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NOTABLE DEATHS.

CHARLES EDWIN WHITING was born in Otsego county, New York, January 17, 1821; he died at Onawa, Iowa, December 2, 1897. In the year 1837, when he had reached the age of sixteen, his parents removed to Lake county, Ohio, where they settled on a farm. The son remained at home until he was twenty-two, when he went to Alabama and engaged in merchandising, in which he was quite successful. But in 1850 he went to California, returning in 1853. He engaged in various business enterprises with a good degree of success, until 1855, when he settled in Monona county, purchasing over 7,000 acres of land, from which he developed one of the finest farms in the State. This farm, from its great size, as well as from his thorough modes of agriculture, has had nothing to surpass it in Iowa. It is a princely estate. Mr. Whiting was a democrat and always considered one of the representative men of his party. He was a candidate on several occasions—for the most part against his own inclinations—and was elected to the State Senate in 1883. His record there was that of a strong, independent legislator, who seemed actuated by the largest sense of justice. In the year 1885 his party nominated him for governor against Gov. Larabee. In this contest he was defeated. Gov. Boies appointed him a member of the Board of Regents of the State University, where he served six years. In his own town and county Mr. Whiting enjoyed a large degree of popularity, and had he been more aggressive in his nature, with an ambition for political preferment, there is no doubt that he would have filled many distinguished positions. As it was, his political honors came to him unsought. His aspirations seemed rather for a quiet life, in which he became one of the model farmers of the West. His death brought forth the highest encomiums from the press of the State regardless of party affiliations.

GEORGE SHIPP was born in Center county, Pennsylvania, July 12, 1815; he died at Webster City, Iowa, November 18, 1897. His parents removed to Ohio during his boyhood, where they were also early settlers. The subject of this notice entered a store in Millersburg, Ohio, in 1833, where he was employed as a clerk. After a service of four years he returned to Wayne county, where he engaged for some years in business on his own account. He went overland to California in 1852, taking with him a herd of cattle and horses. Returning to Ohio two years later, he lived there until 1857, when he removed to Iowa and settled in Webster City. Here he engaged in merchandising, becoming an important factor in the early business and social interests of the town. He was one of three or four citizens who organized the first Congregational church, and the second man in the county to be elected recorder and treasurer—the two offices being then united in one. He was one of the founders of the Farmers' National Bank, and for many years its vice-president. During his early years in Iowa he devoted much time and attention to the public schools of Webster City. In short, he was a well-known and most useful pioneer citizen of Hamilton county—honest and always reliable in his dealings, genial and kindly in his manners, a model husband and father, and a pillar of the church of which he was a life-long member.

JUDGE JOEL BAILEY, the oldest and most venerated pioneer of Delaware county died November 8, 1897, at the age of eighty-three. Judge Bailey was born in Otsego, New York, in 1814. He was left an orphan at the age of nine years. In youth he learned the trade of making gun barrels, and later the

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