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Items of All Sorts Gathered from all Points of the Compass.

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RESULT OF THE OFFICIAL COUNT FOR CHIEF JUSTICE.

Table with columns: COUNTY, W. H. Smith, J. P. Baxton. Lists election results for various counties including Alamance, Alexander, Alleghany, Anson, Ashe, Bladen, Brunswick, Buncombe, Burke, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Camden, Carteret, Chatham, Clay, Cleveland, Columbus, Currituck, Dare, Davidson, Duplin, Durham, Edgecombe, Forsyth, Franklin, Gaston, Guilford, Halifax, Hatteras, Henderson, Hertford, Hyde, Johnston, Jones, Lenoir, Lincoln, Madison, Martin, McDowell, Mecklenburg, Mitchell, Montgomery, Moore, Nash, New Hanover, Northampton, Orange, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Person, Rockingham, Rowan, Rutherford, Sampson, Stanly, Stokes, Swain, Transylvania, Tryph, Union, Vance, Warren, Wayne, Washington, Watauga, Wilkes, Yadkin, Yancey.

Buxton, republican, for associate justice, received 9,888 votes, which... Several young ladies and gentlemen of St. Joseph have originated a new kind of amusement. It consists of this: A party of eight or ten ride out to the lake road. Two girls are appointed to act as spectators, and if by accident they see one of the riders, they are to strike a match and hold it for the doctor to light his pipe. This trick is long ago, dropped in with a window pane on the floor, set dwelling narrowly escaped destruction. The bird will be sold.—Chicago Times.

Shakers in the United States. A Shaker in a settlement near Albany sent a newspaper reporter that, while the order is a little over 100 years old, it numbers only seventeen societies, averaging from 100 to 200 members each. Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, Ohio and Kentucky are the states in which they exist, and their numbers are diminishing.—New York Sun.

Spontaneous Combustion. A bin of bituminous coal in New Haven, 200 feet long, 50 feet wide and 14 feet deep, and containing about 4,000 tons, caught fire from spontaneous combustion, and smoldered for a week in spite of all the water poured upon it. Then workmen shoveled out the coal to cool it off.—New York Sun.

Lossing Faith in Voodooism. Negroes are losing faith in voodooism as a cure-all. One of its prophets was arrested in Charleston recently and sent to jail for exerting, without avail, the charm of his rabbit foot and graveyard dirt on a patient's malady.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

Number of Colored Methodists. The total number of negro Methodists in the United States is 1,198,000, as follows: African Methodist Episcopal, 300,000; Methodist Episcopal, 225,000; Colored Methodist, 155,000; all others combined, 255,000.—Frank Leslie's.

Griddle Cakes to the Front. Griddle cakes are to come conspicuously to the front this winter, and it is going to be quite the proper thing—a lady prominent in society avers—for the fashionable young woman to boast of her achievements in this line. Griddle cake parties are predicted.—Philadelphia Call.

Paris Dolls Show. During the holidays Paris is to have a doll show, with dolls from every clime and nation in distinctive dress, and tableaux of historical scenes with dolls as performers. The managers announce that 5,000 dolls, at least, will be on exhibition.—Chicago Journal.

Alexander of Battenberg had an income of \$1,000,000 per year when elected prince of Bulgaria. He is now worth \$200,000 in gold.

Wilmington Review: Mr. S. G. Hall, of Wilmington, was bitten on the neck by a venomous spider and for a time his condition was indeed critical. His physician was sent for and every means known to medical skill were resorted to before the unfortunate man was relieved from distress and absolute danger. The bite came very near proving fatal, and Mr. Hall's sufferings were intense for a considerable time.

The Asheville Citizen states that a project is on foot to move the Roman Catholic convent school, now located at Hickory, to Asheville.