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SUPREME VICE-CHIEF RANGER.

The above excellent likeness will give our readers who have not seen Bro. Aitken in the flesh, an idea of what "form and feature" our eloquent and accomplished Supreme Vice-Chief Ranger is possessed. The brother is one of the youngest, if not the youngest, member of the Executive Council. He was born in Michigan in 1855, and is now in his thirty-seventh year. His father was a farmer. His early education was carried on at the public

school, which he attended only in the winter months; in the summer his assistance was needed on the farm. But the disadvantages with which he had to contend did not prevent him from acquiring a good commercial education, for at the age of 17, we find him engaged in Bookkeeping in New Jersey. Later we find him on the road as a "Drummer," and after a brief apprenticeship to that vocation, he embarked in the mercantile business. A taste and aptitude for law determined his leaving mercantile life. He studied law in New York, and in 1879 was called to the bar at the com-