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MEDIATORS IN BALKAN AFFAIRS.

Kaleidoscopic are the changes which have come over the theater of milltary and diplomatic conflict in Europe since the Balkan war began only seven weeks ago, but none is more startling than that which presents Britain and Germany as the joint mediators and peacemakers. Each cordially hating the other, both seek to avert a general war into which they may be drawn as foes. Each is fully convinced that the day is not far distant when they must meet in a giant test of strength, but each, knowing that that test will strain every national thew and sinew and that the result is uncertain, seeks to postpone the day.

They have good ground for thus putting off the conflict, for their direct interest in the outcome of the present war is not great. It is not sufficient alone to justify them in resorting to arms. But if Austria and Russia should come to blows, the obvolved in others' quarrel and equally reluctant to prove false to their allies to tell me what the five men at Salem in the latter's day of trial, they nat- have to be thankful for." urally seek to avoid either alternative terms through the slower but bloodless methods of diplomacy.

Adriatic and perhaps to the Aegean thankful for than the quintette who ally. Sea, would constitute a strong center rest under the shadow of the gallows. source of danger to the conglomerate would be a signal for like movements pendence. Exclusion from the sea is necessary not only to the realization of Austria's desire for a longer seacoast, but to the bottling up of Servia as an inland nation dependent on and therefore harmless to Austria.

Albania is a on Servia's road to the sea. Descendants of the ancient Illyrians of Roman times, always rebellious against and half independent of Turkey, the Albanians are more than half Mohammedans. Of the Christians, one-half adhere to the Roman Church. They have no bond of sympathy with the Balkan allies except hatred of Turkish oppression. Montenegro no sooner gave signs of making the war a religious crusade than she was described by the Malissori tribesmen of Northern Albania and the Mohammedans joined the Turks and fought savagely for them. When Servia showed her pur pose to annex part of Albania and secure an Albanian seaport, the Albanian chiefs met at Aviona and proclaimed the independence of their province. Austria now professes a de sire to see Albania an independent under a protectorate. would probably extort certain rights the coast, and, remembering what happened to Bosnia and Herzegovina. we can easily imagine how the protectorate would end.

the Bosphorus and Dardanelles shall be thrown open to Russian warships. The only further object Russia can have to gain in Europe by opposing Austria's claims is to prevent that country from reaching the sea in Albania and Macedonia. Were Austria to expand southward, she would become a dangerous rival of Russia as the chief power of the Slav race. Russia desires to develop the Slav nations of the Balkan peninsula as a buffer against the Austrian advance and to have them lock up to her as their champion and protector. Thwarting of Servia's ambition for the benefit of Austria would, therefore, be contrary to Russian policy. Whether she would fight on behalf of It seems to be generally agreed that Whether she would fight on behalf of Servia alone is a question, but she might find an inducement in the prospect of annexing large slices of Turkish territory in Asia. The growth of an Austrian naval power on the Aegean Sea, in close preximity to the Black Sea, would also be unwelcome

to Russia. The attitude of the present British government is decidedly friendly to the Balkan states. Although Britain would not go to war on their behalf, Premier Asquith has declared that and others who doubt the constitutionthey should not be robbed of the territory they have won by force of arms, taxation all household effects have no doubt expressed British sentiment, and British diplomacy would be Their doubt is founded on a decision guided accordingly. Germany would of the Supreme Court holding invalid like to see Austria expand southward, an enactment by the Legislature exboth to gratify her ally and to suit her own designs, which aim to make value of \$300. the Austro-Hungarian empire purely Slavenic and to attach the German provinces to the German empire. But vote to enact a constitutional amend-Germany would hardly be disposed to go to war with this object. While Italy's obligations bind her to back before the people is exactly the same. Austria, her interests would be better served if that country acquired no more coast line on the Adriatic. France has no important National

interest involved. We may expect a European congress similar to that at Berlin to settle Baikan affairs, unless some rash magazine, cause a sudden warlike explosion, involving Austria, then Russia and perhaps ultimately all of Europe. We may expect to find Russia back-

ing the Balkan states in the congress mutual and smoothing down their rivalries. Arrayed on the side of Russia would be Britain and France; on that of Austria would be Germany and Italy; but Britain and Germany may figure as mediators. It is possible that the outcome may be a Balkan confederation or customs union including Albania. An alternative may be the creation of one or more free ports in Albania and another at Salonica. If Constantinople should be captured, it may fall to Bulgaria or may also become a free port. via could then get to the sea without sacrifice of Albanian nationality or autonomy, and the Austrian advance would be checked.

