

THE COMMERCIAL CLUB MEMBERS.

An Organization Which Has for Its Object the Industrial Development of the Capital of the North Star State.

Membership List Tops Eleven Hundred and Is Steadily Increasing.

Young Business Men of St. Paul Determined to Keep Their City Neck and Neck With the Leading Cities of the Country.

Divergent Elements Drawn Into a Closer Union by the Social Features.

Pen Pictures of Prominent Citizens Whose Unselfish, Enthusiastic Work Has Assisted in Creating a Mighty Vehicle for Good.

The inception of a commercial club for St. Paul originated with the young business men of the city the latter part of last year. The scheme was no sooner promulgated than it aroused like wildfire. Its movers cleverly kept up the enthusiasm, and now today the club numbers over eleven hundred members.

Every business and profession is represented in the membership list, and in that respect the ideal of the originators of the organization has been reached.

To gain the end arrived at by the creation of the Commercial club two things were needed. First, to get a full representation of the business and professional interests of the city, and second, to bring within one organization all the active business and professional men resident in St. Paul. Both these objects have been accomplished, and with it the actual work of the organization comes up for consideration—that is, the development of the business interests of St. Paul. For that was the ulterior object in the formation of the Commercial club—to combine all active citizens in one union to work for one common object.

To keep so many divergent elements together it was considered that the social features should be brought into play, and this led to the selection and fitting up of a first-class club. Through this means it is believed that a vigorous organization can be conducted, while, by the attention directed towards the immense material advantages offered by the city, and the assistance which from time to time can be given in the direction of keeping St. Paul to the forefront, and the proper protection afforded its industrial interests, a great and lasting work can be accomplished.

There is another feature about the Commercial club; it attracts and utilizes the young business men of the city. The great outcry against the chamber of commerce and other bodies organized in the interests of the city, and that they are dominated solely by the old men; that there is a lack of vim, a lack of real touch of people, and an absolute absence of so-called vim which, if St. Paul is to keep pace with other cities in the country, is essential.

These young men are ready and eager to do their share in the upbuilding of the city, and the Commercial club affords just the vehicle that was required.

Unheralded. The career of the Commercial club is both a pleasant fact well accomplished and a moral lesson. It is the latter, because it illustrates that beneficent results may come from the wise suggestion of one who is casting about for means which shall preserve the honor, integrity and prosperity of his city, and what may grow from the good seed when it is cultivated with patient thrift and care.

Identified with these works. He is a Virginian; was born at Richmond, and has always followed the business of a contractor and builder. Mr. Breen's arrival in St. Paul dates back to 1858. Some of the largest and most imposing buildings in the city have been erected by him, and as a contractor he is recognized at the head. Mr. Breen has his offices at 64-65 Germania life building.

Coming to the front. Mr. Wolterstorff, the president of the New Assembly. Mr. John H. Wolterstorff, though born at Chester, Mo., in 1852, is virtually a native of St. Paul, his parents having removed to this city when he was only two years old. Having spent an apprenticeship of three years as a worker in tin and sheet iron, in 1875 he established the present business in his own name. In April, 1891, the firm was incorporated under the name of Wolterstorff, Haskell Manufacturing company. Mr. W. being president. The extent of the business is indicated by the fact that forty men are constantly employed. The specialty of this establishment is steel ranges.

Well in touch. Prof. Phelps' Association With Various Commercial Organizations. Prof. W. F. Phelps has made an honorable record during his residence in St. Paul, and in his connection as secretary of important organizations has been brought closely into touch with all the

leading public movements of late years. Mr. Phelps was born at Auburn, N. Y., in 1822. He filled the position of professor of the state normal school at Auburn, and subsequently that of principal of the state normal school at Trenton, N. J. He then came West, and was for some time principal of the state normal school at Winona. He also acted as secretary of the board of trade. This seems to have led to his selection as secretary of the St. Paul chamber of commerce in 1885. He did not remain long, for, having demonstrated a special fitness for promoting manufacturing enterprises, he was secured by the Duluth chamber of commerce. Mr. Phelps returned to St. Paul in 1890, when he took charge of a special organization for the development of the manufacturing industries of the city. Mr. Phelps is a widely read man, and both in his commercial and educational circles he has made an enviable name.

