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INK SLINGS.

-A desire for thrills is becoming a too frequent excuse for crime. -Aviation is still taking its usurious toll. Commander McComb, of the navy, is its latest victim.

-We are not prepared to say just what answer we would make were we asked: "Do you believe in capital punishment?" Since it is the law of the State of New York we see no reason why sex should differentiate its victims. If Judd Gray goes to the chair and Ruth Snyder is saved it will be a case of mawkish sentiment making a travesty of justice. Gray probably did the actual killing of the Snyder woman's husband, but he would never had such an incentive had she been a faithful wife.

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Disappointing Harmony Feast.

If the comments of the newspapers

throughout the State are accepted as

an expression of public opinion the

recent Belshazzar's feast tendered to

Colonel Eric Fisher Wood was a flat

failure. The real purpose of the feast

was to create substantial and endur-

ing harmony among the potential

leaders of the party in the interest

of Senator Dave Reed's aspiration for

re-election. The Mellons are deeply

interested in this project. Their varied

interests require a capable and re-

sourceful attorney on the floor of the

Senate and Mr. Reed has proved his

fitness for the job. And when the

the laudation of Vare Colonel Wood

expressed his resentment by resign-

ing his office as chairman of the ex-

This change in the purpose of the

feast was not made without the

knowledge and consent of State chair-

man Mellon and Senator Reed. On

the contrary it is widely believed that

the plan is the product of the Mellon mind with the expectation that it

would establish an alliance between

the Vare and Mellon machines that

would guarantee not only the nom-

ination but the election of Reed. It

is agreed among all concerned that

Vare's support is essential to Reed's

nomination, and in order to obtain

Vare's support Reed must manifest a

supreme interest in Vare's political

ambitions. It was for this reason

tion for present consideration is

the verification of Vare's bogus claim

But "the best laid schemes of mice

and men gang aft agle." A consider-

able number of the subscribers to the

expense fund of the feast are not in

sympathy with the conspiracy to rat-

primary and general elections of

and there is even talk of an alliance

Coolidge Will Be Nominated.

President Coolidge will be renominat-

into prison.

to a seat in the Senate.

ecutive committee.

-The first thing he knows Dean Wendt of the school of chemistry and physics at the Pennsylvania State College, is going to have such a horde of light corporations on his tail that it will be sorer than that of an antiequestrian at the end of an enforced ten-mile horseback ride. The learned gentleman, in elaborating on the hundred per cent. efficiency in lighting of the humble firefly, might be encouraging the establishment of "lightnin' bug" farms. Then we can foresee dessicated "lightnin' bug" tails in tabloid form and the end of electricity as an illuminant. And, gosh, what a babel there would also be from the ladies who had just bought new bridge lamps.

-Law is a tricky thing. Often the lay mind is convinced that black has been made white by devious legal verbiage, so we approach with uncertainty the desire to express admiration of our Honorable Court lest it might be construed as contempt. Judge Furst is presiding in Philadelphia this week. On Tuesday he sat on the Boulden acid-throwing case. Relevant testimony was the exhibit of Mrs. Stanistreet's knees and we note in the report of the trial that the Judge left the bench to personally examine the exhibit. Judges have to do a lot of unpleasant things in line of duty that might be regarded as naughty were some of the rest of us, who never miss a chance to get an eye-full, to undertake them.

