Funeral Of
Oliver Park

Beautiful Services Are Held At The
Home Here on Saturday
Afternoon.

MARK CLOSE OF A LONG
AND USEFUL LIFE.

Rev. E. M. Vittum, a Long Time
Friend Is Speaker—Elks Conduct
Services at the Grave.

Funeral services for O. W. Park
from the home on Main street Saturday
afternoon were largely attended by
the friends who wished to honor
the memory of a Christian gentleman
and a long time resident of this
community. Though Mr. Park had
lived a retired life for many years
by reason of the infirmities which had
come upon him with advancing years,
he has ever been held in friendly remembrance
by those who knew him and the
days of his active and helpful life.

Rev. E. M. Vittum, a friend of
many years, conducted the simple but
impressive services. Dr. Vittum
found Mr. Park here where he could
assume the pastoral of the Congrega-
tional church many years ago and al-
vays found him in his most devoted
spirit to serve in any capacity given
him.

The services were opened with the
reading by Mr. Vittum of three hymns
which Mr. Park had long loved.
Rev. Vittum found them
agreeable and comforting.

Dr. Vittum opened his sermon with an eloquent prayer and then
spoke in appreciative and comforting
words of his long time friend, giving
a review of his long and worthy life
from his boyhood days, when he
found himself the main support of
his widowed mother and his brothers
and sisters, for whom he provided
by going to sea and arranging that
his salary be sent to them.

It was during this period of his
life that he suffered shipwreck and
escaped after a struggle with the
waves. Dr. Vittum spoke of the
long years of captivity with Mr. Park
in this community and paid fitting
tribute to his many fine qualities as a man and a Christian.

The pall was raised after the
memorial address with Mr. Park in
the community and paid fitting
tribute to his many fine qualities as a man and a Christian.

The house was filled with the many
and beautiful floral tributes which
came from friends and which were
deeply appreciated by the family.

Mr. Park's son, Hubbard, who could
not reach Grinnell from his home in
california, sent a beautiful basket
of chrysanthemums and roses. A large
toasted bread containing chrysanthemums
and other flowers, came from Mr. Park's
daughter, Mrs. Ada Black, and his
nephew, Oliver Park Black and wife
of Boston, and a cousin, A. W. Cur-
ver and wife, who were from Muncie,
and brought a beautiful floral tri-

The city was represented by
Mrs. John Darr, Mrs. J. L. Carpen-
ter, Mrs. L. I. Ballsberger, and Mrs.
Mrs. J. B. Anderson, all of Muncie,
and Mrs. A. W. Carver of Muscat-
inge, and Mr. Arthur Bartlett of
Chicago.

Rev. Vittum found Mr. Park in his
most devoted spirit to serve in any
capacity given him.

L. W. Winslow Park was born in
South Harp, Maine, June 7, 1849,
the son of Captain and Mrs. Oliver
B. Park. His parents were:
first cousins, his mother's maiden
name being Catherine Elizabeth
Park, and both members of the
Roman Catholic church.

Mr. Park was a direct descendant
of Captain John Park, Revolutionary
War hero and a direct descendant
of Robert Treat, who for forty years
was deputy governor of Connecticut.

Colonial, Robert Treat was
governor of the famed Charter
Oak episode which has come into
history, and in fact the name of his
dad, Richard, is one of those which
appears in the original charter which
was so bitterly concealed at that
time. Mr. Park's great-grandfather,
Richard Treat, was also descended from
Richard Treat through his daughter
Honor Treat.

Mr. Park was married in 1872,
and in order to help
support the family, as explained
above, he followed the
sea for eight years,
this being the most natural
occupation for a
Maine boy at that
time. At the age of 26, on June 26,
1878, he came to this community
and after a hospitable reception in the
lilac days, Mr. Park settled on a farm in the
close community
in which he farmed for some time.

After this, he took a claim in Franklin county,
Mr. Park was married January 19,
1878, at Kearney, Neb., to Carrie
Ruth Beat
ber, the ceremony being per-
fected by Rev. Mr. Fife, himself
an early residient of Grinnell, by way of a
honeymoon tour they enjoyed an eighty mile ride in
a lumber wagon from the
claim to their home.

After living for some time in
Nebraska, Mr. and Mrs. Park moved
to Poweshiek county to be near
Mr. Park's parents, Mr. and Mrs.
Mrs. Beat
ber, and made their home for forty years on the
Benton farm, three miles northwest of Grinnell. In
1922, when Mr. Park lost his sight as a
result of influenza, they moved to
Grinnell and have since made their
home at 1216 Main street.

He leaves his devoted wife, with
whom he spent over fifty years of
perfect happiness, two daughters,
Mrs. J. L. Carpenter of near Malcolm
and Ada, at home, and one son, Hubbard
Beat
ber Park of Morgan Hill, Calif.,
also a sister, Mrs. Amy Black, and a
nephew, Oliver Park Black of Boston,
and four and grandchildren, David,
Winslow, Donovan and Ruth Carpenter.

Mr. Park joined the Congregational
church in Chester and has been a
devoted Christian all of his
whole life long. He was faithful in attendance
at church services until the
closing of his sight and hearing prevented, and
after he was confined to his home he
found a great comfort
which brought him every Sunday the
sermons which he loved to hear. He
was a man devoted to his home, the
unselfishness which he loved,
and his selflessness were ever in
evidence.

In the affections of his last
years he has never complained
and has always been appreciative of the
affections of his devoted wife and
doughter, and the visits of his
doughter Laude and family. He was
interested and interested in his
interests and allowed things
to be done in every movement for
the good of this community and his
influence has always been on the side of right
things.

His illness had not been acute until
the past few days and he passed peacefully to
the life full of years and
good deeds. He will be lovingly remembered by all who knew him for
all recognized his sterling worth.