



The Andrew Johnson impeachment trial began on March 30, 1868, and lasted almost two months. The illustrated papers sent scores of “special artists” to Washington, D.C., to keep the public informed of these historic proceedings. Aside from being one of the most dramatic events in Senate history, the trial was the focus of the city’s social season. Only holders of numbered and dated tickets could enter the Senate galleries. *Harper’s Weekly* reported that “the most lovely as well as the most distinguished ladies of Washington have been in daily attendance.”¹ Police officers were stationed at the doors to hold back the crowd, which was “continually asking questions, making appeals, and muttering threats.” On May 6, when Representative John Bingham finished summarizing the prosecution’s case, spectators caused such an uproar that the sergeant at arms was forced to clear the galleries. As reported in *Frank Leslie’s Illustrated Newspaper*, “the clapping of hands, the waving of handkerchiefs, the tumult of excited approbation, presented a scene not often associated with the history of parliamentary proceedings.”² 🌀

¹“The Impeachment Trial,” *Harper’s Weekly*, 18 April 1868, 244.

²“The Impeachment Trial, Washington, D.C.—Remarkable Scene in the U.S. Senate, May 6th,” *Frank Leslie’s Illustrated Newspaper*, 23 May 1868, 151.



The Ladies’ Gallery of the Senate during the Impeachment Trial.

William S.L. Jewett
Harper’s Weekly, 04/18/1868
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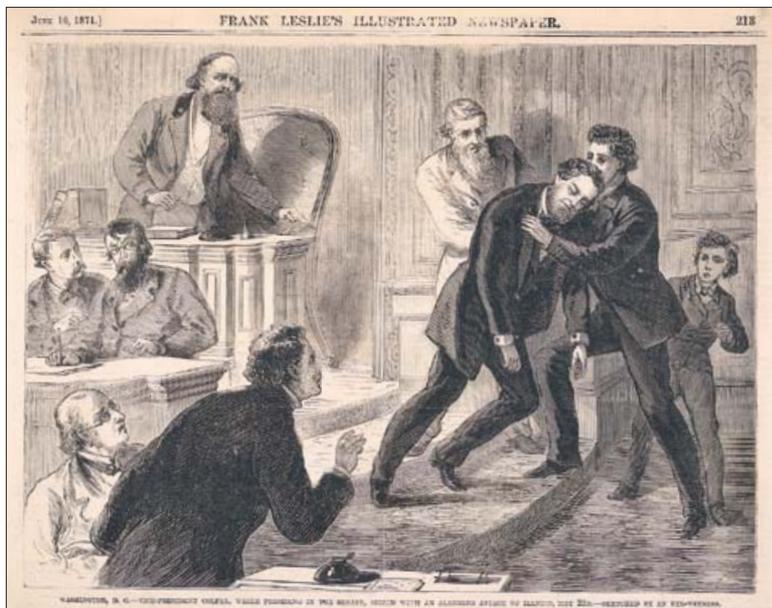
The Impeachment Trial, Washington, D.C.—Remarkable Scene in the United States Senate, May 6th —The Audience in the Galleries Applauding at the Close of Manager Bingham’s Speech.

Unidentified after James E. Taylor
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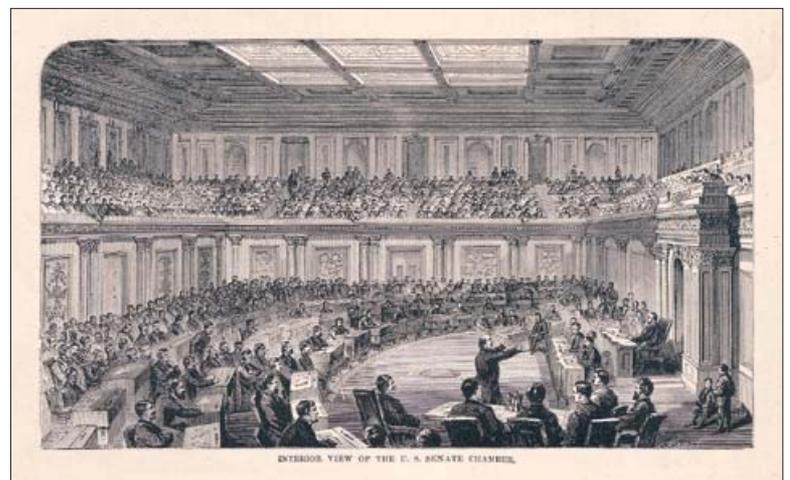
The Senate of the United States.

