

# 1867

## Historical Happenings

- March 1 Nebraska becomes 37<sup>th</sup> State
- April 9 Washington, D.C. **U.S. purchases Alaska for \$7.2 million**  
After an impassioned, three-hour speech by Senator Charles Sumner of Massachusetts, the vote to purchase Alaska from Russia was approved by a vote of 27 to 12 with six legislators absent. The total in favor of buying was one vote more than the two-thirds that is required for ratification. Many citizens express the feeling that the purchase by the United States of an “utterly useless” land of “perpetual snow” was an investment that only the insane would make. But its supporters are confident that this territory is some day going to be one of the nation’s greatest resources. The total cost of the territory comes to two cents an acre.
- April 16 Franklin, Massachusetts  
George M. Wadsworth summoned to serve on the Jury in Dedham Court.
- November 20 Washington, D.C. **House unit asks to impeach Johnson**  
Charging “high crimes and misdemeanors” the House Judiciary Committee has voted 5 to 4 to recommend impeachment proceedings against President Johnson. Most of the alleged crimes stem from Johnson’s action in ordering Secretary of War Edwin Stanton to resign.
- December 4 Washington, D. C. **Grange set up to aid farm recovery**  
A new organization called the National Grange has been formed to help farmers recover in the wake of the Civil War. The purpose of this organization is to disseminate information and train farmers in new techniques. Local chapters are to be called granges.

