

Interregnum

Special to the Herald.

Havana, Nov. 13 .- Cuba is on the eve of its presidential and congressional elections, which, according to the program arranged by the United States government, are to end the provincial interregnum and once more place the island's governmental affairs into the hands of the Cubans. The elections will be held tomorrow and today the waves of political excitement throughout Cuba are running high. 'For the office of president only two candidates are in the field, General Jose Miguel Gomez, the coalition candidate of the two factions of the Liberal party, and General Mario Garcia Menocal, nominated by the Conservatives.

alternates, also distributed among the provinces, are to be voted for. In with the condition that there would servative party, who resigned owing accordance with the provisions of the be no opposition to his nomination for to a controversy over the election. constitutions the electors chosen shall the presidency four years hence.

tion, when they will organize and peculiar that it is practically impos- out in August, 1906, but was soon recast their vote for president and vice sible to give a clear statement of the president.

At tomorrow's election ninety-six tion. It may be said, however, that senatorial electors shall be chosen, the question of American annexation and these, with the forty-eight pro- is not one of the issues of the cam; vincial councilmen now in office, shall paign. All parties are opposed to constitute the electoral board. The that, at least nominally. While many Cuban senate will consist of twenty- leading and progressive citizens be four senators, four from each prov- lieve the island may never enjoy its ince. They will serve eight years due measure of tranquility and prosand one-half shall be elected every perity while it remains independent of the "largest taxpavers."

States at national and state elections. president, his running mate and for-

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General Gomez was arrested when the reveloution against Palma broke meet one hundred days after the elec- Political conditions in Cuba are so

> leased. He was formerly governor of the Province of Santa Clara. issues at stake in tomorrow's elec-

VIRGINIA BAPTISTS MEET. Seven Hundred Delegates Gather at

Richmond For Convention,

Special to the Herald Richmond, Va., Nov. 13.-Between six and seven hundred delegates and four years. One half of the senato- they also understand that it would almost an equal number of visitors rial electors must belong to the class mean political snicide and ostracism have come to Richmond for the anfor any individual or party to attempt nual convention of the Baptist Gen-There is little doubt in the mind of to make annexation a campaign iseral Association of Virginia. The conthose who are well informed concern- sue. At the same time, there is a vention has its formal opening in the The system of election closely re- ing the political situation in Cuba, tacit understanding in political cir- First Baptist church this evening and sembles that employed in the United that General Gomez will be elected cles that the path of the successful the sessions will continue until Wedparty and candidate will not be nesday. In addition to the usual rou smooth. There is every reason to be, tine of business to be brought before lieve that plots have already been arthe association there will be a numranged for uprisings and revolutionber of addresses on education, and ary propaganda, no matter which par- the plans for building a great Baptist

ty may be victorious. male and female college in Richmond The principal issue of tomorrow's will be outlined. The commission intrusted with the task of raising a election is the question whether by \$500,000 endowment fund for the prothe lowering of the tariff barriers closer commercial relations shall be posed college will report gratifying progress. established with the United States, or

not. Generally speaking, it may be High grade tailoring, cleaning and said, that the sugar planters favor pressing. Palestine Tailoring Co., the closest possible relations with phone 40. the United States, for this is their

chief market. They now enjoy a concession of twenty per cent from the regular tariff rates through the Cuban ireaty and would be only too glad to have the consession made larger or the duty abolished altogether. The sugar planters are closely identified with the Conservative party, whose exponent at tomorrow's election is General Menocal, who is the manager of the Chappera sugar estate, the largest in the world. He was born in Cuba, but educated in the United States and is a graduate of Cornell and of the Maryland Agricultural College;

The tobacco growers, who in a large measure, side with the Liberal party, are opposed to the establishment of closer relations with the United States. They fear, that, as it was in the case of Porto Rico, Cuba would be flooded with cheap Ameri-

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