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Every Saturday, 02/11/1871
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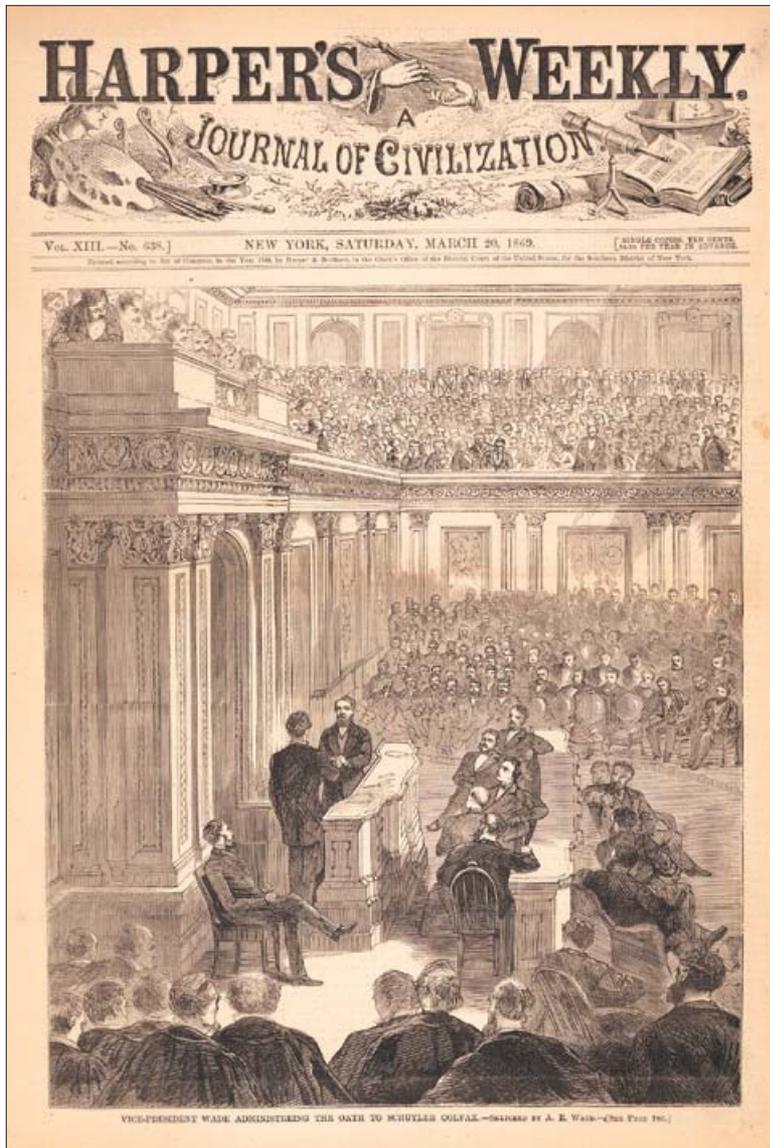
Washington, D.C.—Vice-President Colfax, While Presiding in the Senate, Seized with an Alarming Attack of Illness, May 22d.

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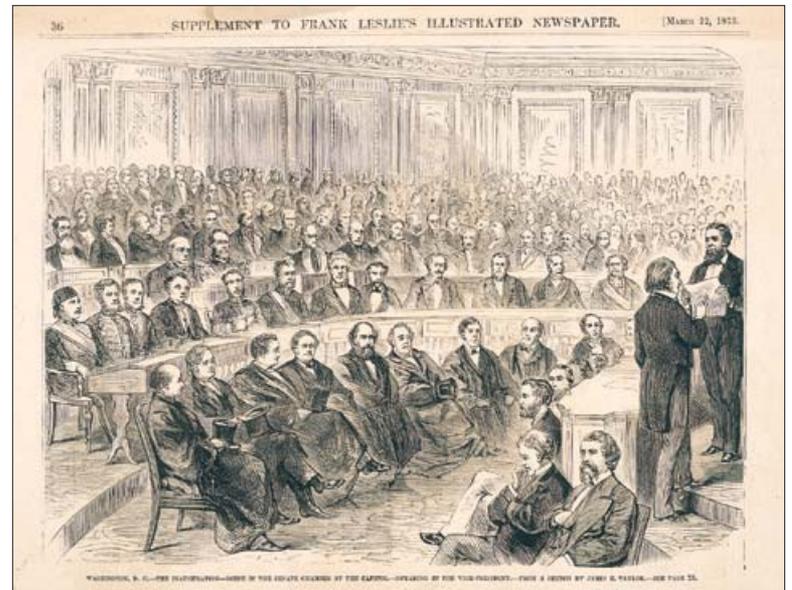
Interior View of the U.S. Senate Chamber.

