

HE DOES NOT COUNT YEARS

"Only Old as I Feel," Declares General Grenville M. Dodge.

WORKING IN HIS EIGHTIETH YEAR

Still the Busy Man—Points to Civil War as the Cause of the Development of the Western Country.

Years count more rapidly in the world's progress than in the life of man, declared General Grenville M. Dodge, as he noted the date on his office calendar, which marked the beginning of his eighty-first year.

Eighty years ago Wednesday General Dodge was born. Yet Wednesday found him busy at his desk in Council Bluffs proceeding with his business with all the zest of a middle aged man.

"A man is only as old as he feels," remarked the general, as he began to turn over his morning mail with energetic interest.

"Age cannot be governed by years.

"While my life has been a busy one, I had comprehended as the years went by the great future of this country; but now as I look back and see its great development and its standing among the nations of the world I am astonished.

"Our great progress, I believe, came from the civil war," the general added.

"The five years of struggle and conflict taught the men engaged in that war, on both sides, confidence in themselves, that at its conclusion they were ready to take hold of any problem. It was the necessities of the civil war that caused the building of the Union Pacific railroad and it was the officers and soldiers of the civil war who did that work in three years when they had ten years given them for it.

"Its completion was the lodestone which drew every other railroad in this latitude to this center and while all the roads were built in advance of settlement and the necessity of the country, still they drew a population to the undeveloped countries west of the lakes, and as they explored and cultivated these vast plains from Canada to the gulf, they yielded mineral and agricultural products far beyond the expectations of any of the people.

"Then the great improvement in mechanical appliances, steam, gas, electricity, air, etc., has added greatly in this development. It has caused the country to progress, as the result of the civil war, in fifty years as much as it would in normal conditions in 100 years.

"To the soldiers, captains of industry, the railroad builders and the statesmen of our country is due great credit and honor for the great work they have accomplished. It is an object lesson for the coming generation to continue to improve upon."

"PROFESSOR" IS ARRESTED

Fay Temple, Instructor in Dramatic Art, Held for Taking Jewels.

Fay Temple, charged with swindling Edith Hunter, to whom he was giving lessons in "dramatic art," was arrested at a sixteenth street boarding house Wednesday morning.

OMAHA STUDENTS WIN HIGH HONORS AT UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.



JULIA NAGEL

ALICE McCULLOUGH

Two Omaha girls, graduates from the high school, have been given at the University of Nebraska the coveted key of Phi Beta Kappa, the highest scholastic distinction that goes with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Miss Julia Nagel and Miss Alice McCullough are the recipients of this honor, which is the more noteworthy this year because of the standard for its presentation having been raised. Both the girls are well known locally. Miss Nagel has been before the public many times in amateur theatricals, especially with the all fresco performances of Shakespearean plays put on by Miss Fitch at Hanscom park. At the university she also has been very popular. Although not a sorority girl, she has been prominent in the school activities, especially with the dramatic club, of which she is one of the principals.

Successful Bidder Expects to Buy Cheap Gas from Local Plant

Representative Says He Hopes to Secure Gas for One Dollar Per Thousand Cubic Feet.

The American Street Lighting company of Baltimore will make a desperate effort to get \$1 gas if it lands the contract for lighting the streets of Omaha for the next three or five years. This statement was made by E. R. Newbold, a representative of the company, who is in the city looking after the interests of his company.

Newbold's company submitted the lowest bid Tuesday night and was the only one of the three to differentiate between the three and five-year plans. The Baltimore company offers to light the streets, furnish

entire new equipment and all labor for \$3 a lamp per year on the three-year contract and for \$2.50 on the five-year plan. The Welsbach company bid \$2.50 under the same conditions, while the Omaha Gas company asks \$2.50 per lamp a year for furnishing gas and labor, the city to furnish its own equipment.

"Of course, if we get the contract, we will have to buy our gas from the Omaha gas company," said Mr. Newbold. "We believe that consuming gas in such quantities as will be necessary we are entitled to a \$1 rate per thousand cubic feet. However, when we submitted our bid we estimated that gas would cost us \$1.15 per thousand, the same as it is sold to private consumers. At this latter figure we can about break even on a three-year contract. If we can land \$1 gas we can make a little money.

