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CHURCH SERVICES.
 Methodist—Rev. J. L. Cunningham, pastor, services every Sunday at 11 a. m., and 8 p. m. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night at 7:30. Sunday school at 9 a. m., A. O. Gaylord, Superintendent; W. N. Cooper, Secretary.
 Baptist—Rev. G. L. Finch, pastor, services 1st & 3d Sundays at 11 a. m., and 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting every Thursday night at 7:30. Sunday school every Sunday at 9:30 a. m., B. T. Ventres, superintendent.
 Grace Church (Episcopal)—Rev. E. P. Green, rector. Morning and evening prayer 3rd and 4th Sundays. Celebration 3rd Sunday. Sunday school at morning services, Edmund Alexander, Superintendent.

**WAR-SHIP MAINE
 BLOWN UP. THE U. S.
 MAY DECLARE WAR**
 The whole world is interested in the situation.

So are the people of Plymouth interested in the low prices of coffee, sugar, meat, flour, &c. that are being sold by Hodges the Grocer.

I have opened a fresh stock of Groceries in the store next to M. Owens & Co. I keep everything in the grocery line, meats, flour, sugar, coffee, can goods, pickles, dried fruits, cigars and tobacco, foreign and domestic fruits, confectionaries, &c., In fact I will try to keep everything needed by the house-wife.

My 12c coffee leads the town. Try it.
 Just opened, a case of Fox River Butter, best sold.
 I also have a car load of Hay, price interesting.
 All goods fresh.
 I am here hoping to merit and receive a part of your patronage.

Respectfully,
W. J. HODGES

**PERFECT
 REPORT TO
 WHO ARE
 BRED.**

BEACON FLASHES.

March.
 Moon light.
 Mr. W. N. Cooper made a short visit to Washington this week.
 Attention Roanoke Riflemen! see notice elsewhere by Capt. J. E. Reid.

Mr. J. E. Hinnant, Sr., of Edenton, is in our town as the guest of his son.
 Mr. O. D. Johnson returned home from a short visit to Pennsylvania on Tuesday.

See advertisement of Drs. Smith's "Honest John" Truss, for sale by the Plymouth Drug Co.
 Call at L. P. Hornthal's and get one of those Wilson Heaters, and be comfortable and happy.

Mr. F. K. Hodges, of Williamston, was here Tuesday the guest of his brother, Mr. W. J. Hodges.

Miss Modie Harrison spent a few days in town the past week as the guest of Miss Pauline Harrison.

The soldier boys will be out in full force next Friday as the guests of the town. Let's give them a good time.

Take Roberts' Tasteless 25c. Chill Tonic. Every bottle guaranteed. No cure, no pay. For sale by W. C. Ayers mar 15-ly

Miss Myrtle Peal who has been visiting friends in Bethel and other places returned home Tuesday night.

Mr. D. O. Brinkley has improved his property of Jefferson street by placing a new fence around same.

Rev. Louis Brickhouse filled the Baptist pulpit Sunday morning and evening, preaching two excellent sermons.

Mrs. Ashby, of Alligator, has been here the past week visiting her brother, Mr. E. Ludford on "Washington Heights."

Mrs. Arthur Bardea will please accept the thanks of our force for a generous gift of good things to satisfy the inner man.

The Temperance meeting will be held at the Court House Monday night at which time Rev. G. L. Finch will deliver the lecture.

Those five and ten cent goods at Frank Fagan's are going away fast; better come early and pick out what you want before they are all picked over.

Dr. T. B. Wolfe's horse ran away Wednesday morning on Washington street, demolishing the awning in front of Mr. McCabe's grocery store.

Miss Pauline Harrison after a pleasant sojourn of several weeks at and near Roper has returned home to the delight of her many friends and admirers.

Our former townsman, Mr. R. A. Knight, of Washington, was here last Friday en route home from New York where he had been to purchase new goods.

Our jovial friend, Col. Wm. F. Beasley, whose happy nature is only rivaled by his patriotism to his State and loyalty to the Democratic party, was here this week.

Miss Jennie Davenport, of Patezo, was the guest of Mrs. S. D. Peal on Sunday while en route to visit her uncle, Mr. Heywood Davenport, near Mackey's Ferry.