Unidentified after John Karst
Unidentified, ca. 1872
Wood engraving, black and white
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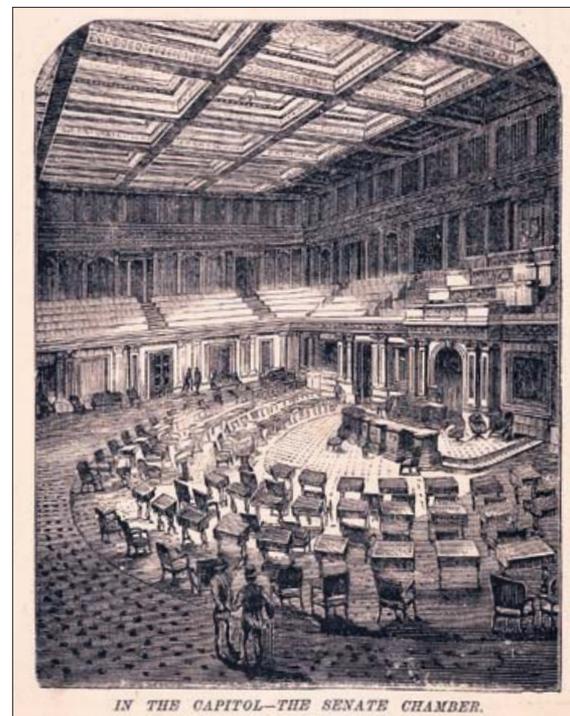
Vice-President Wade Administering the Oath to Schuyler Colfax.

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Harper's Weekly, 03/20/1869
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Washington, D.C.—The Inauguration—Scene in the Senate Chamber at the Capitol—Swearing in the Vice-President.

Unidentified after James E. Taylor
Supplement to Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper, 03/22/1873
 Wood engraving, black and white
 7 1/8 x 9 1/4 inches (18.1 x 23.5 cm)
 Cat. no. 38.00850.001c



In the Capitol—The Senate Chamber.

Unidentified after Henri H. Lovie
Hearth and Home, 09/13/1873
 Wood engraving, black and white
 4 1/2 x 3 5/16 inches (11.4 x 8.4 cm)
 Cat. no. 38.00975.001a



The United States Senate Chamber, with Portraits of Some of the Members

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The Graphic, 12/13/1873
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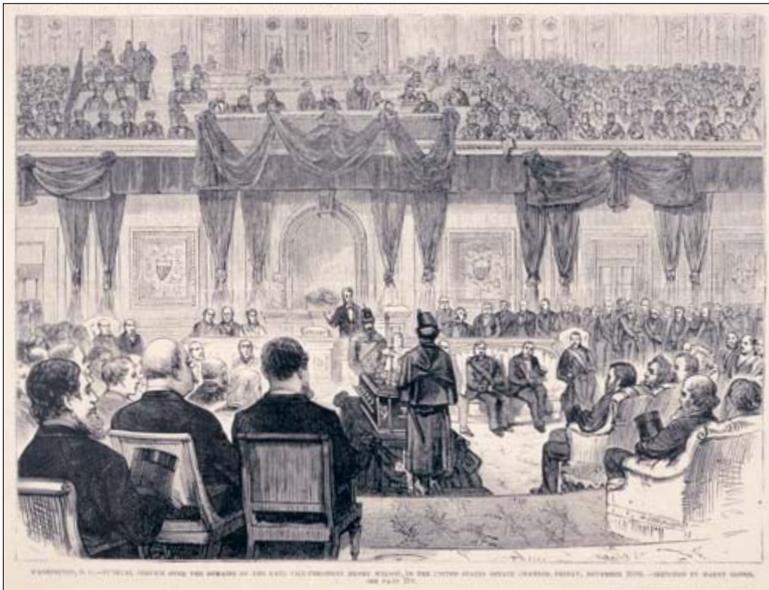
The Vacant Chair.