A SUCCESSFUL FIRM. Mr. C. E. Ellis, of the Stock Advertising Agency. Mr. Charles E. Ellis, of the firm of J. L. Stack & Co., the well-known advertising agency, is one of the most successful business men of St. Paul. Few persons realize the extent of their business, which aggregated over \$300,000 last year, and will reach over \$500,000 this year. Mr. Ellis was born in Massachusetts, and came to Chicago in 1881, after being with the Boston Journal and Herald in various capacities for several years. He was connected with the Fuller Advertising agency of Chicago for five years, and in 1889 formed a partnership with Mr. J. L. Stack, which has proved highly successful, their business extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Mr. Ellis lives with his family at the Ryland, and in winter and usually spends the summer months at the lakes or seashore.

Attained prominence. Mr. Wessel, of the Leading Dry Goods House, Durocher & Wessel. Mr. L. O. Wessel, partner in the leading dry goods house of Durocher & Wessel, corner of Seventh and Cedar streets, is a St. Paul man. He was born in the city in 1831, and has continuously resided here. Mr. Wessel has established for himself an excellent business reputation, and he has well displayed the St. Paul man's characteristics in the prominence he has obtained for himself in the commercial world. He has gained his present position solely by merit, by ability, and by a strict attention to the needs of his business.

As an adjuster. Mr. L. D. Garrett Has Gained an Enviable Reputation. Mr. Luther D. Garrett's specialty is the adjustment of fire insurance losses. Mr. Garrett is justly regarded as a specialty in this line of work, for which he was well-grounded in an apprenticeship

An able member. Mr. P. H. Mead Stands Well in the Commercial Club. A feature of the Commercial club is that it does not confine its membership to employers, but also includes the employed. This is as it should be. The employed has as much interest in the development of the city as the employer, and in urging their two to work together for the benefit of the city is doing a great work.

Well-read man. Attorney E. Schröder, of the Firm of Brown & Schröder. There are few lawyers who display more all-round ability than Mr. E. Schröder, of the firm of Brown & Schröder, Germania life insurance building. Mr. Schröder was born in Germany in 1853, and came to St. Paul in 1878. He is a well-read man, and in his particular legal line has quickly won a high reputation.

A Minnesotan. Mr. Spates, of the Twin City Lime and Cement Company. Another Minnesotan, a member of the Commercial club, is Mr. S. P. Spates, vice-president and treasurer of the Twin City Lime and Cement company. Mr. Spates was born at Fond du Lac, St. Louis county, in 1848. He resided at Red Wing from 1876 to 1881, and up to the time he engaged in farming, and then he took to the grain business, which continued until 1881, when he moved to St. Paul. The Twin City Lime and Cement company deal wholly in building material at 153 East Second street. This company operates on a well-earned and in his particular legal line has quickly won a high reputation.

A favorite architect. Mr. J. W. Stevens' Services Always in Demand. Mr. J. W. Stevens is an architect of excellent standing in St. Paul. Some of the finest buildings in the city have been planned by him, and having been located here since 1878, he has worked up a fine reputation. Mr. Stevens' great ability is recognized by the prominent work he has been called upon to undertake. He is a well-read man, and in his particular legal line has quickly won a high reputation.

Has a good record. Mr. Wilkinson, the Credit Manager of a Prominent Firm. The credit manager of Griggs, Cooper & Co., Mr. Albert Wilkinson, is another energetic member of the Commercial club. Mr. Wilkinson is an Iowa man. He was born at Dubuque in 1852. He was for eighteen years located at Red Wing and eight years at Stillwater. He came to St. Paul in 1888, and during the time he has taken a foremost part in all public movements. Mr. Wilkinson is a man of many interesting traits, possessing high attainments, and is well liked by all his associates and friends.

