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A- DELEVAN- from today's CATTARAUGUS PRESS- Andrew Martin Keller was born in Alexander, Genesee County, N.Y., March 19, 1830. 4 During the early part of his life he lived in Detroit, Mich. where he mastered the mason's trade. From there he moved to the town of Yorkshire. In 1854, he was married to Louisa I. Whitney. With the exception of a few years, he has spent the greater part of his life in the village of Delevan, or what was known for many years as Yorkshire Center. In 1862 when President Lincoln called for three hundred men, he heartily responded to the call. In the Universalist Church in this village, on the eve of August 5, 1862, Mr. Keller enlisted under Captain Harrison Cheney, Co.D. 154th Reg., N.Y. Vols. he being the second man to enlist; an honor held sacred to memory. He engaged in the battle of Fredericksburg, Chancellorville and Gettysburg. The first day's fight at Gettysburg, he was taken prisoner, the beginning of starvation. He was then marched to Belle Isle, from there to Andersonville, where the horror of prison life began. He remained there sixteen months and twenty days. From one hundred and twenty pounds in weight he was reduced to seventy-two pounds - not from sickness, but from Starvation. After being without food or water for three days, Mr. Keller was taken to Milan where he was exchanged. He was then sent to Annapolis where he received a 30-day furlough. He returned to camp and remained until honorably discharged. Mr. Keller departed this life March 4th, 1900 at twilight, after six weeks of suffering he passed peacefully away. He leaves a wife one daughter, Mrs. Carrie Myrick, and grandchildren, also one brother and one nephew, W.J. , Cadiz, N.Y. (plc4)

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