Unidentified after Theodore R. Davis
Harper's Weekly, 04/04/1874
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3 ⅝ x 4 ⅞ inches (9.2 x 11.6 cm)
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The United States Senate in Session.

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Harper's Weekly, 01/03/1874
Wood engraving, hand-colored
7 ⅞ x 14 ⅞ inches (18.9 x 35.7 cm)
Cat. no. 38.00004.002



Washington, D.C.—Funeral Service over the Remains of the Late Vice-President Henry Wilson, in the United States Senate Chamber, Friday, November 26th.

Unidentified after Harry Ogden
Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper, 12/11/1875
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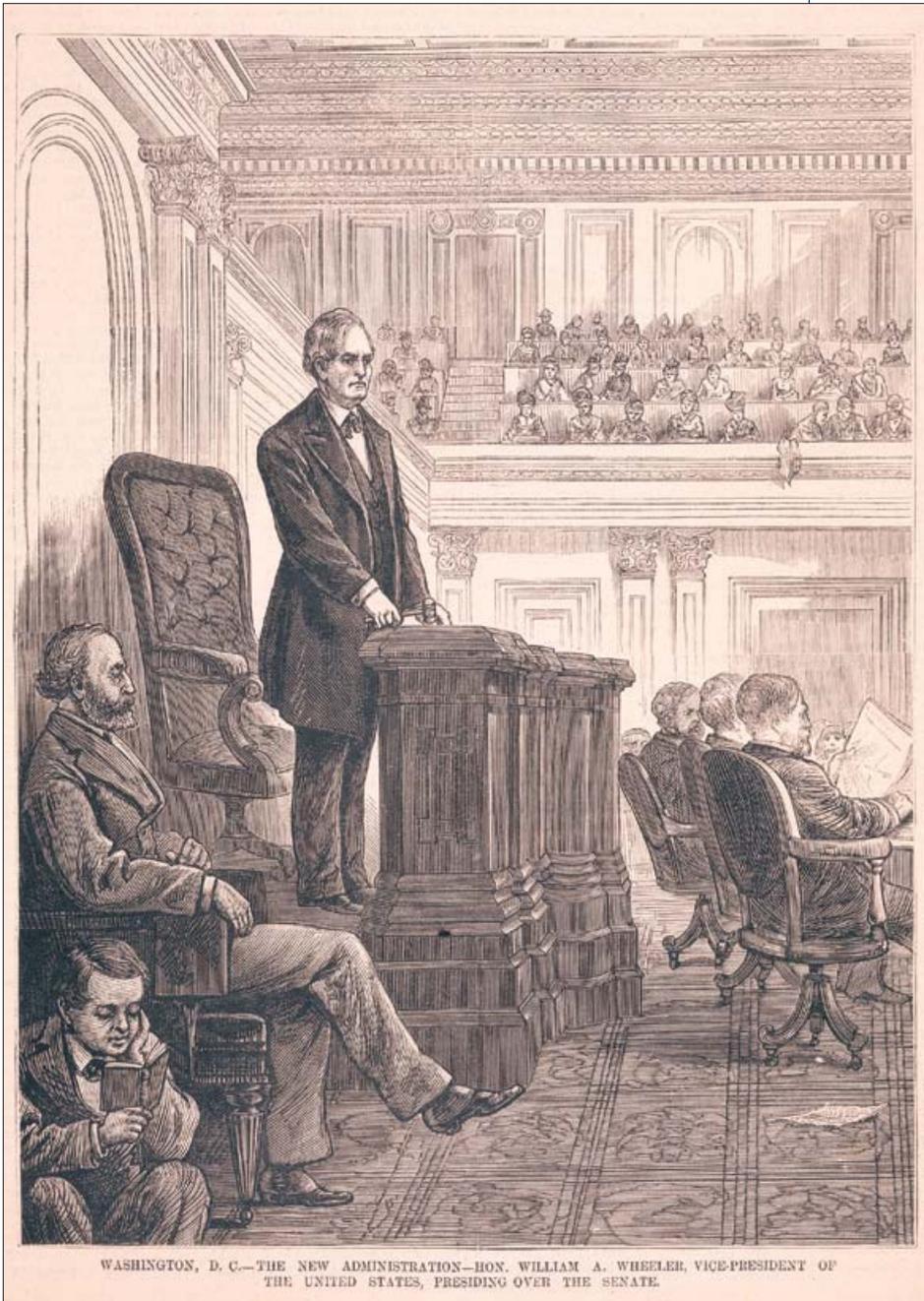
Our New President—Vice-President Wheeler Taking the Oath in the Senate-Chamber.

