

for miles around. Perhaps not all who remember this feature of the shaft are aware that this was due to its having been, early in the '50's, whitewashed by William Bernard, son of the hotel-keeper at Helena. This rather hazardous task he performed in a tub which was raised and lowered by means of a rope and windlass.

In 1855, Cyrus Woodman<sup>1</sup> withdrew from the firm, and his partner continued the business under the title of C. C. Washburn & Co. A circular issued by the new firm, the following year, gives the condition of affairs at the tower;<sup>2</sup> without doubt this was the most prosperous period in its history. The excellent management of Bradford, the in-

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<sup>1</sup> Cyrus Woodman was born in Buxton, Me., June 2, 1814, and died at Cambridge, Mass., March 30, 1889. He graduated from Bowdoin College in 1836, studied law, and in 1839 was admitted to the bar in Boston. In 1840 he went to Illinois in the employ of the Boston & Western Land Co. Four years later he entered into partnership with C. C. Washburn of Mineral Point; and the firm of Washburn & Woodman did a law, land, and banking business for eleven years. In 1855 Woodman severed his connection with the firm, and the following year went to Europe with his family. In 1859 he returned to Mineral Point, while his family were settled at Cambridge, Mass. The years 1862-64 were spent chiefly at Detroit, in the employ of the St. Mary's Ship Canal Co. and the Michigan Pine Lands Association. After 1864 he gradually withdrew from active business, settled down in Cambridge, and devoted himself to books, to historical research, and to the publication of historical material. His interest in the West was always fresh, and in the last year of his life he took a trip to Alaska.

A biography of C. C. Washburn is to be found in the *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, ix., pp. 327-365.

<sup>2</sup> " *Wisconsin Shot Tower*.—The proprietors of the Wisconsin Shot Tower give notice that the completion of the Milwaukee and Mississippi Rail Road thereto, will enable them hereafter to fill all orders for shot which may be transmitted to them, at a moment's notice. The tower is now in successful operation and a large stock of shot of all sizes will be kept constantly on hand for sale at the lowest rates, for cash. The Shot is put up in strong boxes, six sacks in each box and can be securely transported to any distance. Orders accompanied by a remittance or satisfactory reference will receive prompt attention. All communications should be addressed to us at Helena, Wisconsin.

Helena, Wis., June 1st, 1856.

C. C. WASHBURN & Co."