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SCENE FROM "THE ROSE OF THE RANCHO," AT THE GALAX THEATER TOMORROW—SPECIAL CHRISTMAS FEATURE.

**It All Depends.**  
"What," inquired the psychological student, "do you regard as the chief end of man?"  
"Well," answered Mr. Blykins, "it depends on what you want the man for. If you want him to do brain work he's his head, and if you want him to run errands it's his feet."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat

**It Counts.**  
"Won't you be very, very happy when your sentence is over?" cheerfully asked a woman of a convict in prison.  
"I dunno, ma'am; I dunno," gloomily answered the man.  
"You don't know?" asked the woman, amazed. "Why not?"  
"I'm in for life."

## ARMY EXPERTS STUDY DEFENSE

To Report to Secretary Garrison on Condition of Coast Defenses—Report to Go to Congress.

### GARRISON AND GARDNER NOT SO FAR APART

Gardner Says He Is Ready to Take Back Seat as Soon as the People Are Familiar With Facts.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Representative Gardner of Massachusetts, whose inquiry resolution is indirectly responsible for much of the recent discussion concerning the condition of the army and navy, now says he is "ready to step back into the ranks as a private" just as soon as the country is advised concerning the national defenses and Congress decided to remedy the most flagrant weaknesses.

Mr. Gardner said that he believed the public discussion of the condition of the army and navy in the last few weeks has "done a world" of good, because it has focused the attention of the people upon their fighting machines and has given them an opportunity to get a general idea of what would happen in the event that this country without motive was dragged into a war with a great European power.

Mr. Gardner appeared to get great satisfaction from the announcement made several days ago to the effect that Secretary of War Garrison had assembled a board of army experts to report to him on the condition of the coast defenses and to advise what improvements should be made in the forts which would be expected to protect the nation from naval attacks.

Secretary Garrison has this report under consideration and it is understood he intends to lay it before the house committee for its guidance when he appears as a witness after the holidays.

Representative Gardner believes that this report, which was prepared by the army experts, will be of great value to Congress and the country at large, and he is prepared to accept it at its face value as an embodiment of the army's needs as far as coast defenses are concerned.

Mr. Gardner has asked Secretary Garrison to have prepared for him a mass of figures showing the condition of various branches of the army. He was advised that his requests would be granted in the event that the department did not decide that the information was of a confidential nature.

One of the most notable facts in connection with Mr. Gardner's activities in the interest of an increase in army and navy efficiency is the manner in which Secretary Garrison and Mr. Gardner have agreed on many points which they disagreed upon when the resolution of inquiry was introduced.

Mr. Gardner's original communications to Mr. Garrison were of a "peppery" nature, and they were answered with similar replies. Further acquaintance between the republican congressman and the democratic secretary has resulted in a general understanding.

The suggestion of Rear Admiral Fiske that a general staff be created to exercise the same control over the navy that the army general staff exercises over that branch of the service, though opposed by Secretary of the Navy Daniels and Chairman Badgett of the house naval committee, will be brought forward by Congressman Hobson of Alabama as an amendment to the naval appropriation bill.

Secretary Daniels, in expressing opposition to the plan, declares the naval general board, the War college and the secretary's aides perform every service that a general staff could accomplish. Secretary Daniels adds, further, that if congress wishes to discuss the matter, it should be in a general bill, and not as a rider to the appropriation bill.

A fight over the question is promised when the naval bill comes up for consideration.

## MOTORCYCLIST RACERS IN CONTEST TOMORROW

Events Will Take Place in Hillside Street and Prizes Are Good.

Motorcyclists of the city are taking a great deal of interest in the races to be held on Hillside street tomorrow morning. It was at first decided to hold the races on North French Broad avenue, but the decision to change to Hillside street was made yesterday afternoon.

The following prizes are offered to winners in the race: The Asheville Cycle company has offered an inner tube; the J. M. Hearn company, a horn; John Rumbaugh, a casing; the Barbee Cigar company, a box of cigars; the Sunny Smoke shop, a box of cigars; the Asheville Dry Goods company, a pair

of riding breeches; Morgan Smith, a necktie, and H. Redwood and company, a pair of cuff links. In addition to these several individuals have contributed a total of \$10.