Veteran Levi Myers, whose voice is for peace, is sure that Generalissimo Brown—George Arthur Brown—did the best he could for the Progressive cause in Oregon during the recent campaign. Angels could do no more. We agree, and we recommend to Boss Coe that Generalissimo Brown be sent as a delegate to the Progressive con-ference on December 16-11, in Chicago, so that it may be officially explained that the one great result of the Progressive defection in Oregon was to deliver the state safely to Wilson.

But one real duty of the forthcom ing Progressive post mortem, obviously, will be to define a Progressive; and everybody here would like to have presented to the mourners the testimony of Boss Coe and Generalissimo Brown, Veteran Myers, and all other competent witnesses on that vital

subject. Your true Oregon Progressive is that candidate for public office who succeeds in capturing a Republican nomination, thereafter repudiating the Republican party.

Is the ability of a candidate, mas-querading as a Republican, to enter a Republican primary and get away with a nomiantion, to be hereafter test of his Progressiveness?

ONE RAY OF LIGHT IN THEIR GLOOM. "I am thankful for what I have and for what I hope to get," writes a good ligations of Britain and Germany to woman to The Oregonian; "but I their allies might force them into the should like to have you, who believe struggle. Reluctant to be thus in- in capital punishment-killing men because they have killed other men-

The Oregonian is not disposed to by bringing the opposing nations to reply in terms that might easily be which the world accomplishes its im- so completely conventionalized that justified by showing how the law pre- provements. They would like to see Dickens' supremely original gentus ss methods of diplomacy.

Scribes a proper penalty for murder the "revolution," as they call it, hap-could not find a handle to selze the Austria has more direct cause for and the murderer justly forfeits his pen over night, and wake up the next type by. We do not mean to deny, fighting than has Russia. Her great life for his crime. All these things morning in a perfect world. If they of course, that Thackeray was also a small corner and needs a wider doorway. Her polyglot population includes millions of Serbs in Croatia, Slavonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, all bordering on free and independent Servis. A great kingdom of Servia, at the families of the victims of these stretching from the Danube to the inland empire touches the sea only at have been said over and over, with a small corner and needs a wider such effect that the people of Oregon ever long before night. The truth is manner. He described the old, habitstretching from the Danube to the five doomed men have even less to be may make, and he does it continu- lar world. The other voyaged to a

Austrian rule. It would be a constant may take a grain of consolation to things stand. At any rate some kinds organization of the Progressive themselves that they do not live in of advice are cheap, that kind, for party. While the genuine soldiers of aggregation of peoples who are gathered under Austrian rule. A movement of the Serbs to unite under the Servian King would be threatened and ment once inflicted on great male- all we should all be starving in a week up for them a platform which is an by other nationalities ruled by Austria factors and often on others. It is to rationalities ruled by Austria factors and often on others. It is or two. But there is some advice endorsement of monopoly regulated which is neither cheap nor bad. In by the Government. Having put up something.

other nations for access to the sea, with the chief executive of the state becloud his mind. At such a time if the investment. Too bad that \$262, the power of reprieve and commu- he had some one to-advise him wisely 500 of hard-earned money should

GIVE THE SETTLER HIS DUE.

President Wilson will have a fine opportunity to draw a definite line between theoretical conservation and of a Secretary of the Interior. The meaning of the general uprising a widespread demand for a Secretary of the Interior who lives in that great ection, where is much yet to be conserved, and not from the East, where there is nothing left but memorles of resources wasted and a public domain despoiled, is that the people are tired impractical theories and bureaucratic methods. It means also that the people want the Wilson policy on conservation to be defined and controlled by the platform on which he was elected.

The conservation plank in the Demperatic platform is a sane and reasonable interpretation of the correct principle of conservation with use. It contains a clear declaration for conservation, and it adds among other things these satisfactory sentences:

A Secretary of the Interior ought to come from the West, where the problems and trials of the settler are understood and appreciated. Such a man could do a great and useful work for the wronged developers of the public domain. The long and harmful era of red-tape bureaucracy and meddlesome officialism ought to be ended.

