

OLD NORTH STATE NEWS AND GOSSIP

ODD AND INTERESTING HAPPENINGS.

Cherry Tree Swindlers Found Guilty—Awaiting Sentence.

Twenty-three hundred victims, mostly women, caught by an impossible proposition—End of the Teachers' Convention at Morehead City—Greatest Ever Held—Elopers Warned Off.

Charlotte, June 14.—The jury this afternoon returned a verdict of guilty in the case of Dr. Frank Bright, Rev. T. Bright and C. D. Wilkie, defendants in the famous Owens cherry tree swindle. The case has been in progress since Wednesday and the argument for the defense was concluded this morning by District Attorney Holton who attempted to prove that the whole thing was a fraud because at no time did it appear possible that the company could fulfill all it agreed to do, namely: to pay a salary of \$20 per month to agents who would send in \$12 for Owen cherry trees and after having sold these the agents were to address letters to their friends, for which a salary of \$200 monthly was promised. Twenty-three hundred persons, mostly women, were caught and the obligations of the company are placed at \$45,000. Judge Boyd announced that the court would postpone sentence until Tuesday morning, thus allowing the defendants to raise any funds which they may be able to reach. The defendants were told that if they could satisfy their agents this would go a long distance towards lightening their sentences. The defendants were tried on three counts for fraudulent use of the mails. Other parties who bought out C. D. Wilkie will also be tried. A big question was the finding of a true bill by the grand jury today against M. McBrayer and B. A. Justice charged with being partners with C. D. Wilkie who had paid them \$1,800 contingent fees, which amount was about one-fourth of the company's profits when Mr. Wilkie was in control. The whole affair has proven very sensational.

Teachers' Assembly.

Morehead City, June 16.—The work of the Teachers' assembly for the year 1902 came to an end Saturday. The annual sermon was preached on Sunday morning by Rev. T. D. Bratton, D. D., rector of St. Mary's school. He had a congregation, embracing many of the state's best thinkers, and his sermon was a fitting finale of this great educational gathering. In many respects this session of the Teachers' assembly is the best that has been held. There have been larger crowds in other years but there have been more bona fide teachers and county superintendents this year—more men and women who lead the educational thought and progress of the state. The program has been an exceptionally good one, free from long and scientific papers. They have been in the main of proper length, time, bright and interesting. Among the addresses delivered by prominent men outside the teaching profession, those by Governor Aycock, ex-Governor Jarvis, Judge H. G. Connor and ex-Judge H. W. Winston were greatly enjoyed and highly appreciated.

Elopers Warned Off.

Hickory, June 14.—Nelson and Mrs. Coffey, the absconding couple who left their respective families in Caldwell county a short time ago, arrived here last night from the West. They were supposed to be en route for their former home. It happens that several men from their neighborhood are working in the factories at this place. Some of them saw Nelson and advised him that if he had any regard for good health and a whole skin he would not return to his former place of abode, as a warm reception would probably be extended to him. Nelson abandoned all idea of returning.

Poles Still Active.

Roman, Island of Dominica, June 14.—The French revenue cutter L'Alge, came in here yesterday. She reports that while passing St. Pierre, Martinique, at 2 o'clock this morning an eruption occurred from Mont Pelée, and that a quantity of volcanic matter settled upon the vessel's decks, although she was ten miles distant from the island.

Ready to Fight.

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Examinations for the A. & M. College. Examinations for entrance to the State Agricultural and Mechanical college at Raleigh will be held Tuesday, July 10th, in the court house (the county superintendent will be in charge). Young men desiring to enter that college and obtain a practical education in agriculture, engineering, electricity, cotton manufacturing, and mechanic arts, can try their hand at these examinations, and thus save the expense of a trip to Raleigh. Two hundred and forty scholarships are offered, conferring free tuition and room rent.

GRAINGERS.

June 15. Rev. J. M. Lowder filled his regular appointment at Sharon Sunday. Several from here went to Durham Tuesday. They report a pleasant trip and a large crowd.

Miss Vallie Langston returned Sunday from visiting her uncle Mr. Everet Rouse of near Kinston.

Miss Rebecca Pope spent Sunday in Green county.

Miss Addie Langston returned from Kinston Wednesday morning.

Mr. James D. W. Hamilton and J. C. Langston are quite sick with fever.

The whortleberry crop is very short in this section.

Mrs. Ed Taylor of Tuscarora is visiting friends and relatives near here.

