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RELIGIOUS SERVICES

"If Christ Should Come to Raleigh" Will be Rev. L. G. Broughton's Text.

At 11 o'clock Rev. L. G. Broughton will preach at the Baptist Tabernacle and the annual offering for the home mission fund of the Southern Baptist convention will be received from the members, all of whom are requested to be present. "Entering into Power" will be discussed in the morning by the preacher.

At 4 o'clock in the afternoon Rev. A. J. Barton, assistant corresponding secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, will preach on foreign missions. Mr. Barton is one of the best speakers in the south and the people of Raleigh are invited to hear him.

At 7:30 p. m. Rev. L. G. Broughton will preach again and "If Christ should come to Raleigh" will be the subject of the evening sermon. All the song services will be conducted by Prof. Wolfsohn who for a year or more has been assisting Dr. Broughton in his meetings.

Sunday school 10 a. m., John A. Mills, Supt. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., by the pastor. Immediately after the morning service the regular church conference will be held and all members are requested to be present. The public cordially invited to all services.

Rev. John G. Wooten will spend the Sabbath in Raleigh and will assist Rev. E. C. Glenn in conducting services in the Central Methodist Church. Mr. Wooten is one of the brightest young men at Trinity College.

The Rev. Dr. Murdoch of Salisbury arrived in the city this afternoon and is a guest at the rectory of the Church of the Good Shepherd. He will preach in that church to-morrow morning and tomorrow night he will deliver a sermon on "Cyprus." This is the last sermon in the course of the "Apostolic Fathers."

Southern Biblical Assembly.

The Southern Biblical Assembly will meet this year at Knoxville, Tenn. The following is from a letter sent out by Dr. Charles W. Dabney, president of the local board.

"The Christian people of this city are making active preparations for the fourth annual session of the Southern Biblical Assembly, which meets June 16-26, 1898. Indications are that it will be one of the greatest religious gatherings in the history of this section of the country. We hope to have several thousand delegates from every religious organization in the evangelical church of the South. Everything is absolutely free. The previous sessions have attracted attention and comment all over the country. This year the fund for promoting the assembly has been greatly increased and the scope correspondingly widened. The Christian people of the city are working enthusiastically for its success. Greater inducements are offered, cheaper rates given on the railroad, more time for preparation is given, and in every respect it promises to eclipse any previous gathering of Christian people of this Southland."

"In order that all classes of Christian workers may be reached and benefited by this Assembly, the work is divided into eleven great schools and conferences. Prominent among these are the lecture course, which will occupy the evening sessions; the minister's conference, the Sunday school conference, the Christian mother's conference, and the young people's conference. These are planned to meet the needs of each class of workers in the great cause of Christ."

"All evangelical Christians in the Southern States are invited to attend this Assembly."

British Army Increased.

By Cable to Press-Visitor. LONDON, Feb. 19.—The British army estimates just received propose to increase the numerical strength of the army by 22,000 men, an increased cost of 500,000 pounds.

Standing Together.

By Telegraph to Press-Visitor. WILKESBARRE, Feb. 19.—The prosecution has not finished today. None of the deputies have weakened. Their safety lies in standing together.

Situation Grave.

By Telegraph to Press-Visitor. LONDON, Feb. 19.—All the afternoon papers talk about the gravity of the west African situation. Business on the stock exchange is flat and consolidating a quarter of a point lower.

ORATORICAL CONTEST.

Only Drawbacks Were Poor Street Car Service and a Fight.

The oratorical contest for the medal offered by the Lenox charter class memorial association was held at the A. & M. College last night. President N. R. Stansel presided. Mr. S. A. Asbury delivered the address on behalf of the memorial association. His subject was "Ideal college society." The orators and their subjects were Mr. E. B. Owen "The movement of population to cities," Mr. A. R. Kennedy "some Goethe effects," Mr. A. C. Coburn "The true El Dorado" and Mr. V. B. Ramsour "an optimistic glance at the twentieth century."

When the orators concluded, the judges, Rev. Dr. M. Marshall, R. H. Battle, Esq., and Mr. Josephus Daniels, retired to make their decision. When they returned, Mr. Battle announced their decision, and in a few well chosen words presented the medal to Mr. A. E. Coburn of Elizabeth City.

The service of the street car company was very unsatisfactory. The ladies were compelled to wait until 12 o'clock before they could come home although the orations were concluded before 10:30.

A dance was held in the hall after the orations. An unfortunate incident occurred in the vestibule to this hall. A fight occurred between some Raleigh boys and some of the cadets. A Raleigh boy says that he was insulted and this was resented. The Raleigh boys sent a manly apology to Col. Holaday today for the part they took in the fight. No one was badly hurt and no deadly weapons were used.