HOUSEHOLD EXEMPTION VALID,

State Tax Commissioner Galloway ality of the new act exempting from overlooked one factor in the case. empting household furniture up to the

We are living in an era of popular government. It requires no greater ment than it does a simple statute. The process of getting each measure The only difference is in the title. It would seem reasonable that a mere matter of title wording ought not to readers of "Bleak House," defeat the will of the people.

This view has already been adopted by the Oregon Supreme Court. In the opinion construing the home rule liquor amendment adopted in 1910 the

does to enact, alter or repeal a statute, for a majority vote is sufficient to give sanction to a bill and no greater vote is required to amond the fundamental law.

If we adapt this line of reasoning to the tax situation, we find that the con- but it is shallow. He does the stitution simply requires that in all tax and thinks the thoughts suitable to measures enacted by the Legislature the "uniform rule" shall prevail. It men." There is so little of originality proved by the voters, inasmuch as be taken as a lay figure standing for of household goods by constitutional held that Thackeray's preoccupation amendment as easily and as readily and by the same vote as they enacted an ordinary statute to that effect by

initiative. The case may be given in other ed a means of enacting laws regardless of constitutional limitations. The title social forms, settle the matter. 'constitutional amendment" is only ecessarily applied in the event 'the damental principle for the guidance of the Legislature—not of the people. When the proposed initiative enactment is so comprehensive that legislative amendment may be required, of an ordinary statute.

This is a logical interpretation and ing of the Supreme Court. It ought to relieve the Legislature of sentimental reluctance to amend any initiative statute that has been adopted or obvious misunderstanding or lack give them life. He puts them in his of knowledge on the part of the votthrough willful deceit by the framers ers, or of any act that is uncertain in terms, ambiguous or otherwise loosely drawn.

PUBLIC ADVISERS.

The Oregonian has received a de-

will be cared for without feeling that a perfectly obvious symbolism and so

ould end.

they are living on charity." look forward to.

We are disposed to agree with the Sea, would constitute a strong center of attraction to men of the same race who have frequently revolted against they knew anything about history. almost every emergency of life there \$122,500 to secure Roosevelt's nomi-Meanwhile a humane and just peols some course which is better to follow than any other. Often a person
justice must have controlling and
competent direction, long ago lodged
competent direction, long ago lodged tween life and death to him.

THACKERAY'S LONDON.

An interesting item of current liter. ary gossip relates to F. Hopkinson real conservation in his appointment Smith's project of publishing a book before a great while on Thackeray's It will be illustrated with London. throughout the West, crystalizing in his own charcoal drawings and will overlook none of the important scenes which Trackeray describes in his novels. The room where Colonel New come dled, the haunts of Becky Sharp, her snug little house rented for 'nothing a year." the store where she upon the head of the wretched greengrocer, these and dozens of other celebrated places will figure in the new trick to play on an book. Hopkinson Smith makes his working burglar. book. drawings in a taxicab. He stations it at the desired point in the street, after getting permission from the police, liked fifty men for today's football and proceeds to do his work regardless of the interested crowd always gathers. It seems that he has pursued the same plan of work in many European cities, even in Mosuseful friends of the police so that they place no impediments in his way Illustrated in this manner, the book on London as Thackeray saw it ought be extremely attractive, the more Honolulu, we assume an obligation to so as Mr. Smith will himself write the see that others provide them. text to go with the pictures. He is a literary artist as well as a master of will doubtless be as good as his ulation as to next season's baseball drawings. The reader of Thackeray's novels

can hardly help becoming more or merous and his power to bring them ducking stool. vividly before the imagination was undeniable. But for all that it was the English-speaking people of the ing blood. With all his genius Thackeray world. lacked his great rival's capacity to visualize and to enlist the reader's sympathy in what he describes. His interest in places is more external than Dickens'. He values them as settings for his characters, not much and houses of London were almost as much alive as the people who lived and moved in them. a human interest which did not always depend on the adventures of any living person. Dickens' visualizing power was so strong and his sympathy so deep with anything that touched even remotely upon the affairs of men that places act in his books very much like persons and the reader learns to love them quite apart from anything that may have happened there. This is not so in Thackeray. We see none of his houses in imagination with that perfect clearness of vision which makes Mr. Tulkinghorn's