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WANTS TO MAKE CUBA A STATE

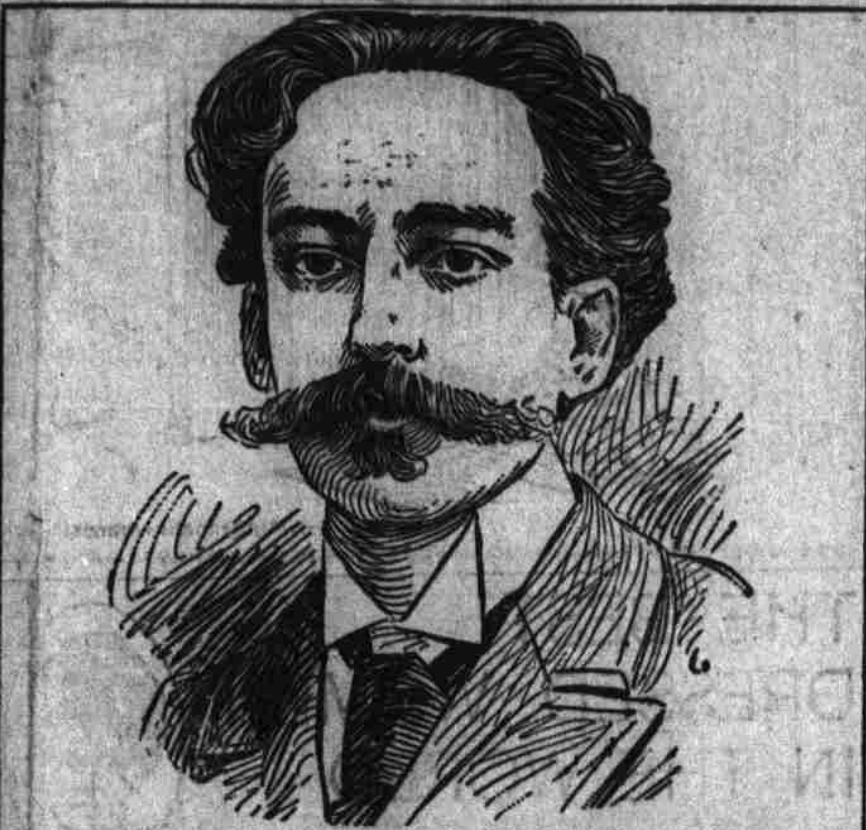
COMPLETE SOLUTION OF PROBLEM

Republican Form of Government to be Adopted by the People.

Condition Specified that Constitution Shall be Submitted to U. S. Congress Not Later than January 1, 1904—Secretary Moody Planning Grand Naval Demonstration Under Dewey.

Washington, D. C., June 14.—Senator Elkins today introduced a joint resolution in the Senate providing for the annexation of Cuba and for its admission as a State of the Union. The resolution grants the consent of Congress to the erection of the Republic of Cuba as a State of the Union "to be called the State of Cuba with a republican form of government, to be adopted by the people of said republic by deputies in convention assembled with the consent of the existing government. A condition is specified that the constitution of the proposed state shall be submitted to Congress not later than January 1st, 1904. There also is a provision that the debts of Cuba shall not become a charge upon the general government.

There also is an alternative proposition giving the president authority, if he prefers, to proceed in a more direct way for Cuba's admission as a State. This pro-



CUBA'S FIRST MINISTER TO THE UNITED STATES.
Gonsalo de Quesada, Cuba's first minister to the United States, is already well known at the national capital. During the days of the revolution and before Uncle Sam intervened in 1898 he was the secretary of the unrecognized legation from the struggling island. Young Quesada, who is about 33 years of age, is a graduate of the College of the City of New York.

vision permits the admission under the terms of the resolution itself "instead of proceeding to submit the resolution to Cuba as an overture on the part of the United States." If this latter course is pursued a state is to be formed "out of the present Republic of Cuba, with a republican form of government and with representatives in Congress and be admitted into the Union by this act, on an equal footing with the existing states as such as the terms and conditions of such admission shall be agreed upon by the governments of the Republic of Cuba and the United States."

The resolution provides for the appropriation of \$100,000 to carry its provisions into effect.

BIG NAVAL DISPLAY.

Dewey to Show off its Pride and Strength in Winter Manoeuvres.

Washington, D. C., June 11.—Admiral Dewey is to go to sea again, flying his flag with the four stars in command of the greatest fleet in numbers the United States has gotten together since the days of the civil war; and far more powerful in offense and defense even than any of those war fleets. Secretary Moody has conceived the idea and after consulting the pleasure of Admiral Dewey it has been arranged that he shall be placed in supreme command of the fleet, (comprising the North Atlantic, the European and the South Atlantic squadrons) which is to be assembled near Culebra island in the West Indies next December for the winter manoeuvres. Secretary Moody himself desires to witness these manoeuvres and it is even possible that the president may find time to make a voyage to the south to see the big ironclads in war movements. Admiral Dewey goes gladly to his work.

