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gaged in the Battles of Perryville, Stone River, Chickamauga and Missionary Ridge at which last battle he commanded the 24th Regiment, having been promoted to the rank of Major at that place. The Major is reported, by persons who witnessed his conduct in the army, to be a good officer, and richly deserved his promotion.

JAMES B. CROSS

was born Dec. 17, 1819 in the town of Phelps, Ontario County, State of New York. He worked on a farm until he was sixteen years of age, going to school in winter and working in summer. Then commenced an academical course of study to prepare him to enter College. He graduated at Geneva Lyceum in 1840, when he commenced the study of law in the office of Sherwood and Smith, in Lyons, Maine County, New York, and came to Milwaukee, Wisconsin in May 1841, when he entered the Land Office of Wells & Finch, and was admitted to the Bar in 1842. In 1846 he was elected justice of the peace for the First Ward—(now 7th and 1st) of the city of Milwaukee, which position he held for two years, doing the duty of Police Justice, during the latter part of the time, by appointment of the common council of the city. In the spring of 1848, he was renominated for Justice of the peace, but declined. In 1848, he was elected Judge of Probate for Milwaukee County, and held the office till January 1849. In the fall of 1848, he was elected member of the Assembly of the State of Wisconsin, and reelected in the fall of 1849. In the spring of 1850, he was elected City Attorney of Milwaukee; in the fall of 1854, was again elected member of the Legislature; and in the spring of 1855, was elected Mayor of the City of Milwaukee, by a majority of 1400 against J. B. Martin. In 1856 and 1857, he was re-elected Mayor without opposition and in 1857 was elected president of the Juneau Bank, which office he held for about five years. In August 1857, Mr. Cross was nominated by the Democratic state convention, as their candidate for Governor of the state of Wisconsin, and was defeated by A. W. Randall, the Republican candidate, by a majority of 118, since which time he has retired from political life.

Few persons in any city of the Union have been so signally favored by their fellow citizens, as the subject of this historical sketch. Without delivering many loud and deafening speeches, for which Mr. Cross is not peculiarly celebrated, without extravagant outlay of money in bribery, and in supplying his political friends with intoxicating whiskey and stupifying beer—two necessary elements in an electioneering canvas—without
any apparent exertion, on the part of Mr. Cross he was the choice of a majority of the people, and occupied many places of honor for a series of successive years, which is the strongest testimony that could be borne to his character, as a politician and a man.

LOYD GRAYSON HARRIS.

The subject of this notice was born in Buffalo N. Y. 1840. He removed to Milwaukee in 1852, but shortly after returned to Buffalo to obtain the benefit of the superior schools of that city. In 1855 was employed by the American Express Company in Milwaukee and remained in their service until the opening of the rebellion of 1861. At this time he was agent of the Express Co. in Prairie du Chien. When the first war meeting was held there he enlisted as a private in the Old 6th Wis. Regiment, and as a private and officer he participated in the great historical battles of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Antietam, Gettysburg, and all the battles up to the time when Gen. Grant assumed command of the whole army. He was twice wounded, was promoted in 1865 to a Lieutenancy in the U. S. Marine Corps regular service—remained in this corps until 1868 when he resigned and entered into a large manufacturing business at Mound City, Illinois.

ROBERT N. AUSTIN

was born in the County of Schoharie in the State of New York, on the 19th day of August 1822; was educated at Union College at Schenectady in that state and graduated in the class of 1845; read law with the Hon. Jabitz D. Hammond at Cherry Valley in that State; and was admitted to the Bar in January A. D. 1848, came to Wisconsin in May of the same year and located at Milwaukee, where he has continued ever since in the practice of the profession. Mr. Austin has received a good education, is a good speaker, and pleads in all suits intrusted to him, with creditable earnestness.