DEATH BETRAYS FARMER'S SEX

For Eighteen Years Joe Monahan Masqueraded as a Man.

ONTARIO, Or., Joe Monahan dead on Sucker creek, Malheur county, Monday. That fact of itself was enough to startle that quiet community in which "Joe" has resided for 18 years as a farmer and stockraiser, but when friendly neighbors started to prepare the body for burial the community was given a decided shock when it was announced that "Joe" Monahan was a woman.

For 18 years the woman masqueraded as a man, owned her own farm and stock and performed all the labor allotted to the average husbandman. For years she has ridden after her cattle over mountains and plain, camping with men under all conditions and in no instance was her sex questioned.

Time over and again "Joe" Monahan has been summoned by the sheriff to serve as a juror. In every case she responded promptly and participated in preparations of verdicts rendered. Further than that, she held the distinction of being the only woman in the state of Oregon who has exercised the right of franchise accorded only to the male sex. Her masquerading was so successful that she was registered as a voter and cast her ballot at every election.

The dead woman had accumulated considerable property, including a good ranch on Sucker Creek. The mystery surrounding her life precludes any facts regarding any relatives. The property has been taken in charge by former neighbors pending an investigation.