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THE GREAT DUBUQUE CASE.

We are fortunate in being able to present in this number of THE ANNALS a concise history of the great law suit involving the title to the plat of the city of Dubuque, from the pen of the Honorable Oliver P. Shiras, U. S. Judge of the Northern District of Iowa. True, this case is on record in the 16th volume of Howard's Reports of cases decided in the Supreme Court of the United States, but this volume is not accessible to general readers or students who may desire information on the subject. It was a case fraught with important consequences to the residents of that thriving city, for it involved the title to many homes from which an adverse decision would have expelled their occupants as soon as the unerring machinery of the federal law could have been put in operation. Judge Shiras makes a clear narrative of the inception and history of the famous case which will be a valuable accession to the libraries of our State. We are also indebted to Col. Pierre Chouteau, of St. Louis, for a copy of the original recorded map of the claim of Julien Dubuque, showing the portion which he wished to transfer to Auguste Chouteau. Of this we have secured a good engraving for the illustration of the article. It presents a readily understood plat of the locality, the title of which was so long a bone of contention, and upon which has since arisen the thriving city of Dubuque.

LAUMAN'S CHARGE AT JACKSON.

A reference to this affair in the last ANNALS (p. 282) has brought that subject again under discussion. It will be remembered by those readers who are informed in the his-

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