

into a partnership with Mr. Crain, whose ability as an advocate and orator was of State renown. This at once introduced him to a wide practice. The partnership was continued until about the time of Mr. Crain's decease in 1881. While one of the firm the well-known work entitled, "The Railroad Laws of the State of Michigan, with a Digest of the Decisions of the Supreme Court relative to Railroad Corporations," was published. This work was chiefly from the researches of Mr. Dodge. It attained a wide circulation and is considered valuable authority upon these important matters. Mr. Dodge's political experience dates back to 1878, at which time he was nominated as independent candidate for Prosecuting Attorney, his opponents being Ovid N. Case and George Huggett, Republicans. In this political race he ran several hundred votes ahead of his ticket, but was defeated by Mr. Huggett. From that day until the present he has been identified with the movements and interests of the Democratic party.

He removed to Lansing in August, 1879, where he has since resided, and is enjoying a most lucrative practice. As a popular and representative man he was nominated for his present position at the regular Democratic Convention. His opponents were James R. Dart, Republican, one of the most prominent politicians in Ingham County, and Alfred Wise, the Prohibition candidate, an estimable and leading citizen of Lansing. The canvass was hotly made. The friends of Mr. Dart were exceedingly active on account of Senatorial influences. In this campaign Mr. Dodge spoke in nearly every precinct in the district upon general issues. The result was an election of a young Democrat over an experienced Republican, and leader in a county usually giving a Republican Representative, by a majority of 300, and a plurality of 390, and was the largest majority ever given to any candidate from this district. Though he is the youngest member of the House, from the eulogistic tone of the press, Republican as well as Democratic; from the number as well as the wide import of the bills he introduced, and the skillful and clever man-

other parties, it has secured a large number of votes. The passage of a public office is promptly, faithfully and without any commendations of special or party bias. In the legislative record of the district, Frank L. Dodge is the man and of the district to represent.

During the session introduced 41 bills and returned, received his per cent of the vote, but one and a-half introduced by Mr. Dodge. The legislation of the session was of great influence for the correction of the laws. Among the bills introduced by him, we note the following:

A bill to provide for the removal of hotels.

A bill to authorize insurance companies or State in the Circuit Court in which the plaintiff shall issue policies or

A bill requiring the Courts to file a bill of particulars in certain cases.

Requiring two terms of court in Ingham County to be held

To revise and amend the laws of Lansing.

A bill to incorporate the

To legalize the assessment of Alameda Townships

Making appropriations for aid in maintaining the

Lansing.  
Amending section relative to offenses com-