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States Senators. A big fight may occur over Dakota, or it may be admitted as a matter of course.

Butter, a Kingdom for Butters. Counterfeit butter is all the go. Some startling disclosures have been made before the National Butter, Cheese and Egg Association.

An interesting letter. Yesterday's mail brought us a letter from one of the best appointed of the younger jurists of the State.

The New York Star says: "In New York city during November 49,000 packages of counterfeit butter were handled, while in Boston during the same month 14,847 packages were received."

Imitations rule the day and bogus articles have full sway. The real question now is, "Is there pure butter in the land? Is pure butter from pure cream a lost art?"

See the nice compound: "One patent, issued in 1875, specifies sour milk, animal fat, lactic acid, peanut oil, almond oil and olive oil. Another enumerates animal fat, soda ash and salt. A third, in 1878, includes bicarbonate of soda, pepsin and coloring matter."

Senator Hampton's bill to shut off members of Congress from patronage will hardly pass, however needed and meritorious. Congressmen will not be swift, we apprehend, to prohibit themselves from using their places in behalf of their personal and political friends.

It is sickening to hear a Democratic paper call those papers that believe in turning out Republicans "spoilsmen." Pray what is it? It plays into the hands of "its friend, the enemy."

All the Presidential nominees are to be printed in the Congressional Record hereafter. The motive is to advertise all removals and it is a trick of the Republicans.

The Fayetteville Sun of the 18th says that the attempt to destroy the county bridge over the Cape Fear river at that place as mentioned in the SPARS of Wednesday last threw the citizens of Fayetteville into a state of excitement rarely witnessed.

The foreign exports yesterday comprised 3,740 bales of cotton, valued at \$112,000, and shipped to Liverpool, Eng., by Messrs. Alex. Sprunt & Son.

A meeting was held at Rutherfordton on the 18th inst. to consider the building of a railroad from that point to Asheville, N.C., by a route that is considered entirely practicable.

The receipts of cotton at this port for the week ended December 18th, 1885, foot up 4,830 bales, as against 5,898 bales for the corresponding period of 1884.

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A Northern visitor says that the fast trains on the W. & R. R. are a surprise and wonder to him for the ease and comfort of the travel, surpassing in this respect many other roads in the country.

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EDUCATIONAL MATTERS.
Crowded Public Schools—Advancement of Teachers and Scholars the Past Year—Enlarged Buildings and Greater Facilities Demanded.

At the recent meeting of the Board of Education of New Hanover county, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Walker Moore, Esq., submitted his annual report, from which we glean the following items of general interest:

The number of public schools taught in the county during the school year is twenty-three: nine for whites and fourteen for blacks. Total number of pupils enrolled 708 whites, and 1,140 blacks; the average attendance was: whites 559, blacks 794.

The number of children in the county between the ages of six and twenty-one years is as follows: Whites—1,447, females 1,814; total, 3,461. Blacks—1,808, females 2,384; total, 4,176.

The Superintendent says in his report that the condition of the schools has improved during the year, particularly in Districts No. 1 and 2, in the city. There has been a great awakening among the parents of pupils, and as a natural consequence a great increase in both the enrollments and the average attendance.

The bill was then passed without division as reported from the committee. The Senate joint resolution was passed, to provide for filling vacancies in the office of Regent of the Smithsonian Institute.

Mr. Dibble, of South Carolina, asked leave to introduce a joint resolution, proposed to amend the act relating to the office of President, which shall devolve on the Second Vice President, who shall be voted for by the electors appointed by the several States.

Mr. Tucker, of Virginia, saw no reason why these measures should have any precedence over the other bills pending before the House. The subject of the Rules then came up for discussion.

Mr. McKim, of Tenn., did not believe the question presented was one of confidence in the President, but one of the integrity of members of the House.

Mr. Morrison, of Ill., thought that much good had resulted from the work done by these two committees. During the last campaign he had heard it proclaimed everywhere in Democratic circles that the Democratic party wanted to see the books "No, you will have some books of your own."

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On the Ventilation and Acoustics of the hall of the House, to consist of seven members.

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Spirits Turpentine.

Raleigh Visitor: Rev. Dr. Thos. E. Skinner has accepted the pastorate of the First Baptist church of this city, and on Sunday morning will preach a Christmas sermon.

Raleigh Chronicle: A destructive fire occurred in Henderson last night, destroying the handsome new residence of Mr. Claude Hunter and also the residence of Mr. W. H. Walker, a cousin of Mr. Raleigh, and W. F. Green, of Franklin, to ascertain the cost of establishing an Industrial School, will make their report to the Board at the January meeting. When the fate of the school will be determined.

The Clinton Caucasian tells of an attempted assault upon a young lady of Sampson as she was riding in a buggy by a negro. He screamed and threatened the negro brutally appearing. It says: "She belongs to one of the oldest and most highly respected families in Sampson, Pender and New Hanover counties. The occurrence aroused the whole community and the negro wretch was pursued till captured in Pender. He was committed to jail last Thursday and he will be tried and probably sentenced to the penitentiary for fifteen years, which would be the punishment in such cases. One unsuccessful attempt to lynch him was made last Monday night, but he may thank his stars if he is safely lodged in the penitentiary."

Charlotte Observer: In the Federal Court yesterday morning Jethro Almond, the youth who robbed the United States mail between Salisbury and Albemarle, was arraigned on a charge of robbery, and was clearly established that conviction was a foregone conclusion, and the only question was as to the punishment.

Mr. J. G. Goff, of W. Va.—"It is my more important now than at last session?" Mr. Findlay—"It is just as important now as then."

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