

Judge Clifford's Outrageous Decision.

Nathan Clifford, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, is an old man. In the palmy days of the Democratic party he was one of its leaders in the State of Maine. He has always been a Democrat of the "straightest sect," and was always in the councils of that party.

He has recently rendered the decision against Gen. Neal Dow, also of Maine, which, in view of all the circumstances, should arouse all patriots to the dangers that threaten if by any possibility Tilden should be elected.

During the war, while Clifford was holding-nob with Tilden, another rebel sympathizer, Dow, then Colonel, was at the head of his regiment fighting for the Union in Louisiana. A foraging party belonging to his regiment took some sugar from a refinery owned by a rebel, who applied to the Colonel for remuneration. He was told that if he would prove his loyalty to the Government of the United States he should have a receipt. This he refused to do, but brought suit against Dow, personally, in a State Court, for the value of the sugar.

Col. Dow was not present when the case was called, and judgment was entered against him for \$1,700. After the war the judgment was sent to Maine and proceedings upon it were commenced in the United States Court, before Judge Clifford, where it has been pending for eight years.

The decision of the State court against Col. Dow was based upon the assumption that the Union soldiers were, as asserted by Tilden, trespassers, and that every man was responsible for all damage done to rebel property by himself or his associates.

The affirmation of the decision by the United States Court would be in effect a decision that the war was unconstitutional, and that all persons in arms against the Government are justly entitled to full compensation for all loss or damage to life, person, or property, not only from the United States, but from the officers and soldiers of the Union army, who were there to suppress an armed rebellion.

Such an affirmative decision by a Democratic judge would be taken by the rebel element of the south as an indication that under a Democratic administration, all rebel claims for loss and damage would be allowed and paid, either by the Government, or by the Union soldiers who preserved the Government.

Another Letter From Demas Barnes.

DEMAS BARNES, Editor. DEAR SIR:—I enclose please find a slip containing an article appearing in a letter from the Fourth of July issue of the "Ohio State Journal." It has been read by many Democrats of this section, and by a large majority of them is pronounced a very fair and reasonable account of the public press of the State and nation in the Democratic.

There are many honest Democrats in this section of the State, and in this particular section, who expect to vote for Tilden, but would not do so could they be convinced that the charges in this article were true; and several of them have requested me to write you and ask the following questions in relation to which would greatly oblige you.

1. Are you the author of the enclosed article, and did you write it for the editor of the "Ohio State Journal" for publication? 2. Do you know positively that the charges against Tilden are true? 3. Will you please answer these questions in the interest of true reform. I remain yours, respectfully, LEWIS C. MEAD.

MR. BARNES' REPLY. BROOKLYN, Sept. 21, 1876. LEWIS C. Mead, Esq., Chairman, etc. DEAR SIR: Your letter of 16th inst., making certain political inquiries, was duly received. Most of the facts in relation to Gov. Tilden's public career have been set forth in the Brooklyn "Argus," and some of them were repeated in my letter to the "Ohio State Journal," which you refer to in your communication.

I supported Mr. Tilden for Governor two years ago, his record then being unknown. His majority in the State was a little over 28,000. Over one-third of this majority was given to him in this city, where the "Argus" is published. The Democratic party is in the minority in this country. To succeed it, it has to earn the confidence of the people and secure Republican votes.

With these results starting us in the face, it behooved the Democrats at this time to have a consistent platform and nominate men whose integrity of character would guarantee them to the conscience of the people. Tilden's character had become well known to the leaders prior to the St. Louis Convention. He was repudiated by Charles O'Connell, Horatio Seymour, Charles Justice Church, Judge Parkers, Augustus Scheil, and the best men of his party in this State.

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The poetry of Cowper embodied the most sorrowful of all experiences. He lived with the shadow of insanity upon his heartstone, and he wrote with the recollection of his insane wife ever in his mind. The discipline of insanity has refined many rough natures and quickened many cold hearts that otherwise might have passed as misanthropes.

