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Western Oregon is not keeping up with the rest of the state in growing hogs. During the year 1913 as compared with the previous year over the O. W. R. & N. there was shipped into Portland an increase of 6634 hogs while the increase over the S. P. for the same period was only 63 hogs.

for the present year.

It requires no prophet to take notice how rapidly the temperance movement is growing in this state, when such old time successful politicians as George C. Brownell of Oregon City and W. S. U'Ren come out openly in their platforms in seeking the nomination for governor, declaring themselves absolutely in favor of the abolition of the liquor traffic.

Road Supervisor J. B. Yeon is quite indignant because someone started the rumor that he wanted to become governor. Mr. Yeon is happy just as long as Multnomah county will permit him to hold his present job without pay.

Oregon's "Blue sky law" is having the effect of putting several corporations out of business. It should become a national law, if schemers avoid using the mail, the government is almost helpless in bringing the evil doers to justice.

One can readily note the change of sentiment relative to the liquor business by reading the editorial comment on the supreme court decision in this state. Practically every paper of influence in the state approved of the decision.

There seems to be an unusual agitation to suppress the cigarette.

On the Death of Lincoln

By Edward Rowland Sill

WERE there no crowns on earth, No evergreen to weave a hero's wreath, That he must pass beyond the gates of death, Our hero, our hero slain, to be crowned? Could there on our unworthy earth be found Naught to befit his worth?

THE noblest soul of all! When was there ever since our Washington A man so pure, so wise, so patient—one Who walked with this high goal alone in sight, To speak, to do, to sanction only right, Though very heaven should fall?

AH, not for him we weep! What honor more could be in store for him? Who would have had him linger in our dim And troublesome world when his great work was done? Who would not leave that worn and weary one Gladly to go to sleep?



FOR us the stroke was just. We were not worthy of that patient heart. We might have helped him more—not stood apart And coldly criticised his works and ways. Too late now! All our little praise Sounds hollow o'er his dust.

BE merciful, O God! Forgive the meanness of our human hearts, That never till a noble soul departs See half the worth or hear the angels' wings Till they go rustling upward as he springs Up from the molded sod!

YET what a deathless crown Of northern pine and southern orange flower For victory and the land's new bridal hour Would we have wreathed for that beloved brow! Sadly upon his sleeping forehead now We lay our cypress down.

O MARTYRED one, farewell! Thou hast not left thy people quite alone. Out of thy beautiful life there comes a tone Of power, of love, of trust—a prophecy Whose fair fulfillment all the earth shall be And all the future tell!

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