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General Public and the Prevailing "Flu."

The poor "General Public" seems to not be able to get a firm footing on the influenza situation, due to the differences of opinion of the medical profession regarding the disease.

When the disease first struck Eastern Oregon it was "a sort of influenza," it was something "we have all had many times," in the minds of very able men, and then there was another bunch of able men who raised the red flag of danger and said "Look out for the cars!" or words to that effect.

No one knew exactly which way to face in order to see the cow catcher or the calypso. Then deaths began to follow and General Public said "It looks mighty bad and there must be some danger attached to this thing."

For some time the situation was discussed pro and con, and the lid went on with a bang and everything was closed tighter than a north-end salmon in Portland after the dry law went into effect. In this condition the community rested for some time and the disease seemed to abate. Orders were issued to lift the lid. It was lifted and the "flu" began to get busy again, or else it had been busy all the time and the cases had not been reported.

The state board of health got out a vaccine which everybody was shooting into their arms and ankles, and other parts of the anatomy with great effect, so the people believed.

This went along fairly well and then it was announced the vaccine was useless—that it had no value and one had just as well take a look at the sun as to use the vaccine to prevent the "flu."

This shot the faith in the remedy to pieces and old General Public began to wonder "what was the use?" He had done as ordered. He had listened his arm for the surgeon's needle; he had marshaled his children to the place where the vaccine was dispensed and had returned with all the kids made proof against the germ. Then with one interview it was disclosed to him that there was nothing in the vaccine and he was

again afoot and along with the dread of "flu" and a family of youngsters. He did not know whether to send them to school or let them run the streets. He did not believe in this and that, but the fact remained that Bill Jones or some other neighbor was mightily sick across the street with the "flu."

Then the state board of health met and reinstated confidence in its vaccine by stating that not a death had been reported where the patient had been shot in the arm with what was supposed to be a very worthless and useless drug.

So, what is old General Public going to do now? He has run the scales; yes, several scales. He has flopped up and flopped down. He has wiggled his toes and his fingers when the medical profession so ordered. He has been in bad and in good with all authorities, and now he is brought up with a stiff punch to the realization that he does not know where to go or what to do.

The belief exists that the following of rules laid down by the federal government in the early part of this game is best.

Some say close the town again, and it may be necessary to do so. But others, who are well advised and informed, put up the argument that it is useless—that the "flu" is here in quantities and gobs, and that closing anything will not materially help the situation, but that the acts of the individual are the only things that will have weight from now on. In other words, the person must use care and caution and be sensible about his habits.

But it must be admitted that poor old General Public is in a predicament which he cannot fathom.

La Grande Grieves With Judge Smith.

This community extends to Judge William Smith of Baker its deep, sincere sympathy over the untimely death of his daughter, Mrs. Catherine Powell. The hand of fate has dealt harshly in this instance and while one bows the head and repeats "tis well," yet the taking of a young woman in life's prime—a woman who was dearly loved by her friends because of her great worth—does nevertheless cause the living to wonder why such should be the case.

Judge Smith is well known in this city and county and the Evening Observer wishes to extend to him the deep feeling of sorrow among his friends when it was learned that death had entered his family circle and claimed his daughter.

OBITUARY
Hattie L. Berry was born at Kington, Arkansas, Nov. 12th, 1861, and departed this life at Imbler, Oregon, December 16th, 1918, aged 57 years 1 month.
Hattie L. Stansell was united in marriage to John L. Berry, February 14th, 1881, at Summerville, Oregon. To this union were born seven children who are left to mourn her loss. Jesse W., of Imbler, Ore.; Mrs. Martha Angeline Masters of La Grande; John Harvey of La Grande; Mrs. Ethel M. Masters of Imbler; Mrs. Leta Edna Clark of Hermiston; Vern A., who is with the La Grande hospital unit in France; Georgia H. of Imbler.
The father and husband departed this life September 9th, 1918.
She also leaves one sister and two brothers to mourn her loss: Mrs. Susan L. Mayes of Marled Tree, Arkansas; J. R. Stansell of Imbler and W. L. Stansell of Summerville, Arkansas. Also a host of friends and neighbors

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Weep not that her toils are over; Weep not that her race is won; God grant we may rest as calmly When our work like hers is done. Till then we yield with gladness Our mother to Him to keep, And rejoice in the sweet assurance He giveth His loved one sleep.
A FRIEND.
Imbler, Ore., Dec. 16, 1918, 12-18-18

FUNERAL OF EDWARD ROBB
The funeral of Edward Robb, who died Monday, December 16, 1918, will be held Friday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, from the Eagles hall. The interment will be in the Massacre cemetery. The remains are now in state at the Bohnekamp chapel.

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