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H. N. Comstock, an old resident and prominent lawyer of Janesville, died in that city February 24th. He was born in Wayne, Steuben County, N. Y., in 1822, and had resided in Janesville the past twenty years.

John A. Carswell died in Racine, March 3d, in his sixty-eighth year. Born in Salem, Washington County, N. Y., in September, 1809, he settled in Racine in 1839. He served two terms as sheriff of the county, and once as president of the village board. He was one of the commissioners to secure the right of way for the now Western Union Railroad, and grading the first section of it, lost some \$10,000 by the enterprise. In later years, he served several terms in the board of supervisors; and was secretary of the Pioneer Association.

Rev. Edward McGuirck died in Richwood, Dodge County, of apoplexy, March 20th, aged sixty-three years. He was a native of County Tyrone, Ireland, and after studying for the priest-hood in France, he came to America, twenty-four years ago. He was ordained in Milwaukee. Served some time as professor of languages at St. Louis, and officiated eighteen years as priest between Watertown and Portage, the last four years of which at Richwood.

Mrs. Catherine Schneider, a native of Germany, died at Kenosha, March 22d, at the great age of one hundred and one years.

Hon. Samuel Pratt died in Racine, March 24th, in the seventieth year of his age. He was born in Enfield, Mass., October 6, 1807; his parents removing to Ohio when he was quite young, and subsequently he removed to Michigan. Coming to Wisconsin in 1837, he settled at Spring Prairie, but did not move his family till 1845. He was a member of the assembly from Walworth County in 1849, 1855 and 1863; and elected to the senate in 1869, and re-elected in 1871—filling these and other positions with credit and usefulness.

Darius C. Jackson died in Middleton, N. Y., March 28th, at the age of sixty-three years. He was an extensive railroad contractor, and served six years as U. S. marshal for Wisconsin, having been appointed by President Lincoln.

Hon. Edward H. Janssen died at Grafton, Washington County,