-There is a possibility of Centre county's having a judicial contest. While the petition of Mr. Walker to ify the frauds perpetrated at the have the ballots of two wards in Philipsburg recounted doesn't necessarily 1926, or willing to establish a precemean a contest, such an appeal would dent which will make Senatorial elecnecessarily follow should any irregutions in Pennsylvania a matter of larities be revealed by the recount. "bargain and sale," and before the However, corruption of the electorate and juggling of the returns have become so common elsewhere in the State that a move of this sort seems of the sole benefit of a single class. Since favor of the renomination of Mr. Coolidge, and holding the convention in Philadelphia will be an important be helped his criminal employers literate and the sole benefit of a single class. But they will have to discard the recommendation of Mr. Coolidge, and holding the convention in Philadelphia will be an important be helped his criminal employers literate and the sole benefit of a single class. But they will have to discard the equalization fee and tariff result. But accomplished that result. But of the sole benefit of a single class. Since the convention of the electorate then the volume of sounds has inspection and juggling of the returns have become so common elsewhere in the State that a move of this sort seems are convention of the electorate that accomplished that result. But of the sole benefit of a single class. Since the sole benefit of a single class. Since the convention of the electorate the the volume of sounds has inspection of the renomination of Mr. Coolidge, and holding the convention in Philadelphia will be an important be equalization fee and tariff result. But accomplished that result. But accomplished that result. But accomplished that result are convention in Philadelphia will be an important be equalization fee and tariff result. But accomplished that result are convention in Philadelphia will be an important be equalization fee and tariff result. But accomplished that result are convention in Philadelphia will be an important be equalization fee and tariff result. State that a move of this sort seems the hostile feeling and has even apjustified. Even should it reveal that pealed to Mr. Beidleman, of Harris-Mr. Walker was credited with all the burg, for help, but without success, votes he received in the questioned precincts the public gratification at between Beidleman and Joe Grundy. knowing that Centre has not been tainted with the putrid politics of some other counties would be worth all it costs in time and money.

-The last person in the world we would have expected to do it guessed us out before 10 o'clock last Friday morning. You will recall that we offered a year's subscription to the first five persons who would give us the gist of a mental flash we had for a January paragraph while writing the column last week. William A. Shope, of the Shope Lumber Co., called and told us we had the old fishin' itch and were thinking of the opening of the trout fishing sesaon. William was dead right, so he gets the Watchman a year for knowing our weakness so well. Former sheriff Whart. Cronister, who wrote from Altoona to say that we were thinking thusly: "W. Harrison Walker, Esq., was sworn in as Judge of the Courts of Centre county last Monday morning," gets the brown derby. He was too far away to get a place on even the second team of Watchman All-American

you know what we would be doing? run" declaration must come to. It in particular has afforded conspicuous Instead of fooling around with such was not made for the purpose of service in that direction. Of course footless matters as deficiency bills, eliminating him from the race. On the people of each community realize Mississippi flood control and Boulder the contrary its real purpose was to that business is poor and economic Dam projects we'd be introducing a make his entrance into the contest conditions bad so far as their obbill declaring Friday, December 2, a certain. With his views on the third servation goes. But "just around the national holiday. Why? you ask. term on record and available he could corner" things must be different and Because this is the day that Lizzie not be a candidate of his own choice, the prosperity there may spread all Ford is to convince the world that however much he desired to secure over in a short time. But as a matshe is really Miss Columbia.

-Hidden away down in the bowels extend an invitation to his political of the earth-otherwise for the pres- friends and business beneficiaries to bly in the hopes of those dispensing ent purpose on page two, three, five or six of this edition—is an article was simple and easy of execution. A on luck by Dr. Joseph Jastrow, pro- number of candidates, a dead-locked lects \$4,000,000,000 a year from the fessor of psychology at the Universi- convention and a carefully-staged earnings of the people in order to pay ty of Wisconsin. When we got half- stampede. way through with the foregoing paragraph on the advent of the new Ford the White House or confidential re- taxes at the highest peak in the his-Jastrow's theory that most people get it may safely be predicted that Cal- come of \$500 a year is considerably rich because of luck. Some years ago, vin Coolidge will be the next Re- impaired before the cost of living is in the Duquesne club in Pittsburgh, publican candidate for President. He taken into account at all, and when for the two hundred dollars we had wants the job as eagerly as any child these unavoidable charges are summed won that day because State had ac- ever wanted an attractive toy, and the up and paid the average family has tually beaten Pitt, we were offered party leaders and the corporation in- little left to "lay up for a rainy day," the chance to delve into a satchel that terests want him to have it for the or any other purpose. The truth is toll in life and property. was under the table and grab as reason that the nomination of any that so far from the country being much as we could. You will be skep- one else would split the party and exceptionally prosperous at this time tical, of course, but it is the fact, elect the Democratic candidate, who it is in the worst condition, economnevertheless, when we tell you that would serve the people rather than ically speaking, that it has ever been. the satchel was full of original Ford the corporations. The "I-do-not- "Turn the rascals out." stock. That's luck for you, maybe. choose-to-run" declaration was a sub-But what if we had grabbed out a terfuge issued to deceive the public few certificates. When it ran up ten and it fooled comparatively or twenty points we'd have sold and Those who knew the President well interpreted it correctly. thought ourselves just as lucky.



