

## CIVIL WAR VETERAN SUCCUMBS AFTER LONG ILLNESS

**Esley Groat of This Place Died Thursday of Last Week.**

Esley Groat, a well known and highly respected resident of this village, died at his home, Thursday, February 8th, 1923, at 8:30 p. m., at the age of 83 years, 4 months, 20 days.

He was born at Ashford, N. Y., on October 28th, 1839 and was the son of Jasper and Marie Groat. On February 22, 1866, he was united in marriage to Eleanor M. Hopkins and came to this village 42 years ago, where he has since resided.

He enlisted July 28th, 1862, from Cattaraugus county and was mustered into the U. S. Service at Jamestown, N. Y., Sept. 24, 1862 as private to serve for three years in Company G 154th Regiment, N. Y. Vol., Infantry, under Capt. M. B. Cheney and W. S. Cameron and Col. A. G. Rice, J. H. Jones and D. Garner. The regiment was assigned to the 1st Brigade, 2nd Division, 20th Corps, Army of Cumberland and Georgia, and marched to Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 10 to 15, Mud March, Jan. 20-24 '63; Chancellorsville, May 2nd, where he was wounded by a shell, was treated in Carver Hospital, D. C., 30 days returned home on furlough and rejoined his regiment about July. Gettysburg, July 1 to 3rd; Wawatichie, Tenn., October 28 to 29; Orchard Knob, Nov. 23rd; Tunnel Hill, Nov. 24th, duty in Lookout Valley until May 1864; Rocky Face Ridge May 11; Resaca, May 15; New Hope Church May 25; Pine Hill, June 11 to 14; Noyes Creek, June 19 '64; Chattahoschie River July 17; Peach Tree Creek, July 20; Tuckunis Cross Road, Nov. 29. He was promoted to

## CHARACTER INTERPRETING COMPANY APPEARS

Yes, you're right! A great party is due here on February 11th. This company, by the way, has had the kind of a success which is hard to get back to the same town three or four years in succession. It takes a special company with real artists to do

Mr. Colston, manager of the company, is a student of human nature and of people as a class. He studies human manners, characteristics, eccentricities and customs, and portrays them with a depth of feeling and interpretation that is truly remarkable.

Now, if you think you are going to see simply a character impersonator, you are sadly mistaken. You will live with these characters and their very presence, not simply a man make funny faces at you and tell you funny stories. Through the three parts of their program the Colston Company brings an evening of educational value and of realism, pathos and humor.

The first part consists of pictures from the family album. Call it all of their scenery, they set the stage to represent a large book and interpret the characters such as we often see in Grandmother's Album.

As the second part of the program the company presents a one act play of home life and for the third part we are introduced to such familiar characters as Shylock, David H. Rip Van Winkle, and President Abraham Lincoln.

You have never met any of these folks personally, have you? Well, then here is a great opportunity only to have an enjoyable evening but to meet and live with world famous personages by means of The Colston Company.

Time: 8:00 o'clock—Date: Feb. 11



Tree Creek, July 20; Tuckunis Cross Road, Nov. 29. He was promoted to Corporal, Nov. 4th, 1864. Averysboro, N. C. Mar. 16th, '65; Bentenville, Mar. 24th, at Raleigh, S. C. April 14th; Bennett's House, April 26. Honorably discharged at Blakensburg, Md., June 11th, '65. He was a charter member of VanAernum Post, G. A. R., No. 232, Ellicottville.

He was a favorite among his comrades, having a jovial disposition and his jokes and witty sayings will be remembered by his many friends.

Deceased is survived by seven children; Minard L., Fred W., Mrs. A. D. Olin, Mrs. T. J. Fenton and Maud of this village; Seth L., and Mrs. Louis E. Pritz of Salamanca and two sisters, Mrs. Hermia Phillips of Machias, and Mrs. Susan Smith of this place.

Funeral services were held at St. John's church, Sunday at 2 o'clock, Rev. P. B. Hoffman, officiating. He was laid to rest in Sunset Hill cemetery.

Peacefully sleeping resting at last,  
This world's sorrows and troubles  
are past;  
In silence you suffered with patience  
you bore  
Until God called you home to suffer  
no more.

Those who attended the funeral from out of town were: Mrs. John Groat, Mr. Jasper Groat, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fitzpatrick, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Abbot, Mr. Floyd Pemberton, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Thorpe, Mr. and Mrs. George Brown of Salamanca; Mr. John Lee of Jamestown, Mrs. Chas. Vance of Randolph; Mr. and Mrs. George Hopkins of Machias, Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Smith and son John, Mrs. Charles Newton, Mrs. Tom Lounsbury of Great Valley; Mrs. Ruby Lee of Bradford, Pa.

#### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to our friends and neighbors

ren Colston Company.

Time: 8:00 o'clock—Date: February 17th—Place: Ames Hall.

#### Kill Head of Russ Church in P

The chief of the Russian church Poland, the Metropolitan George assassinated by the Russian Smaragd. The assassin belongs a group of the clergy which opposed the metropolitan because of the latter's pro-Polish policies. The assassin, an Archimandrite, whose full name is Smaragd Latyszenko, was arrested.

#### Settle Shopmen's Strike

Officials of the Northern Pacific railroad in St. Paul confirmed reports that striking shopmen on that road are terminating their walkout on a local basis. Striking shopmen who have been out since September were returning to work in the Minneapolis & St. Louis railroad shops.

#### G. L. F. SHAREHOLDERS MEET ELECT OFFICERS

Over two hundred farmers from all sections of the state attended the annual stockholders meeting of the Grange League Federation exchange held in Syracuse February 5th. A majority of the delegates remained for several sessions of the grange the days following.

H. E. Babcock, general manager, reported that the exchange is organizing a seed department and a feed house in Syracuse, a feed department in Buffalo, and a fertilizer division in New York City, all supervised and served by a single administration. A sales office located in Syracuse. A new system of distribution has been worked out which enables shareholders in any community in New York state to select their own type of seed, whether cooperative organization, door agent, or established retail

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