

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?"

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 anti-equestrian at the end of an enforced ten-mile horseback ride.

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.

There is a possibility of Centre county's having a judicial contest. While the petition of Mr. Walker to have the ballots of two wards in Philipsburg recounted doesn't necessarily mean a contest, such an appeal would necessarily follow should any irregularities be revealed by the recount.

The last person in the world we would have expected to do it guessed us out before 10 o'clock last Friday morning.

Hidden away down in the bowels of the earth—otherwise for the present purpose on page two, three, five or six of this edition—is an article on luck by Dr. Joseph Jastrow, professor of psychology at the University of Wisconsin.

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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.

This change in the purpose of the feast was not made without the knowledge and consent of State chairman Mellon and Senator Reed.

But "the best laid schemes of mice and men gang aft a-gle." A considerable number of the subscribers to the expense fund of the feast are not in sympathy with the conspiracy to ratify the frauds perpetrated at the primary and general elections of 1926.

Coolidge Will Be Nominated. The Washington correspondent of the New York World writes that the opinion of President Coolidge's political associates is "rapidly getting back to where it was when the crypt announcement came out of Rapid City.

This is precisely the opinion which any thoughtful analyst of Mr. Coolidge's perplexing "I-do-not-choose-to-run" declaration must come to. It was not made for the purpose of eliminating him from the race.

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Philadelphia and the Convention.

The city of Philadelphia is literally "humping itself" to secure the Republican National convention next year.

But is it exactly true that "Philadelphia is neutral ground" in the competition for this substantial party favor? Pennsylvania is owned and controlled by the Mellon and Vare political machines and the hotbed of the third term propaganda.

Secretary of the Treasury Mellon is "the right hand" of the Coolidge administration and the "head and front" of the Pennsylvania Republican machine.

Soviet Russia will participate in some of the activities of the League of Nations at Geneva this month. That is a welcome sign of progress.

Prosperity Propaganda Refuted.

The boasts of national prosperity issued by President Coolidge and others at regular intervals, are completely refuted by statistics of the government covering railroad, banks and internal revenue receipts for the present period.

The purpose of the President and those who are aiding him in his enterprise is to deceive the people into the belief that Republican administration of the government guarantees industrial and economic prosperity.

With a tariff tax system which collects \$4,000,000,000 a year from the earnings of the people in order to pay unearned bounties to political favorites; and State, county and municipal taxes at the highest peak in the history of the country.

If the Republican National convention is held in Philadelphia next year the hoodlums of Vareville will have the time of their lives.

Just Reward for Criminal Service.

The information from Washington that Harry F. Sinclair and William J. 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 surveillance of the Fall-Sinclair Teapot Dome jury."

Speaking of Burns the New York Nation says: "He was in charge of the United States secret service when the Sinclairs and Dohenys were looting the nation's oil and when Daugherty was selling favors at the Department of Justice."

When the Fall-Sinclair conspiracy trial began in Washington the arch-criminals felt the lines of justice tightening about them.

Pennsylvania State College students have never had the privilege of 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.

Sheriff-elect Harry E. Dunlap has so far not been bothered with applicants for appointment as deputy sheriff, and he is well satisfied, as he does not intend appointing any when he is sworn into office.

The controversy over the selection of Bellefonte High as the western conference football champions waxes warm.

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 toll in life and property.

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

Half a dozen prisoners were brought in from Pittsburgh, on Tuesday, and taken to Rockview penitentiary to complete their sentences.

Real Business Job Confronts Congress.

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.

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.

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.

Concerning the Mississippi flood problem, Congress should be guided largely by the illuminating and impartial report of the army engineering experts.

One of the "big" questions that Congress cannot ignore will be the regulation of the huge superpower organizations.

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.

Luck and Success.

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.

Dr. Jastrow says that "many have achieved success without any undue display of mentality."

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.

Prince Carroll, of Rumania, is waiting for an invitation. President Coolidge will be satisfied with nothing less than a draft.

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.

William Banks, aged 23, of Windburne, is being held in Clearfield county without bail charged with manslaughter following the death of Mrs. George Masob, of Woodland, who was instantly killed when hit by an automobile near her home.

Appointment of H. M. James, a Harrisburg newspaperman, who was the press agent of the Beidleman gubernatorial campaign committee last year, as personnel director of the State Treasury Department, was announced on Saturday by Treasurer Lewis.

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.

Pleading guilty to using the mails to defraud in a matrimonial scheme, Mrs. Frank Hazlett, of Oil City, was fined \$100 and paroled for two years in federal court at Pittsburgh, on Friday.

The practice of pulling down the rear curtains of a closed automobile when driving at night will be illegal after January 1, when the new motor code becomes effective.

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 pleading guilty to charges of circulating counterfeit bills, five men were sentenced in Federal court at Pittsburgh, on Saturday, to the penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga.

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.

After Harry Getmacher and Emma McGaughran, 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.

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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.