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IMPOTENT MAN: In God have I put my trust. I will not be afraid what man can do unto me. Psalm 56:11.  
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What is there about a job in congress to enthuse eight or ten Portland citizens to the point of becoming candidates? If it's an ideal of service, the state is fortunate; otherwise—

Union county people are either proud of this Eastern Oregon country or proud of The Observer's Progress Edition—or possibly both. In any event the extra copies of the 112-page special—1000 in all—were sold out in record time. We will try to take care of later orders by buying copies from subscribers who have finished with theirs. The demand for extra copies is complimentary and duly appreciated.

The most obvious evidence of progress in La Grande are the two, beautiful new hotels. The community is to be congratulated on having such structures and, though there is no apparent need for such an abrupt and large increase in hotel facilities, we feel confident that they will not be too much for the city that we will have within the next few years. Hotel business, when La Grande becomes known as it will deserve as a hotel city, should more than double, and the increasing volume of automobile tourists who stop at hotels will be an important factor in the future. The new hotels, together with numerous other improvements, are significant of future possibilities, of the city that can be.

For some years Denmark has been practically without capital punishment. Now the Minister of Justice proposes to make it legally so. He will introduce in the next parliament looking to the statutory abolition of capital punishment. This legislation will at the same time provide for life imprisonment without possibility of pardon. This is something that appeals to many Americans who do not feel right about capital punishment, although they hold that as long as it is the penalty provided by law for certain crimes it should be carried out. Life imprisonment, it is recognized, would be just as effective as capital punishment in protecting society, if it were to be really "life" imprisonment. The frequency of pardon and parole, however, has put this form of punishment into dispute and strengthened capital punishment.

The will of the late Judge Elbert H. Gary is of interest to many people besides the beneficiaries. It consist of 19 printed pages, making certain bequests and giving painstaking advice and instructions to his widow and his children, cautioning them against unwise investments or loans. It is undoubtedly wise counsel. It would be well if many widows and orphans, left with far smaller estates than Judge Gary's, would read it carefully and take it to heart. It suggests, too, that women who do not themselves enter the business world, should at least be given sound instruction in business affairs. They should know where to go for honest, disinterested and sound advice in investment matters. They should know some of the outstanding characteristics of bad investments and some of the methods of the fraudulent promoter or salesman. Such training and instruction would be more beneficial in protecting widows and minors from serious financial losses than belated advice given in a will.

LIFE-SAVING OBLIGATION  
Life-saving isn't merely an act of voluntary generosity. It is a social obligation upheld by law. This is the contention of the prosecution in a case in Seattle, where charges of manslaughter are being brought against a yacht owner and his skipper for failing to make any effort to save a girl guest who fell overboard during a party.

It isn't statutory law that is invoked, but the "English common law," which is more basic and general. It is said to have been applied in various cases on record in America, notably that of a ship captain in 1864 who was convicted of manslaughter in the state courts because he failed to stop his vessel and rescue a seaman who fell into the water.

It is hard to tell where such a legal principle would stop. It might be applied to motorists in certain contingencies. It might conceivably be applied to a person who remained on shore when he might have saved a drowning person near by.

It is a valid law of humanity, whatever its technical status in courts. Most laws are made to protect property. Life is the most precious of all possessions, and often he who fails to save life is virtually its destroyer. If there is anything in the implied "social contract" which binds society together for mutual helpfulness, it is the duty to preserve the life of others in peril, even at one's own peril. This is recognized and acted on instinctively by men accustomed to danger. Peaceful folk of easy life often tend to ignore it.

## NORTH POWDER PERSONALS

**NORTH POWDER (Special)**  
School opens here Sept. 5. William Garcia and family have returned to North Powder when they left last spring for Lewiston, Ida. They have decided that they like Oregon better than Idaho.

Clas Dahlstrom received painful injuries on the knees by tripping and falling on the pavement recently.

The Pacific Fruit Express has passed a law in its organization that all employees must pass an examination of health and pay one who does not pass 100 per cent is rejected.

