

President Harrison's letter to Gen. Mansfield Internal Revenue Collector in Indiana, which has just been published, is a production far from creditable to the President. He wrote a personal note in terms of familiar friendship, soliciting an official resignation to relieve him from a party embarrassment. How Gen. Harrison can square this record with his declaration as Senator, as candidate and as President, it is impossible to conceive. The point is driven home by the fact that when Gen. Mansfield resigned the President wrote to him another communication thanking him for his "manly and friendly course". It does not seem to have occurred to the President that it would have been more manly, as well as more dutiful, for him to refuse to take advantage of personal friendship to accomplish a political end.—New York Star.

The work of the Cleveland administration laid the foundation for a new and respectable navy for the United States, and if succeeding administrations continue the work in the same faithful and satisfactory manner, only a few years hence the country will be powerful on sea as well as on land. The new steamship completed or begun during Secretary Whitney's term admitted to be a great improvement upon any previously constructed, and equal in power and efficiency as engines of war to any vessels of their class possessed by other nations. This improvement is due to the superior executive ability of Secretary Whitney and to his faithful regard for the interests of the government, instead of the conferring of largesses upon partisan favorites, as was the custom of his Republican predecessors, who spent a great deal more money for the construction of inferior hulls that have been the laughing stock of this and every other country. The new and improved navy is another valuable monument to the statesmanship and fidelity of the late Democratic administration.—Lafayette Journal.

The Philadelphia Inquirer, an old Republican paper of high standing, has apparently obtained some very important inside information in regard to the effect of Tanner's pension policy. It says that a statement has been prepared in outline, which shows that the allowance made by Tanner will increase the pension expense about one hundred millions of dollars, or double what it was before his appointment. It gives it as the opinion of the secretary of the treasury that "the existing income of the government can not meet this drain upon its resources."

That is to say that instead of a large surplus, which gave politicians so much concern when Cleveland went out of office, there will be an actual deficiency of revenue unless Tanner's work is undone. Isn't this a promising beginning of the Republican administration?

That part of the platform adopted by the Democrats of Massachusetts relating to pensions is worthy of reproduction. It says: "Pension legislation for the benefit of invalid soldiers or sailors who fought for their country should be just and liberal; it should be administered in a spirit of fairness and equity and in accordance with the laws of Congress, but not in the interest of greedy claim agents, nor with the object of emptying the treasury. Nor should the purpose of legislation be perverted by the unjust discrimination of making favored cases special, nor by the granting of thousands of dollars of arrears through rating to officers of the pension bureau or to a United States senator, while needy applicants without political influence are kept waiting for

their just dues. We condemn the ruling by which this administration, in reversal of former decisions, has thrown open the pension list of persons dishonorably discharged as an outrage upon common sense, a degradation of what should be a roll of honor, and an insult to every true soldier."

The married man who has to chip in toward the support of his wife's relatives sometimes ironically remarks that he didn't marry the whole family. Well, Henry Miller, a Cincinnati shoemaker did just that act. He married a Miller girl. She died and he married her sister, who also died. Then he took a third to wife and she deceased. The stock of girls having run out he married their mother. She passed away after giving birth to a child by the faithful ally of the family. Each of the departed left a daughter and the first three are astonished to discover that they are not only step sisters, but cousins, while the daughter by the mother-in-law is not only a cousin and step-sister, but likewise an aunt to the others. She stands, too, a living proof of the fact that not all sons in law despise mothers-in law.

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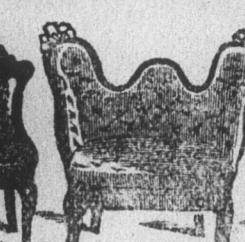
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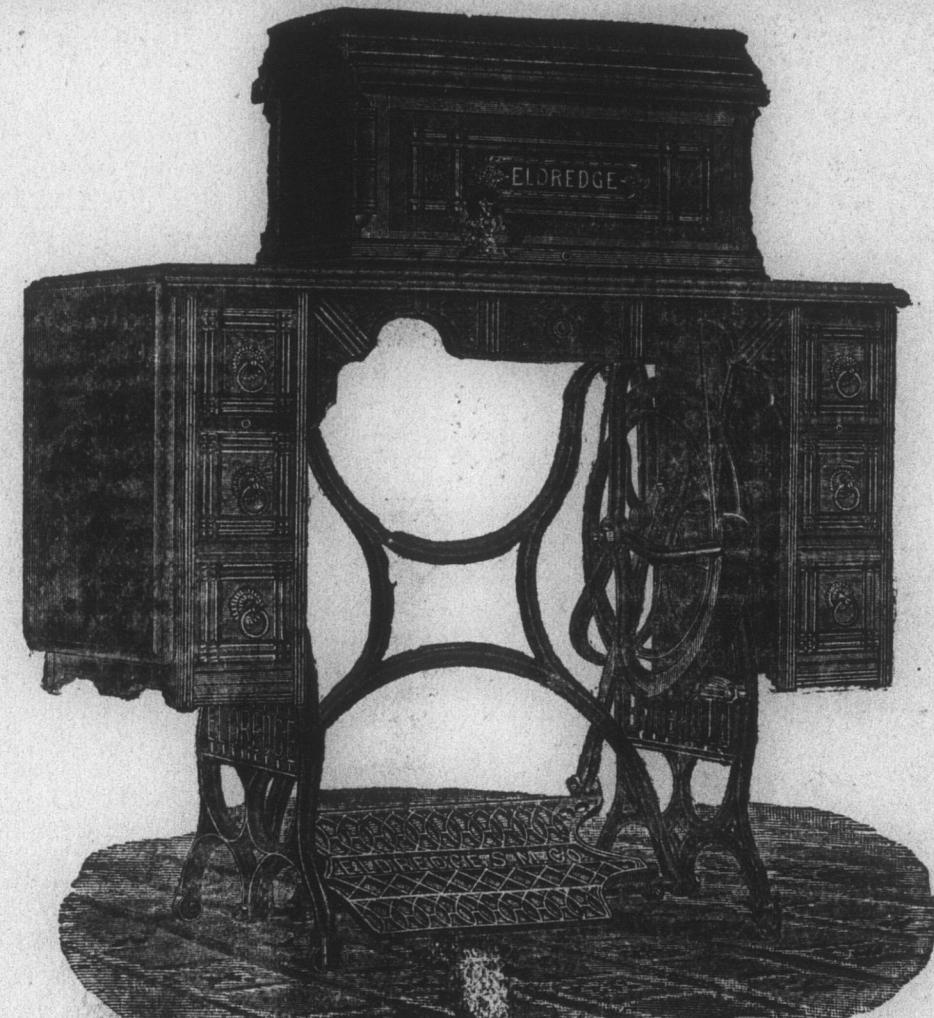
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