

told in the neighborhood, where he was well known by most of the employés at the tower. He was, during his last years, regularly employed as a man of might by one of the large Western circuses, and was traveling with the company when he died (1854).¹

Henry Peche,² another character of the old mining days, was well known at Helena and Dodgeville. But it is impossible to enumerate all the individuals in that life that centered about the tower in the first twenty years of its existence. The type of life it gave rise to has already disappeared, or exists only in the recollection of those few who have outlived their generation. To study it, is to study beginnings, the rudiments of social and economic order in an undeveloped country, and see in their proper perspective the first rough outlines of a new social organization in the Northwest.

¹From the *Rewey Bee*, April 30, 1895: "The bodies of the noted giant and his wife were moved from the Cottage Inn cemetery to this place Monday. Mr. F. W. Shadick was born in Cornwall, England, April 27, 1813, and came to America in 1847 and located at Cottage Inn in the spring of '48, where he married Miss Jane Gray in '49; and in the spring of '50 he began traveling with one of the earliest shows on the road in this country. Mr. Shadick was 7 ft. 4 in. high and weighed 370 lbs. While on exhibition at Laporte, Ind., July 4, 1854, Shadick died and his body was brought to Cottage Inn and interred. In the following fall his wife died and was laid by his side."

²Henry Peche claimed to have come to Prairie du Chien with the British army when it captured that place in 1814. He was a tailor by trade, and was company tailor in the expedition. From here he drifted to Dodgeville, where he did mending and washing for the miners. John Metcalf took care of him during a severe sickness, and after that he stayed with him, often keeping house for him, until he became jocularly known as "Metcalf's wife." He was the first Sunday School superintendent, and David Jones was the first preacher, at Old Helena, the services being held in the warehouse. When Metcalf went to Baraboo, he accompanied him, but soon returned to the shot-tower, where he assisted at various sorts of work until he was no longer able to support himself. From here he went to Isaac Fann's, at Wyoming, doing gardening, etc., for his board. He afterward stayed a year with the Joiner family, and in the spring of 1862 was taken by L. W. Joiner to the Iowa county poor-house, where he died about two years later.