"Should we secure the contract we will put in new equipment throughout the city. This will cost from \$12,000 to \$15,000, but we will give the citizens of Omaha a modern equipment in every respect."

FOUR WILL LOSE CITY JOBS

Employees of Comptroller's Office Are to Be Dismissed.

POLITICS BACK OF THE CHANGE

Reorganization Scheme May Involve Cosgrove in Tangle and Conflict with Lobeck, His Predecessor.

Notices that their resignations would be accepted at any time were served on four employees of the city comptroller's department Tuesday night by Comptroller Cosgrove. Those receiving the blue slips were Otto Wolff, bookkeeper; Frank Plank, assistant bookkeeper; William Siewers, ward clerk, and Miss Amy Bergstrom, stenographer.

Others will be appointed in their stead. It is said, all of which may involve the city comptroller in a merry jumble before his reorganization scheme is consummated.

Comptroller Cosgrove refused to state whether he had served the notices Wednesday morning, evading the question by saying that he would not be surprised if he received the resignations of three in his employ by the end of the week.

"Of course, if they resign, I shall have to appoint others to fill their places," said Cosgrove. "We can't run the department without assistants and two at least will be necessary immediately."

Politics is said to be behind the reorganization scheme in the comptroller's office. The men to be dismissed are appointees of C. O. Lobeck, former comptroller, whom Cosgrove succeeded.

Comptroller Cosgrove has admitted he expected to reorganize his force, but action was not anticipated so soon. It is said that the employees slated for the axe have sent the distress signal to Lobeck, who is in Washington, and it would not be surprising to see him in Omaha by the end of the week.

JUDGE SMITH OF COUNCIL BLUFFS TALKS TO WOODMEN

Meeting of B. & M. Camp to Celebrate Winning of Banner for Greatest Membership Increase.

Judge Walter I. Smith of Council Bluffs was the principal speaker at the open meeting of B. & M. camp No. 345, Modern Woodmen of America, Tuesday evening at Modern Woodman hall. The meeting was held to celebrate the winning of the banner offered by the head camp to the local camp in the state making the greatest membership increase during the last year.

Head Consul A. R. Talbot was to make the presentation speech, but was unavoidably detained and sent Ralph E. Johnson of Lincoln, supreme organizer, to represent him. He presented the banner in an interesting address.

Judge Smith's address was highly commendatory of fraternal societies in general and the Modern Woodmen of America in particular.

Several other prominent Woodmen spoke and a mandolin orchestra furnished music.

A Life Problem Solved

By that great health tonic, Electric Bitters, is the enrichment of poor, thin blood and strengthening the weak. For sale by Beaton Drug Co.

Berka Secures Rock Pile to Conserve Hobo Energy

Louis Berka, councilman, is father of a new civic enterprise—a municipal rock pile for the conservation of hobo energy.

With the experience of the offices of police judge and councilman behind him, Berka has come to a decision of his own about the petty offenders of Omaha. Work is his prescription.

"Either hoboes will make a wide detour about Omaha or we will have tons of good road building material," says Judge Berka.

Judge Berka is a candidate for the presidency of the council as successor to Goodley Brucker.

The resolution creating the city rock pile was put through the council Tuesday night. A second resolution set aside \$50 to buy hammers for the use of the prisoners sentenced to the rock pile.

The stone yard will be located at the northeast corner of Eleventh and Nicholas streets. A letter from the Woman's club endorsing the rock pile plan was received by the council last night.



LOUIS BERKA.

Marriage and Home Duties Take Y.W.C.A. Secretaries Away

National Secretary Explains the Trouble in Keeping Workers in the Field.

Marriage and the call of home duties are responsible for a large percentage of the depletion each year in the ranks of the Young Women's Christian association secretaries. Miss Elizabeth Wilson of New York, who is the national secretary, in general charge of the secretarial training schools, and also statistician in regard to the secretaries in the field, is authority for this statement, and Miss Wilson ought to know whereof she speaks. Miss Wilson is spending Wednesday and Thursday in Omaha examining the three young women who have just completed the course at the Omaha association, which is a training center.

