

pioyed. The cost of the inquiry was \$51,000, and it was the most unprofit-able expenditure of money and time in the history of the smelling com-mittees. SWANNANOA, Dec. 20.—Mrs. An-nie Young and Mrs. B. S. Caton spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of the Misses Watkins on the Swannanoa

mittees. Representative Garrett submitted a minority report praising the remark-able record of the war department in handling the thousands of con-tracts under stress of war conditions and adjusting the claims growing out of their cancellation on short notice after the armistice. The many friends of Mr. Ford learn with regret of his death, which hap-pened at his home in Statesville the last of the week. Mr. Ford spent some time here and made many

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in the winter and spring and that con-ditions have since changed. In fair-ness, these settlements must be judged as of the time they were made and not in the light of subsequent de-velopments which it was not possible to forecast which it was not possible to forecast which accuracy; nor may it be reasonably expected that uni-formity and exactitude has been at-tained in a task involving almost in-finite variety of commodities and call-ing for a wide range of knowledge and skill in estimating the values involved." This statement was made with par-ticular reference to the charge of the republicans that some of the articles had increased in market value after the settlements and that the governthe settlements and that the govern-ment lost large sums of money by its failure to hold for a higher market. **Rode Over Country.** For months past the Graham com-mittee has ridden over the country, sometime in private cars, with a large staff of "experts," visiting various plants which had government con-tracts and endeavoring to smell out fraud which from the immense num-ber of contracts made it confidently believed could be unearthed. The junkets of the committee have been the talk of the congress. junkets of the commuter the talk of the congress. In its final report, mentioning eight transactions which, in the language transactions which, in the language of the committee report, "seem to have been obviously tainted with fraud," the committee makes no recommendation, and fails to specify the nature of the fraud, except in one instance. Speaking in support of his minority report, Representative Garrett showed that in the particular cases which invoked criticism from the in-vestigators, the negotiators on the part of the government were repub-licans. Mr. Garrett concluded one of the most caustic speeches heard in the house this session with a criti-clum of his associates on the committee as follows: "I wish to say to you, Mr. Speaker, that those honorable gentlemen with whom I have been associated in this gruelling work, these gentlemen of the majority, are capable of better things than hunting flyspecks. And I believe that in justice to my friends, the gentlemen from Illinois and the gen-tlemen from Nebraska, the steering committee, or whatever influence there is should call off these efforts. Baked from End to End There is should call off these efforts. Raked from End to End. "They have done everything they can. If there were anything there they would have found it. The war department has been raked from end to end as with a fine-tooth comb. If they had found anything they would have brought it here before now, Mr. Speaker; and I suggest that they be relieved. They ought not to have imposed upon them the task of have imposed upon them the task of insuiting their own intelligence as law-yers by a political exigency that re-<text><text><text>

Mrs. R. S. Wilson was called to Biltmore Sunday on account of the serious illness of her sister, Mrs. this year. Trantham. The High school closed Friday with The High school closed Friday with an excellent program in celebration of "Aycock Improvement day." Rev. G. A. Lewis made an address on the life of the late Governor Aycock and what he meant to the schools of North Carolina. At the close of the ex r-clases a treat was served the school by the faculty. Franklin

what he meant to the schools of North Carolina. At the close of the ex r-cleses a treat was served the school by the faculty. Miss Katherine Wilson and Mrs. Wendel Patton spent Thursday shop-ping in Asheville. Mr. Ervin, of Asheville, made quite an interesting to talk to members of the Epworth league at this place Fri-day night. FRANKLIN, Dec. 21.—Miss Flor-ence Gray, of Asheville, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gray, at Cullasaja. Miss Harriette Kinnebrew, of At-lanta, is at home for the holidays. and to attend the wedding of her sister, Miss Nannie Mae Kinnebrew. which will occur on Monday, Decem-ber 22.

day night. Mr. Bagwell of Fairview is conductber 22. Mr. Sloan Kinnebrew, a former resi-

ing a singing class at the Baptist church. Mr. Sloan Kinnebrew, a former rési-dent of Franklin, is spending a few hurch. Frank Sherrill, of Asheville, spent few days her this week with guest of Mrs. E. C. Kingsbery.

