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AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Senator Wilson, of Iowa, a new man, has begun his career by trying to make capital at the expense of the country's welfare and peace.

Do not believe that any further legislation to protect the negroes is needed. We do not believe that the States will adopt this amendment.

But we are glad to be reminded that Senator Vance in the same speech, favored a change of system of collecting and a retention of the tax.

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South Carolina is retrenching. The House proposes to reduce the militia appropriation from \$16,000 to \$10,000.

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Many American leading papers think that England has blundered in hanging O'Donnell, and this may turn out to be true.

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The financial statement of New Hampshire County, for the year ending the 31st of December, 1882.

Receipts for the School Fund during the year were \$20,436.84, the disbursements \$11,007.59, leaving a balance of \$9,429.25.

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The Execution of O'Donnell, for the Murder of the Infanter General. How he Passed his Last Moments.

London, Dec. 17.—O'Donnell passed a good night, and continued cheerful.

When the black flag was hoisted, an announcement of the tragedy, there was much cheering and applause.

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FOETY-EIGHTH CONGRESS.

SENATE. WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Mr. Sherman offered a resolution that the Senate proceed to the election of its officers.

House of Representatives. Mr. Charles of North Carolina presented the certificate of the election of Thomas H. Benton as representative.

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Pending a vote on the rule, Mr. Fry moved an adjournment of the Senate, which was agreed to.

Both Houses in Session—Petitions, Memorials and Bills Introduced in the Senate—Representative Skinner, of North Carolina, presents his Credentials and swears in after a long absence.

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