We know that all the ladies of the town are aiding in getting up the military dinner and we hope they will all be at the Armory on Friday the 11th to help entertain the Company.

See those remnants of hamburger, torshon and valcine trimmings at Hornthal's, they are being closed out to make room for new stock. Call before it is all gone.

When the Military Company came down Washington street last Friday afternoon and fired two or three volleys, some people thought war had been declared. It looked somewhat war-like.

Rev. Mr. Angburn, Missionary Evangelist of the M. P. Church delivered a lecture at the Court House on Sunday afternoon last, and by invitation preached in the M. E. Church at night.

His many friends will be glad to learn that Mr. E. Ludford who has been critical of us for some weeks as a result of a wound, notice of which accident appeared in this paper, is now out of danger.

The fascinating Miss Bertha Gibbs, of Bath, whose queenly grace and beauty adds charms to social circles, has been honoring our town with her angelic presence as the guest of Miss Nina Harrison.

The mid-day freight train did not reach Plymouth on Monday owing to the burning of the bridge over Sweeten Water Creek. The bridge was repaired in time for the 7:40 mail train to come down on time.

Another car-load of horses and mules just received. Some of the best workers for the farm and road. They must be sold, call and see them. L. P. HORNTHAL.

Mr. B. F. Gurganeous who has been in Hampton, Va. for the past year and a half, return home Tuesday. He is now representing E. P. Godwin & Co., Commission Merchants of Norfolk. Glad to see you friend Ben.

Mr. W. J. Hodges has moved his goods into the Bryan store until his store can be remodeled, which will be about ten days, men are at work on it now. He invites all his friends and the public to call on him at the Bryan store.

We are informed that Mr. D. O. Brinkley will have the store, which was injured by fire on Saturday last, remodeled inside and a nice glass front placed in same. There is no end to Mr. Brinkley's enterprise. Would that we had more such public spirited citizen.

An exchange correctly says: "Let the farmers make food supplies for home markets and then let local consumers give preference to home made supplies and there will be profit and satisfaction to both the producer and consumer and general benefit to the community."

Ladies are invited to call and examine the latest corset on the market. Something new, perfect fitting and easy. The best dollar corset ever sold. If it fails to satisfy money will be refunded at HORNTHAL'S.

Mr. W. S. Spruill who has been acting as Manager of the Hassell Lumber Co., since the resignation of Mr. Hassell, has proven himself equal to the responsible

position. He seems to have the interests of the Company at heart and is attentive to his duties. Success to you friend Walter.

While Mr. Geo. W. Harrison, our very popular postoffice clerk, and his brother, Montie, were driving a wild mule on last Sunday afternoon, his muleship became frightened and ran away throwing both the gentlemen out of the cart. George was slightly disfigured, but Montie was quite badly hurt.

We are reliably informed that Col. Wm. F. Beasley has purchased the lot corner of Adams and Water streets, and that he has organized a stock company of Baltimore capitalists who will erect on said lot a magnificent brick hotel, we also learn that our popular hotelier, Mr. J. W. Read, will perhaps become manager of said hotel.

I take this method of informing my friends and the public generally that I have just received a large and varied assortment of five and ten cent goods which they, especially the ladies, are cordially invited to come and examine. F. F. FAGAN.

From the excitement which prevailed on our streets Saturday night after the fight, one would have thought a murder had just been committed, when really only two men had had a difficulty, one lick was passed, and no one was seriously hurt, and we do not believe either one of the men were very mad or even intended to create a disturbance. The best people of our town, both white and colored, in fact all the people, should be more conservative.

On Tuesday night about 8:30 o'clock the quietude of the town was broken by the rattle of the drums calling the Roanoke Riflemen together. The call was unexpected, but in less than twenty minutes about twenty-five of the boys were in the armory, had donned their uniforms, buckled on their ammunition belts and stood with guns in hand ready for the order to march, to Cuba or any other place where their services might be needed. Their prompt action on this occasion is an evidence that their Country or their State can depend on them at any time. The rumors of war do not daunt them—they are ready.

