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EVIDENCE is accumulating that Senator Blaine has been offered and will accept the Secretaryship of State in President Garfield's Cabinet. He will make a magnificent Secretary.

IF Gen. Sherman keeps on gilding the uniforms of army officers they will, after awhile, be as prettyas a spotted dog. His last order is for a brazen helmet, with buffalo switch and the like.

JOSEPH SNOW, of Indiana, told his wife to shut her head. That was twenty-one years ago, and she has not spoken since, though constantly living together as man and wife. Joseph of course is fat and contented.

SEVENTEEN women of Star City, Ind., are being prosecuted for entering the only saloon in town, emptying the liquor casks, breaking the glassware, and cutting up the pool tables with an axe.

"FINANGELIST" is the new term invented by the Advance for the "church-debt raiser," Mr. Kimball. It regards Mr. Kimball's work as among the grand phenomena of the times. He has raised about $5,000,000 to liquidate existing church debts, and as much more has been raised or saved in other ways through his agency.

REPRESENTATIVE A. H. Stephens, of Georgia, tells a reporter of The Atlanta Constitution that it is all a mistake, the prevailing opinion that the South does not want Northern men to settle within its borders. He says: "We want Yankees; we welcome all honest, thrifty citizens." Mr. Stephens's assurances are gratifying in the abstract But the weight of testimony of Northerners who have tried the Southern welcome is in favor of "going West," or staying at home.

THE effect of the jetty improvements at the mouth of the Mississippi river in extending the commerce of the Mississippi valley, is already very great. Since the beginning of this year St. Louis has shipped to Europe, by way of New Orleans, twice as much grain as passed out of the country by that route during the first ten months of last year. The shipments down the river would be still greater were it not for the lack of barges to carry the grain. It is time that a fleet of boats are being built to supply the want.

GENERAL GRANT is said to smoke a hundred cigars in two weeks. He gives away as many as he smokes. He has used the same brand of imported cigars for ten years. They cost $22.50 a hundred. Col. Bob Ingersoll pays $50 for a box and uses from five to ten cigars a day. General Butler pays $10 and sometimes $20 for a box. Senator Matt Carpenter, who nearly killed himself by smoking, has been reduced to three cigars a day.

SENATOR VEST and Representatives Frost and Clardy, are making strong efforts to procure a large appropriation for snag boats for the Missouri river. They want an appropriation sufficient to provide for enough snag boats to pass over the river once in forty-eight hours. In order to accomplish this, it will be necessary to have certain beats established, with a boat for each beat. Those who have the matter in charge are confident of success.

HERE is a big bit of legislative political economy from the New York Sun, which is well adapted to the latitude and longitude of Missouri these days. "I am," said Thomas Jefferson, "for a government rigorously frugal and simple." The followers of Jefferson will find their account in being honestly and consistently for the same thing. The phrase quoted embraces all the government that is necessary to the well being of the country. Frugality is the parent of official honesty and accountability, while extravagance in expenditure is the parent of corruption and centralization.

If the Senate unseats Kellogg, of Louisiana, after having put him in his place, it will be universally understood that it is done to give the Democrats supremacy in that body and save the small patronage which the Senate has to distribute among the faithful henchmen of the party. If Kellogg was not entitled to the seat he now occupies, it should have been given to Judge Spofford long ago. To turn him out now will be to advertise a beggarly necessity to provide for the clamoring wolves of the party.

To be a hundred years ahead of time argues newspaper enterprise. This feat was accomplished by The Boston Daily Globe on New Year's Day, when an impression for January 1, 1981, was sent out to all its patrons. The changes of a century as disclosed by the current news of the day are startling. The House of Delegates of the Irish Republic after a brilliant debate in which references were made to the land agitation of 1880, had passed a resolution voting $5,000,000 in aid of $3,100,000 English tenant farmers. The proceedings of Congress related to the appointment of a chief of planetary signal bureau with headquarters at the equatorial station on Mars, the repeal of the expatriation act growing out of the Imperial insurrection of 1920, and a subsidy to flying machines carrying the mails between Boston and Jupiter and between Havanna and Ursa Major, and were participated in by delegates from Cuba, Canada and Australia. The review of the year showed that there were already 139 States in the Union, and that if the applications of Brazil, Chili and Peru for admission should be favorably acted upon., the Nation would contain 1,000,000,000 inhabitants. Among the "local sensations" were a collison in mid-air between aerial cars on the London and Boston route, the success of the new play "Hypher-Evolution, or the Physical Bases of Life," and the invention of a press with a capacity for printing 800,000 newspapers an hour. Every column bristles with extraordinary intelligence, such as the beginning of a new movement to save the Old New Old South by means of aerial excursions from the South sea Republic and popular exhibitions of the visiograph; the message of the President of Greece favoring annexation to the United States; the levelling of the Rocky Mountains, the filling up of the Gulf of Mexico by the Key West dam, the De Lesseps Canal being used as a heat reservoir; an excursion of Harvard students to the Pyramids; a trip through the crater of Vesuvius made by a party clad in asbestos suits; a trotting match for horses that had never beaten 1:26, etc., etc. It is obvious that this copy of The Globe will be of great interest a hundred years from now. All parents and guardians haveing under their charge promising infants, who are likely to live to see the true date of issue, should send for a copy and file it away to await the centennial.

