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gained experience, if not money. After spending two years prospecting he returned to Lawrence in 1861 and altho only ~~nineteen~~ years old became Master of Transportation for the Quartermaster's department. In 1863 he returned to New England and graduated from Yale in 1865.

He was a large man, ~~six~~ six feet and three inches tall and weighed 210 pounds. He had a powerful physique, enjoyed athletic sports and was a member of the Kaw Valley Base ball nine, which won the championship of Kansas. Noted for his home runs the citizens gave him an engraved silver ball and a giant bat, perhaps five feet long. In the next game ~~he went to bat with~~ <sup>on the first play using</sup> the big bat ~~and~~ <sup>he</sup> scored a home run. Both ball and bat are now in the Kansas State Historial Society museum.

After graduation Mr Haskell ~~was a s/h/p/~~ conducted a shoe store in Lawrence and took an active interest in politics. He was elected to the legislature in 1872-75-76 and in the latter year was elected speaker of the house. That fall he was elected to congress, where he served until his death.

Had he lived, he instead of William Mc Kinley would have been chairman of the Ways and Means committee, and as the result of the tariff act ~~of~~ might have been elected President of the United States. It is this gentleman, trained and cultured, who lent his influence to the cause of the Indians, and the great school in Lawrence bears <sup>his</sup> an honored name.