

impulses, strong in his likes and dislikes, a quick observer of men and things, ready in speech, and powerful in argument, he has made for himself many enemies, and thousands of excellent friends. With a very retentive memory, he holds the history of the State almost in his grasp, and as he is so thoroughly identified with it, he possesses a fund of anecdote and information, which, could the same be brought out in book-form, and published, would add to the valuable historical literature of the West.

Be it known also, that Mr. Clark—Sat. Clark, as men call him—is a thorough Democrat, so wedded to the old ideas of the party, so imbued with the principle of Democracy, and so thoroughly impregnated with a dislike for everything in opposition thereto, that in standing up to the principle, he almost leans over backwards. During the war, when cowards closed their mouths, or turned their coats for office, Sat. Clark never backed down an inch, nor receded from a position at any time, or under any circumstances. So it is, he came to be known as the chief among “copperheads,” and one, if not altogether lovely, as a hard customer for any person to attack, either mentally or physically, standing as he does in good proportions, in full strength and integrity as a man. In view of his excessive Democracy, the following incident is the more enjoyable:

On the occasion of the visit of President Hayes to the West, in the autumn of 1878, he was invited by the Wisconsin State Agricultural Society to visit the State fair at Madison, as the guest of the society, and ex-Senator Sat. Clark was selected to represent the society on the committee to meet the presidential party at Portage City, and escort them to Madison.

Mr. Clark was introduced to Mrs. Hayes as a Democrat who had resided in Wisconsin nearly fifty years.

He was invited to take a seat by Mrs. Hayes, who remarked, “You do not look like a Democrat.” To which Sat. replied:

“I am sorry to hear you say that. Don't I look like an honest man?”

“Oh, yes,” Mrs. Hayes responded, “but we may differ as to how a Democrat ought to look.”

Sat. then said, “Mrs. Hayes, allow me to relate an anecdote.