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TALENTED MAN PASSES AWAY

HAD LONG AND USEFUL CAREER
AS DIVINE.

Labored in the Grande Ronde Valley
For Many Years.

The many friends of the Reverend Reuben D. Nevius, D. D., in this vicinity, were shocked to learn of his sudden death, on Monday last, while visiting a friend at Eagle Gorge, Tacoma, Wash. He had attained the ripe age of 86 years and was apparently in good health until the last. He was a remarkable man of great intellectual attainments and in earlier life was a botanist and scientist of repute. We have been furnished with the following sketch of his ministerial career.

Of the eleven church buildings in eastern Oregon, six are the result of the labors and consecrated efforts of Rev. R. D. Nevius, D. D., who in 1873 resigned the rectoryship of Trinity church, Portland, Oregon, in order to give himself as a pioneer missionary, seeking the places where no other missionary of the church had been before, and working under the direction of the bishop to start missions and build churches in new fields wherever the possibility of future development justified it. He was the first resident clergyman of the church in eastern Oregon, starting on June 7, 1873, in the Grande Ronde valley,

where the churches at La Grande, Cove and Union are evidences of his self-sacrificing labors. Crossing into the Powder River valley, he gathered the congregation and built the church at Baker, and with that as a center, extended his ministry into the John Day river valley and built the church at Canyon City, besides preaching at Connor Creek, Granite Creek, Heppner, Humboldt Basin, Lostine, Malheur (Eldorado), Mormon Basin, Sparta, North Powder, Rye Valley, Prairie City and many other points. During the same period he built the church at The Dalles, residing there for several weeks at a time in ministering to the people. Although a native of New York state, his early ministry was spent in the South. He was ordained deacon at Savannah by Bishop Steven Elliott in 1853, and had charge of a plantation church at Liberty Hill, Alabama. After his ordination to the priesthood by Bishop Cobbs, in 1854, he became the rector of Christ church, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, where he remained for 11 years, being there during the stirring times of the Civil War. Then going to Pennsylvania, he established the first church mission at Oil City, and built the church at Roseville. Returning to Alabama, he became rector of St. John's parish, Mobile, from which he was called to Trinity church, Portland, in 1872. Since leaving eastern Oregon in October, 1879, the same consecrated zeal has shown itself in his work in Sprague, and Yakima, in eastern Washington; and on Puget Sound at Chehalis and Whatcom; while he started the work which resulted in the building of churches by his successors at Lewiston, Idaho; Ellensburg and East Sound, in Washington and Juneau in Alaska. Upon his completing the fiftieth year of his ministry, he retired from responsible work, although he is still as young in mind and as church.

As an instance of his virility of mind, only last week, the Rev. Upton H. Gibbs received a letter from him enclosing some MSS., asking for his criticism and revision. The doctor wrote, "I have dictated my thoughts in a compact and merely suggestive way, in a series of what I call theses, mere dogmatic statements, as compact as I could make them and brief. Having now no pulpit of my own I have imagined a congregation made up of my godchildren, young and old, to whom I have preached lying on my couch."

Full of years and labors and rich, not in this world's goods, but in the love of his friends and former parishioners, he has now gone to his reward.

"Life's work well done,
Life's race well run,
Now cometh rest."

Not Sam's Fault.

Sam Snedeker, the commissary man and held in the community to be a good churchman, annoyed the minister extremely by getting up and walking out of the church while the sermon was in progress. The preacher spoke to Sam about it.

"It isn't my fault, doc," Sam protested. "It's a sort of affliction I got." The preacher told Sam he'd better see the camp doctor. A few days later the preacher met the doctor.

"Did Sam Snedeker come to you for advice?" asked the preacher.

"Yes," said the doctor, "but I told Sam I couldn't do anything for him."

"What was Sam's affliction?"

"Affliction! He didn't say anything about that. Sam said he'd been troubling you by walking in his sleep."—New York Post.

Militant Margaret.

Militant minded women were known in England before the suffragettes, one of whom lies in Henry VII's chapel—Margaret, countess of Richmond, its builder's mother, with her brass effigy by Torrigiano. She hated the Turk, and she made, as Camden reports, a sporting offer to the chivalrous of her day. "On the condition that princes of Christendom would combine themselves and march against the common enemy, the Turk, she would most willingly attend them and be their laundress in the camp." That position of laundress to the crusaders would have been an easy one, for it was the fashion to make vows to change no underclothing until the holy sepulcher was regained.—Chicago News.

Fictitious.

Little Joe (reading)—What is a fictitious character, aunty? Aunty—One that is made up, dear. Little Joe—Then you are a fictitious character, aren't you, aunty?—Chicago News.

The Secret.

Blobbs—There is only one thing a woman loves better than to be told a secret. Blobbs—What is that? Blobbs—To find it out for herself.—Philadelphia Record.

Sure of His Judgment, Anyhow.

A girl may not love the man who tells her she is beautiful, but she is really sure to respect his judgment.—Chicago Record-Herald.

European Nostalgia For West Africa.
There is a wonderful charm about West Africa, says Major Tremearne in "Some Austral-African Notes and Anecdotes," which few Europeans can throw off. Then he tells of a man who, after living for ten consecutive years in a lonely part of southern Nigeria, made up his mind to have a trip home and sailed away in splendid spirits.

The Gold Coast ports were part of West Africa, and so he managed to make himself fairly at home while there, though the life on board ship was already beginning to bore him, and he wished that he had never left Nigeria. Sierra Leone he did not like at all, as it was not the West Africa which appealed to him, and he began to long for his home in the bush. After leaving that port and with no sight of land to cheer him he became desperate, and on arrival at Las Palmas he declared: "I shall go no farther. I must return at once. I have had quite enough of Europe."

Open Windows at Night.

It is difficult to get doctors to agree and to agree with the patient listener. For years I had been a slave to the open window, the fresh air at night. That doctrine of the open bedroom window was my obsession, but recently doubt crept in. By accident the bedroom window had been closed, and I slept peacefully and woke refreshed in a closed room. There was no ventilation of the official medical variety. To a medical journalist I put the problem of the window at night, and, to my astonishment, he told me that I am an animal when I sleep and do not want fresh air at all.

"Look at the animals! When they sleep they choose the stuffiest nooks they can find, and they know what is best for them. Shut your bedroom windows at night and open them in the morning." And when I reflected on the dormouse and the dog I am encouraged to tuck my nose with the other animals.—London Chronicle.

Annual Meeting of Stockholders of La Grande National Bank.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the La Grande National Bank, will be held at their banking house in La Grande, Oregon, on Tuesday, January 18, 1914, between the hours of 2 o'clock and 4 o'clock, P. M. of said day. At this meeting a board of seven directors will be elected for the ensuing year and until their successors are elected and qualified, and such other business will receive consideration, as may properly offer at said meeting.

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