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Mr. Vedder was born at Ellicottville, Feb. 23, 1838, and spent his boyhood on a farm in that town. In early manhood he worked on the Erie canal, finally shipped as a sailor before the mast and rose to the position of captain at the early age of 19. All this time he was saving money to pay for an education, and the outbreak of the war found him a student at Springville Academy. He also had taught school for a short time.

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He was first elected to the senate in 1875 and took a prominent part in the debates of that body, serving as chairman of Indian affairs and internal affairs. After his service as state assessor, he returned to the state senate and represented the Cattaraugus-Chautauqua District continuously for eight years from 1884 to 1891. During nearly all this time he was chairman of the committee on taxation and retrenchments and also chairman of Indian affairs. He had thoroughly

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As a result of these measures millions of dollars have been paid into the treasury and a permanent source of revenue provided which aided materially in the abolition of the direct property tax. He was also the author of the Vedder liquor bill, which was a high license measure and was supported by the Republican party in (break in clipping)

In the business world Mr. Vedder was a conspicuous factor. He was president of many corporations, including the State Bank of Norwood, the New York & New Jersey Ice Lines, the Elko Mining & Manufacturing Company and the Falls Electric Power & Land Company. He was a member of the Presbyterian church, of the Grand Army of the Republic, and of the Masonic fraternity. He was also a member of the Holland Society, the Republican Club, and the Lawyers' Club, all of New York city.

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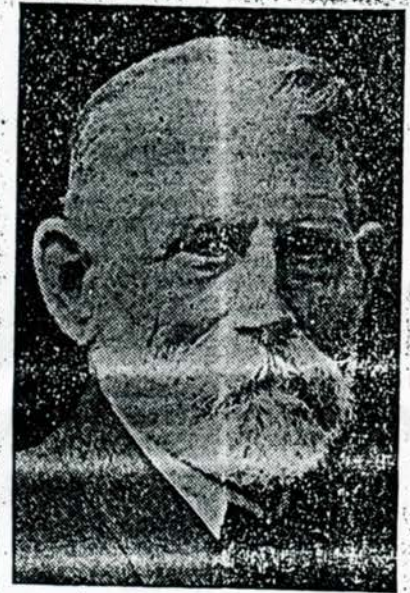
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KATHALO KELSEY



Well Known Civil Engineer Whose Death Occurred Recently at His Home in Salamanca.

K. KELSEY DIED THIS AFTERNOON

Had been in Ill Health for past two Years.

This afternoon at 2 o'clock occurred the death of Kathalo Kelsey at his