

INK SLINGS.

A New York scientist declares that foot-prints are far more positive as identification of human beings than finger-prints.

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.

Ruth Snyder and Judd Gray are in the death house at Sing Sing. Both have a chance to come back.

Bellefonte has a real policeman. 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.

Governor Ritchie, of Maryland, 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 graze 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.

Fatty Arbuckle, premier screen comedian of former days is to return to the legitimate stage next month and will make his debut on Broadway.

The awful thing about the Mississippi flood is its lazy way of producing devastation. The current moves so slowly that the crest of the flood is still three weeks away from the homes along the lower part of the valley that have been under water for many weeks now.

The result of the county field meet, held at State College, last Saturday, would indicate that the athletes of the Bellefonte High have been so concentrated on their arms that they have forgotten their legs.

There are insurance companies for boot-leggers now. For stated premiums the purveyors of "moonshine" can insure their wares, get any amount if they are killed "in line of duty" and fixed indemnity for every day spent in jail.

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Mr. Coolidge a Sybarite.

A 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."

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.

President Coolidge's vacation last year was a perfect orgy of luxury. The correspondent says White Pine Camp is "a veritable little city in the woods, set down amid the playgrounds of New York millionaires, with its beautiful master's cabin, its multitude of guest lodges, its private lake whereon nobody but the President could fish."

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After a month's stay on our shores Ramsay MacDonald, former Prime Minister of England, has arrived at the conclusion that prohibition "is a praiseworthy effort to keep people decent."

The American Medical Association is in session in Washington and one of the very first things it did was to demand that the red tape be cut away so that doctors can get whiskey without so much difficulty.

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Winter isn't "lingering in the lap of Spring" this year. He has simply kicked the old lady out of the house.

It requires courage to attempt to fly over the Atlantic, and lots of patience to get started.

The Electoral Code Commission.

Governor Fisher, having approved the joint resolution providing for a commission to codify the election laws of the State, the people of Pennsylvania may hope for honest elections some time in the future.

It may safely be said that the original purpose of the resolution was not to improve the electoral system or to promote honest elections. The demand for ballot reform legislation during the recent session of the General Assembly was so strong and insistent that it could not be ignored.

But on the theory that improvement "is better late than never," the people of Pennsylvania have some reason to rejoice over the adoption and approval of the resolution. In all probability the scandals of the last Republican primary will be repeated next year and the nomination for United States Senator will be bought then, as it was last year.

Clarence Darrow, famous criminal lawyer, thinks Mr. Vare is entitled to the Senate seat which "he partly bought and partly stole," but he also thinks it would be "terrible" to execute Mrs. Snyder.

Worst Salary Raiser Approved.

When the Governor vetoed a bunch of salary raising bills enacted during the recent session of the General Assembly a hope was created that this form of looting the treasury was ended.

The increase in the salary of Mr. Cunningham may have been in the form of a reimbursement of his much too liberal contribution to the Vare slush fund last spring and fall.

The new law commonly known as the "Hess Motor Code," makes some important changes in the highway regulations, which may or may not prove advantageous to the public.

The new law also makes provision for uniform traffic control and operation of signal lights in cities and boroughs, which ought to be a decided improvement.

For many years really capable men cheerfully served in the House and Senate of the State for \$1500.00 the term. Since the cost of living has been soaring upward that may have been an inadequate recompense for the service.

Curious Methods of the Standard.

The Standard Oil company seems to be a resourceful as well as a "soulless 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 price of gasoline.

Gasoline is a by-product of petroleum, and in fact petroleum is pretty nearly the "whole thing" in the manufacture of gasoline. In view of this fact the average mind would come to the conclusion that the cheapening of the price of petroleum would justify a corresponding decrease in the price of gasoline.

In justice to the Standard Oil company it must be stated that the increase in the price of gasoline was not the preferred method of meeting the decreasing price of petroleum. The Standard managers would much rather have gone after the independent producers with "hammer and tongs" and driven them out of the competition through bankruptcy processes.

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

The New Motor Law Approved.

Governor Fisher, having approved the motor code bill enacted by the General Assembly during its recent session, it is to be hoped that there will be no future tinkering with that important subject for some years.

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In 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.

Betrayers of a Sacred Trust.

The conviction at Wilkes-Barre of six school directors of Hanover township on one of 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 in 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.

The betrayal of their trust by the convicted school directors of Hanover township would, if it were a common practice, indicate nothing less than a breakdown in our civilization. But we cannot believe that such corruption is common.

And such, we trust, is the spirit that animates school directors generally, both in large cities and in isolated country districts. The Hanover township directors form an iniquitous exception and have been guilty of a crime that deserves severe punishment.

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.

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The good feeling on the news of peace is pretty strong commendation of the policy.

This grand Jury Means Business.

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The "Watchman" is the most readable paper published. Try it.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

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

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.

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 Junata Gap.

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.

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.

Anthony Podrobarac, Nathan Podrobarac, John Podrobarac, Joseph Herrick, and Nick Vandenberg, 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.

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.

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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.

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.

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.

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.

William Fetters, a 71-year-old farmer of Chambersville, Bedford county rejoices in the recovery of \$800 from \$1200 representing the last of his life's savings, stolen from his home, while Fetters was plowing and his wife was working in the garden.

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