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My dear Judge.

This is the first day since you shook the mud of Convention city off your feet, that I have had time to get into shape my plan for the organization of a Colonization Company. I send it under this cover, in type-written form. It is simple & fair & I hope will be of use to you.

You were kind enough to suggest that I should undertake the organization of this enterprise. I see no way to do it. The fact is that I sniff a business proposition with unlimited growth & any amount of hard work in it, as an old war-horse sniffs the battle from afar, but I have reached a point when

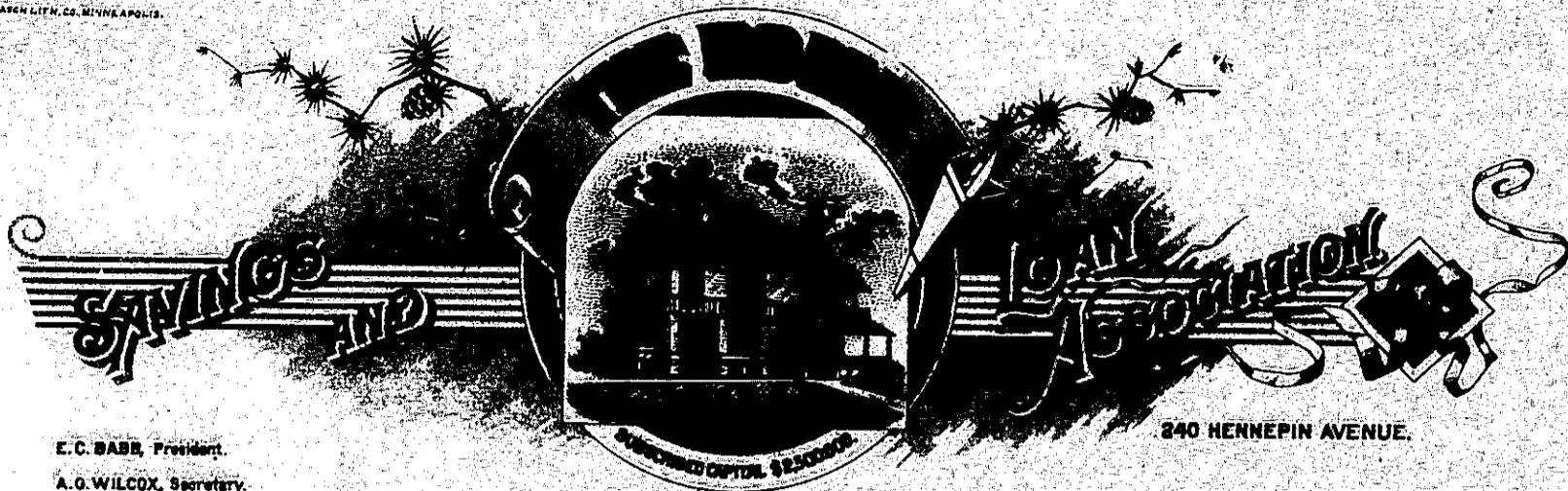


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I must conserve vigilantly, our children
are young & numerous, I cannot risk
my chance of being a sound man for
the next ten years ^{forward} for any reward. I am
under contract with "The Home" until
1899. Its assets are already nearly \$1,000,000,
the care of which devolves on me, ^{prin-}
cipally, much of it I cannot delegate, my
contract calls for all my time, some
of my directors would not take any
stock in your enterprise as they are
Democrats. The others believe we have
or will have all the business we can
handle, & are opposed to undertaking any-
thing new, my obligations are first to
them, and my other business, as we-



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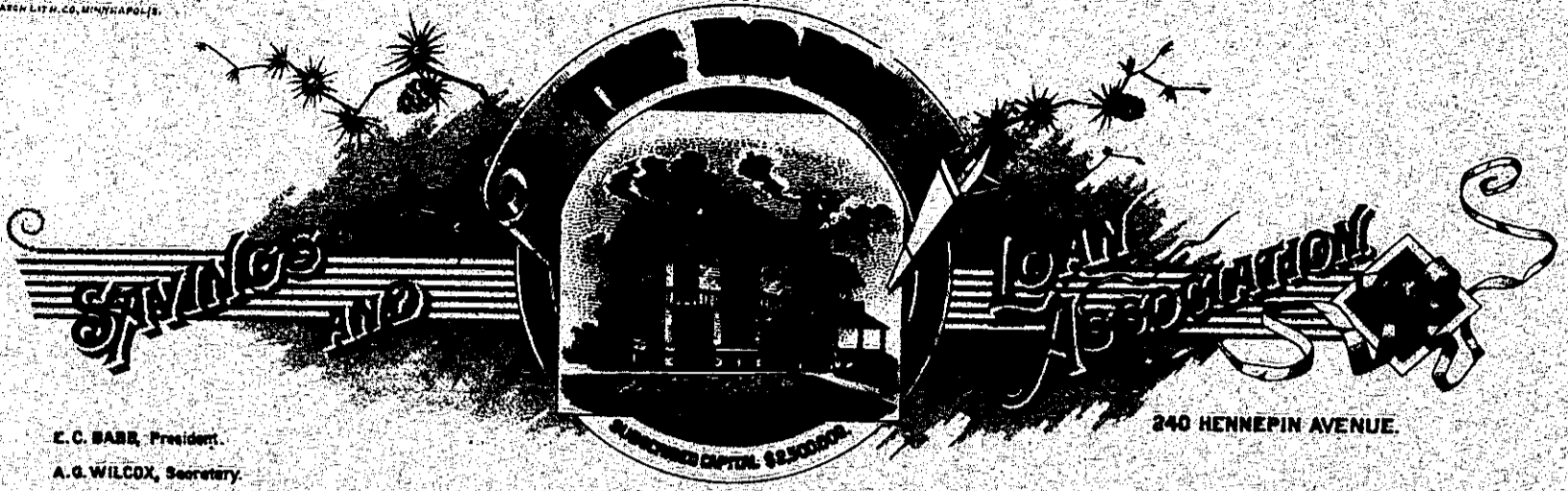
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costs. I have, this year, ascertained of making
some money beyond a living for my
family. I don't know but I would give
up chances in hand to save the country, but
I would need to be assured that no one else
would save it before I sacrificed my
chance to make something to educate
my children. Paul, you know, was a
bachelor, or he would have left off preaching
& gone into the old clothes business at the
time he got away from the wilds of
as Ephraim.

