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ANOTHER PIONEER LADY RESIDENT PASSES AWAY

**Mrs. Jane A. Dovey Died at Home
of Her Son, H. N. Dovey,
Last Evening at 5:20.**

From Friday's Daily.
Last evening at 5:20 another of the pioneer residents of this city was called home, as Mrs. Jane Ann Dovey sank peacefully into the sleep that knows no awakening on this earth, and a life that during her fifty years' residence here, has been filled with good deeds and helpfulness, was brought to a close, and the news of her passing was deeply felt by the entire community, where Mrs. Dovey was so well known and so universally loved and respected, and the relatives of the departed lady will receive the sympathy of everyone in the city in their bereavement.

Jane Ann Johnson was born at Newcastle-on-the-Thames, England, on September 15, 1827, and in her home she grew to womanhood and met and was wooed by Edward G. Dovey, who later came to the United States, with the promise to send for his promised wife as soon as fortune smiled on his efforts to create a home in the new world, and in the fall of 1845 she sailed for America, arriving at Jersey City, New Jersey, where, on November 8, 1845, she was united in marriage to Mr. Dovey, who had engaged in the pottery business in that city, and after a short residence in Jersey City they removed to East Liverpool, Ohio, where Mr. Dovey engaged in the management of a large pottery works until 1853, when Mr. and Mrs. Dovey removed to Nashville, Tennessee, where four children came to bless their home as follows: Mary Jane, Tennessee; George E. and Oliver C. Here in the southland the family passed several happy years until the great conflict between the north and south began to threaten, and as both Mr. Dovey and his partner in the commission business, Mr. Henry Amison, were strong supporters of the Union cause, they were soon compelled to leave the south, and moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1861, where the two little daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Dovey died, and the husband and father decided to seek a home in the then practically unknown west, and he came to Plattsmouth in 1862 and began the establishing of his business interests that today is a splendid monument to his industry and thrift. After Mr. Dovey was convinced of the desirability of a home here, he sent for the family, and on Easter morning, April 5, 1863, Mrs. Dovey and the children arrived in this city to make their home, and since that time Plattsmouth has had the pleasure of seeing her family grow up to manhood and to witness the changes that time has made in this locality, then a small river town with steamboats as a means of travel, into a lively little city with a great trans-continental railroad running through it. To Mr. and Mrs. Dovey here was born their third son, Horatio N. Mrs. Dovey in early life joined the Episcopal church in England and until the day of her death was a faithful and devout member of that faith, and her helpfulness toward the church work will be sadly missed, as there was nothing she would leave undone that might help her church. The husband preceded Mrs. Dovey in death some thirty-two years ago, having died July 25, 1881, while on a visit to his old home in England, and since that time Mrs. Dovey has made her home with her children, and for the past few years at the home of her son, H. N. Dovey, where she passed away.

The funeral of this worthy lady will be held from St. Luke's church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Will Spend Winter in the South.

From Saturday's Daily.
Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Kirkpatrick of Nehawka, and Mrs. Oliver Harmon, from near Avoca, were in Plattsmouth over last night, being guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Ruffner, Mrs. Kirkpatrick being a sister to Mrs. Ruffner. After remaining in the city over night they took the Burlington train for Chariton, Iowa, where they will make a brief visit with relatives. From there they go to St. Joseph, Missouri, where Mr. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick have a son, for a short visit. After the St. Joseph visit Mrs. Harmon will return home, while Mr. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick will go to San Antonio, Texas, where they will spend the winter. Mrs. Harmon is a sister of Mr. Kirkpatrick.

CONNIE MACK GETS LARGE BASE BALL BAT FROM THE AVOCA CLUB

The live base ball fans of Avoca, who are thoroughbreds in every way and admirers of the great national game from start to finish, a short time ago decided to send to the manager of the world's champions, Connie Mack, a testimonial of their delight over the outcome of the great base ball contests, and they had a large bat some five feet in length turned out of a 6x6 timber and this powerful weapon was sent to Mr. Mack, with the compliments of the fans of our neighboring town, who by the way, have some base ball team of their own, which has made a splendid record during the past season, and a few days ago Mr. J. P. Rasmussen, the manager of the team received the following letter from Mr. Mack, and it is very highly valued by the Avoca team and their rustling manager: "Mr. J. P. Rasmussen, Avoca, Nebraska: "Dear Sir—Some time ago I received a base ball bat, one of the biggest that I have ever handled, and I want to assure you that the same is highly appreciated. While the bat is at the present time at my residence, will have the same taken here to the office, where it will be on exhibition during the summer. Am afraid it is a trifle larger than the bat that Baker uses, but should he fail to knock out his usual home runs, we will try to persuade him to use the bat that you so kindly sent. Thanking you again for this favor, I remain, yours very truly, "Connie Mack."