Thackeray's interest in places was superficial. Dickens' went to the roots of life. No doubt the difference in their way of regarding the human environment corresponded to a genuine difference between their

office an intimate associate of the

more concerned with the surface of life than with its depth. The psychology of such a character as Colonel Newcome is charming in the extreme There is so little of originality has no application to tax laws ap- in his nature that he might almost the people could have made an ex- any Englishman of his rank in life ception to the "uniform rule" in favor and general habits. Some critics have with the "gentleman" somewhat impaired his interest in men and women The qualities which make for conventional gentility are entirely superficial The habitual use of certain forms o words. Direct legislation has provid. expression, a certain cut of the clothing, the observance of a fixed set of was with things of this sort that Thackeray occupied himself, not to framers of the law propose some funhuman qualities, but apparently preference. In his own career cared more than anything else for the repute of gentility. It was his great, lifelong ambition to be received at the the law should be given only the force better clubs on equal terms with the seemingly in accord with the reason-or of the Supreme Court. It ought terest are usually of the Vere de Vere type. His middle class people are

simpletons, for the most part, and his

humbler folk are mere automata. He

does not care enough about them to

without them and he does the same thing with houses and streets. Dickens' mind worked in a different way entirely. To him a person's garments, manners and speech were in teresting, not at all because they betrayed the social class he belonged pressing letter from Jessie E. Swope, with, but because they revealed his of Toledo, Oregon, on the subject of individual peculiarities. The creator public advisers. The letter is printed of Pickwick and Agnes Wakefield today in another place. Our corre- found nothing else in the world so spondent does not believe that a public important and interesting as human adviser could do any good. He would souls and the soul of a street sweeper simply be one more grafter on the was as fascinating as that of a Duke, purse of the public, and there it more so probably since it had not been so carefully planed down to a pattern. What she wants to see is a social In Dickens' stories everything a char system "so arranged that when a man acter wears or owns indicates a mens unable to work he and his family tal trait. Sarah Gamp's umbrella has has her old alpaca gown. The fun of This is a delightful condition to his dialect always corresponds to mer-We may actually be riment in the heart that utters it. moving toward it, albeit far too slow- Thackeray spent his literary life dey perhaps to suit our friend. She and scribing "gentlemen." Dickens never others like her are apt to be discon- tried to do so more than once or twice tented with the deliberate way in and then he failed. The gentleman is

it might mean all the difference be- thus go glimmering and that the ungrateful party should now eliminating the giver.

did her marketing and brought ruin because diamonds he had gone to a

China should fight Russia for

possession of Mongolia, she might cow, and always manages to make prove a valuable ally of Austria in case the Balkan war spreads. If we forbid Japanese steamship lines to acquire coaling stations in

Following Thanksgiving day come line and color and his descriptions the season of indoor sports and spec

If the English suffragettes continue less familiar with the London of his their pernicious activity, the governday. The places he describes are nu- ment may be driven to revive the

winners. All this is restful.

India will give a dozen warships to not Thackeray but Dickens who made the British navy. Home-born or co-London the metropolis of the heart to lonial, the Briton is true to his fight-

> China is reported to be preparing for war with Russia or Japan. China ought to practice on Anam or Siam, first.

Snowfall in Portland. But nobody for themselves. To Dickens the streets knew anything about it until the phenomenon was noted by the press. More than \$162,000 was spent in the

gamble that ended November 5 in Ore

gon alone, with few winners. They are going to fiddle around or that European war tune until something heavy drops.

Portland has another murder mys ery, yet many would stay the hangman's hand.

tune picking rags. On a plano, no doubt. Why don't the people of the sne South come to Oregon and enjoy life?

So a Kentucky baby was born with gray hair. They're usually born bald.

Near-snowfall yesterday was smal weather joke of the season.

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS AT DOOR

Northwest Has Vineyard Lands for Growers of Pest-Ridden Europe. LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 23 .- (To the Editor.)—Surely it will be of great interest and utility to many to learn that just now the states of Oregon and Washington can assure a very large immigration from Germany, if suitable steps will be taken immediately. Never before were the good industrious people in several of the German wine districts and discontented or so dein several of the German who are so excited and discontented or so desirous to emigrate as now. The most dreaded pest, the Phylloxera, is in the vineyards on the Rhine, Moselle, Nahe and Pfalz, every month and year, destroying rapidly large areas of the best proving rapidly large areas and Pfalz, every month and year, destroying rapidly large areas of the best and most valuable vineyards. No efficacious remedy is known against this pest and it will take 10 years and longer time till new vineyards with resistant vines can be planted again on the contiguous, disordered soil of the very valuable quality vineyard locations.

