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MEDIATORS IN BALKAN AFFAIRS.

Kaleidoscope are the changes which have come over the theater of military 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 peace-makers.

ONE RAY OF LIGHT IN THEIR GLOOM.

"I am thankful for what I have and for what I hope to get," writes a good woman to The Oregonian; "but I should like to have you, who believe in capital punishment—killing men because they have killed other men—to tell me what the five men at Salem have to be thankful for."

GIVE THE SETTLER HIS DUE.

President Wilson will have a fine opportunity to draw a definite line between theoretical conservation and real conservation in his acceptance of the Interior.

HOUSEHOLD EXEMPTION VALID.

State Tax Commissioner Galloway and others who doubt the constitutionality of the new act exempting from taxation all household effects have overlooked one factor in the case.

ing the Balkan states in the congress and smoothing down their mutual rivalries. Arranged on the side of Russia would be Britain and France; on that of Austria would be Germany and Italy; but Britain and Germany may be captured as mediators. It is possible that the outcome may be a Balkan confederation or customs union including Albania.

THE TEST.

Veteran Levi Myers, whose voice is for peace, is sure that Generalissimo Arthur Brown—did the best he could for the Progressive cause in Oregon during the recent campaign. Angels could do no more.

PUBLIC ADVISERS.

The Oregonian has received a depressing letter from Jessie E. Swopes, of Toledo, Oregon, on the subject of public advisers. The letter is printed today in another place. Our correspondent does not believe that a public adviser could do any good.

What she wants to see is a social 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.

THACKERAY'S LONDON.

An interesting item of current literary gossip relates to the revision of Smith's projected publishing a book before a great while on Thackeray's London. It will be illustrated with his own charcoal drawings and will overlook none of the important scenes which Thackeray describes in his novel.

If we forget Japanese steamship lines to acquire local stations in lines to acquire an obligation to see that others provide them.

Snowfall in Portland.

But nobody knew anything about it until the phenomenon was noted by the press.

More than \$123,000 was spent in the gamble that ended November 5 in Oregon alone, with few winners.

They are going to fiddle around on that European war tune until something heavy drops.

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

A St. Louis man has made a fortune picking rags. On a piano, no doubt.

Why don't the people of the snowy South come to Oregon and enjoy life?

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

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

Shop early.

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS AT DOOR

Northwest Has Vineyard Lands for Growers of Best-Ridged Europe.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 29.—(To the Editor.)—Surely it will be of great interest and utility to many of your readers to learn that Oregon and Washington can assure a very large immigration from Germany, if suitable steps will be taken immediately.

In this relation several districts best adapted to quality wine grape culture in the American Northwest, especially some locations known to me on the south slope of Mt. Hood.

Now, according to several informants I have received, the Rhein in Germany, where I was born, and as you can read in the Frankfurter Zeitung and other world-known German newspapers.

There would be no objection to arbitration of the question whether exemption of American coastwise vessels from Panama Canal tolls contravenes the Hay-Pauncefote treaties.

MR. HASKIN'S BOOK INSPIRING.

"The American Government" Proves Valuable Addition to Kelo Library.

LOS ANGELES, Wash., Nov. 28.—(To the Editor.)—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.

Authorship of Rate Bill.

DEE, Or., Nov. 28.—(To the Editor.)—It would be interesting to know who the author was of the rate measure which was recently passed by the Oregon legislature.

more concerned with the surface of things with its depth. The psychology of such a character as Colonel Newcome is charming in the extreme, but it is shallow. He does the acts and thinks the thoughts suitable to his class, the class of British "gentlemen." There is so little originality in his nature that he might almost be taken as a lay figure standing for any Englishman of his rank in life and general habits.

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WHY INTEREST RATES ARE HIGH

Demand for Capital for Development and Speculation is Cause.

PORTLAND, Nov. 27.—(To the Editor.)—With the large crops and high prices of farm products, you will kindly explain to me a feature in that section of interest which generally are as high in Oregon today as they were 30 or 35 years ago.

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Nitti on Anxiety

Nescius Nitti, sage of Punksdorf Station, drove a nicotine volley without deviation.

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

"This wave of anxiety runs through the Nation."

"But now with this change of the administration."

"Per year after year, I make free for you to say."

Grain of Comfort.

PORTLAND, Nov. 27.—(To the Editor.)—All to all fellow-sufferers under the pro and con matrimonial plethora of words with which we have been lately stricken, a crumb of comfort.

A Little Matter of Nerve.

First Flatter—My alarm clock never wakes me now.

An Incident in Swimming.

Winter Visitor (in Florida)—I should love dearly to go sailing, but it looks very dangerous.

Ask Your Congressman

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Men Should Appreciate Wives

Lack of it Causes Many Domestic Tragedies, Says Wife.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Nov. 27.—(To the Editor.)—I have been reading the different letters written to The Oregonian regarding marriage, bachelor girls, etc.

I do blame a woman that will willingly break up a family, but she certainly will get the least out of what she gets.

Do men realize the responsibility left to the mother of raising and educating them? She does not want to give them up or separate them.

What I would like to know is how many men desert their families for some frivolous woman who bestows her affections on Tom, Dick and Harry?

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