

A biographer, she said, explores what someone did and when they did it, while a novelist explores why they did it and how they might have felt about it.

"I hope I expanded a vision of Duniway by looking at how landscape, relationships, spirituality and work helped her be that eminent Oregonian," she said.

Kirkpatrick said Duniway's "persistent and sometimes crusty personality" impacted the suffrage movement in Oregon. Spanning more than 40 years and six campaigns, women across the state finally gained the right to vote in 1912 — three years prior to Duniway's death.

R. GREGORY NOKES

Nokes, a former journalist and foreign correspondent who has authored several books about Oregon's history, shares about Applegate's trailblazing efforts. While conducting research for books he had been writing on Oregon history, Nokes said Applegate's name kept coming up.

"The more I learned, the more interesting he became," he said.

Several years after Applegate and his brother, Lindsay, each lost sons on the Oregon Trail — Nokes explained they both drowned in a whirlpool on the Columbia River route — he



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From left, R. Gregory Nokes, Jane Kirkpatrick, and Steve Forrester.

helped pioneer an alternate southern route. A safer alternative, it was later called the Applegate Trail.

A representative of the state's pioneer government, Applegate played a major role in dissuading delegates from approving slavery during the 1857 Constitutional Convention in Salem. However, he was unsuccessful in fighting a constitutional provision prohibiting Blacks from settling in Oregon.

"In protest, Jesse refused to sign the constitution," Nokes said.

STEVE FORRESTER

Forrester, president and CEO of EO Media Group, who once served as a U.S. Senate page, writes about a political figure who died at age 47. However, Forrester said Neuberger

"spawned a number of successors, including his wife, Maurine."

"He's an essential link in Oregon's political history of the first half of the 20th century," Forrester said.

In 1940, Neuberger was elected to the Oregon House of Representatives. Then in 1954, he won a seat in the U.S. Senate, where he co-sponsored original

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legislation that later became The Wilderness Act. Forrester said Neuberger's political activities gave rise to the Democratic Party.

"He gave it a voice," Forrester said.

The chapter about Neuberger in "Eminent Oregonians" is just a beginning for Forrester. He anticipates further research and writing a full volume about the man he first met as a youngster.

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THREE OREGONIANS

Kerry Tymchuk, Oregon Historical Society executive director, described "Eminent Oregonians" as three talented Oregon authors sharing remarkable stories about three iconic Oregon figures.

"If you love Oregon history," she said, "it doesn't get much better than that."

For more information or to order the book, visit www.eo-mediagroup.com/books/eminent_oregonians.

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