If I could see on your part of directors &
help you manage occasionally by profits
that I have learned by experience, I could
be of use to your enterprise, but I
am sure that to succeed would require the



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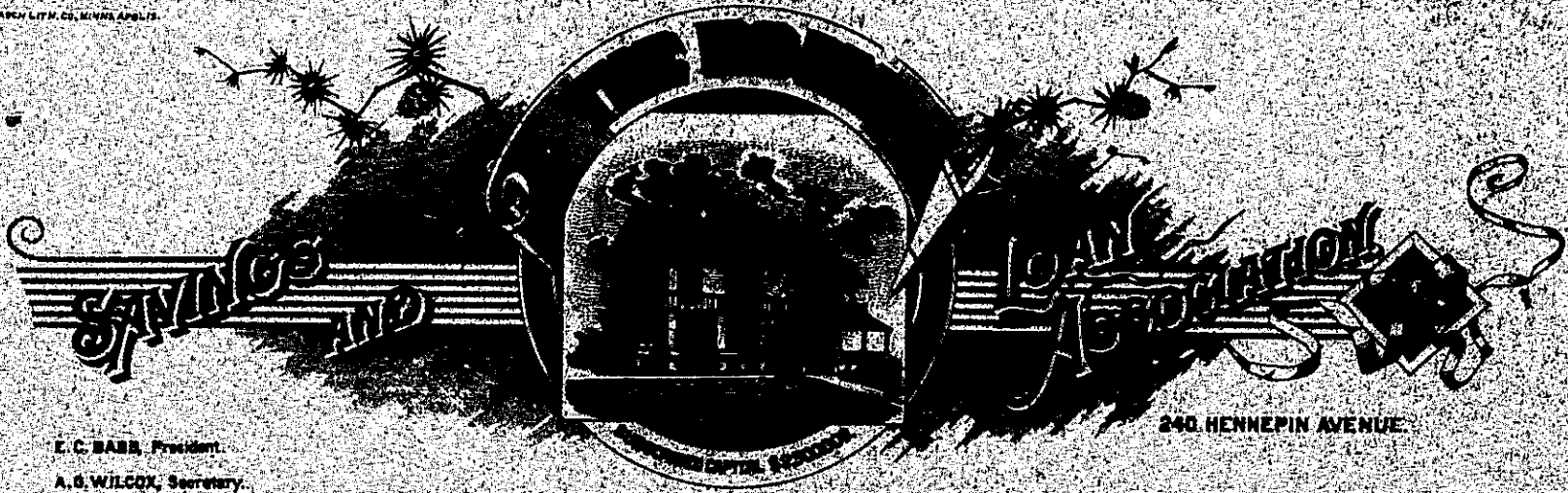
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full time & energy of the best man you
can command.

I can think of only one man who would,
perhaps, succeed in such an enterprise
as manager, Charles G. Fairchild,
of Oberlin College. I think he has green-
horn ability & that he would perhaps
take hold of such an enterprise.

The domestic cyclone that struck
our house about the time you
left, has kept Mr. Wiley & Edgill
busy gathering up the debris, all
are well & hearty, however, & live
in hopes of a reorganization on a
more satisfactory basis.



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I have just learned an additional inducement to offer you to come & live in Minneapolis. Capt Hartgill & wife are coming, they have offered their holdings in this for sale & propose to come here to live as soon as possible, probably within a year. That will be a big addition to our list of congressional spirits.

With the kindest remembrances to Mrs. Longene, and the daughter, I am
Very truly yours
A. Wilcox.

July 27th W. Longene,
Marquette, Wis.