Washington Letter.

From our regular correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 18.—Nothing short of absolute proof that the sinking of the battleship Maine in Havana harbor and the drowning of more than 250 of its crew—a catastrophe that will cause a shudder of horror to pass over every American every time Havana harbor is mentioned for many years to come—was caused by an accidental explosion on board of the Maine will save Spain from the licking it has been inviting for some time at the hands of the United States. In view of the reports that have reached this country from time to time of boasts made by Spaniards in Havana since the Maine went there, that at the first intimation of war between Spain and the United States they were prepared to blow the Maine to atoms with torpedoes, and of the treachery of the late Spanish minister towards his great and good friend, Mr. McKinley, it is not surprising that the suspicion that the destruction of the Maine was the result of Spanish treachery should be expressed by more than half the men one meets. A nation that could deliberately plan to surround the house of a Cuban with several regiments of troops and coolly shoot down an old man and his children, in order to kill a Cuban officer, whose sweetheart was the daughter of the old man, as the Spaniards recently did in Cuba, would not hesitate to use any sort of treachery to destroy a warship of a nation it both feared and hated. Mr. McKinley professes to regard these suspicions with horror, and expresses the belief that the investigation now being made will show them to be without foundation. It is to be devoutly hoped that his belief will be justified by the result of the investigation, for if it isn't Spain will not only be driven out of Cuba, but will be in danger of being driven out of existence as a nation, by relentless Americans bent on revenge.

Overhaul Vessels.

By Telegraph to Press-Visitor. WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—A member of the naval committee of the house said that the disaster of the Maine would result in a careful overhauling of others of the White Squadron to prevent any possible defects. It is thought that the house is now in a temper to make large appropriations for the cruisers.

WAR MUST END

The President Preparing a Message to Congress.

MAY INTERVENE NOW

McKinley Will Be Governed by the Result of the Investigation—United States Demands a Separate Instead of a Joint Investigation.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Although Capt. Sigsbee has not officially reported the result of the examinations thus far made of the wreck of the Maine enough has been reported to strengthen greatly the widespread belief that the disaster was the work of a torpedo.

Senator Mason's attack on the navy was the main topic of conversation here today.

Guards at Sandy Hook.

By Telegraph to Press-Visitor. NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Col. Sinclair said this morning that under instructions from Washington he had sent an hundred men from Fort Wadsworth to Sandy Hook to man the guns there. Orders were issued this morning to keep every one off the government reservations until further notice.

End the War.

By Telegraph to Press-Visitor. WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 19.—It is reported on good authority that the President has decided to end the war in Cuba by interference, and will recommend that the island be purchased by the Cubans, or that a declaration of war be made if the Maine was sunk as a result of a conspiracy. All depends upon the result of the investigation.

Five More Dead.

By Telegraph to Press-Visitor. KEY WEST, Feb. 19.—The light house tender "Mangrove" arrived this morning from Havana bringing five wounded from the Maine disaster. Five out of twenty-six in the Havana hospital have died and eleven are seriously wounded.

No Accident.

By Telegraph to Press-Visitor. NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—The Evening Sun's Havana special cable sent on the Mangrove recites many suspicious facts in connection with the destruction of the Maine, saying that Havana was in a state of terror. A boat with two men in it rowed near the Maine three days before the accident, and another boat, going across the harbor, found itself tangled in a lot of wires which seemed to come from the direction of the Maine. The press ever since the accident has been publishing long stories to prove the accident theory. The Havana harbor is filled with mines, and every thing points to it as explosion coming from outside.

Separate Investigation.

By Telegraph to Press-Visitor. WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—President McKinley and Secretary Long, after an extended conference this morning, decided that the United States should make an investigation of the causes of the Maine disaster independent of Spanish authorities. Consul Lee forwarded the request from the Spanish authorities yesterday that they be allowed to conduct an investigation jointly with us.

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The Vizcaya.

By Telegraph to Press-Visitor. NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Owing to the heavy fog in the harbor the Vizcaya had not lifted her anchor at 11 o'clock.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—The naval escort awaits the coming down the bay of the Vizcaya.

Gladstone Better.

By Cable to Press-Visitor. LONDON, Feb. 19.—Gladstone's condition is greatly improved, although he is still barely able to walk.

RAINY SUNDAY.

A Cold Northeast to East Wind Probable for Tomorrow.

The forecast for Raleigh and vicinity of the weather bureau says rain tonight and Sunday, probably cold northeast to east winds.

The low barometer still occupies the lower Mississippi valley and has prevented the cold wave from the northwest from moving southward. The temperature at Bismarck has risen 28 degrees since yesterday morning.

