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Historical Happenings

- January 16 Washington, D. C.
Detroit fish dealer William Davis granted patent for his refrigerated railroad car.
- February 24 Washington D. C. **House of Representatives votes to impeach President Johnson**
The House of Representatives voted 126 to 47, to impeach President Andrew Johnson for “high crimes and misdemeanors”.
- February 25 Panama, Central America
First survey conducted for a canal linking Atlantic and Pacific Oceans
- May 21 Chicago, Illinois
Ulysses S. Grant nominated by Republicans for president.
- May 25 Washington, D. C.
Congress mandates eight-hour day for government employees.
- May 26 Washington D.C. **Senate Acquits President Andrew Johnson of all articles of impeachment.**
The vote, 35 to 19, was just one short of the two-thirds required for conviction and removal from office.
- May 28 Franklin, Massachusetts
The construction of Dean Academy is complete and dedication ceremonies will be held today. (See related articles following May 28th diary entry.)
- June 23 Milwaukee, Wisconsin
A patent has been applied for by three local men for a machine that prints type, letter by letter, on a sheet of paper. The invention called a “typewriter” was built by three Milwaukee residents named C.C. Scholes, Carlos Glidden and Samuel Soule.
- August 5 Moline, Illinois
John and Charles Deere incorporate their firm as Deere & Company.
- October 13 Boston, Ma.
While working for Western Union, Thomas A. Edison receives invention papers for electric vote recorder.
- October 21 San Francisco, California
Earthquake causes more than \$3 million damage.
- November 13 Washington, D.C. **Ulysses S. Grant, Civil War General, is elected President**

