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### OBITUARY.

John Fitzgerald was born in Limerick, Ireland, May 2nd, 1832. He came to this country with his parents in 1848 locating at Vergennes, Vermont. He was united in marriage to Maria Cassin on the 19th day of July 1856 at Burlington, Vermont.

In 1857 he conceived the idea that the west was the proper place for a young man and came with his brother-in-law, Thomas Cassin, to Iowa City. There the railroad ended but the ambitious young men walked to Council Bluffs. He soon returned however and purchased a farm four and one half miles northwest of Grinnell, which he did not occupy until some nineteen years later. He returned from Grinnell to his family in Vergennes and lived there and in New Haven, Vt., for twelve years trying to lay up enough money to enable him to properly work his Iowa farm but it was hard picking there in those days, labor plenty and work so scarce that he was obliged to work whole years at \$160 per annum. However things changed. He was offered a job as road master of two railroad construction gangs at Corinne, Utah. This position he held for seven years. Then in 1876 he moved his family from Vermont to Grinnell and has resided here continuously during the remaining twenty-seven years of his life.

He has been ambitious, energetic, successful and kind; wholly unselfish, working entirely for the benefit of his

family, taking his only pleasure in having his children gathered around him at holiday seasons and other times when reunion was possible. His loss is deeply mourned by his fellow townsmen, who admired him for his undomitable courage and loved him because of his never failing kindness. He leaves a wife and four children as follows: Ella C. Fitzgerald of Ogden, Utah, Mrs. C. H. Sheridan of Oswego, N. Y., F. J. Fitzgerald of Omaha, Neb., and J. W. Fitzgerald of this city. The funeral service was conducted Sunday afternoon at the Catholic Church by the Rev. James Curtin.