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Harper's Weekly, 03/24/1877
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The Inauguration—Vice-President Wheeler Taking the Oath of Office in the Senate Chamber.

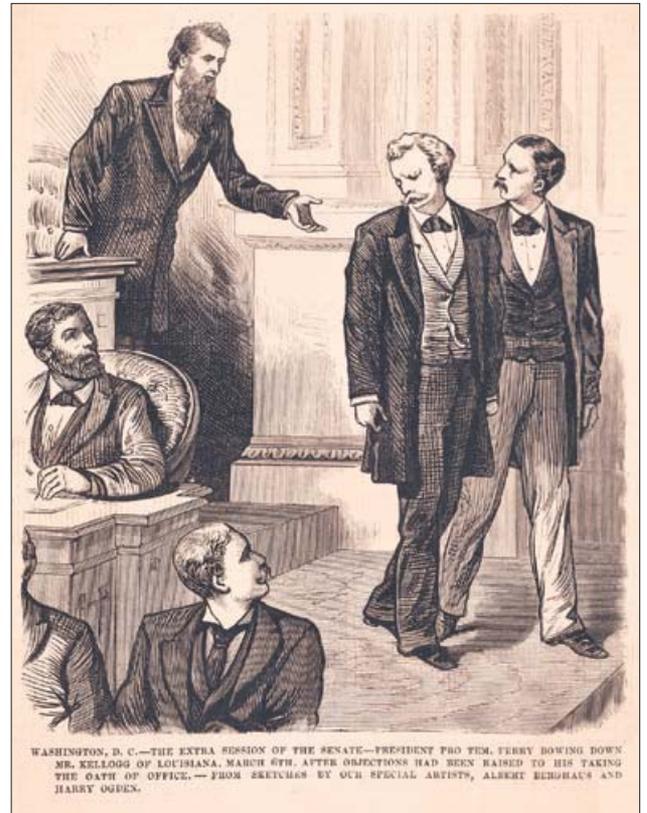
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The Daily Graphic, 03/12/1877
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WASHINGTON, D. C.—THE NEW ADMINISTRATION—HON. WILLIAM A. WHEELER, VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, PRESIDING OVER THE SENATE.

Washington, D.C.—The New Administration—Hon. William A. Wheeler, Vice-President of the United States, Presiding over the Senate.

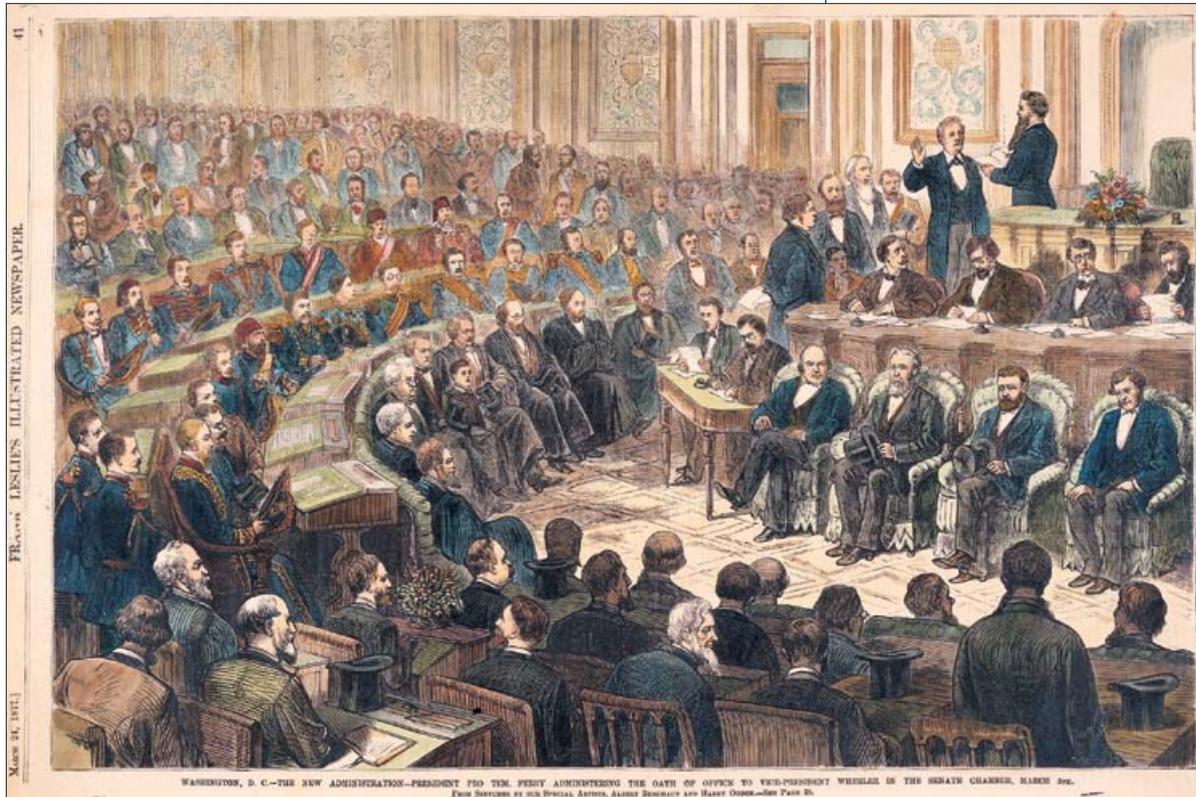
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WASHINGTON, D. C.—THE EXTRA SESSION OF THE SENATE—PRESIDENT PRO TEM. FERRY BOWING DOWN MR. KELLOGG OF LOUISIANA, MARCH 6TH, AFTER OBJECTIONS HAD BEEN RAISED TO HIS TAKING THE OATH OF OFFICE.—FROM SKETCHES BY OUR SPECIAL ARTISTS, ALBERT BERGHAUS AND HARRY OGDEN.

