

*Trails, Rails and War: The Life of General G. M. Dodge.* By JACOB RANDOLPH PERKINS. (Pub. under the auspices of the Historical, Memorial and Art Department of Iowa. Indianapolis: Bobbs-Merrill Co., 1929. illus. pp. 371. \$5.00.)

Trails, Rails and War is a most fitting title to Perkins' narration of the life of General G. M. Dodge. "The whole career of Major-General Dodge is synchronous with railway expansion west of the Mississippi River, and is an integrant part of it. Beginning with his first independent survey across Iowa, in 1853, for the Mississippi and Missouri River Railroad and culminating, thirty-three years later, in a final active survey for the Mexican and Southern. . . Dodge's services were basic in railroad path finding and building throughout the West."

Dodge's railroad ability involved him in the Civil War, in the western Indian campaigns and in the Spanish American war. His efficiency and technical knowledge brought him the attention and friendship of the great national leaders. These prominent figures of his acquaintance, including Lincoln, Grant and Sherman, are shown in unusual relief and illuminating details of their military and political lives are brought to light.

The surveying and building of the Union Pacific was Dodge's most prominent achievement and the part he played in the rivalry of this company with other railroads contributes many details not to be found elsewhere in railroad history.

Perkins is meticulous in his inclusion of details. His treatment of subject matter is objective and almost severely impersonal throughout. He gives an authentic historical account rather than a flesh and blood portrayal of his hero. A comprehensive bibliography and an adequate index enhance this valuable work which supplies a chapter in U.S. history heretofore unwritten.

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*Malcolm Campbell, Sheriff.* By ROBERT B. DAVID. (Casper, Wyoming: Wyomingana, Inc., 1932. Pp. 361. \$3.25.)

Told in the first person these reminiscences of sixty years of pioneering in Wyoming, beginning in 1865, hold a deep interest for students of Western history. Apparently Sheriff Campbell, now a man well over ninety, must have dictated the book to Mr. David, though this is not definitely stated.

Of the greatest permanent value, probably, is his account of the Johnson County Raid of 1892. To him the conflict was not