STATE RIGHTS AND FEDERAL UNION

BELLEFONTE, PA., DECEMBER

Philadelphia and the Convention.

The city of Philadelphia is literally "humping itself" to secure the Repub-Our esteemed Democratic contemporary, The Record, in a commendable co-operative spirit says, "we can provide ample and satisfactory hotel accommodations. We have an equable quate housing for the convention itself and convenient means of transportation to the proposed site. And we have a special claim upon the consideration of the National committee in that Philadelphia is neutral function was turned into a vehicle for ground." These are appealing reasons ance of an abundant expense fund and flagrant offender. ought to "bring home the bacon."

But is it exactly true that "Philadelphia is neutral ground" in the competition for this substantial party fa- the Sinclairs and Dohenys were lootvor? Pennsylvania is owned and con- ing the nation's oil and when Daughtrolled by the Mellon and Vare po- erty was selling favors at the Departlitical machines and the hotbed of ment of Justice. Indeed he was the third term propaganda. The first suggestion that President Coolidge forty-five years' friendship." While might be "drafted" as the candidate, the investigation of Daugherty's innotwithstanding his ambiguous statement that he does not "choose" to run, was made by Governor Fisher while a guest at the Black Hills summer capital, and the Republican newspapers of the State have been singlight of these facts it would be more that might be interpreted as damagreasonable to classify Philadelphia as ing to his character. He has been that Reed declared in his speech at a partisan of the third term enterthe feast that the paramount ques- prise.

Secretary of the Treasury Mellon is "the right hand" of the Coolidge administration and the "head and front" of the Pennsylvania Republican machine. He likes his job and is anxious to remain in control of the finances of the Nation. Mr. Vare means sult.

-Soviet Russia will participate in That is a welcome sign of progress.

-If Harry Sinclair persists in vio-Prosperity Propaganda Refuted. lating law he may finally find his way

issued by President Coolidge and others at regular intervals, are completely refuted by statistics of the gov-The Washington correspondent of ernment covering railroad, banks and the New York World writes that the internal revenue receipts for the presopinion of President Coolidge's poent period. Reports of three of the dled, will present the petition. litical associates is "rapidly getting leading railroads of the country show back to where it was when the crypt large decreases in revenue for 1927 as announcement came out of Rapid City, and such people as Senate majority Fisher, professor of economics in Yale leader Curtis and national chairman University, estimates that the aver-Butler voiced the idea that it merely age income of 93,000,000 people of the presented the President's personal United States out of a total of 117,preference and should not be read as 000,000, in 1926, was "about \$500." necessarily eliminating him from the At the present prices of the necesrace." The Washington correspondent saries of life such an average income of the New York Times reinforces affords little cause for apprehension this estimate with a statement that of national decadence because of ex-"with the arrival of Senators and cessive prosperity. Representatives in Washington the

The purpose of the President and impression has been created that those who are aiding him in his enterprise is to deceive the people into the belief that Republican adminis-This is precisely the opinion which tration of the government guarantees any thoughtful analyst of Mr. Cool- industrial and economic prosperity, -If we were in Congress today do idge's perplexing "I-do-not-choose-to- and that the present administration another term. But he could and did ter of fact there is no prosperity anywhere except in the minds and possiforce him into the running. The plan false figures.

With a tariff tax system which colunearned bounties to political favor-Without any underground wires to ites; and State, county and municipal we suddenly became a convert to Dr. lations with the Republican managers tory of the country, the average in-

> -If the Republican National confew. vention is held in Philadelphia next have the time of their lives.