Exceptional attainments. Displayed by Mr. O. M. Bunker, of the Riggs & Ordway. The cashier of the firm of Riggs & Ordway, is Mr. O. M. Bunker, a young man well known throughout the city, possessing high and exceptional attainments. He was born in the state of Connecticut in 1869, and with the exception of a few years when he was manager for the Tracy Mill company, at Seattle, Wash., he has spent twenty years in this city. He may, therefore, be legitimately regarded as a St. Paul boy, and his business relations thoroughly maintain the high character and sagacity so characteristic a feature of the business men of the city.

In professional circles. Attorney Bechoefer Has a Very Good Name. Attorney Bechoefer has his office in the National German-American bank building. He has been practicing in St. Paul since 1885, coming here from Altoona, Pa. He was born in 1864. Mr. Louis H. Hainlin is probably the youngest member of the Commercial club. He was born at Edwardsville, Ill., in 1869, and located in St. Paul, 1894. He is at present assistant credit man and correspondent of the great wholesale firm of L. D. Warren & Schumacher, and his ability is demonstrated by the fact that it is but seven years ago he was employed as office boy in the same firm.

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the insurance business, and he may justly be regarded as an authority thereon. Mr. Haas was born at Milwaukee in 1855, and for some time was engaged in the lumber business at Fond du Lac, Wis. He came to this city in 1881, and for some years has done one of the best business in his line. Mr. Haas' office is at 33 East Fourth street.

Full of promise. The Future of Mr. Charles F. Dana, of the Sheriff's Office. Mr. Charles F. Dana, or Charlie Dana as he is popularly spoken of, is the right-hand man of the sheriff of the county. He has been connected with the sheriff's office for many years, and is regarded as among the most prominent of the young Republicans of the city. It is within the bounds of possibility that he will be a candidate for the office of sheriff. This contingency, however, will not happen if Sheriff Bean is a candidate for re-election, for there is one thing so characteristic of Mr. Dana, it is his loyalty to his chief. Mr. Dana's popularity in the city and county is almost due to his personal magnetism. He makes friends wherever he goes, and once having made a friend, he has the habit of retaining him. He is a mechanical man of excellent accomplishments, able and thoroughly fitted for the public office he has so long and so ably filled. Mr. Dana was born in Portage, Wis., in 1858, and came to St. Paul in 1872. His future, publicly speaking, is full of promise.

A hard worker. Mr. M. W. Fitzgerald, One of the Inaugurators of the Commercial Club. In the inception of the Commercial club M. W. Fitzgerald was very prominent. It was his quiet and vigorous work that set the ball rolling, and he has contributed to its successful reception by the business men of the city. Mr. Fitzgerald is a hard worker—a hard worker in a quiet way. He does not blow hot or cold in a moment, but works without shouting, and in that way, perhaps, his great service to the city may not have been properly appreciated or received its proper acknowledgment. Mr. Fitzgerald saw the light of day at Chateaugay, Franklin county, New York, in 1856. He was raised on a farm, and came to St. Paul in 1870. He attended the public schools of this city, and subsequently acted as bookkeeper for John M. Keller. Two years later he became identified with P. R. L. Hardenbergh, by whom he was employed eleven years as bookkeeper and salesman. The past four years Mr. Fitzgerald has been a partner in the firm of P. R. L. Hardenbergh & Co. He withdrew from the firm in April, 1897, with the intention of devoting his whole time to his large interests in Cook County, Ill. Mr. Fitzgerald has taken a prominent part in local politics, and the past two years has acted as the chairman of the Republican county committee. His removal from the city is deeply regretted by a large circle of friends and admirers.

For three societies. Mr. E. O. Hammer's Services in Demand as Secretary. Mr. E. O. Hammer is a St. Paul man, having been born in this city Aug. 11, 1855, and spent all his life so far here. He seems to be an exceedingly popular man as a secretary. He was for six years secretary of the Loan and Savings association, and is at present engaged in the banking business. At the present, and for some years, he has been identified with the Germania bank.

