the country committee will probably select the independent operators have been others, is a discouraging element in unusually successful, with the result that competition in the market has code of laws on the subject may be forced prices downward to an amazing extent. The "Standard" stands to able improvement over the past. lose heavily by this trend of the Much depends upon the voters. They market and hopes to reimburse itself by increasing the price of gasoline.

Gasoline is a by-product of petroinal purpose of the resolution was leum, and in fact petroleum is pretty not to improve the electoral system or nearly the "whole thing" in the to promote honest elections. The de- manufacture of gasoline. In view of mand for ballot reform legislation this fact the average mind would during the recent session of the Gen- come to the conclusion that the cheaperal Assembly was so strong and in- ening of the price of petroleum would sistent that it could not be ignored. justify a corresponding decrease in the price of gasoline. But the offiby the Governor would have made cials of the Standard Oil company ballot box stuffing and false returns don't take this view of the subject. They are perfectly willing to engage slush system of buying majorities. in competition with any weaker force The intense interest which the Mellon- and drive it to the wall, but they want losses incident to such an operation. There is little if any competition in 'gentleman's agreement" that prom-

ises profits. In justice to the Standard Oil compeople of Pennsylvania have some pany it must be stated that the inreason to rejoice over the adoption crease in the price of gasoline was and approval of the resolution. In not the preferred method of meeting all probability the scandals of the the decreasing price of petroleum. last Republican primary will be re- The Standard managers would much peated next year and the nomination rather have gone after the independfor United States Senator will be ent producers with "hammer and bought then, as it was last year. tongs" and driven them out of the There is even a danger that the com- competition through bankruptcy pro- lar of the taxpayers' money rather than in favor of, just election "make an arrangement which would laws. But we may hope for better have been satisfactory to all conresults from this expedient, and if cerped." But the Sherman anti-trust of increasing the price of gasoline. It is hoped by them that President Coolidge will wink at that plan.

> -The defaulting Pittsburgh banker and politician, John A. Bell, may have to go to jail in the end, though his friends still hope to From the Pittsburgh Post. switch him into a hospital.

The New Motor Law Approved.

Governor Fisher, having approved of salary raising bills enacted during the motor code bill enacted by the sembly a hope was created that this session, it is to be hoped that there will be no future tinkering with that ended. But the hope has already important subject for some years. been dispelled. He has since written Since the first motor law was enacted, passed. We refer to the bills increas- duty to pass a new law on the subing the compensation of Senators and ject nearly every time they have con-Representatives in the Legislature vened, with the result that the statute from \$2500.00 to \$3000.00, with a books are cluttered up with a variety Cunningham, clerk of the Philadel- created such confusion that for the phia Quarter Sessions courts, from last two years or more no motor owner or driver could be exactly certain The increase in the salary of Mr. whether or not he was within the

The new law commonly known as too liberal contribution to the Vare the "Hess Motor Code," makes some slush fund last spring and fall. Ac- important changes in the highway cording to his testimony before the regulations, which may or may not Slush Fund committee of the United prove advantageous to the public. It State Senate Big Tom contributed increases the speed limit on public which must have been a heavy draft stead of thirty, which pleases the on his \$8000 a year salary. Of course users of motor vehicles who seem to it is believed that the bootleggers and be always in a hurry to "get there." other protected criminals in the city It is claimed that this change will made up most of this sum, but in any decrease the number of accidents for "solid for Mulhooley" and entitled to tendency to congestion, which is the ience. If the new law is not disappointing in this respect it will be of

infinite benefit all around. The new law also makes provision term. Since the cost of living has for uniform traffic control and operabeen soaring upward that may have tion of signal lights in cities and been an inadequate recompense for boroughs, which ought to be a decided the service. But two years ago the improvement. Wherever these sigsalary was increased to \$2500.00, nals are installed green will mean "go" and turns either right or left three or four months devoted to the will be permitted where there are no prohibiting signs. A red light will stationery of the value of four or five understand these signals no matter hundred dollars to "help out," and what section of the State he or she most of us imagined that there would comes from. The license fee for years to come. But this expectation with popular favor, but lower limit in the weight would have been an addisurprise the Governor has approved tional improvement. We have not other way. been able to see the new law, as yet, ably above \$100.00 a day of actual but if it repeals all other acts on the subject it is well.

Betrayers of a Sacred Trust.

From the Philadelphia Record. The conviction at Wilkes-Barre of six school directors of Hanover townin a single year by a wide diversity of crookedness, might at first blush give the impression that public life in Pennsylvania is hopelessly corrupt and that such betrayals of trust are common. Such an impression would, we believe, be quite incorrect. Indeed, the prominence that has been given to these two cases is fairly good evidence that they are of such rare occurrence as to possess a spectacular interest.

