

A Pioneer Gone.

Last Friday morning, October 18, occurred the death of one of Griggs county's pioneer citizens, Mr. Ole Halvorson, after quite a long sickness. The cause of death was from cancer of the stomach. The deceased was born in Brottun, Norway, on July 19, 1848. He came to the United States in 1866 and settled at Chaseberg, Wis., and later on moved to Trempeleau county the same state where he lived until May 12, 1881, when he came to this county and has lived here continually up to the time of his death. Ole Halvorson was one of the first county commissioners of territorial days and to his resolution while on the board is due the firing out of the saloon in Griggs county. We had local option those days and it rested with the board to grant or reject license. The deceased offered the motion to reject and he was ably seconded by one of our present citizens and ex-county commissioner who was on the board at that time, Mr. John Hogenson of Romness township. Rollin C. Cooper was chairman of the board at that time and with such a board the saloon was doomed and it has proven to be the best thing that ever happened to Griggs county. The Griggs county W. C. T. U. in recognition of Mr. Halvorson's efforts in keeping out the saloon, sent out a beautiful floral wreath of cream roses to place on his bier. The funeral was held last Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. at the Nasse Lutheran church east of the river Rev. Henrik Voldal preaching the funeral sermon. The remains were interred in the cemetery at that church. The deceased leaves a widow and nine children to mourn the loss of husband and father. Ole Halvorson was a good man and a good citizen and the county loses one of its earliest pioneers—a man who lived his every day life in a way which would do the most good for his family and neighbors.