

## As Others Viewed Him

A half century has passed since General Grenville Mellen Dodge died and was buried in his hometown — Council Bluffs. The commanding position that this giant in Iowa history won during his lifetime has not dimmed with the passing of the years—indeed, time has only added luster to the record Dodge carved out in the obelisk of fame.

As a Civil War soldier, Dodge had few equals. "He is an able officer," Grant wrote Sherman, "one whom you can rely upon in an emergency." Sherman himself was high in his praise: "General Dodge is one of the Generals who actually fought throughout the Civil War with great honor and great skill, commanding a regiment, a brigade, division, and finally a corps d'armee, the highest rank command to which any officer can attain."

This same opinion of Dodge was shared by many Iowans. Samuel Jordan Kirkwood, Iowa's beloved Civil War Governor, wrote: "General Dodge is one of the very best military men from this State. He is emphatically a fighting man. There is not a more gallant soldier in the army, nor one more worthy or capable."

James W. Grimes was equally enthusiastic. "There are very few officers the equal, and none

the superior, of General G. M. Dodge." Judge John F. Dillon was lavish in his praise. "No officer in the service from Iowa," Dillon declared, "has acquired more just and deserved distinction; no one has been more faithful, and I may and should add, more useful and efficient . . . his great experience, his sleepless vigilance, his unconquerable energy, and, above all, his solid judgment and great practical talents."

The work of Grenville Dodge as an engineer became legendary during the Civil War; it was equally legendary in the construction of the Union Pacific. The completion of this gigantic feat brought recognition to Dodge as the "most conspicuous engineer in the world." From that day on, captains of industry and captains of finance beat a path to Grenville Dodge's door, seeking his counsel and assistance.

When Dodge took up his residence in New York City, he became one of its outstanding citizens, being present at many social functions. Thus, when Grant's Tomb was dedicated on April 27, 1897, it was Grenville Dodge who served as Grand Marshal and led the giant parade. And when the need was felt for an Iowa Society of New York, it was Grenville Dodge who started the Society and served as its first president. That Iowa was well represented in New York City is attested by the officers of the Iowa Society in 1908 on the occasion of its Third Annual Ban-

## Iowa Society of New York

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	W. Frank Persons	

Toasts

1. "The President"

2. "Iowa"

Response by Hon. ALBERT B. CUMMINS, Governor of Iowa

3. Address

By Hon. CHAS. E. HUGHES, Governor of New York

4. "The Ideal Farming Community"

Response by Hon. J. P. DOLLIVER, United States Senator

5. "Iowa's Contribution to our National Jurisprudence"

Response by Hon. JOHN F. DILLON

6. "The Birth of a Race"

Response by Hon. FRANK O. LOWDEN, Member of Congress

7. "Iowa, Her Influence"

Response by Hon. J. B. SULLIVAN

quet. The list of officers of the Society reads like a Who's Who of Hawkeye Greats; and the toasts given, coupled with the address by the "Hon. Chas. E. Hughes, Governor of New York," speaks volumes of the caliber of the men gathered around Grenville M. Dodge in the Empire State.

As a soldier, as an engineer, as a capitalist, as a philanthropist, Grenville Dodge brought fame to Iowa as well as to the Nation. His home in Council Bluffs stands as a monument to his memory.

WILLIAM J. PETERSEN

### Clubs, Fraternal, Military, Honorary

Vice President, Grant Monument Association

President, Society of the Army of the Tennessee,  
1892-1916

President, Grant Birthday Association, 1890-

Member, Lincoln Post, G.A.R.

Member, Union Veteran League of Council Bluffs

Commander-in-Chief, Loyal Legion, 1907-1916

Honorary Member, Union League Club of New  
York City

Member, United Service Club, Coney Island Jockey  
Club, Boston Club of New Orleans, Republican  
Club and the Army and Navy Club of New York  
City, Military Service Institution, Commercial  
Club of Council Bluffs, I.O.O.F., and B.P.O.E.

