munication to the Senate requesting that body to meet in special session on Monday, the 5th of March, at 10 o'clock a.m., as there would on that day be matters of interest to engage its attention. The record also shows that the Senate extended its session of Saturday, March 3d by recesses until six o'clock on Sunday morning, March 4th, when the presiding officer declared that body adjourned sine die. The term of United States Senators expires by law on the 3rd of March, but this has been construed to mean until noon on the 4th of the same until noon on the 4th of the same month. A precedent was established in 1851, which has been followed ever since. McDonald's manual for the use of Senators says:

"On the 3rd of March, 1851, on which day the Thirty-first Congress expired, and on which the terms of one-third of the members of the body would also expire, the Senate being in session at 12 o'clock midnight, a Senator (Mr. Mason, of Virginia) expressed a doubt whether the term for which he had been elected did not expire at that hour, and desired to be qualified as Senator under his credentials of re-The Senate thereupon passed by a vote of 27 yeas to 11 nays, the following resolution (offered by Stephen A. Douglass):

"Resolved, That inasmuch as the second session of the Thirty-first Congress does not expire under the constitution until 12 o'clock on the 4th of March instant, the Honorable James M. Mason, a Senator-elect from the State of Virginia, is not entitled to take the oath of office at this time, to wit, on the 4th of March at 1 oclock a. m."

Under this resolution the retiring Senators at that time were United from a weak back, caused from a sprain States Senators, whether the Senate was in session or not, until noon of Sunday and no longer. On Monday, the 5th of March, when the Senate was convened in session they could take no part in the proceedings, their terms having expired at noon on the preceding day.

That there is an actual interregnum of twenty-four hours from Sunday, March 4th, at noon, until Monday, March 5th, at noon, when the country is without a legal President, there is no doubt. the two cases referred to in our national history this interegnum has been unsupplied. Neither the presiding officer of the Senate nor any one else has ever attempted to exercise the functions of President for the space mentioned, and it is safe to say that no one ever will. The pay of the outgoing President ceases at noon on the 4th of March, and that of the incoming one begins at that time. To suppose that any trouble will grow out of this hiatus "is putting too fine a point per. upon it," as Mr. Snagsby would say. President Grant will doubtless follow the precedent of Mr. Polk and convene the Senate in special session on Monday, March 5th; when the new senators will take the oath of office .- Washington Star, Nov. 15.

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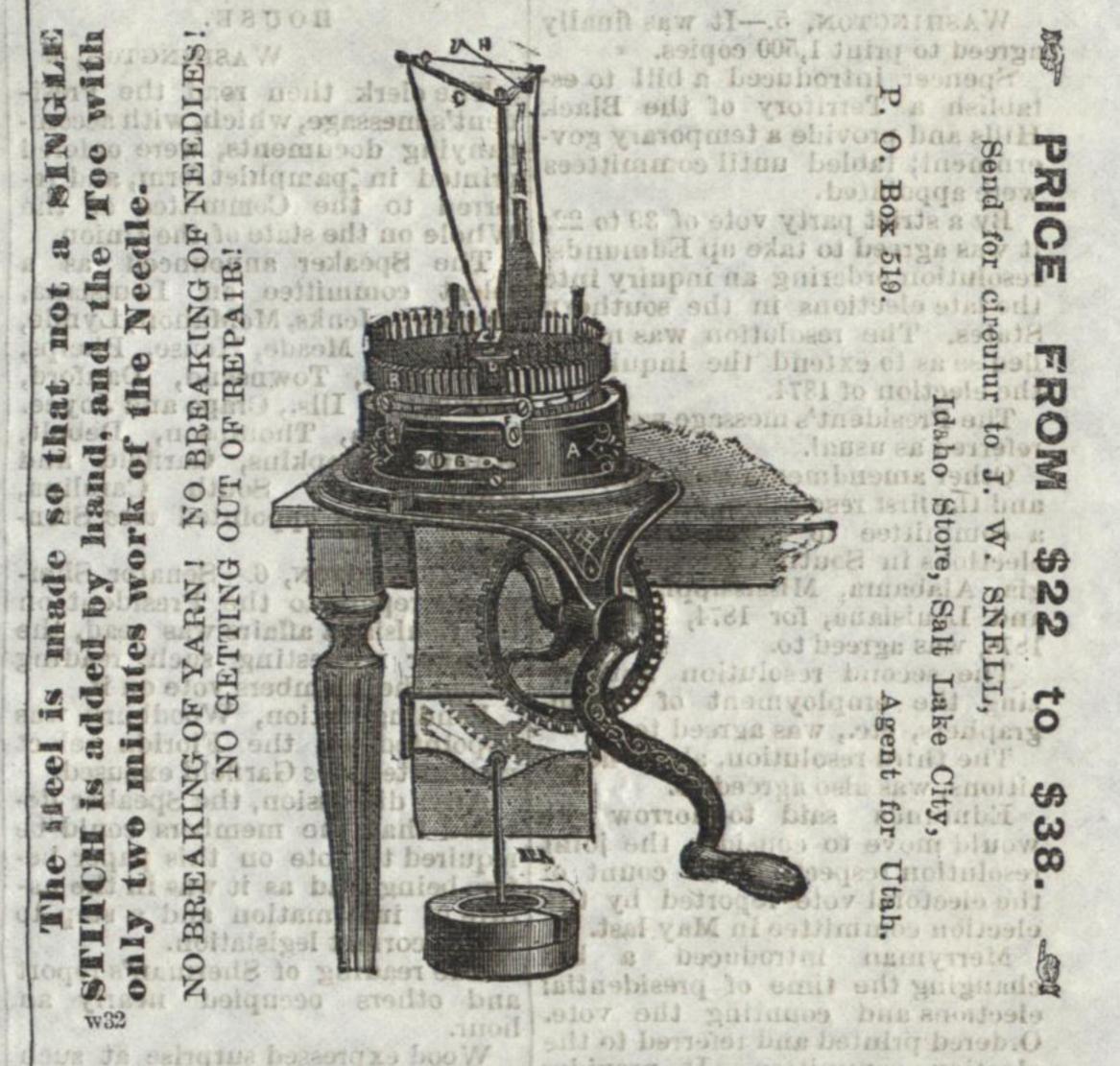
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