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CANNOT GET AWAY WITH IT.
Without doubt Governor West and his guardian angel, C. S. Jackson of the Journal, have grabbed something they cannot get away with in the good roads measure which the chief executive has seen fit to advocate from soap boxes. Spectacular and spasmodic Oregon's little governor in an endeavor to emulate and copy the Roosevelt habit, has at last placed his little neck in a rope that will slowly but surely tighten as the months go by politically speaking.

Seemingly crazed by the popular desire to spend money the governor's machine thought it saw an opportunity to mortgage this state for several generations to come by the jumping into the rock road business when Oregon as a commonwealth has never given a dirt road a chance to prove its merits. The belief that the people would stand for anything the "purity" bunch wanted to hand to them caused the only political machine in Oregon to throw itself so far in the back-

ground that there is no retracing of its course, and now it is forced to stand and take the fire of a tax-paying public that already has more burdens than it is entitled to bear.

We have but call attention in this issue of the Evening Observer to an article from the pen of E. S. Norris of this county on the good roads question, to show every reader where sentiment rests regarding the boy governor and his pet theories. Mr. Norris writes as an individual, but we who know him personally realize that in those words he speaks there is reflected the feeling and decision of a goodly part of the farmers of Union, Wallowa and Baker counties. This means that Eastern Oregon does not favor rock roads at the price named and it means that any governor who works night and day to chain this state to a bonded indebtedness will be dealt with in the manner that he should be. But our governor, very much like a school boy at play, says: "You can't touch me for I'm not a candidate." He just as well have said, "I've got my fingers crossed." But, whether West seeks preference or not some of his kind will again attempt to lead the people under the Jacksonian guise of "let the people rule." Our guess is that the people are just about in the frame of mind to do some ruling in Oregon, which means that such measures as the proposed rock road bonds will be relegated to the pile of discards and all would-be statesmen who favor the measure will go there also.

Read the article of Mr. Norris and see if you do not agree with him.

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FALLING OF THE GRAFTERS.

One by one the fake orchard companies are getting what is coming to them, and before many months roll by it is likely there will be an orchard delegation in San Quentin or some other federal prison. He who sells the bald knob of a mountain for fruit land is on a par with the old time promoter who sold blue sky and the sooner the public is relieved from the presence of such parasites the better for commerce and legitimate concerns.

There are good orchard holdings in Oregon. But the good suffer a setback when the fakirs get to the foreground. No doubt some one will say, "we should have a law to prevent such things," but we have enough laws now. What we need is enforcement.

The law of the range is brought out in a case before the circuit court wherein accusation is made that certain parties stole sheep. It seems to be generally admitted that lost sheep on the range are the property of the one finding them, because of the certainty of death by wild animals if the sheep are allowed a night or two alone. This is not a statute written in the books but is said to have existed for many years, making it an unwritten law. Union county will be anxious to know how the unwritten law works in this case.

The Taft organization in Oregon is at work, so is the Roosevelt organization, so was the La Follette organization under Thomas McCusker. The latter two choose to make the people

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If the many men who spoke of Lincoln would only try and emulate that great man's ideas of affairs there would soon be a change in some things.

40-ACRE HOG FARM MODELED

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(By O. B. Hardy, former field foreman, Exp. Sta.)

Oregon Experiment Station, Union, Feb. 14.—(Special)—Of course in any plan of this nature there is bound to be more or less theory but the writer has endeavored to keep all estimates as conservative as possible and the figures are taken from actual experiments at this station.

In the first place we will set aside five acres on our farm for the buildings, the garden, and the home orchard.

A large and expensive barn will not be necessary, as on a place of this size it will be cheaper to have the work done by outside teams.

It would probably be better to have the sows raise but one litter per year on a place of this size as it is somewhat easier on the animals and then, too, pigs which come in the fall do not thrive like spring pigs, hence the profits are much slower and less sure.

We would have the pigs come in March in order that they may be of a good size when the alfalfa pasture is large enough to have the little fellows turned on after weaning.

Let us say that the sows average six pigs to the litter—(sows which do not raise this many pigs on the average should not be kept as they are unprofitable).

When the little pigs come the sow

should be worked slowly up to full feed because too much feed when the pigs are small will cause a copious milk flow which in turn will likely cause scouring and finally death to the little pigs.

The feed given the sow and pigs will probably average 8 pounds per day up to weaning time. However, plenty of feed should be given the sow after the pigs are a few weeks old, in order that she may provide a good supply of milk as this is the cheapest way to feed young pigs.

By the first of June, when the pigs are ten weeks old they should be weaned. The common practice is to wean them younger than this but so long as the sow is raising but one litter and must be maintained; it is just as cheap to have her with the pigs as long as possible and have her feed them.

By this time our pigs and sow on the eight pounds of feed per day will have consumed 560 pounds or approximately 95 pounds per pig. Besides this, enough succulent feed will have been given to keep the animals in good condition but this amount will not have been large enough to consider.

Our pigs at weaning should weigh 40 pounds and should be now turned on alfalfa pasture with a small grain allowance, say one pound per pig per day. This grain ration in connection with alfalfa pasture is very important since it has been proven conclusively that on alfalfa alone a growing pig will not make profitable gains and it will but little more than maintain a grown animal. We would put 12 pigs to the acre and leave them on this feed for six weeks by which time they

ought to weigh 75 pounds apiece. Thus far each pig has consumed 140 pounds of grain and 1-12 acre of first crop alfalfa.

They will now be turned on field pea pasture as the peas will be ripe (about 12 pigs to the acre being used). The pigs will be left here for four weeks when they ought to weigh 125

Our pigs will now be ready for the fattening pen and to put on the 75 pounds of required gain to make the size for which the highest prices are realized will require 375 pounds of grain per head.

This gives us a total of 512 pounds of grain, 1-12 of an acre of alfalfa and 1-12 of an acre of field peas which have been consumed during the life of our pigs but we must figure the maintenance of the sow for the rest of the year. From weaning time until early November she will have been on alfalfa pasture with no grain. This pasture need not be figured as we have already deducted the 1-12 acre of alfalfa per pig and after the pigs have been turned on the peas, this same alfalfa pasture may be used for the sow.

From November until farrowing the sow should be fed one pound of grain per day and what alfalfa she will eat. This will require 150 pounds of grain, hence 25 pounds should be added to the amount of grain consumed by each pig to cover the amount required to maintain the sow. Making our final total of feed per pig, 537 pounds of grain, 1-12 of an acre of alfalfa and 1-12 acre of field peas.

From the above data it will be noticed that it requires about nine bushels of grain to finish each pig. Under

favorable conditions we should produce 40 bushels per acre, hence each pig would require about 1/4 acre of grain in addition to the 1-12 acre of alfalfa and 1-12 acre of peas, making a total of 5-12 acre for each pig. Since it requires 512 acre per hog and we have 35 acres left for this work, we would be able to turn off 84 hogs. This would necessitate the keeping of 14 brood sows.

These 84 pigs when sold at 200 lb. weight and at 7 cents per pound would be worth \$1,176.00. The cost of seedling and harvesting would probably not exceed \$100.00; the interest on our land worth \$125 per acre at 6 per cent would be \$300.00, leaving a net profit of \$776.00.

Our division of the place would be: Five acres for buildings, seven acres in alfalfa, seven acres in field peas and 21 acres in grain.

Our brood sows during the summer would be on a two acre plot of alfalfa. The remaining five acres would be left for a second cutting to pay for threshing the grain, etc., and the third cutting to be used as feed for the brood sows in the winter.

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