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THE DIET SQUAD.

The world has gone beyond the point where it laughs every time someone proposes to make the human body a laboratory for the study of economic problems.

There is a striking parallel between the recent utterances of a German statesman concerning war-time conditions in his country and those of Mrs. Julian Heath, president of the National Housewives' League of America.

Those who have read of the fabulous sums which society leaders on the Atlantic Coast pay for lavish entertainments would not imagine that a "swell" caterer could ever go bankrupt.

As more light is let in on the methods by which poor European noblemen hunt American heiresses, the more they are taken in by the owner of nothing but a title and a mortgaged estate.

General Goethals has some ground for the scorn with which he answers those persons who have predicted the failure of the Panama Canal.

There is no doubt, either, that the average man eats too much. This is pretty well admitted by physicians and food specialists.

the trimmings go to waste, there is a medium worthy of serious consideration. It is this medium, we believe, that is being sought through such practical experiments in the human laboratory as are now being conducted by Dr. Robertson.

WHAT'S COMING UP

The unexpressed text of an article on reform of the initiative and referendum published in a contemporary is: Let him who is without sin cast the first stone.

Even before the tapers begin to burn out about the bier of Jack London the critics of literature are beginning to put the last penstroke on his card.

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London died in the fullness of his productive power. He was only 41 years old, and he has only to thank his stage where a pitiless public could look for the symptoms of senile decay in his work.

As 110 of the 118 marriages solemnized in Hellows Falls, Vt., in October were of non-residents, that town fears the effect of the new state law.

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Canal slides can be removed and finally stopped as surely as any other slides. This is said on the strength of the assurances given by General Goethals, for he is the man who knows.

MAXIM AND HIS INVENTIONS.

The inventions of Sir Hiram Maxim may be said to have been the principal cause of revolutionizing warfare. The automatic gun effected such slaughter among dense masses of men that close-order fighting became a practical impossibility.

Senator Hoke Smith is the most unpopular of men among the women of Georgia, and he has only to thank his unguarded tongue for his troubles.

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wrote "Before Adam," more elaborate, more powerful, more popular. It was told by a man who was a better storyteller. There was some talk of plagiarism, but all the evidence indicates not plagiarism, but a development of the germ idea, a development in every direction, under the elaborative genius of London.

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Writer Therefore Approves Failure to Observe Constitution in South. ROSEBURG, Or., Nov. 22.—(To the Editor.)—I must insist that you have not explained my assertions of how the electoral college is based on votes or ballots as the basis for apportionment.

Many Northern people think the South is the only one in the East and Middle West. I expected an official announcement in the 12th hour, as I have read in an Eastern paper, that Roosevelt would not have a place in the Cabinet, and that would undoubtedly have won for Mr. Hughes.

It seems surprising that you did not think it was a fair way to divide up the country. I am very glad that you do not justify the bone-dry law.

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It is not only unjust to subject the community to the expense of a competition; it is unwise to subject it to any competition at all. While the public is a partner in the business, it can regulate the expenses of the property.

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SIDEWALKS IN RURAL DISTRICTS

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In Other Days. From The Oregonian of November 25, 1891. Governor Penney, as commander-in-chief of the Oregon National Guard, has directed Colonel Mitchell, Adjutant-General, to announce the appointment of Walter S. Perry Major and Assistant Adjutant-General. Major Perry is well-known young lawyer of this city.

James Walker, of Boston, chief clerk of the office of the Attorney, Topinka & Santa, of Portland, has been visiting Harry J. Young, of Portland, left on his return journey last Saturday.

TREES TO COMBAT EAST WIND. Need Suggested for Lining Highways with Protecting Growth. MONTAVILLA, Nov. 24.—(To the Editor.)—Yes, we have a beautiful place to live here in Oregon, a living paradise and something to be proud of most of the time.

Let us find a cure for his "wind plague." I suggest we park the highways at least one whole acre, and if our nuts or fruit. Of course, the Evergreen Conifer is the most suitable for an all-around wind break. Merely being an optimist will not prevent the wind from blowing.

Direct Legislation. SUTHERLIN, Or., Nov. 23.—(To the Editor.)—Kindly note that the initiative and referendum. DOROTHY VANCE.

Portable Buildings. Exchange. Portable buildings of small size have become common during recent years, but a portable manufacturing plant is a comparatively recent development of this form of construction.

Either. WELLS, Or., Nov. 23.—(To the Editor.)—We wish to settle a dispute, is a debating team "beaten" by their opponents or "defeated" by them?

New Spirit of Thanksgiving Well Featured in Sunday Oregonian

YOUR TURKEYS READY—Where Oregon's Thanksgiving turkeys come from is told in one of the special articles in The Sunday Oregonian. Patriotic natives of the Beaver state will be glad to learn that the great mass of the local supply comes from the unique turkey farms of Douglas County, which are interestingly described in this article.