Washington, D.C.—The Extra Session of the Senate—President Pro Tem. Ferry Bowing Down Mr. Kellogg of Louisiana, March 6th. After Objections Had Been Raised to His Taking the Oath of Office.

Unidentified after Albert Berghaus and Harry Ogden
Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper, 03/24/1877
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Washington, D.C.—The New Administration—President Pro Tem. Ferry Administering the Oath of Office to Vice-President Wheeler in the Senate Chamber, March 5th.

Unidentified after Albert Berghaus and Harry Ogden
Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper, 03/24/1877
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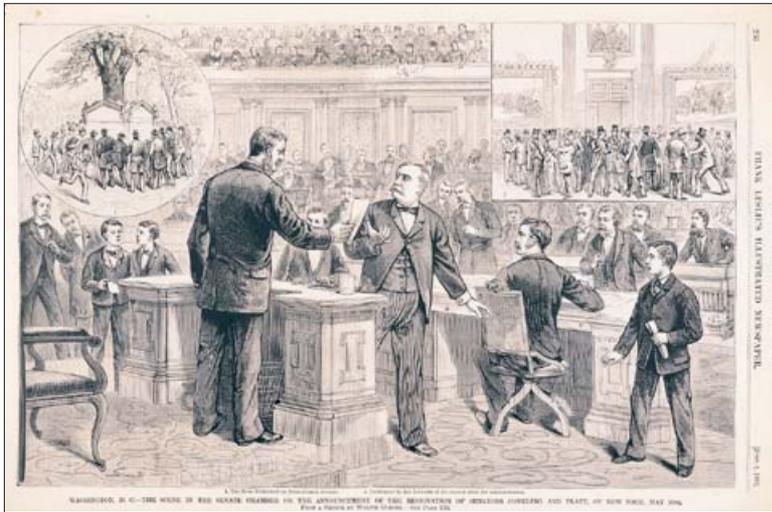
[U.S. Senate Chamber]