If your blood is thin, appetite poor, troubled with night sweats, a bad cold or la grippe, take Roberts' Tasteless 25c. Chill Tonic. For sale by W. C. Ayers feb 15-ly

NO CURE—NO PAY.
 That is the way all druggists sell GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC for Malaria, Chills and Fever. It is simply Iron and Quinine in a tasteless form. Children love it. Adults prefer it to bitter, nauseating Tonics. Price, 50c. sep 2-0m

Thanks Returned.
 I take this method of thanking the people of Plymouth, white and colored, for the valuable services they rendered me on Saturday last, during the fire.
 Respectfully,
 W. J. HODGES.

TO CURE CONSTIPATION FOREVER.
 Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic, 10c. or 25c. If C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money. dec 13-1f

THE MAINE.
 (In Memoriam.)
 Night had dropped her sable curtain
 Softly down upon the world;
 And the breeze played with a banner,
 'Twas the "Stars and Stripes" unfurled.
 As they floated, free and fearless
 From our gallant, good ship, Maine,
 While the sailors slept, not dreaming,
 They should never wake again.
 For their doom came swift as lightning,
 None could help them, none could save;
 Spanish treachery, low and direful
 Sent them to a watery grave.
 Shame upon the base-born cowards,
 Thus to Judas-like betray,
 While they made a feint of friendship
 Planned their death for us each day.
 Sons of freedom, hear the wailing
 From the many saddened hearts;
 Let our murdered dead claim vengeance,
 Honor lives; and fear depart.
 Shout defiance to the traitors;
 Crush to death the power called Spain,
 Thus we may avenge our heroes,
 Those who perished with the "Maine."
 —SALLIE HARTMAN JEFFRIES,
 Durham, N. C., Feb. 27, 1898.

WASHINGTON IRVING.
 The following programme has been arranged by the Epworth League to be presented next Tuesday evening at the home of Miss Callie Stubbs:
 Instrumental Solo—Miss Delia Skittleharpe.
 Sketch of Washington Irving—Miss Marcia Latham.
 Reading—Mr. Willur Cooper.
 Reading—Mr. J. W. Norman.
 Instrumental Solo—Miss Callie Stubbs.
 Reading from Legend of Sleepy Hollow—Miss Ida Tucker.
 Reading—Ichabod's Famous Ride—Mr. Arthur Swain.

TWO MILLIONS A YEAR.
 When people buy, try, and buy again, it means they're satisfied. The people of the United States are now buying Cascarets Candy Cathartic at the rate of two million boxes a year and it will be three million before New Year's. It means merit proved, that Cascarets are the most delightful bowel regulator for everybody the year round. All druggists 10c, 25c, 50c a box, cure guaranteed. dec 13-1f

To Company "E" North Carolina State Guards.
 On Friday next the people of Plymouth and surrounding country will tender a dinner to the members of the Roanoke Riflemen, Company "E," N. C. State Guards.
 This will be a pleasant occasion, and a grand success, as the patriotic ladies of the town are at the head. No efforts will be spared to entertain the soldier boys. Let every man be on hand to answer to the roll call and partake of the hospitality of our people, who are so justly proud of their Military Company.
 On the above occasion Hon. S. B. Spruill, Edmund Alexander, Esq., Mr. H. S. Ward and others have been invited to make short speeches and as we go to press we learn that Mr. Spruill has accepted the invitation and we are sure the other gentlemen will do so.

EVERYBODY SAYS SO.
 Cascarets Candy Cathartic, the most wonderful medical discovery of the age, pleasant and refreshing to the taste, acts gently and positively on kidneys, liver and bowels, cleansing the entire system, dispels colds, cure headache, fever, habitual constipation and biliousness. Please buy and try a box of C. C. C. to-day; 10, 25, 50 cents. Sold and guaranteed to cure by all druggists. dec 13-1f

Fire Saturday Afternoon.
 About 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon the alarm of fire was given and a stampede was made for the scene, which proved to be the store of Mr. W. J. Hodges, on Water street.
 The fire originated in the roof and had gained considerable headway before discovered, but in a few seconds the engine had a stream playing on the building and a bucket brigade was running, and in a short time the fire was extinguished, not, however, before the roof had been nearly burned off.
 The stock was badly damaged by water, but both house and stock was insured, the former belonging to Mr. D. O. Brinkley, the latter to Mr. Hodges. The people present, both white and colored did heroic work, and the engine did pretty work.