Cloudy weather, with rain, prevails almost over the entire country, with snow in the upper Mississippi and lower Missouri valleys. The heaviest rain was 2.14 inches at Wilmington.

The high area has moved north of the Lake region and may move down to the north Atlantic coast tomorrow.

Dr. Hogg's Opinion.

Dr. Thomas D. Hogg, of this city who is one of the best informed men in the country, says that he has no doubt but that the Maine disaster was an accident. He says that the explosion was caused by fire damp, the same thing that causes the explosive in coal mines. Some coal gas from the engine evidently found its way to the magazines or near them and became ignited by contact with some combustible substance.

In his opinion this disaster puts an end to navies and wars. Inventions have already rendered war out of the question. This talk of war, he says, exists only with the politicians and some newspapers. War now would mean such a terrible destruction of life and property that neither the humanitarian or commercial interests of any country can afford to go into a war. Havana could be blown to pieces and the inhabitants never know from whence the disaster came, and the same might happen to our coast cities.

A Curious Story.

Mr. J. W. Strickland has on exhibition at his store in Campbellton three catfish, the largest ever saw. They were caught and shipped here by our former townsman, Mr. D. J. Gould, who is bridge watchman at Atlanta, Ga. The largest one weighs 26 pounds and is three feet six inches long, ten inches around, and is four inches between the eyes. Mr. Gould says that he sometimes catches 60 pounders at Fayetteville, N. C.

Should Have Been Hanged.

By Telegraph to Press-Visitor. CLINTON, Iowa, Feb. 19.—Mrs. Ernestine Bepko, who with the complicity of her present husband, Chas. Sellhoff, gave her former husband poison preserves and watched him die, was today sentenced to life imprisonment.

Persons.

J. S. Carr, Jr., is at the Yarbrough. Mr. W. N. Snodgrass, was better today. Mrs. A. M. M. Peabody has returned to the city.

G. A. Grunsley, of Greensboro, is in the city.

Miss Elizabeth Taylor left yesterday for Monticello, Fla.

Judge and Mrs. T. R. Purnell left yesterday for Greensboro.

R. H. Merritt, of Wilmington, is at the Yarbrough.

Mrs. Gaston Broughton's condition remains about the same.

A. B. Anderson, of the Hub, is a guest at the Mansion.

Miss Birdie Black is visiting Miss Ella McGee, corner of Dawson and Eleventh street.

Mrs. McGeachy, of Fayetteville, is visiting her son, Mr. McGeachy, on Hillsboro street.

Miss Blanche Blake left yesterday afternoon for Durham, where she will spend several days.

Mr. James Boyter, of Wake, for east is spending Sunday in the city.

Mrs. J. W. Cates, of Burlington, who has been visiting relatives in this city, left today for Raleigh.—Durham Sun

Mrs. William Hughes left on the Southern train yesterday afternoon for New Orleans to attend the Mardi Gras.

Mrs. Carryl H. Bryan, nee Miss Cornelia Boykin, of Baltimore, Md., is visiting Mrs. Williamson H. Williamson, at No. 15 Capitol square.

Mrs. Edna Mack and family, who have been visiting at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Kirby, left this morning for Norfolk.

STATE COUNCIL SESSION

Mr. O. T. A. M., Members to Meet in Salisbury Next Week.

Several members of Raleigh council J. O. U. A. M., will attend the sessions of the State council of the order, which will begin in Salisbury next Tuesday. The representatives of the local council are W. E. Faison, John Bridgers, Thos. Blake and W. R. Kennett.

The order has grown rapidly in North Carolina during the past year, the membership having doubled since the last meeting of the State council.

It is thought probable that the Asheville delegation will urge this city's claims as the place of meeting for the State council next year, but since the council has met two years in the west it may come east, possibly to Raleigh.

The local delegates are anticipating a gala time at the annual meeting of the grand council this time. On that day United States flags will be hoisted over two public school buildings. President McIver, of the State Normal, Greensboro, Rev. A. G. Thomas, of Fayetteville, and other well known members of the Order have been invited and are expected to be present and make addresses.

REWARD INCREASED.

Ex-Federal Soldier Offers \$10 for Defacement of Monument.

As yet the person who defaced the Confederate monument has not been captured, but the people have not lost any of their indignation over the matter.

It will be remembered that Mr. W. C. Stronach and others offered rewards amounting to \$50 for the discovery of the perpetrator of the outrage.