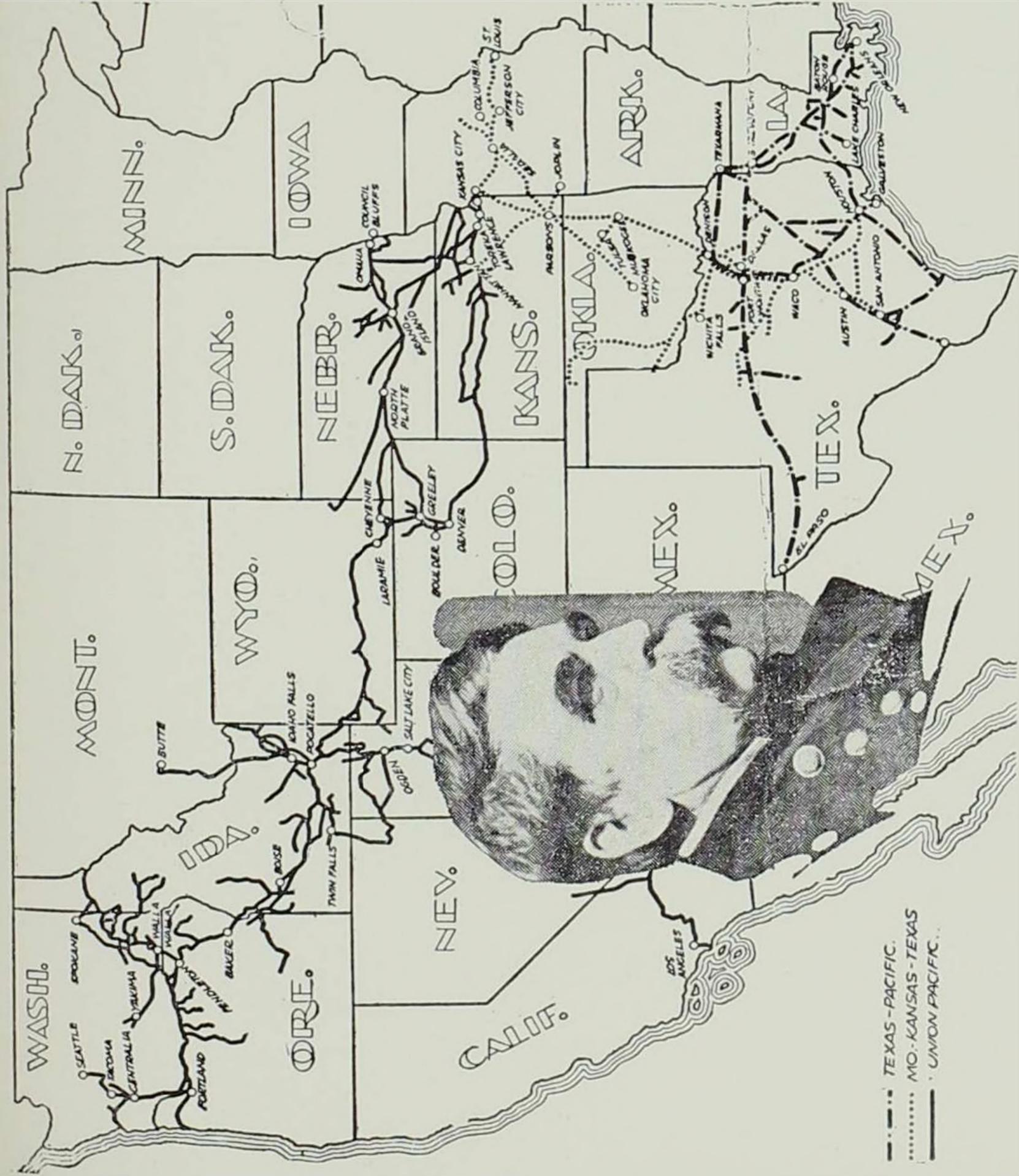
State Historical Society of Iowa—Iowa City

State Historical Society of Missouri—Columbia

Nebraska Historical Society—Lincoln

Trustee, Norwich University, 1882-1916

# GENERAL DODGE AND HIS RAILROADS



PRESIDENT, RAILROAD  
IMPROVEMENT CO.

Pacific, 1880  
American, 1880  
International, 1880

PRESIDENT, RAILROAD  
CONSTRUCTION CO.

Colorado, 1881  
Oriental, 1882  
Colorado & Texas, 1887  
California & Texas, (Chief Eng.)  
1870

## RAILROADS

President

Missouri, Kansas & Texas, 1869-97  
St. Louis, Des Moines & Northern,  
1884-90

Mexican & Southern, 1885

Vice President

Abilene & Southern, 1909-1911  
Mexican & Southern, 1882

Director

Union Pacific, 1869-97

Des Moines Union, 1884-92

Denver, Texas & Fort Worth,  
1889-90

Des Moines & Northern, 1890-92

Wichita Valley, 1891-1909

Union Pacific, Denver & Gulf,  
1891-92

Colorado & Southern (Board Chair-  
man)