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to be used by humbugs like Oaksmith for a guinea a day—hence the name.

Oaksmith, alias McDonald, told members of the Legislature that he would bring over gold to build the Midland...

If any of the good people of Carteret should vote for Oaksmith, they will have no more sense than Oaksmith's long car directors of the Midland...

I understand that Oak has promised Dr. Arendell one half of the Atlantic Ocean to plant oysters in...

Now, your people should watch Oaksmith and Dr. Arendell, as Oaksmith will promise more than Satan did...

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The following is the vote of Wake county: SUPERINTENDENT PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, Purnell, 3,640 Pool, 3,640...

FOR THE SENATE. Harris, 3,582 | Busbee, 3,524 FOR THE HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES. Argo, 3,685 | Page, 3,773...

FOR COUNTY TREASURER. Yearby, 3,500 | Brown, 93 | Lewis, 3,538 FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS. White, 3,862 | Goodwin, 3,576...

Election Returns. The following are the reported results of the election as far as we have heard.

Johnston gives 812 Democratic majority. Orange 600 Democratic majority. Chatham makes Democratic gains.

Indications are favorable to the election of Hon. Thomas Ruffin as Judge of the 5th Judicial District.

HILLSBORO, Aug. 6, 12 P. M. The vote as far as counted stands Headen, 290; Davis, 288; Ruffin, 349; Kerr, 210; Basson, 30; Stradwick, 248; Senate, Brown, 334; Bumpass, 289; Parrish, 245; Williamson, 288...

A Massachusetts Hermit. Worcester, Mass., seems to have just discovered that it has a peculiarly eccentric hermit living on its western borders.

Living Testimonies. No religious experience is worth anything that does not blossom out into the beauty of a holy life.

The battle is over, the smoke and dust have cleared away, and we are beaten! The Clerk of the Court, the Register of Deeds, and one Commissioner, are the only Republicans elected.

Steamboat Supervisor Smith has been removed. His successor is not named. Ex-Assistant Secretary Sawyer has resigned...

The Girl to Find.

The true girl has to be sought after. She does not parade herself in show goods. She is not fashionable. Generally she is not rich.

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Long Lost Brother. Robert M. Greene has been knocking around the terrestrial ball since he was eighteen. Under the same roof in London, where he met howled his first infant squall...

From Ocean to Ocean. The commencement and completion of a ship canal between the Atlantic and the Pacific oceans, under the auspices of the American Government, is only a matter of time.

A Ludicrous Scene. The venerable Father Willis, in his interesting reminiscences of a half century, in the Universalist, says of Thomas P. King, the father of our King...

Incivility. As a crowded train left Boston for New York recently, a gentleman approached a handsomely-dressed lady who occupied half of a seat...

A correspondent of the News says: "The Orphan Home is progressing. A noble work is being done and every generous heart should help."

If the Democracy would only stop fanning the flames of discontent, we would have peace. They only have entered the graves of our sleeping dead and resurrected the evil days of the past...

The Hillsboro Recorder, in speaking of Mr. Duncan Cameron, who was recently wounded in Mississippi, says: "He is a man of high intelligence, though not very well informed."

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The Hillsboro Recorder: On Sunday week a gentleman was crossing a bridge across New Hope creek, in his carriage drawn by a pair of mules.

The Corn and Tobacco Crops.

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The Receiver of the Diamonds. The Philadelphia Bulletin gives the following particulars of the American "Miss Fenix," who was the cause of the theft of diamonds by the Grand Duke Nicolas of Russia.

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Quite a large fortune has been realized out of this property. It was originally owned by parties in Asheville county and was sold to parties in Baltimore for ten thousand dollars. These parties sold it to another company for seventy thousand dollars. The present owners have organized a stock company with shares to the amount of three millions and the stock is at par. This company is about to build a railroad from somewhere about Wytheville, on the Tennessee and Virginia Rail Road, to their mine in Ashe county. This should encourage our people to pay more attention to the development of the mineral interests of Western North Carolina. As soon as the election is over we have a suggestion to make to the Carolina Central Railroad in regard to Cranberry Iron Works.—Piedmont Press.

State Items.

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The wheat crop in Orange county proved a failure. Orange county made nearly 4,000 bales of cotton last year. Work is to be resumed on the Cape Fear bar.

About Apex the corn is smartly cut up by the drill worm. The crops throughout the State are excellent. It is probable that a tobacco factory will be established at Warrenton next fall.

There has been no rain in the Caswell section to do any good since the first of June. Ground has been broken for the proposed Cotton Factory at Wilmington. The Greensboro Female College has opened the Fall session with a large number of students.

A large bed of kaoline clay has been discovered within a few miles of Greensboro. A postoffice has been lately established at Melville, Alamance county, N. C. North Carolina pays \$1,402,546.96 Internal Revenue tax. Fourteen States pay more than North Carolina.

The tobacco crop in Person, Orange, Granville and Caswell will not be over two-fifths of what it was last year. D. O. H. W. Gillespie, Republican candidate for Superior Court Clerk of McDowell county, was lately stricken with paralysis and rendered unable to walk. Wilmington is to have a new evening paper to be called the Daily Commercial Reporter. Messrs. Robert Kennedy and E. S. Warlock are to be the proprietors.

The Wilmington Star has found the wickedest man in that town. He is a young man twenty years of age, and has never read a page of the Bible. When the Carolina Central Road is completed to Charlotte, and the Raleigh and Augusta Road taps it, a new route will be opened from Charlotte to Raleigh, seventeen miles shorter than the present route by the North Carolina Railroad.

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