

Presbyterian Church,

C. M. PAYNE D. D., Pastor.

Washington, D. C. March 15th 1896.

Mrs A. A. Thompson

I received about
an hour ago a telegram
which surprised me very
much and which
placed me in a very
embarrassing position.
I have expended time,
talent and some money
on the "Polk Miller"
entertainment, have
organized committees
who are actively at work,
secured the Opera House
and by so doing dis-
appointed parties who

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decided it, bought tickets
which are being printed
by a friend, Washington, Jr. C., 189 .
am having the enter-
tainment extensively
advertised through
town and county, in
fact have done every
thing I could to make
it a complete success.

This action is intenc-
ly loyal and the
ladies very enthusiastic,
I feel sure we would
have a large audience
and it would be prof-
itable. I have nothing
but delight expressed
at the idea of his
coming to our town

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and the disappointment
will be great.

I was in Washington, Jr. C., 189 .

Reading when the letter
relating to the entertain-
ment arrived here, which
caused the delay in
the return of the blank
to be filled, but we
have worked so vigor-
ously since, that no
time has been lost.

I sincerely hope that
you will reconsider
the matter and I will
say nothing of the
telegram until I hear
from you again.

Hoping to hear very
soon - Respectfully
Mrs C. M. Payne.