

WILL VISIT CHARLOTTE.

PRESIDENT DECIDES ON TRIP.

Senator Simmons That Charlotte and Raleigh Will be Included in His Itinerary Next October. Details of the Trip Not Yet Arranged. The Committee of the Gettysburg Commission Plans The President's Visit and Takes Notice When Gen. Hoke's Name is Mentioned. Strong Pressure Brought to Bore to Induce the Appointment of a North Carolinian.

JOINT BAPTIST GATHERING.

CONVENTION'S OFFICERS GOING.

Before Adjourning at Kansas City, the Southern First Officers' Convention, which means the first official comingling of the Northern and Southern Churches—Decision Against Changing Name From "Convention"—Cuba Declared to be a Great Mission Field—Report Alleging Scout Work Among Negroes Aroused Discussion.

DEFENSE HAS AN INNING.

SENSATIONS IN GRUBB TRIAL.

Sheriff Dorsett Swears to Threats Made Against Grubb by Davis—A United States Deputy Marshal Tells an Interesting Story—Declares Davis Carried a Pistol on the Day of the Tragedy—Messrs. Candler and Watson Have a Passage at Arms—Wife of the Defendant Takes the Stand. Special to The Observer.

CLASS TO DO SURVEYING.

WORK FOR A. & M. STUDENTS.

Charleston Syndicate Contracts With Prof. Riddick and Classes in Engineering—Surveying Big Trade in East—North Carolina—Mr. James H. Boylan Dead—Purchasers of Bonds Pay Over Contract Price—Big Corporation Chartered—News Notes of the State Capital.

ALL KNEW NAN WAS LYING.

TRIAL JUDGE TALKS FREELY.

Justice Davis, Who Held First Trials, Astonishes Lawyers' Club by Speaking Unreservedly—Says Because the Prisoner Was a Woman and Young the Good-Natured New York Public Wanted Her to Have the Benefit of Her Lies—Thinks True Story of Unintentional Shooting in Attempt to Excite Money Would Have Acquired.

TO BUY IN WORLD MARKET.

SUPPLIES FOR PANAMA CANAL.

A Howl is Expected to Follow, but Secretary Taft and the Executive Committee Decide That the Money Consideration is Too Great to be Ignored—American Materials Would Cost 50 Per Cent. More and Ships Nearly Double European Prices—Hear That Limited Preference May Be Given Home Manufacturers.

RAN AMUCK, KILLING FOUR.

HOMICIDAL AND SUICIDAL MANIA.

Without Any Apparent Cause a House Cleaner Goes Forth to Slay at San Diego Cal. Using Rifle, Revolver and Long Knife—Wounded Two, in Addition to Those Killed, and Blows the Top of His Own Head Off—Wife of Governor Collector Doddridge Shot Down as She Ran.

MAJ. ROBBINS' SUCCESSOR.

The question of appointing a successor to the late Maj. Robbins as commander of the Gettysburg Battle Ground Commission has been re-opened at the instance of the North Carolina Senators and a final decision will not be made until to-morrow, although the indications are that the appointment of Maj. General Lomax, of Virginia, for but for a lapse of memory on the part of Secretary of War Taft, North Carolina would have had an equal, if not better, chance than the other Southern cities but for the appointment. Both of the North Carolina Senators wrote the Secretary, asking him to hold the matter up until their arrival in Washington, but Mr. Taft has been so much occupied holding down the lid, that he forgot to bring the request of the North Carolina Senators to the attention of the President on his return here last week.

JAP CAVALRY STRENGTHENED.

Oyama Has Received Total Reinforcements of 8,000 Men and 100 Pieces of Artillery—Russians Put on Summer Traps.

RUSSIAN FLEETS HAVE UNITED.

Joined Forces May 10—St. Petersburg Expects Them to Proceed Northward Immediately and Meet Togo in a Few Days.

Russian Fleet Has Moved On.

Saigon, May 15.—The Russian fleet which re-appeared off Hon-Koh Bay, a short distance north of Kiamranh Bay, after its flight from the Gulf of Tonkin, on the morning of May 14, no warship has been sighted there.

A RE-HEARING DENIED.

No New Trial in the Bailey-Willford Case—Contract for Stateville Confederate Monument Given Out.

HELD OFF MOB UNTIL RIDDLED.

Negro Roasting Arise! Shoots Down One of a Crowd at a Railroad Station.

Negro Implicates White Man in Murder.

Athens, Ga., May 15.—Claude Eason, one of the negroes who were seen in the Waverlyville case, has been made a confederate in which he implicates a white man.

CONFERENCE HELD.

Senator Simmons arrived here to-day after a conference over the long distance phone with Senator Overman, and had interviews with both the President and Secretary of War with reference to the appointment of the Overman would have come also, but is engaged in an important criminal trial, and authorized Senator Simmons to speak for him. The President would have preferred to re-open the matter but for the fact that a North Carolina has already had the appointment, and he threw out the suggestion that some of the other Southern States are possibly entitled to the recognition. In the course of this conversation, Mr. Roosevelt has marked that General Lomax ranked very high as a Confederate officer and he expressed the opinion that the one of high rank should receive the appointment. Without ever having seen the matter a thought before Senator Simmons said North Carolina had a distinguished citizen who outranked General Lomax and who is the ranking Confederate living. He referred to General E. P. Johnston of Raleigh.

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