Luther Moore has just returned from Portland where he shipped a carload of cattle Saturday.

Edred Hutchinson of Union is planning on finishing his high school education in Portland this year.

Mr. Jay Ballard and son, Harold, returned to Halls yesterday. Mrs. Ballard has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Tittus.

L. L. Campbell, manager of the Standard Oil company here, has been transferred to Baker. Mr. Campbell and family have been residents of North Powder for four years and in that time they have made many friends who wish them success in their new locality. Several months ago Mr. Campbell underwent a severe operation from which he has not fully recovered.

Essie Metcalf has returned home after a month's visit in Portland and Medford, spending the time with her sisters.

A dance will be held at the Hunkel hall Friday night given by Russell's orchestra.

Viollet Foster and son, Clifford, motored to Weiser, Ida, last week. Will New receiving the McGraw truck this week.

At Halls is still under medical care with his leg from the severe burn received last week.

C. E. Hutchinson and family were La Grande visitors yesterday. Nellie Gilkison, of Halls, spent last week visiting Audrey Forstrom. Miss Gilkison is going to Weiser college for girls. She left Monday.

Tom Sorenson and Budde Forstrom are working out on the J. B. Rogers farm below with the hay.

Judge Beencorbin was transacting business in La Grande Tuesday.

Home Mercer and children have returned to Condon, Ore, after some time spent visiting with relatives here.

Ralph Hutchinson has returned from a two weeks vacation, spending most of the time with his parents in Southern Washington.

## MEDICAL SPRINGS PERSONALS

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Several from Fondren and the picnic at Halls—Sunday.

The Medical Springs school building is being prepared for school. The rooms will be given a thorough renovation and painted. The basement will also be painted and wallpapered.

Several from this community attended the dance at Tenmile last Friday evening and reported a fine time.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Whitton were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lou Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Nell Right and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gamble, of Cove, were visiting at the J. P. Kennedy home.

## Intervention In Northwest Rail Merger Expected

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1 (AP)—Permission to intervene in the northwest railroad merger case was granted by the interstate commerce commission today in Clara Hill Lindley, daughter of the late James J. Hill, railroad pioneer, and her husband Erasmus C. Lindley of New York.

Under the application before the commission, the Great Northern Pacific, a new company, would acquire control by stock ownership and by lease of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern and by lease of the Spokane, Portland and Seattle.

Mrs. Lindley and her husband, who is a former vice president of the Great Northern, both own stocks and bonds of the Great Northern, Northern Pacific, and Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, while the former also owns a large number of shares in the Northern Securities company, which in turn owns a large block of shares in the Burlington.

The petitioners seek a modification of the proposed unification of 28,000 miles of Northwestern railroads which would bring the northern lines and the Burlington closer together, utilizing the Great Northern as a base for the new plan. Such a plan, they contend, would result in a "boulder, simpler and more wholesome financial status for the applicants and the Burlington."

**FAMOUS HORSE DIES**  
PENDLETON, Sept. 1 (AP)—No Name, world champion bucking horse for many years and who was retired last season, died last night at the round-up arena at the age of twenty years. Famed far and wide as the world's worst when it came to holding a seat on his hurricane deck, the old horse expired in the paddock stall he had occupied so many years during round up season. He had not been brought in from pasture and was reported in excellent shape.

**DEMOCRATS TAKE NO ACTION**  
PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 1 (AP)—Democratic leaders of Multnomah county meeting to consider nominating a candidate for congress for the third district debated for a while a resolution declaring against a convention nomination and in favor of a primary but the meeting was forced to adjourn at 9:30 on account of the rules of the public library where the meeting was held. Another meeting will be held next Wednesday night. No action was taken on the resolution which was offered by Will D. Thompson.

In the debate George H. Watson, former democratic county chairman declared the primary law was a failure and that only "self-starters" derived benefit from it.

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THE FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT  
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And the Law Came Between the Honeymooners

**THE FIRST NIGHT**  
By Frederica Sagor

They Were Just Married—Oh, So Happy, Until a Rejected Suitor Showed Up—Then the Fun Began

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