

CHANGES.

PERMANENT changes come slowly and frequently unobserved. Many a temporary ripple glints and vanishes, disappearing into the irresistible urge of the slow, forward tide of affairs.

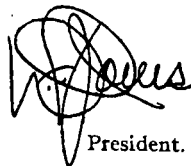
I am reminded of driving through the "Bad Lands" of North Dakota, for many years the home of Theodore Roosevelt and the Marquis de Mores. Associating the names together does not necessarily mean that the two men were associated in any way with each other, except as to time and place.

The Marquis was busy with an idea which very few were familiar with—the building of a packing plant out where the cattle were grown. The Marquis' days were ended by a shot in the back, while in Africa. If he had remained in North Dakota he might have been shot; but he would have died facing his enemy. No person was shot in the back by a self-respecting westerner.

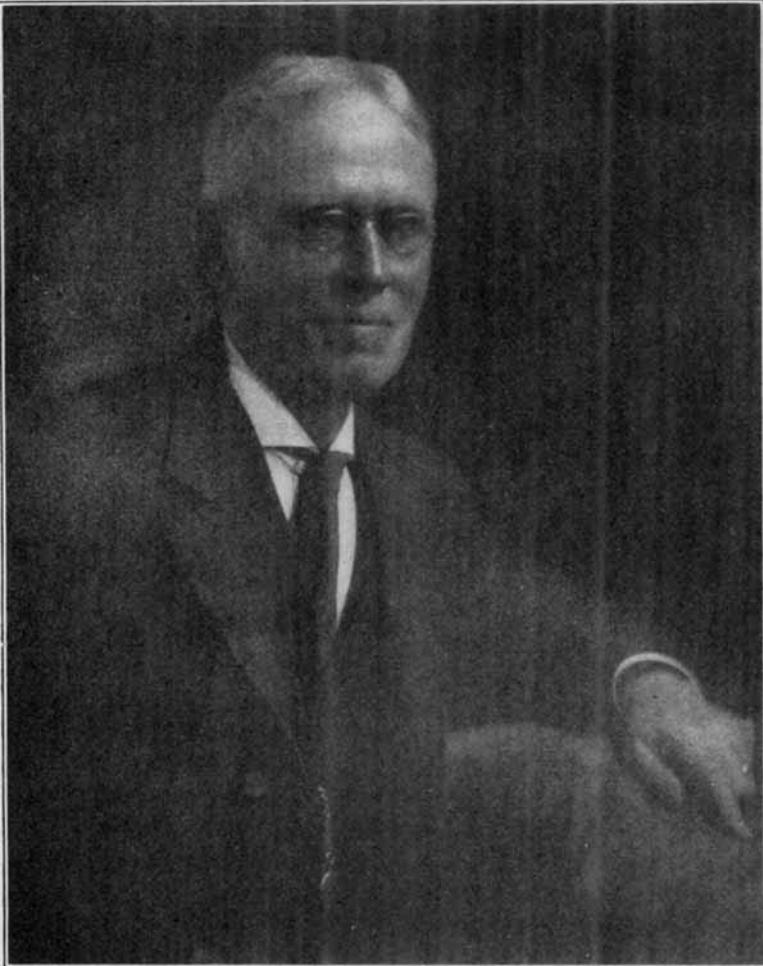
The Chateau of the Marquis still stands as a museum of all his personal belongings, and he was wealthy. Theodore Roosevelt found his way to the White House.

To one driving through the country the fact of it once having been their residence has been almost brushed aside, and you again see the "cow country" of early days; but the permanent effect of their influence is stamped there to stay. Now slaughtering plants are being builded out where the stock is available without shipping; and the impress of the character of Theodore Roosevelt has been left, never to be erased.

On every side the unseen hand is bringing about inevitable changes. We worry to-day over those affecting Pharmacy, as they touch here and there in our experiences. We should not forget, however, that this unseen change is ever upward, and that if our relation to our fellow man is what it should be, we will find ourselves moving forward and upward with that permanent change, unconscious of the part we are playing in the great scheme.



President.