**By Auto.**  
Mrs. Rurel—I want you to kill a couple of chickens for dinner.  
New Cook—Yes, mam. Which car shall I do it with.

## SAYS ACID STOMACH CAUSES INDIGESTION

Excess of Hydrochloric Acid Sours the Food and Forms Gases.

Undigested food delayed in the stomach decays, or rather, ferments the same as food left in the open air, says a noted authority. He also tells us that indigestion is caused by Hyper-acidity, meaning, there is an excess of hydro-chloric acid in the stomach which prevents complete digestion and starts food fermentation. Thus everything eaten sours in the stomach much like garbage sours in a can, forming acid fluids and gases which inflate the stomach like a toy balloon. Then we feel a heavy, lumpy misery in the chest, we belch up gas, we eructate sour food or have heartburn, flatulence, water-brash or nausea.

He tells us to lay aside all digestive aids and instead, get from any pharmacy, four ounces of Jad Salts and take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast and drink while it is effervescing and furthermore, to continue this for a week. While relief follows the first dose, it is important to neutralize the acidity, remove the gas-making mass, start the liver, stimulate the kidneys and thus promote a free flow of pure digestive juices.

Jad Salts is inexpensive and is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia and sodium phosphate. This harmless salt is used by thousands of people for stomach trouble with excellent results.

## NEW BUILDING TO TAKE PLACE OF OLD

Farm School Fire Destroys the Main Structure, Loss of About \$40,000.

The loss of the main building of the Asheville Farm school yesterday by fire, in estimated to be about \$40,000, which is partially covered by insurance. Full details of the fire could not be secured until a very late hour last night owing to telephone connection with the school being severed.

The burned building was three stories and was used for class rooms, study hall, dining room and chapel and the rooms occupied by the students at the school. The fall term had closed and most of the students had returned to their homes for the holidays.

It was stated today that work of the school will probably be suspended until next fall, as it is thought a new building will not be erected in time for further work this term. That a new building will rise over the ruins of the burned structure is practically certain, it was announced.

The fire, which started from a defective flue, was doubly hard to fight, owing to the fact that the water supply at the school was poor. Early yesterday morning it was found that the pipes connecting the large reservoir with the school were not working and they were taken apart for repairs and were still being worked on when the fire was discovered.

The work of nine firemen from the Asheville Fire department, who went to the scene in the police patrol, was of much value in helping to save several of the other buildings which were in danger of the flames.

An English woman has obtained a patent in the United States for bunks on ships that are so supported that they remain level no matter how much the vessel rolls.

Today's the Day  
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**Better Service**  
and  
**Best Values**  
**TONIGHT**



After supper—A Santa Claus sale of all Xmas novelties still here.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

## WEST ASHEVILLE FIRE COMPANIES AT WORK

At a meeting of members of the West Asheville Fire company No. 1, held last night at the home of W. H. Wright, recently elected captain of the company, that part of the town which will be protected by the company was divided into wards and the following officers elected:

Ward No. 1—Captain, Lawrence Miller, Lieutenant, George McKinney, Ward No. 2—Captain, George Anderson, Lieutenant, Thomas Harrison, Ward No. 3—Captain, Sebe Hall; Lieutenant, Van Valkenberg.

A joint meeting of members of

both the West Asheville companies will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock, at which time the members will adopt by-laws and a constitution for the governing of the department.

**Women and Ammunition.**  
Women do most of the work in making the ammunition for the infantry of the United States army at the Frankfort arsenal in Pennsylvania. Seventy-five per cent of the employees are women, and they operate every piece of machinery except the annealing furnaces and the power generating machinery.—Boston Globe.

# MAJESTIC THEATRE

THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY  
NEW BILL OPENS TOMORROW  
**KEITH SUPERIOR VAUDEVILLE**

**The PARISIAN TRIO**  
Street Musicians and Singers

**Fred and Adele Astair**  
Comedy Singing, Talking Act

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The Crazy Clown

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