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THE NORTHERN MAIL came through yesterday with the latest news.

THE CHIEF JUSTICESHIP.

The people of this State have now an opportunity of filling this office with capacity, learning and integrity. They can, if they will discard party attachments, local prejudices, individual predilections, and the debasing influence of cliques, elevate to the exalted function of the Supreme judiciary one who by his attainments, erudition, and profound judgment will reflect honor on the bench, enlarge the principles and doctrines of jurisprudence to meet the growing wants of our civilization, and dispense justice among suitors with an equal and impartial hand. Such a man is the late Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, GEORGE EX STIS.

In Louisiana, unlike other States in which an elective judiciary exists, corrupt partisans have been permitted, without popular rebuke, to raise to the bench ignorance and incapacity, and thus it has happened that the judicial ermine, once pure and stainless, has been dishonored by political intrigue, and bedraggled with the mire of filthy coffee house cabals. Instead of following the noble example of Mississippi, and promoting eminent talent, distinguished learning, and high scholastic ability, the people have too frequently, either by design, or through the degrading power of party zeal, lavished honors on obscurity and nonentity, and clothed with the awful responsibility of the Supreme tribunal those who, but for this adventitious advancement, would never have emerged from a position of mediocrity. The qualifications for a seat on the Supreme Bench have been lowered to suit the degenerate standard of partizan politics, and wisdom, virtue, and the inestimable attributes of legal lore, sagacity and analytical power, have been deemed worthless in comparison with a flippant tongue, a genius for intrigue, and superficial and specious manners. How derogatory to the character of the judiciary such a policy must be; how it must inevitably interfere with the great ends of justice, impair the respect due to the highest tribunal in the commonwealth, and throw our whole system of jurisprudence into perplexity and confusion, must be evident to every man who brings his intelligence to bear upon the subject. Such a policy, if persisted in, will ultimately sap the foundations of our judiciary. Pigmies pecking at Atlas, are pigmies still, and the literate county court lawyer who, by his abominable practices, is metamorphosed into a Supreme Judge, cast by the same mental transition into a profound knowledge of the principles of law, repealed by the debasing influence of cliques, elevate to the exalted functions