One of the white bros. Mr. Frank M. White, of the Popular Delicatessen Restaurant. The White Bros., of the Delicatessen, are well known in St. Paul. Mr. Frank M. White is the elder member of the firm, which, by the way, has long supplied the leading place among the restaurateurs of the city. The popularity of their restaurant is clearly established by the patronage which they have so long received, and which is still increasing. The cleanliness, the excellent service and first-class quality of the eatables deservedly commend the White Bros. to the service of the community. Mr. E. M. White has materially contributed by his wide experience and energy to the success of the business, and is now, ill, in 1891, was engaged in business at Chicago from 1877 to 1885, when he came to St. Paul.

Public inducements. Find a Hearty Support From Mr. R. B. Whitacre, of the firm of Robinson & Cary Company, came to this city from Chicago in 1873. He has always closely identified himself with all public movements for the advancement of the business interests of the city. It was, therefore, only to be expected that on the inception of the Commercial club Mr. Whitacre should, early in the movement, give to it that assistance which has become a member of the firm. He was a member of the Cashier of the Cull County Bank, Mary land, and was also connected with the building of the St. Paul and Erie railroad (now the Great Northern). In 1808 he was a farmer in Stearns and Benton counties, Minnesota, and is credited with putting in five of the largest crops in the state. He was seven years local freight agent of the St. Paul & Duluth road. He organized the Citizens' Fuel company of this city, and was five years in the fuel business. Few men of seven years residence in one city are better known for energy and perseverance than Mr. Brown.

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A popular citizen. Mr. Barry, of the St. Paul Lubricating Oil Company. Mr. M. P. Barry was born at Watertown, N. Y., in 1836. With his parents he removed to Chicago in 1846, and from Chicago to Racine, Wis., where he received his education, graduating from Racine college in 1854. Mr. Barry was connected with the geological survey of Wisconsin for two years. At the commencement of the war of the rebellion he became a member of the Second Wisconsin volunteers, and served through the war, after which he returned to Racine, and studied law with James T. Hoyt. He entered the service of the Chicago & Northwestern railway in 1870, and remained until 1874, when he came to St. Paul as commercial agent of the Wisconsin Central railway, holding that position two years. He has since held his present position as president of the St. Paul Lubricating Oil company, whose works are located in the city. Mr. Barry is a member of the establishment of the kind west of Cleveland. Mr. Barry stands high in the Masonic order, being in the thirty-second degree and member of the Mystic Shrine.

In legal circles. Mr. C. P. Brown, of the firm of Brown & Schröder, attorneys at law, is of good English ancestry, who immigrated to this country 1637 and settled in Rhode Island. His father was a noted physician, graduating in the city of New York in 1807, and was a member of the prominent professors. Gould Brown, the celebrated grammarian, was his brother. Mr. Brown was born at Lynn, Mass., and is now fifty-five years of age. He received his education in Massachusetts and Rhode Island; removed to Buffalo in 1820, and then to Chicago, where he settled in Michigan, where he was admitted to the bar and married; practiced law in Chicago until 1858, when he removed to Iowa, where he successfully prosecuted his profession until 1857, in which year he came to St. Paul. Mr. Brown stands high in legal circles, and has an extensive practice. In politics he is a Democrat, and always has been, but is not officiously partisan.

