

FINANCE HAS FAIR.

Sketch of the Life of Hon. William Rush Merriam, St. Paul's Distinguished Banker.

SUCCESS HAS ALWAYS BEEN HIS.

The Promise of His School and College Days More Than Fulfilled by His Business Career.

PEN PICTURE OF HIS HOME LIFE.

Another Minnesota Man Whom Political Prophets Declare Will Not Be Overlooked by President-elect McKinley.

Is Minnesota going to be honored with a portfolio in President-elect McKinley's cabinet? Political prophets all over the United States think she is.

Mr. Merriam himself deprecates as unwarranted the significance that is attached to his intimacy with Mark Hanna.

Of Gov. Merriam personally there is much to say in his favor. He regards his life as successful, but uneventful.

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In the seventeenth century, soon after the Pilgrim Fathers, driven from their homes in England by oppression, had sought in the then almost unknown country of America freedom of thought and action.

At the time when the family removed to St. Paul railroads were unknown in the great Northwest, and John L. Merriam, in connection with J. C. Burleigh, engaged in the state and transportation business.

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of committees, the distribution of chairmanships, and all the little privileges of the office, were so nicely distributed as to win for him the friendship of the rural leaders.

ship of all his associates in the house. As a presiding officer he was conceded to be just, fair and courteous at all times.

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