

CAN'T HELP BEING HEROES

Engineers Often Get Credit for Courage When They Could Do Nothing Else.

STORIES OF MEN AT THE THROTTLE

Life More Precious Than Plaudits to Most Men in the Cab, but Frequently There Isn't Time to Jump.

"Talking about heroes," said a hero worshiper in the lobby of the Menger the other day, "reminds me that there are heroes and heroes, and the public is pretty apt to get mixed in its metaphor when it goes gawking for such quarry."

"Look out for Number One." "Sonny" said he, "what is the first law of nature?" "Self-preservation," I answered, speaking up brightly.

We know what that meant. We knew that barring miracles we would pile in that culvert in just about ten seconds. I fairly froze as I stood there, when Foley brought me to my senses.

"I knew of another instance where a bunch of heroes as brave as men ever were, burned their lights in vain and got laughed at for their pains."

DR. GREEN ON AMERICA

Gives Some of the Reasons Why the Country is Strong and Vigorous.

"America and Things American," was the burden of Dr. Thomas E. Green's lecture, held last night at the Boyd theater, under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian association.

Maurer First to Ask License. The first application for a saloon license for 1905 has been filed with the clerk of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners.

To Lift the scourge CATARRH from the country there is but one remedy PE-RU-NA



PAUL MORTON AT THE HELM

How a Nebraska Railroad Man Shows Up as Secretary of the Navy.

CUTS THROUGH DEPARTMENT RED TAPE

Physical Energy and Mental Activity a Source of Wonder to Employees—An Appreciative Review of His Methods.

Paul Morton, the present secretary of the navy, is the youngest and breeziest and most hustling cabinet officer that Washington has seen in many a long day.

As a railroad man Mr. Morton's record speaks for itself. From office boy at \$20 a month to the vice presidency of a great railroad system at \$25,000 a year is a pretty steep climb, and the man who is the present head of the Navy department made it unaided by any effort save his own.

Already it has become apparent that under the Morton regime there will be a business administration of the Navy department. The executive ability and business sense which made Mr. Morton and helped him to make his railroad system—the Santa Fe—what it is today have already had a marked effect upon the great branch of the government over which he presides.

Departmental superiors who formerly stored the knowledge required of them in the heads of subordinates are finding out things for themselves. Mr. Morton intends to know all he can about the interior mechanism of the Navy department, and he expects his immediate subordinates to do the same.

Mr. Morton is still a young man—a very young man if his appearance alone is considered. To the man who meets him for the first time the secretary appears to be between 20 and 25, certainly not a day more than the latter figure. But, according to the family Bible at Arbor Lodge, the Morton home in Nebraska, he is 47 and a grandfather.

muscle, and carries it as easily as a prize fighter in ring trim. Incidentally Mr. Morton's physical energy is a constant source of wonder and delight to the watchmen and other employees of the Navy department.

Methods of Work. The first morning that Mr. Morton entered the Navy department after being sworn in he was in a hurry enough.

It is no unusual thing for Mr. Morton's private secretary to work with him until 6 o'clock in the evening and not leave until the secretary has gone to his home and for the day has been finished, only to find, when he comes down to the department at 8:30 the next morning, that Mr. Morton has been there before him and left a pile of memoranda on his desk.

There have been a number of criticisms of the president's selection of a secretary of the navy, owing principally to the fact that Mr. Morton was a railroad man from an inland state, and couldn't be expected to know much about naval affairs.

Not long after the announcement of his selection to be secretary of the navy Mr. Morton was entertained at dinner by the Merchants' club of Chicago, and although he himself acknowledges, he is not a speaker, he expressed himself as follows: "The American navy should be the most formidable in existence. Special attention must be given to the efficiency of those who man and officer warships. The best fighting machine afloat without this efficiency would be useless in this age of practical progress."

and reform that he may have formulated or have in mind. Consequently, if President Roosevelt continues in office so will Mr. Morton, and with the natural ambition of a young and vigorous man of his type, he hopes to leave an impression upon the Navy department and the naval service that will remain long after he has returned to his temporarily interrupted life work.

Applying Railroad Principles. In his own business Mr. Morton knows that a railroad with plenty of rolling stock and splendid equipment can't handle its maximum amount of freight and passengers and continue without accident and pay dividends if it is mismanaged at the top and ill managed at the bottom.

Incidentally, it can be announced for the first time, on high authority, that in the event of President Roosevelt's election to a second term, Mr. Morton will remain in his cabinet as secretary of the navy. There has been an apparently general impression that Mr. Morton accepted the navy portfolio with the idea of remaining in the cabinet, in any event, only until March 4, 1905.

Mr. Morton believes in doing what he has to do as well as he can. He is too practical and far-sighted a man to think for a moment that in the brief time now remaining before inauguration day he can master the details of his new office and put into effect the plans for progress

secretary, laconically, as he turned to his desk again. "Later in the day a visitor called to see the secretary and happened to remark that he was pleased with Bogan's designation. "What kind of a boy is he?" asked the secretary.

"Clean cut, intelligent and as good as they come," he was told. "I know it when I looked at him," said Mr. Morton. "Didn't have any political influence, but then we need good men in the marine corps just the same."

"Why?" is his great question. He meets all statements with this extremely simple but very effective interrogation, and as a high navy officer remarked the other day: "After the secretary had fired twenty-one 'whys' at me in rapid succession I didn't know whether I was talking about battleships or submarines. He seemed to understand, though, so I guess it was all right."

A little incident that occurred at the Navy department the other day is good evidence of the way Mr. Morton exercises his almost womanly intuition. Samuel W. Bogan, the son of a well known physician of Washington, called at the Navy department and asked to see Mr. Morton. The young man had been trying for three years to get a commission in the marine corps. The secretary granted him an interview.

"No, sir," said Bogan. "I'll designate you tomorrow," said the secretary.

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PRaise THE OMAHA BUILDING

International Officers of Y. M. C. A. Believe Local Organization Made Wise Selection.

The recent visit of Messrs. Lucian C. Warner and Richard C. Morse, chairman and general secretary, respectively, of the international committee of the Young Men's Christian association, is likely to be of more than passing interest to the local work.

They attributed the successful maintenance of the Omaha association to its fine business location, which made possible a large income from store rentals. It has weathered the storms of depressed conditions, while Denver, Kansas City, St. Joseph, Sioux City, with buildings less desirably located, all lost them.

London Broker Falls. LONDON, Oct. 28.—The failure of Victor G. Smith, a broker, was announced on the Stock exchange today.

Advertisement for Charter Oak Stoves and Ranges. Features include: NEVER EQUALED BY OTHERS, QUALITY HIGH, PRICE MODERATE, FUEL AND TROUBLE SAVERS, TO SUIT ALL. Includes a circular logo with 'CHARTER OAK' and 'STOVE AND RANGE CO. ST. LOUIS'.

Advertisement for Twelve Million Packages Sold Last Year. Features include: NONE SUCH MINCE MEAT, In 2-Pin 10c Packages 1/4th Lb. of Valuable Premiums. Includes a logo for 'MEAT'.

Advertisement for Ghirardelli's Ground Chocolate. Features include: Do you know that cocoa outranks lean beef in nourishing value at every point? Are you aware that one cup of Ghirardelli's Ground Chocolate yields enough force to carry you comfortably through the most exhausting day? Includes an illustration of a chocolate bar and a glass of cocoa.