Just Reward for Crimic

The information from Washington that Harry F. Sinclair and William J. lican National convention next year. Burns have been cited, with other less conspicuous offenders, "to appear before Justice Siddons, of the District of Columbia Supreme court, to show cause why they should not be punished for their part in the surveilance summer climate as compared with of the Fall-Sinclair Teapot Dome other eastern cities. We have ade- jury," in the trial recently ended by mistrial in that court. Sinclair and Burns are particularly rank offenders against the just and orderly administration of law in this country. Sinclair is already under conviction for contempt of the Senate and by the liberal use of his money has escaped and when supplemented by an assur- just punishment. Burns is a frequent

> Speaking of Burns the New York Nation says: "He was in charge of the United States secret service when Daugherty's man; he boasted of their iquities, under the direction of Senator Wheeler, of Montana, was in progress, Burns sent three United States agents to Montana under instructions to "get something on Wheeler," and they combed the State equally bold and lawless in other

When the Fall-Sinclair conspiracy trial began in Washington the archcriminals felt the lines of justice tightening about them. The Supreme court had just previously pronounced their operations in the Teapot Dome lease fraudulent and they realized that nothing in the equation. He is for the best they could hope for was deanybody whom Mellon wants and lay through a "hung" jury or miswilling to change over night, as he trial. Then Burns was called in to did on the booze question after his execute the plans for such a result. nomination for Senator last Spring. He had the jurors trailed and traced But under the influence of Mellon the to discover a way to reach a weak Republicans of Philadelphia and Penn- point through which to coerce one or as his reward.

-Pennsylvania State College stuof Nations at Geneva this month. seeing their mail leave State College on Sundays, and are now preparing to petition the federal postal authorities to provide at least one outgoing mail on Sundays. Matter mailed after 5.45 The boasts of national prosperity on Saturday now does not leave town until Monday morning. The student council, emphasizing the fact that the local post office has had first class post office rating for many years due to the large volume of business han-

-Sheriff-elect Harry E. Dunlap compared with 1926, while Irving has so far not been bothered with applicants for appointment as deputy sheriff, and he is well satisfied, as he he is sworn into office. He is going to do the work himself for a while, at least. D. R. Foreman, who has been sheriff Taylor's office assistant, will become deputy prothonotary under C. Claude Herr.

> -Among the several reasons we had for not going deer hunting yesterday one appears to us to be rather creditable. It would have been sheer waste had we gone out and killed a buck. The weather is so warm that it would have spoiled before we could have eaten it all up.

-The controversy over the selection of Bellefonte High as the western conference football champions waxes warm. We should worry! We're the champions and we're conducting ourselves with becoming dig-

-It would be a wonderfully happy Christmas in this office if every paper we hope to mail on January 6, 1928, should bear a label indicating that it is paid up, at least to that time.

-"Politics makes strange bed-fellows," but an alliance between Grundy and Beidleman would be a startling combination.

-No section of the globe is exempt from floods this year. A recent deluge in Morocco has taken a heavy

-The recent conference between Chairman Mellon, Governor Fisher and Mr. Beidleman must have been a spectacle.

-Half a dozen prisoners were tiary to complete their sentences.

Real Business Job Confronts Congress.

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Service.

From the Philadelphia Ledger. The Seventieth Congress, which will convene next Monday, will have its work "cut out' for it more distinctively than in the case of any predecessor in recent years. This is not only because of the numerous new and pressing measures that will be pre-sented but also by reason of the large amount of unfinished business left over from the last session that must

be taken up afresh. The Senate filibuster in its closing hours killed important and essential measures that must now be revised and enacted, such as the alien property, the general deficiency and the public buildings bill. With these disposed of, Congress can tackle tax reduction, naval expansion, farm relief, Mississippi flood prevention, electric-power development and control and other subjects of vital import. This Frank Hazlett, of Oil City, was fined \$100 is a formidable program the more and paroled for two years in federal so because every item on it, though so easily labeled with a phrase, is exceedingly difficult to define in terms der the name of Hattie Pernatt, obtained