Unidentified after Thomas Doney
 Unidentified, ca. 1880
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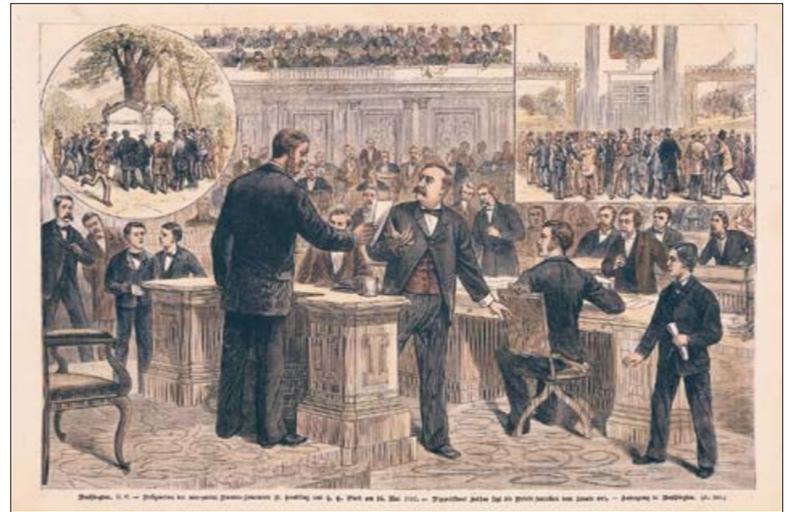
Senate Chamber, U.S. Capitol

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 John F. Jarvis, ca. 1880
 Photograph, black and white
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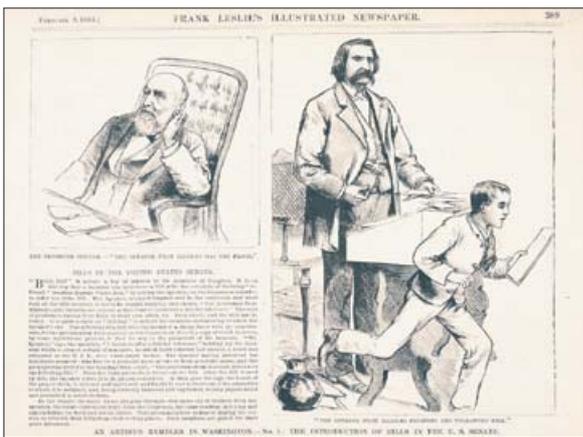
Washington, D.C.—The Scene in the Senate Chamber on the Announcement of the Resignation of Senators Conkling and Platt, of New York, May 16th.

Unidentified after Walter Goater
Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper, 06/04/1881
 Wood engraving, black and white
 9 7/8 x 14 1/8 inches (25.1 x 35.9 cm)
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Washington, D.C.—Resignation der new-yorker Bundes-Senatoren R. Conkling und T. C. Platt am 16. Mei 1881.—Vizepräsident Arthur legt die Briefe derselben dem Senate vor.—Aufregung in Washington.

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Frank Leslie's Illustrirte Zeitung, 06/04/1881
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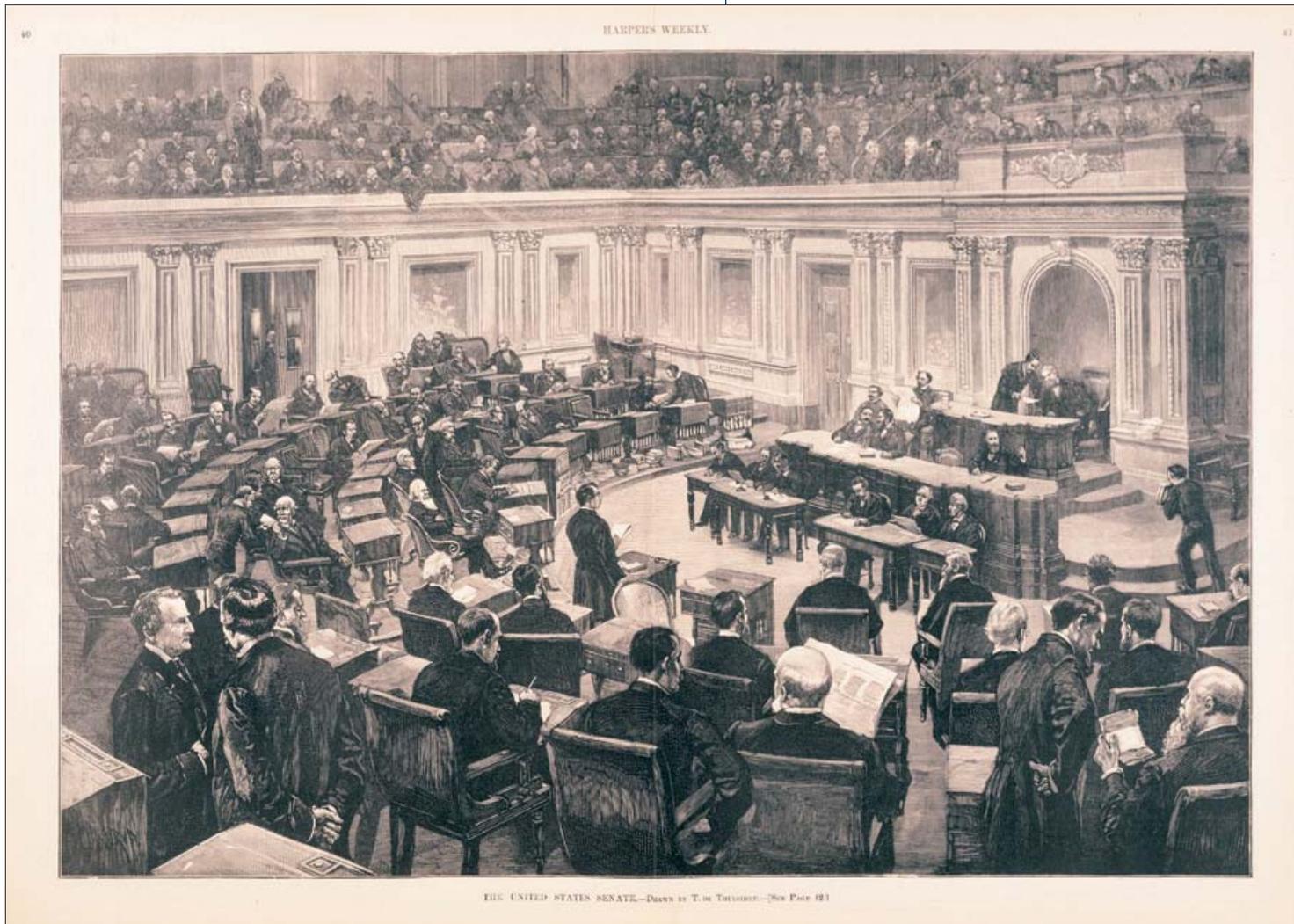
An Artist's Rambles in Washington.—No. 5: The Introduction of Bills in the U.S. Senate.