To show the deep interest which the people of Raleigh take in the matter the following is an example. An ex-federal soldier of this city today came to Mr. Stronach and told him that he would increase the reward already offered by \$10. Shortly afterward an ex-Confederate soldier, who cannot spare a dollar without sorely missing it, came and informed Mr. Stronach that he wanted to increase the reward by adding \$1.00 more.

TODAY'S MARKETS.

The Movement in New York and Liverpool Markets.

By private wire to W. A. Porterfield & Co.

New York Cotton.			
Months.	High.	Low.	Clos.
February	5 29	5 25	5 25
March	5 02	5 28	5 28
April	6 05	6 02	6 02
May	6 08	6 06	6 05
June	6 11	6 08	6 08
July	6 14	6 12	6 12
August	6 10	6 09	6 11
September	6 09	6 09	6 09
October	6 09	6 09	6 09
November	6 09	6 09	6 09
December	6 12	6 12	6 12

Liverpool Cotton Market.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 19.—4 p. m. Cotton quiet; prices steady.

American middling 3-11-32, sales estimated 7,000; speculation and exports 5,000; receipts 4,000; American 3,900. Futures opened quiet, demand moderate.

The following were the closing quotations of the Liverpool cotton market today:

February	3 19
February-March	3 19
March-April	3 19
April-May	3 19
May-June	3 19
June-July	3 20
July-August	3 20
August-September	3 20
September-October	3 21
October-November	3 21
November-December	3 21

Chicago Grain and Provision Market.

The following were the closing quotations on the Chicago Grain and Provision market today:

Wheat—July 92; May 106.
Corn—July 34; May 31 1/2.
Oats—July 21; May 27 1/2.
Pork—July 11.02; May 11.00.
Lard—July 5.20; May 5.15.
Clear Rib Sides—July 5.32; May 5.27.

New York Stock Market.

The following were the closing quotations on the New York Stock Exchange:

Sugar	119
American Tobacco	914
Con Gas	189
Manhattan	113 1/2
Louisville and Nashville	594
Western Union	914
Jersey Central	95
Burlington and Quincy	99 1/2
Rock Island	90 1/2
St. Paul	94 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	214
Missouri Pacific	303
Southern Preferred	30
Chicago & North Western	125 1/2
U. S. Leather Preferred	62 1/2

SPORT STATEMENTS

Minor Matters Manipulated for the Many.

AROUND IN THE CITY.

Pot-Pouri of the News Pictured on Paper—Points and People Pertinently Picked and Pithily Put in Print.

There are now 58 inmates of the county home 25 of whom are colored.

A two-year-old hog was killed this morning at the central hospital for the insane which weighed 707 pounds.

About 40 prisoners are now being used in grading the Tarboro road near Wilder's grove. When the grading is finished the road will be macadamized.

Mr. Chas. A. Roberts, stenographer in the law office of Ernest Haywood, Esq., has been appointed a notary public by the governor.

The Watouga club will meet Monday evening in Mr. George Allen's office in the Pullen building. All members are requested to be present.

Miss Mary Norris left last night for New York, where she and her sister Miss Ethel, who will accompany her from Washington, go to study music.

The Farmers' Milling Company of Conover, in Catawba county, was incorporated today at the Secretary of State's office, with a capital stock of \$3,500.

A brilliant reception was given at the residence of Mr. C. H. Heine, on Hargett street, last night by his accomplished daughter, Miss Margaret. Many friends were present and all were highly entertained.

Mr. William Allen of Lumsden's store says that he has seen the dog killer which has been visiting Brooklyn and Oberlin. He says that it is more like a mountain lion than anything else. Its appearance was very peculiar.

The Raleigh Male Academy was never in better condition or doing better work under the direction of Mr. Hugh Morson and his two able assistants Messrs. Heck and Phillips. There are 70 pupils in the Academy at present.

The mutual building and loan association of Charlotte filed their statement with the state auditor today. Their capital stock for the year was \$176,900.21 which beats all other associations reporting thus far by \$125,000.

The authorities at Washington have ordered the flags on all the Federal buildings at half mast because of the Maine disaster. The flag on the postoffice here will be kept in that position during the entire period of mourning observed by the government.

Spencer Blackburn, of Ashe county, was yesterday appointed assistant district attorney for the western district of North Carolina. Mr. D. A. Covington, of Monroe, was the incumbent, having been appointed under the late district attorney, Capt. R. B. Glenn, and held up to this time under the present one, A. E. Bolton.

J. Wiley Shook, until recently known as the Blue Ridge open letter writer, was restored to active service in internal revenue circles today, at the expiration of his 20 days' suspension for purposes of discipline because he spoke what he thought. Col. Shook's place pays \$100 a month with an allowance of \$800 a year for expenses.

