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A VETERAN GONE

(selections)

There were many callers to-day at No. 12 University place, the residence of De Witt Clinton Grove, ex-Mayor of Utica, who died there at six o'clock last evening. Among them were his old partner on the *Utica Observer*, Mr. E. Prentiss Bailey and ex-Postmaster General James, a friend of many years. A service will be held at the house at two P.M. to-morrow, the Rev. Mr. Alexander McGregor Hopper, of the Baptist Church at Millerton, N.Y., officiating...

...He was a strong, clear writer. Like most journalists who came from the case, he wasted no words, but drove right into the marrow of a subject. In private life he was most agreeable. He was singularly modest and retiring, and as a friend was truer than a brother.. About eight years ago Mayor Grove came to New York to live on account of the ill-health of his wife, but retained his interest in the *Observer* until last year, when he sold it to Mr. Bailey, his old partner.

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DEWITT CLINTON GROVE.

De Witt Clinton Grove, ex-Mayor of Utica, who died at his home in this city, No. 19 University Place, on Monday, was born in Utica December 16, 1825. In his thirteenth year he was apprenticed to the printer's trade in the office of *The Gospel Messenger*, then owned and edited by Dr. Rudd. By hard study he became proficient also in Hebrew, Latin and Greek. He received the degree of Master of Arts from Madison University in the year 1861. After studying law a few months in the office of O. B. Matteson, Mr. Grove formed a copartnership with Benjamin Welch, jr., and published *The Utica Democrat*. In 1853 *The Democrat* was consolidated with *The Observer*. Soon after this date Mr. Grove bought out his associate and for thirty years remained editor and manager of the paper. In 1856 Mr. Grove was elected to the Utica Common Council and served as alderman for the succeeding four years. He became Mayor of Utica in 1860, and in the fall of the same year was the Democratic nominee for Congress, but was defeated by Roscoe Conkling. Mr. Grove was married in 1845 to Miss Caroline L. Pratt, who survives him. His only son, Edwin R. Grove, is connected with the

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New-York Post Office, and his daughter, Mrs. Gregory, is the wife of Frank M. Gregory, of the Domestic Sewing Machine Company. His funeral will take place to-day.

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#### Funeral of De Witt C. Grove

The services over the remains of De Witt C. Grove, late editor and one of the proprietors of the Utica *Observer*, took place in New York Wednesday. Mr. Grove's death occurred in that city of Monday last. After the services he remains were taken to Utica for interment, reaching the old home of the deceased yesterday morning. The funeral took place from the [Universalist] Church of the Reconciliation yesterday afternoon and was very largely attended. Rev. Daniel Ballou officiated. Mr. Grove was 58 years of age. The remains were interred in Forest Hill Cemetery.

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