

organized business interests and public measures adopted to promote the welfare of both, originated with him, or received his active support and protecting care.

He held several local offices of trust, chief among them the office of county superintendent of schools, and district attorney, and was foremost in shaping local legislation for the protection and aid of the pioneer settlers of his section of the State.

Thus we have sketched the outline of twenty years of active official life and public service, the details of which would fill many volumes.

To no man do the people of Northwestern Wisconsin owe more for their present prosperity and prominence in the State, than to Judge Barron.

He was a man of indomitable energy, clear perception, and strict integrity. He was magnetic in his influence with his associates, warm and abiding in his friendships, and true to his constituents at all times, and under all circumstances. In his capacity as a legislator, he never forgot the fact that he represented the pioneers of the "New Wisconsin," the hard-working "homesteader," and the hardy lumberman, rather than the more wealthy class. The statute books contain many laws framed by him, designed to aid the new settlers of the State, and to encourage industries, and provide the proper facilities for the people to maintain themselves until the growth and advancement of the country was such as to make them self-sustaining. The legislation in aid of our pioneer railroads received his cordial support and active influence, both at the State capital and at Washington, and much of their success is due to him. His efforts in the legislature in behalf of the State University, the State Historical Society, and all measures of popular education, were unceasing and effective. In fact, few men in his time, wielded a wider influence in the affairs of State than he, both as a law-maker and politician.

That such a man as he should have hosts of admirers wherever known, is quite natural. He won friends everywhere, and his knowledge of human nature and character was such, that he knew them most thoroughly. And like all men of ability, possessing traits that make them popular with the people, he also incurred