

itary achievements. Taking into custody the five Winnebago chiefs at the Blue Mounds, during the Black Hawk War, was, under the circumstances, a bold and daring act; and required the nerve and boldness of a hero to have undertaken and accomplished it. There were about as many Indians on the ground as there were of Dodge's men, and their main army of warriors were close at hand, and they were just ready and greatly inclined to sieze upon any pretext for an excuse to join Black Hawk in his war with the whites.

His military expeditions to, and through the Rocky Mountains for three years, among the numerous and hostile tribes of Indians in those regions, was characterized by the same bold and heroic movements, that all his military operations were—so much so, that upon its completion, and his return to Washington, both houses of Congress unanimously passed the most complimentary resolutions, expressive of their high admiration, and approbation of the heroic and satisfactory manner in which he had discharged the high and important trust confided to him.

These are only a few of the heroic acts of Gen. Dodge, which so justly stamp him with the appellation of hero.

As a statesman, the occasion will not allow me to go into a very extended review of his course. Suffice it to say, he was in his public career, honest, frank and sincere, and expressed his views on all matters of state, in a clear, concise and convincing style. There seemed to be electricity in his voice, and magnetism in his manner, when addressing the senate of the United States, in which august body he served twelve years, and ranked as one of its most honored and influential members.

As executive of the Territory of Wisconsin, he was deservedly popular. His messages and other State papers, took high rank with similar documents for their sound, judicious, and statesman-like views. From the executive office of the Territory, he was chosen one of the first senators of the State, a convincing proof of the high estimate which his fellow citizens placed upon his abilities as a statesman.