It is settled that Secretary Moody will witness the summer movements of the North Atlantic squadron, involving combined naval and army attack on the defense of the eastern approaches to New York city. It is expected that he will board the Dolphin for the purpose and he has invited as his guests Senator Hale chairman of the Senate naval committee; Representative Cannon, chairman of the House naval committee. There will be other guests than these but Secretary Moody has not yet announced their names.

BASERBALL.

STATE LEAGUE.

Raleigh 3, Durham 2; Charlotte 9, New Bern 4; Greensboro 1, Wilmington 3. Relative standing of the clubs today:

Club	Won	Lost	P. C.
Charlotte	20	5	.807
Raleigh	21	15	.583
Durham	17	19	.472
New Bern	17	19	.472
Greensboro	16	20	.444
Wilmington	8	22	.267

Games today: Greensboro at Raleigh; Charlotte at Wilmington; New Bern at Durham.

A Real Friend.

"I suffered from dyspepsia and indigestion for fifteen years," says W. T. Sturdevant of Merry Oaks, N. C. "After I had tried many doctors and medicines to no avail, one of my friends persuaded me to try Kodol. It gave immediate relief. I am not almost anything I want now and my digestion is good. I cheerfully recommend Kodol." Don't try to cure stomach trouble by dieting. That only further weakens the system. You need wholesome, strengthening food. Kodol enables you to assimilate what you eat by digesting it without the stomach's aid.—J. E. Hood.

RENOMINATE JUDGE WINSTON

Judge Frances D. Winston has made as fine a record as any judge on the superior court bench. As events have proven Gov. Aycock could not have appointed a better man for the place. It is customary for the party to endorse by renomination such appointees unless the record they make is against them. In this particular instance the bar and people at every point where Judge Winston has held court unite in the warmest praise of his perfect fairness, the efficient manner in which he handles business, in fact of his eminent fitness for the place in every particular.

Yet there is talk of defeating him for renomination, because of some trading in offices in Halifax and Northampton, and perhaps other counties.

It is said that to carry out a mere sort of trade or combination the politicians of Judge Winston's district are about to defeat him. It is said that a few politicians of the above mentioned counties (while not denying Winston's fitness for the place, or the fact that a great majority of the white people of the district desire that Winston be renominated) will do the undemocratic deed of "doing" an efficient officer just because these few powerful politicians have promised the place to another man.

To do as these politicians purpose is undemocratic, is an outrageous shame and ought not to be submitted to.

Judge Winston's friends in his own county of Bertie ought to demand that he be treated fairly, that an honest and perfectly fair and democratic primary be held in his district. If this be granted by the executive committee of the 2d judicial district we believe Winston would be overwhelmingly elected.

If the executive committee should be so undemocratic as to decline to settle the contest in a primary, and the "packed" convention should falsely declare some one else to be the choice of the Democrats of that district for the place, **THE FREE PRESS** thinks the matter should be fought out at the State convention and that efforts should be made there to have the State convention decline to ratify the choice of a few politicians only and order the judicial convention (under the party primary law) to hold a primary to settle the matter as to who is the choice of the white people.

It is not right either that the counties of Halifax, Northampton and Edgecombe with fewer white Democratic voters than Lenoir and some other counties in the second congressional and also the second judicial districts, have now about three times as many votes in the Democratic convention as named. This condition cannot continue. The white people of these districts and of the state will not submit to it for long. It is well enough for the political leaders of those counties to realize that they are now resting on very dangerous ground and that it would be unwise for them to persist in their attempt to override the wishes of the people.

The great leaders (and they are great—some of them) in the above named counties may say that Democrats of other portions of the state have nothing to do with the matter of this judge's renomination, but this is an error, as every citizen all over the state is interested in the matter of judicial nominations, and more particularly as the judges go to an old court all over the state.

Give every Democrat a fair chance. Democracy stands for majority rule. But if a few political traders are allowed to thwart the wishes of the white people of North Carolina we contend now, and shall contend as long as is necessary, it is not good but mighty bad Democracy, in fact there is no Democracy at all in it. Let's have fairness—that is what North Carolinians want and, in the long run, will have.

The political leaders of Halifax and Northampton would do well to pause and deeply consider and carefully count the cost before doing tie injustice we understand they contemplate. Even if they gain a temporary advantage thereby it will ruin them forever in North Carolina politics, for they will learn later if not before it is too late to save Judge Winston that North Carolina white men love fairness and justice and will condemn those who pursue unfair methods.

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