

natural development of northwestern Colorado to be anticipated by several years, and that it was he who laid down the lines upon which this development is to-day being pushed with marvellous result, no one who has any knowledge of the facts would desire to gainsay; and the state at large owes him no inconsiderable debt of gratitude.

But our portrait is not yet complete; the fairest colors are yet to be added. Rich as is the dower of intellect, richer yet and broader is the affectional nature. Warm-hearted and generous to a fault, this man of multitudinous concerns and engrossing cares has the woman's ready tear of sympathy. His charities and benefactions are wide and comprehensive. The generosity which never fails the needing friend or loses sight of the infirm or disabled employé, finds expression as well in his business relations. Far from him is the desire to lay a single stone in the structure of his own fortunes which must be taken from the ruins of another's failure; rather does he build with the virgin rock, quarried by his own hands. And in this building he desires his friends to have a part. His old comrades of the war have one by one been sought, and to-day form a little company of lieutenants yielding him a hearty and loyal service; and their commander is never so happy as when these are keeping step with him, as in the army days gone by, but now along the avenues leading to success. Thirty-five years of contact with the world have not served to shake an abiding faith in human nature; and no injuries, not even those inflicted by the venomous shafts of detraction for which the man of conspicuous success must needs ever be a target, can poison the sweet springs of his nature or inspire a resentful thought.

Jerome B. Wheeler is but fifty years of age. He is in the very prime of life, of vigorous health, and in the midst of a wide-horized achievement.