

April 30, 1908

ED. KRAFT PASSES AWAY

At 6:30 Monday morning, Ed. Kraft, who had only on Saturday returned from Hot Springs, breathed his last.

It was while employed by the Milwaukee last summer that he was taken sick and the disease was found to be diabetes. For short periods he would rally and try to get back to work, but the ailment had taken a firm hold; by slow degrees and with much suffering, he was brought to realize the inevitable. Some weeks since he went to Hot Springs to take baths and electric treatment, and for a time seemed to be on the gain, but as before, the hopes raised were only temporary.

A peculiar incident occurred in connection with his final decision to return home: He had arranged to remain a little longer and take the treatment, but on the day of his start for home he had been out driving with an old soldier from the Home. They had just returned and were parting, when the old veteran dropped dead. Thinking he might also receive a sudden call, Ed packed his effects and left for home at once. He was up and around Saturday and most of Sunday, taking to his bed late in the afternoon, where he remained until the final summons Monday morning.

He was born at Prairie du Chien, Wis., nearly twenty-six years ago—Sept. 5, 1882—and with his parents came to Groton when only two months old, and grew to manhood here.

Funeral services were conducted at the home of his father, J. W. Kraft, by Rev. C. F. Strutz, yesterday at 2:00 P. M., and a throng of his friends and friends of the family assembled for the last rites.

He was a member of the Yeomen beneficiary order at Bristol, and five members of the lodge were present to act as pall-bearers, consisting of Wm. Brokaw, Andrew Anderson, H. A. Carlson, Victor Lily, C. F. Reitz, who with George Hargrow made up the list.

When he joined the organization four years ago, Ed passed an exceptionally good examination, and was able to take the full limit of insurance allowed by the order—\$3,000.

A number of others came from Bristol to attend the funeral, and a profusion of floral offerings were sent in by relatives and friends to show their sorrow, and to express their sympathy for the family.