

FUNERAL OF P. R. NELSON

Tomorrow afternoon at half past two o'clock funeral services for Peter R. Nelson, who passed away Tuesday night at his home on Fourth avenue east, will be held in the Elks' temple, under the auspices of Kalispell lodge No. 725, B. P. O. E.

Peter Robert Nelson shared in the pioneer life of the valley, having come to Kalispell in the spring of 1892. Born in Klagsbury, Quebec, Canada, of Highland Scotch parentage, he came finally to the United States and located first in Minneapolis where he engaged in bridge construction work for the Great Northern railroad. Later he moved west to Montana and after a short time spent in Great Falls, moved to Kalispell. Here he spent the remainder of his life.

Mr. Nelson's marriage to Eliza Kirk took place September 25, 1895. He leaves to mourn him his wife, and three children, Irene Neilson, of the music department of the University of Washington; Forrest L. Neilson of Kalispell; and William Nennard Neilson, at present a student of the University of Washington; and a sister living in Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. Neilson spent a life of rich and full endeavor. He pursued his occupation of contracting and building until the day he became ill. He was a loyal member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and was especially active in the charity work of that organization. He served his lodge as Exalted Ruler and chaplain, and at the time of his death was a trustee. He was also a member of the Presbyterian church.

As a pioneer of the valley Mr. Neilson leaves many friends. His every deed was marked by a splendid honesty, his every act by a fine temperance, his whole life by a great unselfishness that is the pride of his family and friends to remember.

OLD SOLDIER'S LAST ACT WAS TO THANK FRIENDS

The last thought in the mind of William A. Niles, Civil war veteran, who died at the Soldiers' Home recently, was appreciation of the many acts of kindness of his friends. On the very day that he died he left a letter to a comrade requesting the publication of the following:

"To Whom It May Concern

"I want to thank everybody at the Montana Soldiers' Home and also the B. P. O. E. and the U. S. W. V. for their kind treatment to my dear wife and myself. They have been so kind that we are unable to express ourselves, but will thank everybody once again.

"WILLIAM A. NILES."