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THE WAR ON HAYES.

The speech of Ben Butler will receive attention because he speaks just at this time. Conkling began the war, and now Ben follows it up in his own way.

Mr. Hayes does not stand alone in the fight with the irreconcilables. There is too much at stake for this to be the case.

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The Earl is clearly for war. He thinks England has delayed too long and has already submitted to too many indignities.

Butler slanders the South. There are more outlaws and murders in the North by ten fold than in the South, and crime is punished quite as readily in one section as in the other.

The noble head of men is not a sign of the Old Dominion. A State that produces such men as Haynes, Holliday, Randolph, Tucker, John Early, James A. Southall, John A. Danon and Moses D. Hogg cannot be said to be retrograding.

The inaugural address of Governor Holliday is an excellent document of the kind—brief, eloquent, elevated and patriotic.

Why, then, should we not pay it? The honor of a State is above price. It cannot be measured by money.

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England has a right to be selfish and to direct its policy for its own good as long as it does not conflict unreasonably and unchristianly with the rights of other people.

This is a most pernicious fallacy. In all the universe as far as we know, there exists no such thing as a free lunch.

England has her part to perform still in the world's great drama. "There can be no sitting down with folded hands to rest.

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Under the sun, and she will strike tremendous blows when the great interests are really imperiled.

It is with deep regret that we are called upon to chronicle the sad and distressing accident that befell Master Ernest Knight, son of Capt. James Knight, Master of Trans-Atlantic of the W. & A. R.R.

The youthful sufferer, who was surrounded by his grief-stricken parents and friends, manifested remarkable patience and fortitude.

The cotton trade of Wilmington. After copying an item from the STAR in reference to the receipts and exports of cotton at this port for the month of December, and the stock in yard and on shipboard, the Rocky Mount Mail says:

It is now said to be one of the very best grocery markets of the South. Let her merchants see to it that cotton shall not be so much shipped to them as to other places out of the State.

Drunkennes among the New York "fashionables" is increasing. They are sometimes seen on the streets in a maudlin condition.

Samuel Ferguson, an Irish barrister of prominence, in 1832 wrote his famous poem—"The Forging of the Anchor," which has taken a high rank among that class of poems of which Schiller's "Song of the Bell" is perhaps the best.

At the annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of Charlotte, held on Thursday afternoon last, which was closed with a grand banquet, several letters were read from invited guests, among which was one from A. H. Van Bokkelt, Esq., President of the Chamber of Commerce of this city, which is as follows:

Some of the papers get their rhetoric mixed occasionally. For instance, the Memphis Appeal wished to say something fine about Senator Gordon, of Georgia, and it did it, by asserting that he has a "shattered inspiration for the fame of a purely intellectual prowess."

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Spirits Turpentine.

Wilson Advances: The new warehouse of the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad, at this place, just finished, is one of the largest and most convenient establishments of the kind in the State.

Fayetteville Gazette: On the evening of Saturday, December 22nd, Mallett Graham, a white man, tenant of Mr. Alex. Sykes, a few miles north of town, killed Matthew Morgan, a mulatto.

Charleston News and Courier: On Thursday last Deputy Collectors Moore, Kane and Cummings, and Special Deputy Marshal Wm. Durham, while on an inspection tour through Union county, N. C., discovered a wagon containing a gross of tobacco at the residence of Frial Justice Jasper Gibbes, eight miles from Union.

Greensboro State: Quite a number of ladies and gentlemen, members of the church and congregation, met at the Methodist Parsonage in this town, on Christmas eve, to present the pastor and his family with their Christmas greetings and donations.

Charlotte Observer: Last night, as the passenger train on the Richmond and Danville Railroad was passing a point about two miles this side of Reidsville, the engine struck an obstruction on the track, which came in an age of wrecking the entire train.

Raleigh Observer: There were received at the Department of Agriculture yesterday from Prof. C. D. Smith, of Franklin, Macon county, sixteen different specimens of native marble taken from various quarries in the Trans-mountain counties.

Wadesboro Herald: We are sorry to learn that Mr. Patrick Seggo lost two of his children last week. Their death was caused by diphtheria.

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