"The young women," Miss Wilson explained, "who are attracted by association work are the kind of young women who are called upon in case of emergencies at home, and who respond to the call and give up their work to go home. A sister who is married dies, and the secretary gives up her work to give her care to the children; or parents need her and she leaves association work. The home duties come first in such cases. That is the association training."

There are 1,100 Americans actively engaged in association work in the cities of this country and in foreign fields, so that the call for new workers is naturally large. The call for American workers, Miss Wil-

son says, comes also from the countries where the association is established, but where they are not trained for the work as they are in this country.

"At New York," she explained, "the training school is for the worker of experience. Here workers from different countries come to broaden their ideas of the possibilities of the work and of methods. But a few years ago it was felt that there was a need for a special training for the young women interested and anxious to take up the work, and so training centers have been established, some in each territory. The young women are given a course of lectures, practice in association work, and are then examined according to national standards."

Harem Skirt Again Invades the City

Girl from Lincoln Walks from the Train to a Street Car on a Bet.

Dressed in the now fashionable harem skirt she invaded the Burlington station Wednesday and was hardly noticed—except by the men.

A tall girl, who could have passed for 18 years of age, alighted from the train from Lincoln Wednesday and inquired of Joe Mik, passenger director, where she could catch a Council Bluffs street car.

"I want to walk to it," she explained to fatherly Joe. "You see I'm winning a bet. What do you think of them?"

"Fine," replied Mik, and blushed becomingly.

Enter the Bee's Booklovers' Contest now.

BUTTER MAKERS ARE COMING

Meeting is Scheduled to Discuss the Cold Storage Bill.

ENTERTAINMENT IS PROVIDED

In the Evening the Visitors Will Attend the Good Fellowship Dinner to Be Given by the Commercial Club.

Representative butter manufacturers, including some of the best known men in the business from New York and San Francisco, will gather in Omaha on April 18 to attend the meeting of the executive committee of the American Creamery Butter Manufacturers' association.

While there will be an elaborate banquet at the Paxton and other pleasure features, the manufacturers will come purposely to discuss problems that interest them most.

One of the interesting topics will concern the \$100,000 cold storage bill, which all creamery, egg and poultry men oppose. The bill provides that products landed by them shall not be kept in cold storage more than ninety days.

Edgar T. Reitor, vice president of the Fairmont Creamery company, who is returning to entertain the visiting manufacturers, who will number about fifty, has just received a letter from Secretary George L. McKay of Chicago stating that the date of the meeting had been changed from April 21 to the 18th. He has arranged that the visitors shall have a special table at the Commercial club's good fellowship banquet, which will be held on the same date as the butter men's meeting. They will be guests of honor at this affair.

Visitors Entertained. It has been arranged to have a meeting in the morning at 9:30 o'clock, at which time there will be discussions of various interesting subjects. At noon there will be a luncheon at the Paxton, and the local committee will manage to keep the visitors interested during the afternoon until time for the good fellowship banquet in the evening.

Omaha is now regarded as the largest butter center in the country, and it is especially fitting that this meeting should be held here. The following subjects have been announced for discussion at the morning session:

George L. McKay, Chicago, "Relation of Our Members to Each Other."

George E. Haskell, Lincoln, "Improvement in Quality, Fewer Cream Buying Stations and More Intelligent Help for Buying."

J. H. Rushton, Omaha, "Discussion of Evidence Submitted at the Cold Storage Hearing in Washington."

Charles Harding, Omaha, "Defects in the Present Methods of Operating Creameries."

T. A. Borman, Topoka, "Education of Farmers to Bring Better Cream."

Bert Johnson, Chicago, "Improvement of Quality and Marketing of Butter."

Hotel Burned in Goldfield. GOLDFIELD, Nev., April 12.—The Merchants hotel was destroyed by fire early today. It was the home of many millionaires during the mining boom several years ago, and the resort of gamblers for high stakes. On one occasion \$100,000 changed hands in a single game during a six-hour session of the players. Loss \$25,000.

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