of agreement. The issues raised by these various questions are so sharply controversial that unless the spirit of reasonable compromise governs the coming session, little can be looked for in the way of constructive legislation. For-tunately, there have been evidences of this spirit among some of the leaders preparatory to the meeting of Congress. The Ways and Means Compapers of the State have been sing-ing the chorus ever since. In the in a fruitless search for anything advice of Secretary Mellon regarding tax reduction, promises a conservative recommendation to the House on which its Republican and Democratic members should be able to agree. The tax-reduction measure of last year deserved its nonpartisan label, and there are gratifying indications that its successor will embody the same

> Concerning the Mississippi flood problem, Congress should be guided largely by the illuminating and impartial report of the army engineer-ing experts. As to farm relief, there is no insuperable obstacle to some practical legislation if those who have been holding it up by their extrava-gant demands will get together on a lan that will not burden the majority for the sole benefit of a single

One of the "big" questions that ganizations. In view of the unwise agitation for the entrance of the Govto lay down a definite policy. In adjects, all demanding Federal attenand they extend from Maine to Flori- parole. da and westward to California. Congress cannot longer evade its duty in

this matter. With such a program of imperative business before it, the temptation to Congress to play politics and loaf on its real job will be particularly powerful. The "coming event" that fills the building. The lad is believed to have the congressional mind, the presidential campaign and the one which will does not intend appointing any when | spell re-election or defeat for so many members of both houses will cast its shadow before. There is a familiar saying that little need be expected from a Congress that meets on the eve of a presidential campaign. The responsibility of the Seventieth Congress will be doubly great. And the best politics it can play will be to give the country legislation that will help to solve some of its gravest problems.

Luck and Success. From the Philadelphia Record.

Dr. Joseph Jastrow, professor of psychology at the University of Wisconsin, has just made a public statement which should be immensely popular—except with the fortunate few. says the learned doctor, "Success," "is generally due to a combination of lucky circumstances and outside influence." He adds that "many have achieved success without any undue display of mentality." This will not be denied by those of us who are compelled, day after day, to observe (with envy) many of our neighbors who either more prominent or more wealthy than we feel they should be -or, what is more to the point, more prominent or more wealthy than we are. We can agree perfectly with Dr. Jastrow that these successful ones

Yet there is something more to be said. In many cases the fortunate ones must be credited with the wisdom, or wit, of being on the job when Opportunity knocked. There is the fable, for instance, of the man who, when the wolf appeared at his door, suddenly opened the portal, seized and killed the creature and with its pelt set himself up in what subsequently became an extensive fur busi-

had "only brains enough to keep from

standing in the way of success.

-Prince Carroll, of Rumania, is waiting for an invitation. President brought in from Pittsburgh, on Tues- Coolidge will be satisfied with nothing year the hoodlums of Vareville will day, and taken to Rockview peniten- less than a draft. Yet both act like the late Mr. Barkus.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-A five-foot fall, on Saturday. caused the death of Charles H Datt, of Gibsonia. member of the contracting firm of Nicholl & Datt. He was working on a wall when he lost his balance and fell and fractured

-William Banks, aged 23, of Windburne, is being held in Clearfield county without bail charged with manslaughter following the death of Mrs. George Mason, of Woodland, who was instantly killed when hit by an automobile near her home. Banks is said to have admitted being the driver. Margaret Mason, 12 years old, was badly injured in the accident.

-Appointment of H. M. James, a Harrisburg newspaperman, who was the press agent of the Beidelman gubernatorial campaign committee last year, as personnel director of the State Treasury Department, was announced on Saturday by Treasurer Lewis. The appointment is regarded as a slap at Governor Fisher, who is reported authoritatively to have protested the naming of the former Beidleman publicity man.

-Police are searching for C. E. Hugus, of New York. who is alleged to have disappeared from Pittsburgh last Thursday, with several thousand dollars wagered by Pitt students on the result of the Pitt-Penn State game. According to the complaint, Hugus claimed he represented "C. L. Darnell & Co., of New York," which had a large amount of cash to wager on the outcome of the game. Pitt undergraduates rushed to cover the bets and put up several thousands of dollars, it was reported. Hugus then disappeared.

