

557. MARSHALLTOWN AND
LINN TOWNSHIP.

GRINNELL, JOHN, farmer and gardener; born in Columbia Co., N. Y., Jan. 8, 1815; he lived in New York State and Massachusetts until 1836; in 1837, he came to Chicago, when it was in its infancy; then he came to Lyons, Iowa; he made a claim on each side of the river; Clinton was called New York then; only three shanties there; in the Fall of 1859, he went to Detroit, and was in the shoe and leather business there ten years; in 1869, he came West again, and has been engaged in contracting on railroads and farming; he came here in 1877, and engaged in farming and gardening. He is a member of the State Board of Agriculture, and also is Vice President of the State Agricultural Society, and has held town and school offices. He married Caroline Hulbert, from Schenectady, N. Y., in 1842; she died in Jan. 1872; they have one son—John T.; lost one son—George, and one daughter—Mary.