OBITUARY.

GEN. LESTER B. FAULKNER.

Gen. Lester B. Faulkner died at Caraseraga, N. Y., yesterday morning at 8:30 o'clock.

He was the son of one of the most prominent farmers and business men of Dansville and its vicinity. His father had been the founder and for many years President of the First National Bank of Dansville, and the son's connection with that institution was an inherited one.

Lester B. Faulkner was born in 1839. He fitted himself for college in a public school and entered Yale at the early age of fifteen, being graduated from that college and taking his degree at the same time with two elder brothers, something that had never happened at New-Haven before. He was always a Democrat, but when the war broke out was among the first young men in his section of the State to enlist, and was very active in raising the regiment which he joined. For this he was rewarded with a commission, and afterward won rapid promotion by gallantry on the field. He took part in the Chattanooga campaign, marched with Sherman to the sea, and won his brevet rank of Brigadier General in a charge at the battle of Atlanta.

On being mustered out, Gen. Faulkner began the study of law, and soon opened an office in partnership with Charles J. Bissell. His time, however, was largely taken up with the management of his father's farming interests. He became an active politician, and from 1874 up to the practical retirement of Samuel J. Tilden from the leadership of the New-York Democracy Gen. Faulkner was looked upon as the most trusted of Gov. Tilden's lieutenants in Western New-York. After Mr. Tilden's withdrawal, Daniel Manning also favored Gen. Faulkner with his confidence, and under both leaders it devolved upon him to keep up a relentless running warfare against Tammany Hall in every Democratic State Convention. Gen. Faulkner was a ready speaker and a good parliamentarian, a faithful friend, and a bitter enemy. For certain financial reasons he favored the Gubernatorial ambition of Roswell P. Flower, and in 1884, as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention, he also supported Mr. Flower for President, but was compelled by the unit rule to give his vote to Mr. Cleveland.

James Faulkner, brother of the General, had become President of the Dansville Bank. Gen. Faulkner was one of the Directors. The bank suspended in September, 1887, under circumstances showing the complete rottenness of its management. James Faulkner escaped to Canada, but afterward returned to testify against his brother, who had been arrested as having had guilty knowledge of the institution's management, having knowingly signed its last false statement to the Controller of the Currency. It was shown that Gen. Faulkner had sold out his stock after he was sure suspension and an exposure would come about. He was tried in the United States District Court at Rochester in May, 1889, and the jury disagreed, standing 11 to 1 in favor of conviction. The indictments charged him with the embezzlement of $150,000 altogether. Another trial in October of that year resulted in conviction, and he was sentenced to seven years in the Erie County Penitentiary. An appeal was taken and a stay of proceedings granted. When the Dansville Bank suspended its liabilities were $175,000. Its assets were $1,200 in cash and $6,400 in notes.

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