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Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper, 02/09/1884
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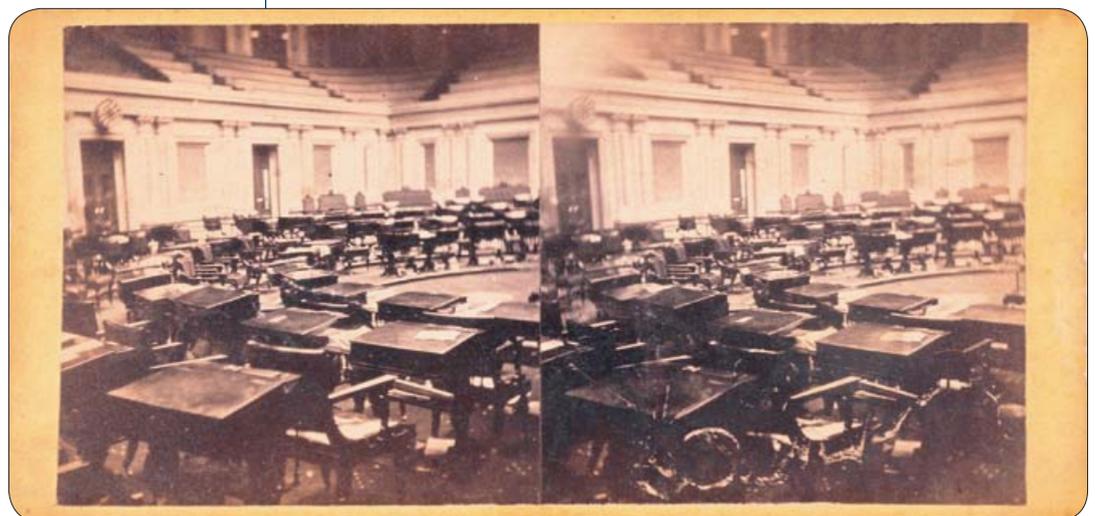
Expulsion of Senator Bright from the United States Senate for Disloyalty. His Final Defence [sic].

Unidentified after M. Lumley
Pictorial Battles of the Civil War, 1885
 Wood engraving, black and white
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The United States Senate.

Unidentified after Thure de Thulstrup
Harper's Weekly, 01/16/1886
Wood engraving, black and white
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[U.S. Senate Chamber]

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Unidentified, ca. 1865-1885
Photograph, black and white
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