

Congress and Telegrams.

Both Houses are now committed to the doctrine that the citizens of this country have no right to any privacy or any protection of the law in the matter of their private and personal telegraphic dispatches.

This is a serious business, so serious that we cannot understand the idiocy of those who suppose that the president of the principal telegraph company is a Republican, the telegraph company would be willing to betray the secrets of the wires to a Republican Senate but not to a Democratic House.

In any attempt to obtain the telegrams by force, Congress is as impotent as it is arrogant; while it is formulating its orders, and decreeing its penalties, the nimble corporation can get out of its way a dozen times.

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What Crops to Leave in the Ground.

We take the following very valuable article from an agricultural exchange, which it will be well for our farmers to peruse carefully, as it contains much useful information for them:

Many farmers are rather slow to learn that what they take out of the soil in the form of a crop must be paid back to the soil, or it becomes greatly impoverished.

The librarian of the New York Mercantile Library has been interviewed as to the class of books most read, and says the people read chiefly novels, now a-days.

John Bright, formerly the advocate of peace at any price, has become an advocate of war at any price.

A successful experiment of wheat growing on a new system has been made by D. O. Bissell, of Goose Lake, Modoc County, California.

Telegraphic News.

Eastern.—TOLPEKA, Jan. 11.—The Governor's message was read to-day. It is chiefly local in character, but discusses the evil effects of granting power to those who are not in arms against the Government.

Hayes and Wheeler visited the Ohio Legislature on the 11th. Wheeler was tendered a reception, and at 11 P. M. started for Washington.

Foreign.—MATAMOROS, Jan. 15.—News is just received that E. Querago, a prominent military officer of the late Lerdo Government, was shot at Monterey on the 11th inst.

London, Jan. 15.—A dispatch from Constantinople says: At today's sitting of the conference, the Marquis of Salisbury, in the name of his European colleagues, communicated to the representatives of the Porte the last proposals of the powers.

Chicago, Jan. 13.—The Journal's Washington special declares that all reports that the Senate committee on electoral count had agreed are untrue.

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