Besides this most dreaded pest, almost the whole grape crop of the not diseased vineyards was recently destroyed, and also for the next year, by the very severe frosts in the first week of October. All the German wine districts every year must fear and bear more or less damage done by frosts, heavy thunderstorms, hall, etc., therefore the produced qualities and quantiborn aristocrats of London. His books fore the produced qualities and quanti-betray the same predilection. The ties and prices are very different every In this relation several districts bes

adapted to quality wine grape culture in the American Northwest, especially some locations known to me on the some locations known to me on the south sloping lands on the Umpqua River in Oregon, and some on the north bank of the Columbia River in ington, are far better off. In the sandy volcanic ash soil it is almost impossible for the Phylloxera to exist. The climate, location and soil conditions on the Umpqua and on the Columbia can produce a similar or even better and finer quality, and a surer, larger quantity of wine grapes than the famous finer quality, and a sure, large star the famous tity of wine grapes than the famous wine districts in Germany, where almost every year quality wines were produced, that at the regularly public produced, that at the regularly public brought the enormous "But now with this change of the adproduced, that at the regularly public wine auctions brought the enormous prices up to \$45 per gallon wholesale. Every year many hundreds and thous-ands of casks of 150 gallons each are ands of casks of 180 gallons each are sold in public wine auctions at prices from \$10 to \$45 per gallon wholesale, and even Grand Nobel wines are sold at \$50 per bottle! Not only the people of Furons, but aspecially uncounted of Furons, but aspecially uncounted. of Europe, but especially uncounted American people from New York, Bos-ton, Chicago, Baltimore and other cities of the East are every year buying mostly through their trusted wine agents in Germany of these finest and very dearest Nobel wines at enormous prices. Americans must pay also the considerable freight charges and high import duties. Now, accord according to several informs

Now, according to several informa-tions I have received from my relatives and friends on the Rhein in Germany, where I was born, and as you can read in the Frankfurter Zeitung and other world-known German newspapers, in several of the German wine districts thousands of vineyardists are discounthousands of vineyardists are discussing in large assemblies, attended by members of the Reichstag and Landtag.

NO USE SEEN FOR PUBLIC ADVISER Writer Wants a New System of Government and Nothing Else,

TOLEDO, Wash., Nov. 26 .- (To the think that a public adviser "at least might help a little" in cases of such extreme distress. Now I for one should like to know of what use semption of the question whether extemption of American coastwise vessels from Panama Canal tolls contravenes the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, if we could find impartial arbitrators. But we should have to go to Switzerland, Servia, Afghanistan or Tibet to find men whose fellow citizens were not interested in the award.

A Detroit burglar was deeply vexed because diamonds he had gone to a great deal of trouble to steal proved to be paste. That's a downright mean trick to play on an unsuspecting, hardworking burglar.

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cannot see how a public adviser could even help a little.

You make me think of the doctor, who being called to see a sick baby, found five or six old ladies gathered round the child. They at once began to tell him of various kinds of tea they had given the baby, saying it would not do any harm, and it might help a little. When they were through the doctor called for a lump of butter into which he mixed a lot of other things. When one of the old ladies could wait no longer she asked: "Doctor, what are you going to do with that butter?" The doctor replied. "I am going to grease the baby's "I am going to grease the baby's elbow. It won't do any harm, and it might help a little."

What we do need is a system so

arranged that when a man is unable to work, he and his family will be cared for without feeling that they are living on charity. It would cost much less than it does to try and imprison the thousands of men we are making into oriminals every year. Very few men are inclined to be criminals until they are inclined to be criminals that they are driven to it by circumstances they cannot control. Think of the stony-hearted individual who could bring action against a man under circumstances like Vincent's. Better far to stances like Vincent's. Better far to send him home to his wife. But no, we want him to "do time." We want to put the criminal's brand on him that he may carry it the rest of his life.

Truly we are a Christian Nation, but we know little of the brotherly love that Christ taught. Let us not waste any time on public advisers. There are already too many parasites on the public back. Let us rather establish a system where all the people will own public back. Let us rather establish a system where all the people will own all the jobs; where every man will have a chance to work; where care will be taken to guard against accident to life and limbs; where all will be-come producers; where each will get the full value of all he produces, and the full value of all he produces, and where cases like Vincent's will be heard of ne more. Then, and not until them, may we begin to claim Christian civilization.

