

PHOTO: ABIGAIL AS SUFFRAGETTE.

She did not seek to become a heroic figure. She only intended to solve a great injustice.

PHOTO: ABIGAIL WITH FAMILY.
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While working tirelessly in the cause of equal rights for women she raised her six children and cared for her invalid husband; who died in 1896 after suffering a long illness:

PHOTO: BEN DUNIWAY.

ABIGAIL: "The faithful husband of my youth was called to desert his pain-racked body, leaving me alone. Never since, through all the mornings of nearly eighteen vanished years, have I awakened, whether from a dreamless or a dreaming sleep, failing to quote a sentence in his memory:

Here in the body pent,
Absent from him I roam,
Yet nightly pitch my moving tent,
A day's march nearer home.

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"Oregon Gives Women Vote!"
EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION.

NARRATOR: Finally in 1912, Oregon women overcame resistance to equal suffrage and gained the vote. Oregon Governor Oswald West asked Abigail to draft the Women's Emancipation Proclamation. At the age of 78 Abigail Duniway voted for the first time.

PHOTO: ABIGAIL AS OLD WOMAN.

ABIGAIL: "Success will seldom come in the ways that one has planned for it; but come it will, sooner or later, to all who are faithful, if not in this brief, mundane existence, then surely, as I verily believe, in the broader realm of opportunity that will open for us.