In saying this we do not mean to condone such frauds, especially those in the holding of elections, as have given the State a painful pre-emi-nence. These electoral iniquities are in all conscience, bad enough, but it must be remembered that they are chiefly confined to Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and one or two other cities.

The overwhelming majority that
Pennsylvania, outside of Philadelphia, gave last fall to William B. Wilson, the Democratic candidate for United States Senator, against William S. Vare, is convincing proof of the soundness of public sentiment in this matter.

The betrayal of their trust by the Vare partnership has in the Senatori-al election next year made it neces-losses incident to such an operation practice, indicate nothing less than a breakdown in our civilization. But we cannot believe that such corrupwe cannot believe that such corruption is common. If it were we would certainly see indications of it here in Philadelphia, which is popularly supposed to be addicted to all forms of official perverseness. Yet, as a matter of fact, the public schools of the city, under the control of the Board of Education, are conducted with a degree of integrity and a fidelity to duty that cannot be suppassed ity to duty that cannot be surpassed by any private corporation. With annual expenditures of between \$30-000,000 and \$40,000,000 the Board spares no pains to see that every dolmission will be so organized that its cesses. Or, according to gossip on recommendations will be against, the subject, they were willing to important duties with a fidelity derather than in favor of just election through bankruptcy pro- lar of the taxpayers' money spent brings full returns and it fulfills its important duties with a fidelity derather than in favor of just election through bankruptcy pro- lar of the taxpayers' money spent recommendations will be against, the subject, they were willing to important duties with a fidelity deserving of the highest praise.
And such, we trust, is the

that animates school directors results from this expedient, and if cerned." But the Sherman anti-trust the men and women of Pennsylvania law rose up before them like a spectre olated country districts. The Hanwho favor honest elections will assert of calamity and there was no other over township directors form an inexpedient than that gravely consider- famous exception and have been guiled at a long drawn out conference, ty of a crime that deserves severe punishment. The man who would rob the public schools is a rascal of such quality that not a word can be spoken in extenuation of his mis-

Peace in Nicaragua.

It had been noticed for some time -in fact, from the arrival of American marines on the scene—that bloodshed in the Nicaraguan revolution had practically ceased. Hence the world was prepared to hear yesterday that the counsel of Henry L. Stimson, personal representative of President Coolidge on the ground since April 17, had been accepted. Both sides are to turn in their arms to American marines. President Diaz has signed Prime Minister of England, has ar- very critically wounded his attempt his approval to at least two of the eighteen or twenty years ago, the law that the freedom of the press would soon be restored. Whether the Unied States is praised or blamed for "interference" in the affairs of the little country, the announcement of peace itself finds the usual favorable reaction. There does not appear to be much bitterness in the words of the Liberal General Moncada in ordering his forces to lay down arms. "We are forced by a greater power to cease our fight," he said, "but as peace will be the result, I shall devote my effort to help in restoring order, so that the Liberals may gain ulti-mate and honest control in the 1928 elections, which will be supervised by the United States."

Whether such policing or umpiring on our part is relished or not, it seems to be wholly in accord with the obligation implied under the Monroe Doctrine. European or other foreign powers are warned to keep hands off on this side. Nothing appears to be left, then, but for this country to do what policing is necessary to the guarding against civil war in South American countries.

The good feeling on the news of peace is pretty strong commendation of Chaneyville, Bedford county rejoices of the policy.

This grand Jury Means Business.

Arkansas, after a grand jury had indicted a negro for murder, it took cognizance of mob demonstrations that had followed his arrest and issued a warning that it would take action against any persons who made further attempt to take the law into their own hands. And this is surely a hopeful sign. The weak point in all plans to do away with lynching has been the jury itself. Pass the harshest kind of legislation against way of mileage, postage stamps and mean "stop" and every driver will lynching, and if juries will not indict and convict, it all goes for naught. an exit outside the factory. Roy Tracey, But when people know that a jury means business a lynching bee does not appear quite so tempting. Arkansas jury has probably done and Tracey were on a scaffold when the more to avert violence in this particuar case than could be done in any pipe. The plate hit the scaffolding and

readable paper published. Try it.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE

-Yeggs blew open the safe in a postoffice sub-station in a New Castle store, on Saturday night, and escaped with stamps and currency of an undetermined

-Four full grown beavers, trapped in the Seven Mountains, Mifflin county, have been sent to Mahaffey, Clearfield county, where they will be used for propagation purposes. The animals were trapped in the region where a colony was liberated nearly a decade ago.

-Mrs. Nellie Woods, of Altoona, was arrested on Saturday and held in \$2500 bail on charge of involuntary manslaughter following the death of Francis Dale Dickman, 7, of Juniata Gap. The boy, on his way home from an Altoona school, jumped from a truck and was struck by the Woods car.

-Edward S. Templeton, of Greenville, Pa., has been awarded a medal by King Albert, of Belgium, in recognition of Templeton's services in behalf of the Belgian government in adjusting the Christian H. Buhl bequest of \$2,000,000 to aid destitute or needy war victims in Northern France and Belgium.