Roberts' is the Chill Tonic you want, because it cures, 25c. per bottle. No cure, no pay. Pleasant as Florida oranges. For sale by W. C. Ayers feb 15-ly

Better Protection Against Fire.
 That this town needs better protection against fire is acknowledged by all, but how shall the protection be obtained is a question for debate. It is true that Water street has all the water supply necessary, and the hand engine does good work, but where is the protection for the resident part of the town? Only hand pumps furnish water, and in case of fire they are of little good.
 This town has been building up so rapidly of late years that the danger from fires has greatly increased. Buildings are being jammed close together. In view of this fact it is important that some protection should be given. It has been suggested by a citizen, that a sufficient supply of hose be purchased to reach any part of the town, and that a steam pump be placed at the foot of Washington street, such pump having capacity sufficient to force the water from the river to any part of the town. This citizen backs his suggestion with a subscription to that end.
 The cost of such protection would be pretty heavy, no doubt, but it would be money well invested, for as it now is one fire could destroy property to many times the cost of such protection. Let our people discuss this matter and take some action.

THE OLD RELIABLE Sale of Valuable Real Estate!
H. PEAL.
 I am still in the front, with a complete line of Buggies, waggons, Road Carts, Farm Carts, Or any other Vehicle.
 To be convinced, call and see for your self.
 With a large variety of material, and increased facilities, we are better prepared than ever, to turn out first-class work, at lowest prices consistent with good workmanship.
 Thanking the public for a very liberal patronage in the past, we hope to merit the same in the future.
 Horse shoeing and repairing a specialty.
 Respectfully,
 H. PEAL.

Post Office Directory.
 P. M., Emily W. Fagan.
 Ass't P. M., F. F. Fagan.
 Clerk, Geo. W. Harrison.
 Office hours, 6:30 a. m., to 8:30 p. m.
ARRIVAL OF MAILS.
 Northern mail arrives at 11 a. m.; 3 p. m., and 7:40 p. m.
 Southern arrives at 11 a. m. & 7:40 p. m.
TIME OF CLOSING MAILS.
 Northern mail close at 7:35 a. m., 8:50 a. m., & 11:20 a. m.
 Southern close at 7:35 a. m. & 11:20 a. m.

ATTENTION
ROANOKE RIFLEMEN!
 Members of the Roanoke Riflemen, Company "E" North Carolina State Guards, are hereby commanded to report at their Armory on Friday, March 11th 1898, at 10 o'clock A. M., in full dress uniform and equipped ready for field duty.
CAPT. J. E. REID,
 Commanding.
BEAUTIFUL SEA SHELLS.
 Every one admires them. Since coming south I have received numerous inquiries from northern people for sea shells, and now I am prepared to answer yes. I can send you shells, for I have made quite a collection of lovely shells, both from our own coast, the coral reefs, and some beautiful ones from the West India Islands. I will mail a dozen, no two alike, to any one who sends a stamp for postage.
 Yours, Mrs. F. A. WARNER,
 Jacksonville, Fla.

LADIES
 Do not miss the opportunity OF YOUR LIFE.
 if you have not already seen that
HAMBURG
 At Mathias Owens & Co's.
 go at once and be convinced for they have the biggest, cheapest and best selected line ever shown in Plymouth. We have just received another lot of beautiful styles at same prices. This good thing will not last always.
COME TO SEE US NOW.

Don't wait that big stock of
CLOTHING
 that is being offered at a great sacrifice to close out, is going.
 Respectfully, M. Owens & Co.



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DO YOU EAT
 Fresh Pork, Beef, Fish or VEGETABLES?
 If so call on me. I am prepared to furnish anything in this line in nice shape. All goods fresh, and will be delivered to order at your door.
 With a promise to please, I most earnestly solicit your patronage,
W. M. BATEMAN.
 FRONT STALL, CITY MARKET.

Better, Sait-Rheum and Eczema.
 The intense itching and smarting, incident to these diseases, is instantly allayed by applying Chamberlain's Eye and Skin Ointment. Many very bad cases have been permanently cured by it. It is equally efficient for itching piles and a favorite remedy for sore nipples, chapped hands, chilblains, frost bites and chronic sore eyes. 25 cts. per box.
 Dr. Cady's Condition Powders, are just what a horse needs when in bad condition. Tonic, blood purifier and vermifuge. They are not food but medicine and the best in use to put a horse in prime condition. Price 25 cents per package.