JESSIE E. SWOPE.

Authorship of Rate Bill.

A St. Louis man has made a for-DEE, Or., Nov. 28.—To the Editor.)—
It would be interesting to know who
the author was of the rate measure
which was recently voted upon and
which has so apparently confused the
railroads and shippers. Can you tell?
W. H. MARSHALL.

izations in freight rate controversies. | done a noble work.

Nitts on Anxiety

By Dean Collins. Nescius Nitts, sage of Punkinderf Sta tion, Drove a nicotine volley without devia-

Where a reach was escaping in wild consternation
And nailed it before it could make an evasion; spake on anxlety all through the Nation:

tion

country is safe, I opine, but there's still Plumb bound to be some people anxious

We learns jest what we has a right to expect Will come in with this here new Pres'dent-elect; Fer evry appintment, some one hopes fer grabbin' it. All through the list clean right up to

the Cabinet. 'And, therefore, while business ain't fected at all Cause Wilson received that there popu-lar call, The fact it remains there must be, at the best, All over the country, some sort of un-

rest Till back from Bermuda the wand'rer has got And office pursuers can figger what's what.

wave of anxiety runs through And even affects us in Punkinderf Sta-

The postoffice right here in Higgins' store Has stayed there right steady 16 years or more, And never no title has stuck any faster

But now with this change of the administration Si Sprague gets to feelin' an anticipa-

A hopin' to meve over into his store The office that's been here 16 years or

more. 'Fer year after year, I make free fer to say, I've been here at Higgins'—I ain't

missed a day— And now there's a chanst that the administration May move out my seat from its present

location.
So there's a widespread anxiety round, you can see. That runs from the Cabinet right clear down to me. Portland, November 29.

WHY INTEREST RATES ARE HIGH Demand for Capital for Development and Speculation Is Cause.

FORTLAND, Nov. 27 .- (To the Edistart a new existence.

The Northwest will have no better opportunity than just now to induce these excited, but very desirable, industrious and honorable, faithful German people to immigrate and settle on the Umpqua or Columbia River. Of course, these people should find encourage the find encourage tor.)-With the large crops and high prices of farm products, will you kindly

gage money over Oregon, but when our farming classes go to get it, there is usually a bonus, which brings it in ex-What is the matter?

Interest rates for money are gov Editor.)-I have just been reading The erned mainly by supply and demand, as Oregonian's recent comment on the are the prices of commodities. Twenty case of J. L. Vincent. You appear to or 35 years ago there was comparative case of J. I. Vincent. You appear to case of J. I. Vincent. You appear to think that a public adviser "at least think that a public adviser "at least might help a little" in cases of such might help a little" in cases of such gon, so that the demand for money was into the "Haif Century Ago" columns where the column server and the column of the column also been going on apace in the older you mind running down and pounding communities of the state. All this work on my door when you hear it?

naturally enhance interest rates, and to some extent injure productive invest-ments, but it is obvious to any observer that much healthy, legitimate develop-ment is going on in Oregon. Borrow-ing for such a purpose is a good, not a bad sign.

MR. HASKIN'S BOOK INSPIRING.

"The American Government" Prove Valuable Addition to Kelso Library. KELSO, Wash., Nov. 26 .- (To the Ed. itor.)—The author, Mr. Haskin, may not acquire any additional laurels from a line of commendation from so humble a source, but all the same I wish to add my approval of his work "The Ameri-can Government" (in other words) "Uncle Sam at Work."

I was so impressed with your persistent advertising of this work, the I began to lay up the coupons, until had five of them, but having by some means missed one, I started in again and saved up the necessary six, which I sent you with the necessary 75 cents for a copy of the work (by mail), which I received in due time, and have care-fully read up to and including the chapter "The Bureau of Standards."

As no man with sufficient intelligence to read and understand can read Gray's "Descriptive and Surgical Anatom without leaving it with a more exalte idea of the perfections of the Divine Creator, so no man or woman of com-mon intelligence can read Mr. Haskin's work, "The American G ment," without leaving it with a "The American Governexalted idea of his country. It use to quote any particular sentence or paragraph contained in this work, for it is so full of surprises and revelations that one is lost in admiration of what the Government is doing to up-

lift its people. The reading of this work suggests (to my mind at least) that the book should be made a standard text-book for the common schools of the should be made the reader of every eighth grade class, and, not only read, but studied and made one of the subtects of examinations.