-John Saunders, sixty years old, colored, builder of a colony of small houses at Sellersville and a trustee of a colored Baptist church, of Quakertown, is in jail at Lansdale, charged with chicken stealing. Police say a ring of thieves have stolen 4200 chickens from farmers of the North Penn section in five months.

-Just after reading his report at the annual convention of the Lutheran Susquehanna Synod, in session at Milton, William T. Horton, registrar of Susquehanna University, died as he sat down in his chair last Wednesday, May 11th. He was 68 years old and leaves a wife and two children. A heart attack was the cause of his death.

-Anthony Podrobarac, Nathan Podrobarac, John Podrobarac, Joseph Herrick, and Nick Vandenmergel, residents of Cambria county, were arrested by George Sperring, a State fish warden, for violation of fish laws in setting lines in Fishing creek, Clinton county. Taken before Alderman T. Mark Brungard, of Lock Haven, the men were fined \$20 each.

-Burns received when he fell into an alkali vat at the New York and Pennsylvania Paper company, at Lock Haven last Wednesday, resulted fatally on Thursday morning to John Caskey, 30, of that place. Caskey fell into the vat at 6 o'clock Wednesday evening, dying during the night at the Lock Haven hospital. His widow and bis parents, Mr. and Mrs. Butler Caskey, survive.

-Acting the part of a "lawyer' during an initiation of new members into the P. O. S. of A. lodge at Marklesburg, Paul Moore, mail carrier, was shot through both thighs by John Donaldson, of the Huntingdon High school faculty. The revolver used in the ceremonies was supposed to contain blank cartridges. In the hospital at Huntingdon, on Monday, Mr. Moore absolved Donaldson of all intentional blame.

-The Central Pennsylvania Lumber company reports considerable progress is being made in cutting virgin timber in the Bear Creek secton, near Kane. Logs are converted into lumber. The company hopes to clear the section of timber within two years and at the present rate this would not seem impossible. Many of the trees are so large that two men can hardly span them by joining hands.

-Peter J. Hanlon, 37 years old, of Monessen, former deputy collector of internal revenue, was found guilty on 51 counts of embezzlement by a jury in United States court at Pittsburgh, Saturday morning. Sentence was postponed by Judge Schoonmaker, pending the filing of a motion for a new trial. In the indictment Hanlon was accused of stealing amounts ranging from 81 cents to \$130, which he had collected as delinquent taxes. The total was \$3,000.

-Thomas M. Baker, vice president of the defunct Merchants' National Bank, of Butler, closed by the Federal authorities Friday afternoon because of an estimated shortage of \$200,000, was arrested on Saturday on a charge of embezzlement. J. H. Hutzler, cashier of the bank, who was arrested on Friday, waived a hearing at Pittsburgh and was released in \$10,000 bail. Baker is seriously ill at his home and a policeman is guarding hm. Hutzler has confessed to irregularities.

-- The body of Ferdinand W. Duerr, Pennsylvania railroad shopman of Altoona, was found in the Juniata river three miles east of Huntingdon on Wednesday, May 11th. Eleven days prior Duerr left his home for a day's fishing and after reaching his destination suddenly disappeared. His cap and fishing tackle were found on the river bank. Constant search was unsuccessful until the above date, when a woman gathering wild flowers, discovered the body lodged against driftwood.

-Awakened by shots Friday morning at 4 o'clock, Edward Heintzleman, South Fourth street, Sunbury, found the bodies of Edward Miller, 45, a neighbor, and his wife scantily clad in night clothes on the pavement in front of their home. Mrs. Miller was shot through the left side with a charge from a 12-gauge shot gun. She died enroute to a local hospital. Miller was dead when found. The left side of his head was torn away. Miller, known to be a jealous husband, is blamed for the double killing by police.

-William Fetters, a 71-year-old farmer in the recovery of \$900 from \$1200 representing the last of his life's saving, stolen from his home, while Fetters was plowing and his wife was working in the garden. Thomas Redinger, 65, a neighbor, and his son Glenn, are in jail at Bedford and officers say made a complete confession of the theft. On his small farm, throughout his lifetime, Fetters managed to amass \$4800 in savings. Three years ago, he lost \$3600 in stock deals. Distrustful of banks his last \$1200 was hidden in a bureau drawer in the house.

-George Sargent, 19, of Marietta, died on Sunday afternoon in the Columbia hospital from a fractured skull received when gas from an iron furnace blew a plate from a huge pipe carrying the fumes to 38, who was working with Sargent making temporary repairs to the gas pipe, also This was injured. He will recover. Sargent gas blew the iron plate loose from the Sargent plunged twenty-five feet to a cement floor. Tracey grasped another -The "Watchman" is the most pipe, breaking his fall. The accident occurred at the Lavine iron furnace.