IT would be a graceful thing on the part of the Democrats in the majority in both houses of Congress, to take up Senator Logan's bill, making provision for General Grant, and pass it. The Democracy are about to depart from power in Congress, and they should signalize their departure by a few acts having a tendency to illustrate their patriotism and illuminate their humanity. It must be unpleasant to Democratic members of Congress, in their capacity as American citizens, to hear the ungraceful discussion about that which should be done for General Grant. They are aware of his great services—that the country owes him much. It is true that he is much honored, but it is only fair and fit that there should be provision made for his old age. It was not his fault that he was taken from the head of the army and made President, and he always held that he had made a sacrifice. Let him be placed on the retired list, at full pay as a General, and a vexed question settled. There should be no controversy about it. A Democrotic Congress, has the opportunity to do this thing, and should get credit for it. Of course the Republicans will do it if they do not.

Leona Taylor, the only young woman in the Senior class of the Law School in Michigan University, has been elected poet in the class. She is also Chief Justice in the Supreme Court of the University of Michigan, the highest office in the moot courts of the Law School.

Dr. CROSBY, of New York, will have such a buzzing about his ears, on account of a lecture he delivered in Boston recently that he will probably wish he had not spoken it. The Doctor believes in what he holds in temperance in drinking but not in total absitnence. He was very severe on those who construe the Scriptures to forbid the use of liquors, and said that such methods of treating the subject was wresting the Scriptures from their proper meaning, and an unmanly resort for those who deal with this question. He did not like those "construers of the Scripture texts who made them invariably support their previously set-up theories, asserting that whenever it (wine) is spoken of in a condemnatory sense, reference is had to fermented wine, and when its use is recommended, reference is had to unfermented wine." Dr. Crosby went even further, declaring that the assertion that moderate drinking leads to drunkenness is unture, and that the pledge is "always an injury and never a help to true morality." To condemn all wine-drinking, he thought, was impossible, without bringing a reproach on Christ and His apostles. He believed the best method of reform was to prohibit absolutely the traffic in distilled liquors and encourage the use of vinous and malt liquors, guarding their sale under stringent laws. It is not to be expected that opinions of this sort from such a source will be passed by silently. The many able disciples of total abstinence will come back at the Doctor and make it lively for him for some time to come.

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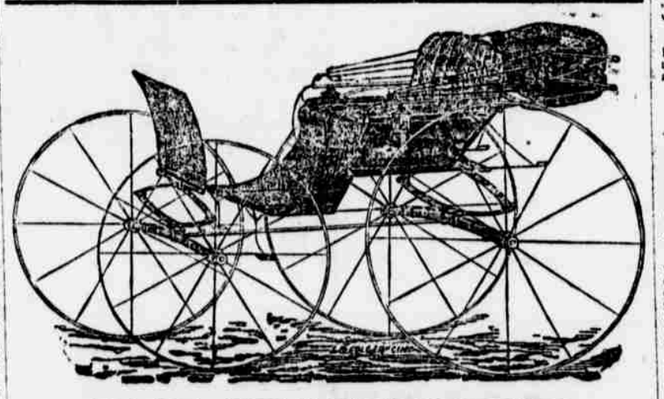

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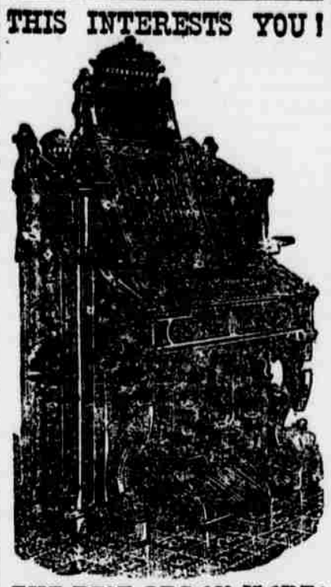

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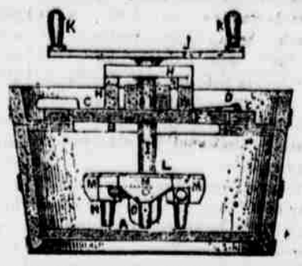

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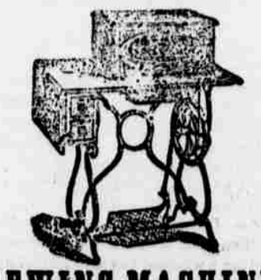

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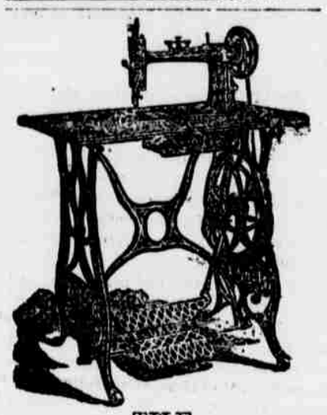

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