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THE Lincoln democrat comes out squarely and admits that the victory in Ohio is not all that the great majority of democrats could wish it to be.

We notice by the despatches attention is called to the originators of the Civil Rights bill or act which has lately been held unconstitutional by the Supreme Court of the United States.

A Comparison of the Legal Records of Hon. Mr. B. Reese and Judge Savage.

The Savage Bubble Pricked. Omaha Republican.

Much has been said about James W. Savage as a criminal lawyer. Perhaps the two criminal cases of the most importance in the annals of our state jurisprudence were the State vs. Baker and the State vs. St. Louis, both for murder.

Again it has been said that the name of Mr. Reese does not appear in our supreme court reports. If this were so it would not be surprising considering the fact that the portions of the state in which Mr. Reese was engaged in practice before his election as district attorney were not prolific in litigation.

The case of St. Louis vs. The State, 8 Neb. 405, covers nineteen pages of the report, and is the leading case on the facts involved. Mr. Reese again represented the state.

Stratton vs. Knapp and others, 8 Neb. 436, was an action in the nature of quo warranto to determine the rights of the defendants to hold and exercise the duties of common council of the city of Wahoo. Mr. Reese appeared for the city and his opponent was John Carrigan.

Mr. Savage has been a resident of this state for eighteen years; has lived in the most populous city in the state and the commercial center of the west, so that one having the lengthy eulogies upon his prominent standing as a lawyer, which are daily emitted in democratic sheets, would naturally be tempted to inquire during this eighteen years' residence what great constitutional principles had been settled by Mr. Savage's learning.

The first case in which Judge Savage appeared was for a man who had stolen a pocketbook in Iowa and fled to this state. Mr. Savage extricated this distinguished stranger on the theory that to bring stolen property into this state was no crime.

Satisfied with the fame acquired in this conflict, this great lawyer rested until the year 1871, when he was called into a case of unusual moment and public importance in which the title to a certain twenty-five horse power stationary engine, including driving wheel and main shaft and one (not two, mark you) cast iron boiler front.

It is probable that the judge was dissatisfied with the lack of appreciation of the supreme court, for his name does not appear until in a case decided in 1874, and even then he did not deign to appear in person but by brief only.

The next case in which Mr. Savage appeared in Mercer against Harris fourth Nebraska 77. In this case, the judge's client was sued for \$934.10 and judgment was rendered for \$937.45.

We hear more of the judge until in the case of May vs. Ingram reported in 1875 in Fourth Nebraska, page 115, when in spite of great opposition he successfully fore closed a mortgage in the district court and sustained that foreclosure in the supreme court.

As a judge it is infinitely worse. The person who will take pains to go through the thirteen volumes of Nebraska reports will find that nearly every other one of Mr. Savage's decisions has been reversed in the Supreme court. That while the number of cases actually taken to the Supreme court from Mr. Savage's district has been less than from the district of Judge Pound, Judge Weaver or Judge Post, the percentage of reversals has been greater.

fortune against him, save as it affects his mental qualifications. There were times when Mr. Savage says he was disagreeable even to himself, which, considering Savage's admiration of Savage is a rather strong admission. Those who were compelled to practice before him can testify that he was infinitely disagreeable to them. Sour, petulant, impatient, irascible, unreasonable—what wonder he should be disliked by the younger lawyers whom he snubbed, and distrusted by the older lawyers who had no confidence in his ability?

Mr. Savage, as a lawyer, was a failure. His disposition, it is judged else, would unfit him for any judicial position. But it is said, "Mr. Reese is not known, and we had better cling to the evils we have, etc." Unfortunately for Mr. Reese he is not known in Omaha. But all that is known of him re- lations to his credit. It would be useless for us to say that he is infinitely a better man than Savage for this position, for the democratic organs would pronounce it the clap-net of a political campaign.

Unfortunately for the democracy Mr. Savage is known. Known as a chronic office-seeker, who has run for everything, from the United States senate to the mayoralty of Omaha; known as the man who was beaten by Champson S. Chase; known as having acquired average sort of reputation for a vague sort of ability, the whyfore of which is yet more vague; to be known hereafter as a disappointed candidate who has served his purpose and been placed by a grateful party on the "democratic pension list."

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