JURORS FOR THE DECEMBER TERM OF THE DISTRICT COURT

The following residents of the county have been chosen for the jury panel for the December term of district court and will be given an opportunity to labor for the best interests of justice: John H. Albert, Louisville; William Heil, Eight Mile Grove; A. G. Red, Tipton; James Alloway, Louisville; Will Hulfish, Stove Creek; Levi Kalrad, Greenwood; Ben Lefler, Mt. Pleasant; William A. Cleghorn, Louisville; Watson Howard, Salt Creek; Charles Spohn, Avoca; John Wehrebein, Plattsmouth; Philip Albert, Eight Mile Grove; Roy Howard, Plattsmouth; J. W. Magney, Nehawka; W. M. Philpot, W. M. Coatman, George Stoner, Weeping Water; Henry Knabe, Nehawka; Wilson Gilmore, Mt. Pleasant; J. C. Lemon, Salt Creek; Fred Majors, First ward, Plattsmouth; J. C. Peters, Fourth ward, E. P. Lutz, Third ward.

Beautiful Shetland Ponies
for sale at all times, for the next 100 years, unless I die in the meantime. I have now an extra fine stallion, the best in the state, for sale. Well broke for both harness and saddle.
Wm. Gilmour,
Plattsmouth, Neb.
R. F. D. No. 1.

A DASTARDLY OUTRAGE AT CEDAR CREEK

**A Beast in Human Form, Who, If
Reports Are True, Should Be
Severely Punished.**

From Saturday's Daily.
A very peculiar case has developed in the village of Cedar Creek that is very baffling to the residents there, as the stories told by Miss Nellie Sween are very strange, and it would seem that she was attempting to suppress some of the facts in the case. The case is in the nature of an attempted assault made upon Miss Sween by one James Biddlecomb, who has been employed with the gang of men who have been working in the vicinity of Cedar Creek for the Nebraska Lighting company.

Every since the men have been making their headquarters in Cedar Creek at the hotel, where Miss Sween is employed, Biddlecomb has repeatedly tried to get her to go out walking with him and to allow him to pay her attention, which she resented and refused to go with him, and also told the other members of the gang of the incident. The men began to "toast" Biddlecomb on account of his being turned down by the girl, and this greatly angered him, so much so that on Tuesday while the men were eating dinner he resented the joking by cursing, and this led to his being ordered to leave the hotel, and also to his being discharged from the service of the company. After this he proceeded to Omaha, where he remained until Thursday night, when he returned to Cedar Creek, and at a late hour went to the hotel, where he remained with a friend over night. Yesterday morning Miss Sween went up stairs in the hotel to secure a lamp she desired to clean, so she states, and had just entered one of the rooms in the third story, when Biddlecomb suddenly came into the room, closing and locking the door, and exclaimed: "Now I have got you where I wanted you," and advanced toward the girl, who, although greatly frightened, claims she resisted his advances and tried to wrestle with him to prevent his overpowering her. Biddlecomb finally got the best of the girl and after tying her lower limbs with a part of the sheet which he tore from the bed he came at her armed with a razor, and she says attempted to cut her throat, and on the side of her neck appears a long scratch to bear out this part of the story. The woman says she knocked the razor from his hand before he could inflict a more serious wound, and that he then applied some sort of a liquid to her face and neck that seems to have burned her, as there are several places badly burned there, and a quantity of the liquid was found in a cup in the room, as was also the razor with which he did the scratching of the woman's face.

The peculiar part of the case is in the statement made to the authorities, who were called to the scene by the girl, who says she waited until the man could get away before she began screaming, which caused the other persons around the hotel to come to her rescue and release her from her bound condition. Biddlecomb had also tied a piece of the sheet around the girl's neck, as though to choke her, although she says she never lost consciousness during the struggle with Biddlecomb.

As soon as the sheriff was notified he hastened to the place of the trouble, but several hours had lapsed before sending for him and ample opportunity given for the man to make his escape, as the parties at that place were slow in sending word of the outrage to this city.

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Hold Social Meeting.

From Saturday's Daily.
The Christian Endeavor society of the Presbyterian church held a delightful social meeting at the home of Miss Grete Briggs last evening, there being thirty young people in attendance. The members of the social committee had planned a number of games, which furnished plenty of amusement for the jolly company and consisted of a number of old-fashioned games. About 9:30 light refreshments were served, and a half hour or so spent in more games, and then all dispersed, very much indebted to the hostess for the kind hospitality and the social committee for the enjoyable entertainment afforded them. The social committee will plan a social meeting to be held once a month, and all young people are invited.

ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO BURGLARIZE A RESIDENCE

Another attempt to burglarize one of the homes of this city was made early yesterday morning sometime between the hours of 4 and 5 o'clock, when some party or parties attempted to force an entrance into the residence of G. H. Clossen. The noise of hammering, or trying to pry open a rear window of the house awakened Mr. Clossen, and as this attempt to get in did not produce the desired results, the party was heard walking around the house and trying a front window. By this time the dog belonging to the place had been aroused and proceeded to make an alarm that awoke the rest of the family. As soon as Mr. Clossen awoke he called to his brother-in-law, who was sleeping in an adjoining room upstairs, and asked him if he heard the noise, and he answered that he had, and asked for the revolver of Mr. Clossen, and armed with this, and in company with Mr. Clossen, armed with a shotgun, they proceeded down stairs, but by this time the party had made their getaway and there was no trace of anyone. Who the party was is a deep mystery, but if he values his life he will remain away from this home, where there is such an assortment of artillery.

HANDSOMELY REMEMBERED ON GOLDEN WEDDING DAY

Saturday afternoon the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Straight decided to give them a surprise on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary, and they proceeded to the Straight home to assist this worthy couple in the celebration of the happy event. The affair was certainly a surprise in every way to the guests of honor, as the party, which had been arranged by Messrs. P. E. Ruffner and Agnes Chapman, had been kept a profound secret from Mr. and Mrs. Straight and they were unaware until the company began to pour in upon them. There were some seventy-two persons called during the afternoon to wish their old friends many happy returns of the day. As a remembrance of the day, fifty years before, when they had joined their lives together, Mr. and Mrs. Straight were presented with a purse of gold and many other tokens of love and esteem from their friends and neighbors with whom they have spent so many years. During the afternoon delicious refreshments were served to the company and the whole event is one that will long be remembered with great pleasure by all who were fortunate enough to be present, and especially by the guests of honor.

Mrs. Robert Sherwood and little granddaughter departed this morning for Omaha, where they will visit for the day and look after business matters.

MASKED MEN WHO WERE NOT STRANGERS

**Masked Men and Woman Attempt
to Perpetrate Dastardly Deed
Upon an Old Citizen.**

John Ossenkop, a well-known farmer living southeast of Louisville, telephoned to town Wednesday evening stating that a band of masked men had surrounded his house. When he opened the door they attempted to throw a rope about his neck, but he sprang back and closed the door. Securing a shotgun he guarded the door and phoned for help. A posse was soon made up and securing arms of every description they started for the scene of the attempted robbery in automobiles. They found the aged gentleman, gun in hand, on guard.

His story is about as follows: He was sitting by the fireside alone, his son, Eddie, with whom he keeps bachelor quarters, being in Omaha. He says he heard a noise at the door, and thinking it was one of the neighbors coming to spend the evening, he arose and opening the door stepped out on the porch. Here he saw three persons, two men and a woman, with masks over their faces. One of them carried a rope with which he attempted to capture the astonished man. After escaping into the house Mr. Ossenkop says the invaders looked in at the windows, but seeing him well armed they did not attempt to force an entrance. When help arrived the handits escaped into a corn field near by.

It is believed by those who visited the place that the object of the invaders was to capture Mr. Ossenkop if possible, bind him securely and then search the house for money or other valuables. It is probable, however, that but for the presence of a telephone in calling assistance another scene such as the Matt Akoson murder of a few years ago might have resulted, for the persistence shown by the gang was most remarkable. It is said that after the posse which went out from town had returned, after scouring the place for a mile in every direction, that the handits returned a second time and were fired upon by Eddie Ossenkop, who by this time had returned from the city.

Mr. Ossenkop is quite confident that his visitors were not strangers in the community.—Louisville Courier.

WALTER RAKOW RECEIVED A KNOCK OUT BLOW AT THE SHOPS YESTERDAY

Last evening just before quitting time at the Burlington shops Walter Rakow met with an accident that came near causing him to lose the top of his head, as the result of a large "jack" that he was using slipping and flying up, striking him on the jaw, and Walter took the "count," being knocked unconscious, and he was conveyed into the freight car department office, where he was revived sufficiently to be sent down to have a surgeon make an examination of the injuries. It is very fortunate that he was not killed by the blow, but as it is he will remember for several days the force of the blow that laid him out.

Thanksgiving Dance.
George Nickels and Nick Friedrich wish to announce to their friends that they will give a dance at Jenkins' hall, Murray, Neb., on Wednesday eve, November 26. Everyone is cordially invited to come out and enjoy a pleasant evening. Jacobs' orchestra of Omaha will furnish the music.

Has a Fine New Boy.

This morning James Newasek appeared on the street whistling a very merry tune and with a smile that surpassed the brilliance of the November sunshine in its brightness, and there was a mighty good reason for it, and that was that a fine nine-pound boy had made his appearance at the Newasek home yesterday morning, and this filled the cup of joy of the parents to overflowing and they are willing to bet that he is the finest boy that ever came to Plattsmouth.

Dance Thanksgiving Eve.

