

THE visitor to the Supreme Court room while the court is in session may find much of interest in the proceedings, but the nine immaculate silk gowns that enwrap all the learning, dignity and gravity of our highest judicial tribunal are a shock to his ideas of republican simplicity. Not one of the judges seems to feel at home in that sombre relic of a past age, which in the eighth century was donned only on occasions of pronouncing sentence of the gibbet from the King's bench. The American people, reared in an atmosphere of democracy, have never yet realized, and probably never will realize, that the wearing of these black mantles lends any greater degree of dignity to the bench than the trappings of Marcus Furius Camillus made him more terrible in the eyes of those who ultimately got the best of him. Besides, these ill-cut mantles have a disagreeable faculty of enticing themselves above the ears of some of the members of the court, whose ineffectual attempts to keep them in place are at times as ludicrous as they are exasperating. One heaves a sigh of real pity for Judge Miller, who would unquestionably yield a year's salary for the privilege of shedding this gownish, and he might say clownish, heritage from the English law. It is unbecoming in our peculiar system of government, and decidedly objectionable to all who have business with the court.

INVESTIGATIONS into the reported
 trouble among the negroes of South-
 ampton county, Va., develops nothing
 in the rumor.

notice is hereby given that the following
settler has filed notice of his intention
to make final proof in support of his claim,
and that said proof will be made before Regis-
ter and Receiver at McCook, Neb., on Satur-
day, December 22, 1883, viz: John Farley,
McCook, Neb., D. S. 2886, for the south $\frac{1}{2}$ north
 $\frac{1}{2}$ and north $\frac{1}{2}$ south east $\frac{1}{4}$ section 25,
township 3, north, range 30 west. He names
the following witnesses to prove his contin-
uous residence upon, and cultivation of, said
land, viz: John McCotter, James McCotter,
William McManigal, Anthony Chiff, all of Mc-
Cook, Neb.
G. L. LAWS,

Land Office, McCook, Neb., Oct. 29, 1883.
 Notice is hereby given that the following
 settler has filed notice of his intention
 to make final proof in support of his claim,
 that said proof will be made before Regis-
 ter and Receiver at McCook, Neb., on Friday,
 November 14th, 1883, via: Walter Hickling,
 3029, for the northwest 1/4 section 9, town-
 ship 3, north, range 20, west. He names the
 following witnesses to prove his continuous
 residence upon, and cultivation of, said land,
 Vernon Thoman, Lyman Miller, Belle
 Bell and Richard Condon, all of McCook.