The further thought is suggested to my mind-suppose the present incur bents of all the various departments treated of in this book were turned out and their places filled by the pres-ent horde of "ple hunters," how many railroads and shippers. Can you tell?

W. H. MARSHALL.

The bill is said to have been inspired by the Medford Traffic Bureau and the Baker Commercial Club and to have been drawn by Frank H. McCune, who has been employed by various organizations in fraight rate controversies.

MEN SHOULD APPRECIATE WIVES Lack of It Causes Many Domestic Tras

edles, Says Wife.

CENTRALIA, Wash, Nov. 27.—(To the Editor.)—I have been reading the different letters written to The Ore-

regarding marriage, bachelor to. What I want to know is, girls, etc. What I want to know is, Why don't a man appreciate a good rife and family, when he gets one I think old-fashioned fathers are as much in need as old-fashioned mothers, much in need as old-fashloned mothers, if not more so. As a general rule a wife will do her part if the husband does his. The trouble of today is, men would rather spend their evenings away from home than with their families. When some get a good, virtuous wife they should be satisfied. How many women want to spend their evenings alone? That's why so many women get to going to dances, and some find other men to spend their evenings. other men to spend their evenings with. Then comes the divorce or trag-edy, and the woman is all to biame. A wife needs as much love and encour-agement as the husband. She is gen-erally what her husband makes her. Most of them take such treatment for the children's sake, and hope for his reform. Why will a man let booze and bad company get the best of him when he could be so much to his family?
When he's down and out, what do his friends care for him? Who loves him more than his own little family? Don't it depend on the father, what his family is? What's the use for the wife to save it only gives him that much more save, it only gives him that much more to spend? Is such a life worth living? It seems like the women who long for he home and family ties are the ones that get the least out of life. All wo-men are not in for gayety, clubs, dress, etc. I do not say all women are per fect (we all have our faults), but when

a man is the cause. I do blame a woman that will wilfully break up a family, but she certainly will get her just punishment.

she goes wrong, you can depend that

One mother wrote, "The trouble of today is, women are too wise to have children." There is nothing nicer than a large family, and when man and wife get along nicely, I think they enjoy each new-born child more, but can you blame a mother for not wanting to bring them into the world, when the father is not what he should be? Can a wife or mother enjoy them alone? The father may enjoy them, but will he deny himself when he wants to enjoy few pleasures such as drink etc.? Then, when he loses all he had he leaves his family to live on uncollect-able bills, his little children to long for able bills, his little children to long for him and wonder where he is, and bless him in their prayers. Does he deserve it? How they love him, and say, 'Me so lonesome for my papa; me want to go see him.

Does he realize the responsibility left to the mother of raising and educating them? She does not want to give them up or separate them. Also, show me a true mother who wants to take chances on bringing another father over them.
Can she expect him to take the same
interest in them that their own father
should? And who wants to marry a
woman with a family? Would he like for his daughters to grow up and be treated like he treats his wife?

We realize we are better off without such men, but we always hope for the best, for the children's sake, and think of their good traits. How can a kind father and husband give way to such things when he knows all would be well if he would only cut out her descriptions. well if he would only cut out bad com-pany, etc.? Should we let them go to see if someone else can do more with them? Who has a better right to en-loy him, though, than his own little family? How proud he is of his childear old mother's prayers unanswered for years, can be let her leave this world and know he has disappointed

Yes, and how many men desert their Yes, and how many men desertates, families for some frivolous woman who bestows her affections on Tom, Dick and Harry? It's never for a good, true woman, because such will not take a married man. WIFE. married man.

PORTLAND, Nov. 29.—(To the Editor.)—And to all fellow-sufferers under the pro and con matrimonial of words with which we have been late ly stricken, a crumb of comfort: hink what curious, hilarious reading it to be when it has passed

A Little Matter of Nerve.

Boston Transcript.
First Flatter-My alarm clock never wakes me now. Second Flatter-Well, the noise isn't rasted. It wakes me every morning. First Flatter—Is that so? Say, would wasted.

An Incident in Swimming. New York Weekly.
Winter Visitor (in Florida)—I should love dearly to go sailing, but it looks very dangerous. Do not people often get drowned in this bay? Waterman-No, indeed, mum, The sharks never let

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