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Portland, Friday, January 20, 1905. HISTORY OF RIVER AND HARBOR LEGISLATION. At this time it is the settled purpose of the leaders of the House of Representatives to keep appropriations down to the lowest possible limit.

for harbor improvement at the expense of the United States. Monroe held, however, he apologized; and while his own opinion, following that of Jefferson and Madison, was that the Constitution gave Congress no power to authorize and carry on a general system of internal improvements, yet Congress had power to appropriate public money at its discretion, and though it was in duty bound to select objects of general importance, it was not the province of the President to sit in judgment on its selections.

understanding, over having the same game worked by Hill and Harriman sailing in the same boat under the Northern Securities flag. The Oregonian, and undoubtedly a greater portion of the population of the North Pacific States, would prefer to see these great properties remain in independent hands, so that a healthy degree of competition would be assured.

good fatherly discernment and the sagacity of his counsel are witnessed as follows: For the "evil thoughts" that harassed one of his correspondents and being dragged to work again by the illustrations, it is the appearance of the Oregonian, however, that saves the reader much vexation of spirit.

NOTE AND COMMENT. Already the annual crop of Valentine's Day poetry is appearing in the magazine, and the overworked Cupids are being dragged to work again by the illustrations.

RAMIFICATIONS OF THE "SYSTEM". THOMAS W. LAWSON DESCRIBES GROWTH OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS IN EVERYBODY'S FOR FEBRUARY. As a preliminary to his story of "Amalgamation" in the Oregonian, the Oregonian presents to its readers a special number of Everybody's magazine an exposition of the financial structure of the country.

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY. Second to none among the public institutions of this country, the Library of the Oregonian Association held its successful annual meeting the day before yesterday.

OREGON BLEEDS FOR MISSOURI. The case of Mr. Niedringhaus calls for no sympathy. He is a man of two votes of election by Missouri to the United States Senate, but a small band of courageous patriots has so far prevented, and from the outlook will continue to prevent, the success of his peculiar and exceptional methods.

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