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THE BOSSES AND THE MACHINE.

Mr. Frederick Jesup Stimson is professor of comparative legislation in Harvard University—a fact perhaps of greater interest to the professor than to the public; yet we take the liberty of introducing the Harvard savant to the people of the West because he has written a book on "Popular Lawmaking." That is something we in Oregon know all about.

PREJUDICE AGAINST AUTOMOBILES.

The Oregonian has received a communication from Dr. John C. Ross, protesting warmly against a return to the classification by the Oregonian of his case under the heading "The Fool and the Automobile." Dr. Ross was the defendant in a damage suit brought by the widow of a man struck and fatally injured by Dr. Ross's automobile.

WHY RAILROAD SECURITIES ARE UNSALABLE.

With an abundance of cheap money in nearly all of the European financial centers, with call money in New York plentiful at one and one-half and two per cent, six months' loans at three and one-quarter per cent, and prime mercantile paper down at four and one-half per cent, it is still impossible to interest investors in American railroad securities.

A CENTURY-OLD DREAM.

Now and again for the better part of a century the little African Republic of Liberia has come before the United States Government for redress or aid of some material sort, in an emergency, that seemed to threaten its life.

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Another important phase of the Washington amendment deals with conflicting measures submitted to vote of the people. Under this provision the voter who is opposed to enactment of both measures is permitted to express that view, and also is given opportunity to indicate which he conceives to be the lesser of two evils.

MARKET FOR DOUGLAS FIR.

The lumber manufacturers of Oregon and Washington are perfecting plans for extending the market for Douglas fir. At the annual meeting of the association held in Eugene, Or., recently, a start was made on a large fund which will be used in bringing the merits of this timber to the attention of consumers.

brought no changes for the better. The only one available for \$25,000 miles of railroad and the figures are, if anything, more discouraging to capital than those which preceded them. Gross earnings on these roads showed an increase in January of \$4,822,454, and for the same month there was a decrease of \$2,422,833 in net earnings.

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