-Pleading guilty to using the mails to defraud in a matrimonial scheme, Mrs. and paroled for two years in federal money from numerous suitors for transportation and other expenses incident to a wedding. Then. it was testified, "Bessie Gormer" would take up the correspondence, writing the suitor that Hattie was sick, later sending notice of her

-The practice of pulling down the rear curtain of a closed automobile when driving at night will be illegal after January 1. when the new motor code becomes effective, Benjamin G. Eynon announced on Saturday. He placed this practice, along with that of using posters and placards on the windshield, side wings or side or rear windows of a car which the code forbids. "The practice is dangerous. as well as illegal," he said. "A motorist should be able to adjust his mirror so that it will not reflect in his eyes and annoy him while driving."

-On a tip from a truck driver soon after midnight, Friday night, police searched for some large bundles reported lying in a road in the lower section of Allentown. After diligent looking in a dense fog, they saw an expensive automobile apparently abandoned. It contained four bales of silk, worth \$2,500, that had been stolen from a Lehigh Valley Railroad freight car, several rifles and much ammunition. The silk consigned to firms in Allentown and Pottsville, was restored. The automobile and guns are awaiting owners at city hall.

-After pleading guilty to charges of Congress cannot ignore will be the circulating counterfeit bills, five men were sentenced in Federal court at Pittsburgh, on Saturday, to the penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga. They were charged with having ernment into this field of activity on flooded that region with \$5 notes raised some of the activities of the League dents have never had the privilege of its own account, it will be its duty to \$20. L. H. Robinson, leader of the gang. was sentenced to three years: Clarence dition to the private enterprises, the Bates, Eugene Roxby and John W. Roxmere mention of Muscle Shoals, by, the latter two of Wheeling, W. Va., Boulder Dam and the St. Lawrence drew two years each, and William Roxby, River suggests the magnitude of this also of Wheeling, was given one year. problem. The other water power pro- Robinson will start his sentence after serving seven years for counterfeiting in tion in some form or other, are legion, Alabama, the Court holding he violated a

> -Quentin R. Ehrhart, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ehrhart, was found dead, hanging from a half-inch rope in an out building near his home in York. Pa., on Monday. He was found by his mother, who, in passing down the yard, saw his body as the wind blew open the door of hanged himself some time after 3:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, when he was last seen by members of his family. A motive for his suicide, police believe, is found in the fact that the boy and two others were apprehended last Saturday after snatching a purse from the hands

> -After Harry Geltmacher and Emma McGaughren, of Drytown, York county, had been married by Justice of the Peace Stevenson the bridegroom discovered the ring he intended placing on the bride's finger still reposed in one of his pockets. He doubted the strength of the union without the use of the ring. Just to set Geltmacher's mind at ease the justice remarried the couple with the use of the ring and told them that if the double knot ever slipped they should return and he would refund their money. The newlyweds left the office happy in the belief that the ring ceremony had bound them more securely.

> -Somebody broke into the New York Central passenger station, at Jersey Shore, on Saturday night and made away with a pay station telephone and its contents, a lot of small change. The telephone was torn out of its booth and carried away. Efforts were made to get at the coins in the weighing machine but the thieves were unsuccessful in this attempt. Several bank books were taken and a traveling bag. The bank books were found along the railroad tracks some distance from the station. The traveling bag was also found, one of its sides cut out with a knife. The miscreants broke out a sash in the front of the station to gain admittance.

-The Carlisle Indian school, after being given up for a decade by the Government, stands a good chance of restoration in somewhat improved form, if plans now being laid by a number of prominent Indians are carried out. The former school, operating on industrial lines, may be succeeded by an outstanding college for higher education, which Indians all over the country are hoping to endow and establish. Representatives of the aboriginal races want to see Indian youths offered educational facilities of the highest order in an eastern environment under the control of the Indians themselves. Already substantial funds have been pledged to the furtherance of the plan.