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And the Democrats have not passed any such law. The Legislature has merely submitted an amendment to the constitution to the people for them to adopt or reject, as they may deem proper. The Democratic Legislature has merely allowed the people, both white and black, an opportunity to say for themselves whether or not iliterate negroes shall connot iliterate negroes shar colina.
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The conyention willobe attend
d by E $\boldsymbol{E}^{\circ}$ F Jacobs of Chicagg who is chairman of the executive committee of the Intorna tional Sunday Sçhool association, and who is generally con sidered as the founder of the international lesson system. pon the convention insures .its success, as all who have ever heard him will agree. He will e the most prominent spirit of assisted by the leading Sunday school workers of this-and other ,
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Other
prominent worker named*on the program (which is ot incomplete) are N B Brough on and Jos, H Weathers of Raleigh, Geo. W Watts of Dur ham, Prof. FS Blair of Guilfor college, J W Bryan and N B Thaler of Winston, Charles Ros, of Asheboro. 0
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