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LAWS FROM LEAST INTERESTED Bankers Should Not Have Whole Say in Drafting Monetary Bill.

PENSIONING WIDOWED MOTHERS Omission of Some Suggestions Excluded.

Sonnet to the Dove Oh, Dove of Peace, after this spell of weather the Balkans, its thee to thy perch;

PUBLIC LAND LEGISLATION.

Whatever delay may occur hereafter in the development of our natural resources with due regard to their conservation must be laid at the door of Congress.

The recommendation that coal, oil, phosphate and other land bearing non-metallic minerals, also grazing land, be leased should be adopted without delay.

Leases could be granted for that land of which the character has already been determined and the work of development under leases could be set going on other land as fast as the geological survey completes its classification.

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JACOB KAMM.

Jacob Kamm was during a great part of his long life identified with the development of river transportation in Oregon and the Pacific Northwest.

The name of Mr. Kamm was widely known—scarcely less known, indeed, in the closing years of his life than in its most active period.

He was misinterpreted by the public possibly because it was his humor, not to be understood. Yet he is known to have given freely to particular institutions.

While the number of pensions annually decreases, the amount expended in pensions will annually increase for a number of years.

How great the advance in size, speed and armament of our battleships is apparent from comparison of the Pennsylvania with the Oregon, which was queen of the Navy in the Spanish War.

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OUR GREATEST BATTLESHIP.

The new dreadnought Pennsylvania, bid for which are 4000 tons to be opened, will be larger by 2000 tons displaced than any of her older sisters.

The speed of the Pennsylvania will be about 21 1/2 knots an hour, which is about the utmost practicable for so heavy a vessel.

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CONSUMERS AND FANCY PACKAGE.

Living Cost Is Increased by People's Demand for Goods in Small Lots. KELSEO, Wash., Dec. 14.—(To the Editor.)—I read an article in The Oregonian, "Profit Takers and Living Cost," that lays all the blame for the high cost of living on the middleman.

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SOCIALISM A RECURRING DREAM.

It Is Outgrowth of Unrest but Offers No Good Substitute for Conditions. PORTLAND, Dec. 15.—(To the Editor.)—I read in the Oregonian, December 11, signed Will, I will say that after some years' experience in business and close study of human nature I feel somewhat of a pessimist.

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President Taft's Record.

BROWNVILLE, Or., Dec. 14.—(To the Editor.)—Noticing the article written by James W. Bailey in the Oregonian, December 13, in which he asks: "Was not Taft the most disappointing President we have had in the Executive chair since President Hayes?"

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Sample of Suppressed Hauteur.

Baltimore American. He—She swept out the room with suppressed hauteur.

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