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OLAF MARTIN OLESON.*

Olaf Martin Oleson came to Fort Dodge, Iowa, from Norway in 1870. After working for two years on a farm, near the city, he engaged with a druggist of Fort Dodge, James Swain, and later was employed by his successors, Messrs. Prindle & Yount. In 1875, he matriculated at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, graduating in 1877, and was awarded the Procter Gold Medal, and also the Alumni Gold Medal. During his stay in Philadelphia he was employed in the pharmacy of Dr. J. R. Stevenson, corner of Twelfth & Callowhill Streets. Dr. Stevenson had established a trade in herbs, which he compressed in a crude hand press, the packages resembling the machine-pressed herbs, so well known a few years later. He also was an expert in a certain branch of facial embellishment. Monday mornings were particularly busy, because quite a number of persons with black and blue marks around their eyes and other places, contracted during week-end hilarity, came to the Doctor for treatment, which consisted of a thick coat of oil paint of facial tint most artistically applied with a brush. This part of the "pharmacy" business Mr. Oleson did not engage in, as he was more interested in the prescription department; however, the Doctor told him that his treatments produced most profit.

Mr. Oleson states that his years at the College were profitable and enjoyable; that Professors Bridges, Maisch and Remington were very inspiring, and with the aid of excellent quizmasters did everything in their power to convert the students into useful, as well as capable, pharmacists. Professor Maisch had charge of the chemical laboratory; at one time during the winter, on account of illness in his family, he was absent for more than two weeks. During this period Mr. Oleson had charge of the laboratory; later, he was complimented by the students, who expressed themselves as having profited greatly by Mr. Oleson's instructions in chemistry.

* We are indebted to our fellow member W. W. Haire for the data for this sketch.

S. M. Burroughs, then with John Wyeth & Brother, was one of his class mates and a fellow graduate, and, later, a partner in the firm of Burroughs, Wellcome & Co. Mr. Burroughs was one of Mr. Oleson's most intimate and dearest friends; he did not think Mr. Oleson's room and board were quite good enough, and so he offered to share his apartment and furnish him with better meals; for this Mr. Oleson was to become Mr. Burroughs's private quizmaster, and to give him any pharmaceutical information that the latter would ask for, at any time; quite a job, but it seemed to work out quite satisfactorily.

After graduation Mr. Oleson returned to Fort Dodge and engaged with Messrs. Cheney & Meservey; very soon, thereafter, the latter member of the firm sold his interest to Mr. Oleson, and the firm name was changed to Cheney & Oleson. A few years later Mr. Cheney sold his interest to his partner, when the firm was incorporated under the name of The Oleson Drug Company; since then some of the capital stock has been sold to faithful employees and it is operated at the old stand in the Company's three-story building, at the corner of Central Avenue and Eighth Street.

Mr. Oleson was one of the three members who laid the foundation for the work of the Iowa Commission of Pharmacy when it was first organized and it has been very successful ever since.

He was a member of the Iowa Senate in 1892-1898. Last fall Mr. Oleson was decorated by King Haakon, of Norway, as Knight of St. Olaf's Order, First Class, for distinguished service for humanity.

Mr. Oleson is Vice-President of the First National Bank (Fort Dodge), Director in the First Trust and Savings Bank, President of the Oleson Drug Company, the Oleson Land Company, the Fort Dodge Building and Loan Association, Fort Dodge Telephone Company, and also member and officer in a number of civic and charitable organizations. He has always been deeply interested and instrumental in the upbuilding of Fort Dodge and still maintains an active interest in pharmaceutical matters. He became a member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION in 1877.

The veteran pharmacist spends most of the winters in Southern California. He has always been very much interested in botany, and the "Golden State" is an ideal place for plant enthusiasts.

YALE RECEIVES MILLION DOLLAR GIFT FOR NURSING SCHOOL.

A gift of \$1,000,000 from the Rockefeller Foundation has been received by the Yale School of Nursing for endowment purposes. Miss Annie W. Goodrich, who organized the school as its dean, was dean of the Army School of Nursing during the World War. She was president of the American Federation of Nurses, honorary president of the International Conference of Nurses and is a former president of the American Nurses' Association, as well as former Professor of Nursing and Health at Columbia University and former

director of the Henry Street Visiting Nurse Service.

A SOVIET ENCYCLOPEDIA.

The Russian Academy of Sciences has recently announced that Tome I of a new "Soviet Encyclopedia" is about to be published. This volume will contain, according to the Academy, everything from Aa to Vanilla. Soviet savants, with all their literary reforms, neglected to reshuffle their alphabet, thereby leaving the Russian V third in the order of sequence. B is the second letter, however, and is fully represented.