At the Adjutant General's office Thursday there was a good deal of laughing. A company commander sent in a requisition for overcoats from the arsenal so his company would be ready to move on Cuba at once. One of the officials returned the requisition, with the comment that only the lightest garments can be worn in Cuba, and suggesting that night-shirts be requisitioned for as particularly suitable.

The railroad commission spent the morning today hearing argument from the Western Union Telegraph company to show cause why they should not be compelled to move the office up town. The telegraph company was represented by Mr. R. C. Strong and Judge Avery. Mr. D. T. Ford of Asheville, an expert, testified in behalf of the company. The hearing was continued until March 8.

Warden Russell of the State prison said today that all the convicts there had now been vaccinated. There are 169 in the prison here and they were vaccinated by Dr. J. R. Rogers 50 a day. The lady who is teaching them the stitch on the shirt making machines says that she never saw any beginners learn faster. The first shirt was made yesterday.

A number of Raleigh's charming young ladies yesterday afternoon went up to Chapel Hill to attend the February german given there last night by the students of the University of North Carolina. Among them were Misses Fannie Hoke, Eliza Busbee, Adelaide Snow, Hal Morson, Fannie Cameron, Pattie Lewis, Sadie Root, Isabell Busbee, Margaret Smedes, Wyndham Trapier, Nannie Clark and Lula Hawkins.

The last opera that the Wilbur-Kirwin company will present in this city will doubtless be witnessed by a large audience tonight. The opera for this evening will be "Hermione," one of the very best which this noted company plays. The matinee, "The Queen's Lace Handkerchief," was witnessed by a good audience this afternoon and the opera was excellent. The hall should be crowded tonight at this, the last performance, of by far the best popular price company which ever visited this city.

Don't forget the library entertainment at Metropolitan hall, February 25th. The program is varied and not too long. "Mammy's Little Pumpkin Colored Coon," the latest and most catchy coon song, and one never given in Raleigh before, will be sung and acted with unique effects, and "there are others," but this alone is worth the price of admission. 25 cents for grownups; 10 cents for the little ones.

The Euchre Club.

The Euchre Club was entertained last evening in a most delightful manner by Miss Kate Denson at the residence of her father, Capt. C. B. Denson, on Newbern avenue.

Thus being the last meeting of the club before the Lenten season seemed to add interest to the game, and after an exciting contest, in which ten games were played, it was found that Miss Janet Badger had won the ladies' prize, and Mr. Marshall DeLaney Haywood the gentleman's. The consolation prizes were awarded to Miss Goodenow, of Bangor, Maine, and Mr. Fred Williams, of Pittsboro. Mr. Sherwood Haywood presenting the prizes, after which refreshments were served.

Among those present were Misses Hinsdale, Hoke, Grimes, Andrews, Knox, of New York, Goodenow, of Bangor, Me., Crudup, of Miss, Florida Jones, Jennie Pescud, Nannie Jones, Ethel Bagley, Mary Turner, Sophie Jusbee, Mary Shipp, Sally Dorch, Janet Badger, Watheryn Badger, Mary Badger, Mary Denson, Mary Andrews, Le Grand Cameron, Lucy Haywood and Mary Thompson.

Messrs. Wm. Boylan, C. M. Pritchett, S. J. Hinsdale, W. W. Robards, B. W. Hunter, C. F. MacFoe, A. J. Cowan, W. C. Stronach, Jr., Sherwood Haywood, Marshall DeLaney Haywood, Henry E. Litchford, Brown Sheppard, W. E. Allset, T. C. Denson, Dr. J. M. Ayer, Fred Williams, Robert Gating, W. A. Williams and A. A. Thompson.

Col. Tom Anderson, Poet.

Col. Thomas Johnathan Anderson, the Seaboard Air Line's poet and Adonis, has just issued a book of poems laudatory of the Seaboard's lines and towns. It is in the shape of an alphabet and is entitled "Study and Learn." Its redundant title gives no idea of the lofty sentiment and beautiful diction of the contents. For instance, in the course of his canto, the poet's Pegasus canters thusly:

"L is for Littleton and Litcholton, N. C. These towns are pretty as pretty can be.

Their mineral waters are known to be good For chronic dyspepsia and diseases of blood.

That's the stuff! The divine afflatus permeates the whole and lives and breathes in every syllable. Bully for this new luminary in Poesy's sky! Grind out some more, do. Only infrequent thinkers can fail to be warmed by these Byronic ebullitions. Keep it a-b'illin', Tom. —Lincoln Journal."

Chinese Loan.

By Cable to Press-Visitor. LONDON, Feb. 19.—Saturday's Review says a Chinese loan is to be made by England.