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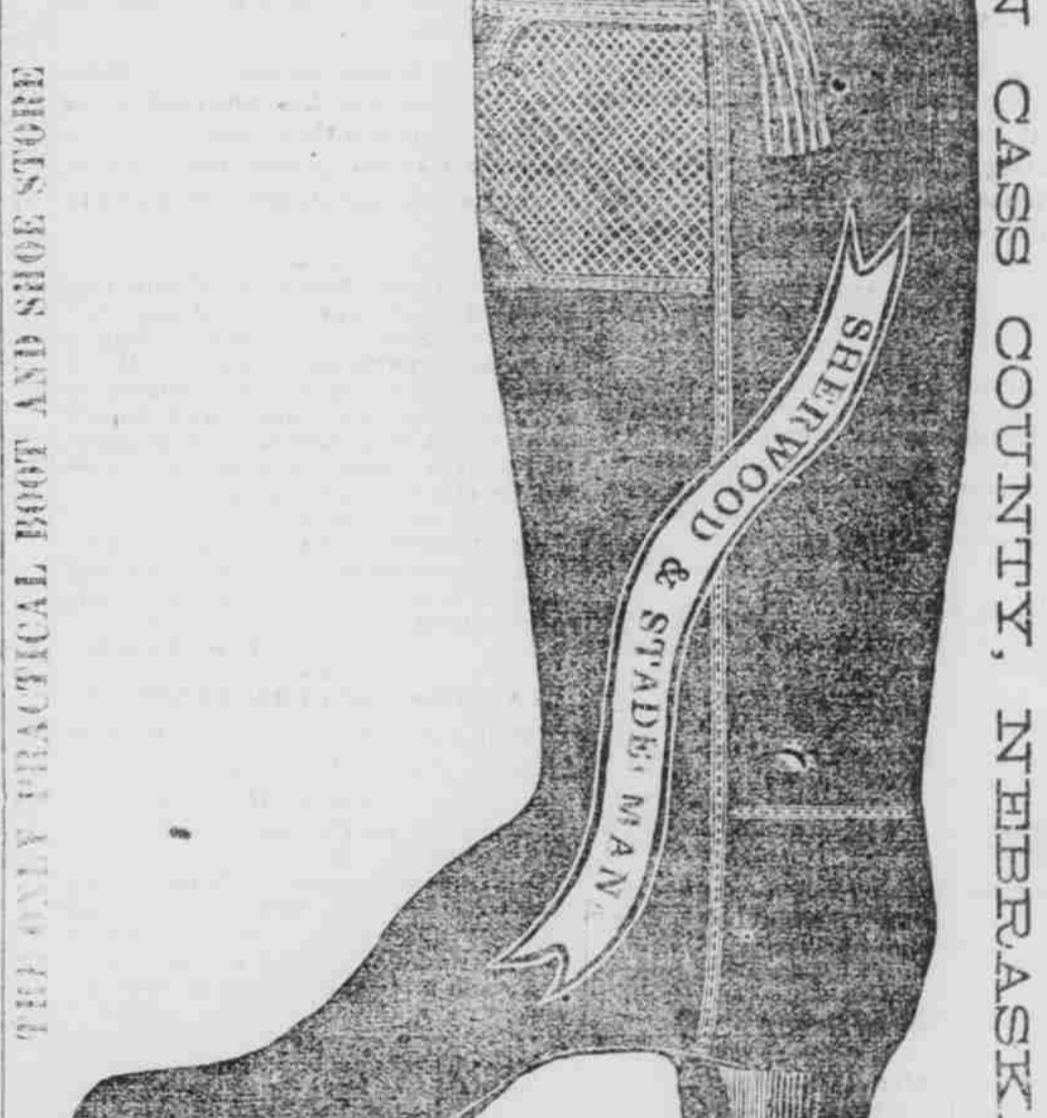
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