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JONATHAN D. NEU examines the institutional history of Memorial University—a college, normal school, and preparatory academy in Mason City, Iowa, founded in the early 1900s. He argues that the short-lived school linked a Grand Army of the Republic-endorsed memory of the Civil War with Progressive Era educational reform.

EMILY PRIFOGLE demonstrates how prosecutorial discretion functioned in the small town of Storm Lake, Iowa, in the 1920s. Through the memoirs of county attorney Charles Pendleton, she shows how rural social networks and local norms concerning race, religion, gender, sexuality, and temperance informed prosecutorial acts of discretion in the early twentieth century.

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Image of the first building completed at Memorial University in Mason City, Iowa, which was meant to be a harbinger of the grand university that the Grand Army of the Republic planned to build in the community. For more on the rise, decline, and influence of Memorial University, see Jonathan D. Neu's article in this issue. Photo courtesy of Jonathan D. Neu.

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