A war record. Possessed by Mr. Brown, of the National Live Stock Company. Mr. George H. Brown, secretary and general manager of the National Live Stock Insurance company of St. Paul, was born in the state of New York, and is about forty years old. He has an honorable record for energy and service on detail duty as cashier of the military telegraph department of Missouri during the sixties. Mr. Brown is connected with the mercantile firm of Brown & Carruth, Norwich, N. Y.; later was quite prominent in one of the largest mercantile firms in Louisiana, and the death of the senior member, which caused the suspension of the business, would have become a member of the firm. He was a member of the Cashier of the Cull County Bank, Maryland, and was also connected with the building of the St. Paul and Erie railroad (now the Great Northern). In 1808 he was a farmer in Stearns and Benton counties, Minnesota, and is credited with putting in five of the largest crops in the state. He was seven years local freight agent of the St. Paul & Duluth road. He organized the Citizens' Fuel company of this city, and was five years in the fuel business. Few men of seven years residence in one city are better known for energy and perseverance than Mr. Brown.



J. M. McGuire.

St. Paul about six years ago, is engaged in the very profitable business of supplying artificial limbs and apparatus for deformity. He had previous experience in this line of work, for he was manager for twelve years of the celebrated establishment of Robert Baty. He is therefore no novice in this business. All who may be so unfortunate as to need anything in his line will find him ready to supply their wants, and to guarantee satisfaction. Have lately fitted up new offices in the McQuillan block in Rooms 7, 8, 9 and 10, Seventh and Minnesota. He is also regularly employed as manufacturer for the United States government. Physicians' orders are cordially solicited.

Sound and able. Mr. McLaughlin, of the Law Firm of McLaughlin & Morrison. Mr. P. J. McLaughlin, of the law firm of McLaughlin & Morrison, was a member of the Dakota legislature in 1885. He was born in Londonderry in 1854, and prior to taking up his residence in Dakota lived for some time in Boston, Mass., and Rochester, Minn. He was admitted to the bar in 1879, and has since that time resided in St. Paul. Mr. McLaughlin is a well-known and a sound and able lawyer.

An able member. Mr. P. H. Mead Stands Well in the Commercial Club. A feature of the Commercial club is that it does not confine its membership to employers, but also includes the employed. This is as it should be. The employed has as much interest in the development of the city as the employer, and in urging their two to work together for the benefit of the city is doing a great work.

Well-read man. Attorney E. Schröder, of the Firm of Brown & Schröder. There are few lawyers who display more all-round ability than Mr. E. Schröder, of the firm of Brown & Schröder, Germania life insurance building. Mr. Schröder was born in Germany in 1853, and came to St. Paul in 1878. He is a well-read man, and in his particular legal line has quickly won a high reputation.

A Minnesotan. Mr. Spates, of the Twin City Lime and Cement Company. Another Minnesotan, a member of the Commercial club, is Mr. S. P. Spates, vice-president and treasurer of the Twin City Lime and Cement company. Mr. Spates was born at Fond du Lac, St. Louis county, in 1848. He resided at Red Wing from 1876 to 1881, and up to the time he engaged in farming, and then he took to the grain business, which continued until 1881, when he moved to St. Paul. The Twin City Lime and Cement company deal wholly in building material at 153 East Second street. This company operates on a well-earned and in his particular legal line has quickly won a high reputation.

A favorite architect. Mr. J. W. Stevens' Services Always in Demand. Mr. J. W. Stevens is an architect of excellent standing in St. Paul. Some of the finest buildings in the city have been planned by him, and having been located here since 1878, he has worked up a fine reputation. Mr. Stevens' great ability is recognized by the prominent work he has been called upon to undertake. He is a well-read man, and in his particular legal line has quickly won a high reputation.

Has a good record. Mr. Wilkinson, the Credit Manager of a Prominent Firm. The credit manager of Griggs, Cooper & Co., Mr. Albert Wilkinson, is another energetic member of the Commercial club. Mr. Wilkinson is an Iowa man. He was born at Dubuque in 1852. He was for eighteen years located at Red Wing and eight years at Stillwater. He came to St. Paul in 1888, and during the time he has taken a foremost part in all public movements. Mr. Wilkinson is a man of many interesting traits, possessing high attainments, and is well liked by all his associates and friends.

Exceptional attainments. Displayed by Mr. O. M. Bunker, of the Riggs & Ordway. The cashier of the firm of