The Cosmopolitan club of this city will give a dance on Wednesday evening, November 26, at Coates' hall. This will be in the nature of a harvest dance and will be given on Thanksgiving eve.

MRS. DOVEY'S FUNERAL LARGELY ATTENDED SUNDAY

The funeral services of the late Mrs. Jane Ann Dovey yesterday afternoon at St. Luke's church, were attended by a large number of the old friends, who gathered to pay their last respects to this worthy lady, who was called from their midst after a long and useful life. The church was not large enough to accommodate the host of sorrowing friends who took this means of showing their grief at her being taken from them, and the mass of floral offerings expressed stronger than words the feeling of deep grief at her death. The services were conducted by Right Rev. Arthur L. Williams of Omaha, bishop of Nebraska, using the beautiful and impressive funeral ritual of the Episcopal church. The choir sang during the service at the church, and the casket was borne to beautiful Oak Hill cemetery, where it was consigned to the earth to await the day when death and grief shall have passed away. There were a large number from out of the city present to pay their last tribute to this departed pioneer lady, who had lived in this community for so many years, and to know whom was at once to learn to love and respect her, and her life, so full of kindly acts and helpful deeds, will be an inspiration to her family in the years to come.

CONSTRUCTION WORK ON LIGHTING PLANT PROGRESSING RAPIDLY

The construction work of the Nebraska Lighting company on their line from Red Oak to Louisville is progressing in great shape and in about a week it is expected that the line from Louisville will be completed into this city, where the connection with the eastern lines will be made in a short time. The work of stringing the wire on this line is being pushed by the company as to make the completion of their new line as soon as possible. The Iowa line is not progressing as rapidly as that on the Nebraska side, having quite a distance yet to be put up before they reach the river at this place.

The crossing of the river will be made on two large steel towers erected just south of the Burlington bridge here, the tower on the Iowa side will be one hundred feet in height, while that on this side of the river will be forty feet high, and from these the wires will swing. The towers had been ordered for some time, but have just arrived from the iron works at Omaha, and the work of putting them up will be started at once. The towers will rest on a solid concrete base of some five feet square, which in turn is built on a piling of thirty feet, which will make a very solid structure and ample to carry the wires that will bring the current from Red Oak to this city.

BIDDLECOMB ARRESTED AND NOW IN JAIL

**Arrested at Saloon at Ninth and
Douglas Streets, Omaha,
Saturday Afternoon.**

James Biddlecomb, the man who attacked Miss Nellie Sween at the Cedar Creek hotel on Friday morning and who cut her neck with a razor, as well as pouring quite a large amount of poison which had been left standing on the bureau in the room where the assault occurred, on the neck and face of the girl, was brought to justice Saturday afternoon in Omaha, where he was placed under arrest. Sheriff Quinton was quite firmly convinced that the man would return to Omaha, where he had lived before going to Cedar Creek, and where he had acted as a foreman in the smelter at that place, and the Omaha police had been summoned to keep their eyes out for him.

Early Saturday afternoon the sheriff received a message from Omaha from a former Cedar Creek man stating that he had seen Biddlecomb on the street and he gave the locality where he had met him, and the sheriff at once notified the Omaha police by telephone and officers arrested Biddlecomb as he was leaving a saloon at the corner of Ninth and Douglas streets, and he was placed in jail to await the coming of Sheriff Quinton, who had started for Omaha as soon as he received the information, and returned Saturday evening with the prisoner, who is safely lodged in jail to await action in his case.

The reports of the affair that have appeared in the state papers of the arrest in Omaha have been greatly overdrawn, as they speak of danger of violence from the citizens toward the prisoner, when the case has not caused any unusual amount of excitement, and the young lady is not in serious condition beyond a few hours' illness by the poison which was poured on her face and neck, and this is not thought to be serious. Biddlecomb is a man about 30 years of age and denies making any attempt at assault on the young woman in the case.

RICH TREAT FOR INMATES OF THE MASONIC HOME HERE SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Yesterday afternoon the residents of the Masonic Home were given a most delightful treat in a visit from some twenty-two members of the choir of the Methodist church, who gave an hour of song for the entertainment of the aged people at the home. The program consisted of a number of anthems, solos, choruses and duets and embraced a number of the old hymns, which were much appreciated by all the members of the big family at the home and by Superintendent W. S. Askwith and wife. This choir is one of the finest in the city and their offerings are always inspiring to their hearers and the services at the Home was in keeping with their usual splendid musical programs.

Paul Off for California.

Paul Stadman departed yesterday morning on the early Burlington train for Omaha, from where he took his train for Los Angeles, California, where he expects to spend the winter and visit with a sister who lives in that place. Paul has grown to be a familiar figure on the streets here and he will be missed by those who have known him so long, but all will trust that he may enjoy to the utmost his trip and the stay in California.