IT'S YOUR LAW

Respect for Law Makes Democracy Live

Under our dual system of govern- rest. We might claim damages. ment, two sets of law-state and federal-may govern what we do.

State laws have traditionally governed certain fields, for example, the law of wills, estates, and transfers of property upon death. Each state has its own rules on death transfers, how to make wills and what happens when a person dies without

But the federal government has

some power in this field.

In a dispute between the United States and a state over a decedent's estate, the U.S. Supreme Court set forth some of the federal powers: A war veteran died in a veteran's hospital without a will or heirs. He had some personal property. Under the state law property reverted to the state. Under federal law his property goes to the United States.

The Supreme Court ruled that the federal statute controlled and was valid under Congressional war powers. When patients in a veterans' hospital die without wills or legal heirs all their property goes to keep up veterans' hospitals and recreation pro-

Other veterans' laws have cut into the states' property laws. Federal laws govern G. I., insurance.

As a rule people who live in federal enclaves within a state must obey state laws. Thus, Oregon law governs civilians on federal military and scientific areas, or workers on a federal reservation as to wills, property, marriage and divorce. In the case of crimes, there may sometimes be con-current jurisdiction.

But the federal government may pass laws to avoid conflict between state laws and a national policy.

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STARTING A LAWSUIT

The thought of starting a lawsuit may cross your mind, and you have only the slightest idea of when to sue and how to start a suit.

Our laws give us a written guarantee that the courts will see to it that we are repaid money we loan, or that people we deal with will keep their word when we make a contract, or that we'll get what we are reasonably entitled to if hurt because of another person's negligence.

Suppose someone doesn't pay the money he owes us, or smashes into our parked car and refuses to pay the garage bills. Or, maybe he claims it was our fault when we sprained an ankle on his broken stairway and lost a week's work; and we feel sure that if he had taken care of his property we'd' never have missed the pay check.

The law gives us the right to go to court. That, we know.

Which court is the right one? Is the claim small enough to be handled by a Justice of the Peace? Or, must we go to the District Court, or even the Federal Court? Are we entitled garage bill for all the trouble we've Dee been through? Is it damages we want, or an injunction, or a writ of replevin?

If we demand a money judgement for some wrong, or loss, or injury suffered because of another person's actions, we'd be asking for damages.

In addition to recovering actual expenses for the services of someone like a doctor or a mechanic, and receiving the equivalent of whatever pay is lost from being unable to work, we might be entitled to damages for our pain and suffering in case there's personal injury.

Perhaps we've been subject to ridicule, or loss of business, or our reputation has been given a bad name either through vicious gossip, malicious printed statements, or false ar-

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We may want the court only to enforce an agreement we have with someone by directing him to perform a specified act. Maybe we want to stop or prohibit an action or circumstances that will cause us harm.

Then it's an injunction suit we want. Maybe we want to get back something other than money loaned. This is known as "replevin."

What it is, we'd be almost certain to come out ahead in the long run because we think about suing only as a last resort, and only when our conscience tells us we are dead right. We have faith that the law will protect us, that a court will see that justice is done.

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Family Makes Holiday Visit

MIST-Mr. and Mrs. James Stagg (Beverly Bliss), Bobby Dee and Beth Anne Bliss of Walla Walla College, College Place, Wn. joined her mother. Mrs. Bern Bliss and the Ray Garlocks Wednesday evening for the Thanksgiving holidays. The Lloyd Garlocks joined the group for Thanksgiving dinner after which the family went into Portland to visit with Bern Bliss who had entered the Portland Sanitarium before Thanksgiving for an operation. They found him coming along fine and planning to leave the hospital soon. Mrs. Fred Larson and Debra visited at the Garlock home Saturday evening.

Mrs. Archie Horgan of Hayward, Cailfornia was a Monday overnight visitor at the Dave Crawfords. Mr. and Mrs. Warren Deatheridge and family of Bremerton, Wn. arrived Wednesday evening and spent the holiday with the Crawfords.

Mr. and Mrs. Shalmon Libel accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Lawton Waddell to Portland Thursday and joined Marlene Kahoe for Thanksgiving dinner. Wednesday evening the Libels attended the dinner at the Natal Grange.

Members of Mist Helping Circle are reminded that the club will meet December 17 instead of the 24th due to the holidays. They will meet at the Birkenfeld Center and reveal secret pals and draw new ones. Potluck will be served at noon with Mrs. Charles Ramsey and Mrs.

Wayne Kyser as co-hostesses. Mr. and Mrs. George Mathews entertained with a family get together Thanksgiving day, with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mathews, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mathews and Mr. and Mrs. Art Farnsworth of Portland as guests. The Farnsworths arrived Wednesday evening and joined with the Mathews in attending the Natal Grange Thanksgiving dinner. Mrs. Alvin Wright and David of M. czanita visited the George Mathews Sunday as did Mrs. Vic Berg and to anything beyond the doctor bill or Mr. and Mrs. DeeVeere Hershey and

> Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hatfield and Roger of Madras arrived Friday evening at the Howard Grimsbo home to spend the week end. The group drove to Wauna Saturday to see what was progressing. Sunday the family gathered at the Charles Ramsey home. Mr. and Mrs. Grimsbo and children attended the dinner at the Natal Grange Wednesday evening. Howard was in Madras Monday on business.



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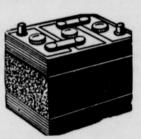
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Visiting Highlights Thanksgiving Holiday

RIVERVIEW - Mr. and Mrs. John Krinick were guests Thanksgiving day at the home of her nephew and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pierce at St. Helens. Sunday the Krinicks visited Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Briggs at Carlton.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert May and three children spent Thanksgiving at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mizner at Hillsboro.

Mrs. Alice Mills came home Sunday after spending Thanksgiving at the home of her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cleon Woodruff.

Thanksgiving day visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Goodman were Mr. and Mrs. Bud Gaines and four children of Eugene.

The guy who boasts that he runs things around his house is probably talking about the lawn mower.

Reform is a medicine some men want others to take.

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BIRKENFELD-Mr. and Mrs. Arby Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lonnquist and Mrs. Winifred Hult dined out on Thanksgiving.

Shirley, Nick and Erik Berg had dinner Thursday at Portland with an aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hoff. Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs.

Arby Mills entertained with a family dinner. Also present were Mrs. Freda Foster and Miss Ann Ram-

J. J. Lonnquist and his brother Scotty of Eugene came Friday for a visit with relatives and that evening a get together dinner was enjoyed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lonnquist.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hopkins were dinner guests at the Mickey Hopkins home Thanksgiving day.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Bellingham and family of Astoria, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bellingham and family and Mrs. Elsa Richardson were Thanksgiving guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Art Bellingham.

Mr. and Ms. Lloyd Beach were holiday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Beach at PittsRoger of Portland were guests of the Darrell Bakers Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vick Berg and Walt were Thanksgiving guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Berg at Seaside. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Berg and Loren were at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Nicholson of Seaside.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Johnston and family and Mr. and Mrs. Buster Benson and family spent Thanksgiving at the Everett Johnston home. The Larson families were guests

at the home of Al Berg. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Larsen of

Monmouth spent the holiday at the Francis Nordstroms. Miss Cathy Du-

Puis and Miss Jean Borders, stu-

dents at Monmouth, rode home with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stuve and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Condit of Portland were guests at the home of Mr. and

Mrs. E. T. Johnston. Pete and Chuck Lousignont have been here visiting with the Donnie Lousignonts.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bender and children of Forest Grove visited here Friday with relatives, the Roy Stuves and E. T. Johnstons.

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