Mr. Tom Porter is at home for the

upon the boards. Eccentric harmony is promised apienty when the Blue Ridge four assembles before the footlights in comic costumes, their singing being a feature of the performance, sure to please. In Irish roles Bob Shaw guarantees jest and mirth that is of a calibre consistent with the reputaa calibre consistent with the reputa-With plano-accordion the Venetian Duo has in store abundant harmony of the kind that the audiance likes, combining a little of classical with modern and jazz turnes in a well balwith

anced program. It is littel wonder that the serial now really being talked about upon the streets is that showing every Monthe streets is that showing every more day and Tuesday at the Majestic, for Big Jim Corbett in "The Midnight Man" sets a new record for daring action and gripping situations. No one should miss the comic episode. Matinee, 3:30; night 7:30 and 9.

AT THE GALAX. Florence Reed in "Her Code of Honor." A comedy, "Lost, a Bride-groom." Florence Reed, the talented emo

AT THE STRAND. Robert Warwick in "An Adventure Briggs comedy, 'City Hearts." Dude. Anthony Hope's exciting romantic

from many points, and those who ap-preciate clean but uproarious comedy should see Harry in action. Beckridge and Francher in song and dance are billed for a number of pleasing turns, the team work of this couple being skillfully worked out to win the plaudits of the house. Listing themselves as entertainers. the team of Gordon and Berry, are scheduled to provide a "little of everything", so elastic is their range upon the boards. Eccentric harmony is promised story, "Captain Dieppe." has reached the movies. First published as a novel, the adventures of the dashing young secret agent proved a worthy companion of the author's earlier book, "The Prisoner of Zenda," which was the starting point of a flood of pseudo-historical literature. The pop-

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friends. Mrs. C. P. Whitson entertained a Mr. Tom Porter is at home for the Christmas holidays. Miss Laura Jones, who has been number of young people at her home Tuesday fight. Miss Awa Buckner, of the Montreat in Cincinnati for the past several months, engaged in Y. W. C. A. work, is expected to arrive on Sat-

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Normal school, has arrived to spend the holidays with her sister, Mrs. work, is expected to arrive on Sat-urday to spend the holidays with rel-atives here. Mrs. V. A. Gennett has gone to St. Augustine, Fla., to spend the winter The small son of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Grasty is seriously ill. Mrs. Joe Duncan. of Asheville, spent

Sunday Young. with her mother, Mrs. Robert months.

with whom I have come in contact, in whose integrity I have confidence. "I resent it in the name of the liv-ing millions of soldiers. I resent it in the name of the mothers of the sol-diers who died in France and who "have their place in the warriors" heaven." You shall not, at least with-out my carnest protest and my feeble dispute, cause those grianed my feeble

"have their place in the warriors' heaven." You shall not, at least with-out my carnest protest and my feeble dispute, cause those grieved souls and bruised hearts to suffer more by un-truthfully alleging that the adminis-tration under which they fought for their country was shot through with fraud. I challenge that statement and demand the proof." Jarrett are spending several days in Atlanta this week. Mrs. Kelly and Miss Lassie Kelly left last week to spend several weeks in Eustis, Fla. A. W. Horn made a trip to Blue Ridge, Ga., on business this week. Mr. Henry Cabe made a short trip to Cornelia, Ga., the first of this week. Mrs. Furman West, of Soda Springs,

Idaho, has arrived in Franklin to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C.

Cunningham. Rev. and Mrs. Frank Siler announce 'he engagement of their daughter, Mary Annice, to Mr. Harry E. How-ard, of Spencer, Mass. The marriage will take place in the autumn of 1920 Miss Siler has been teacher of 1920. Miss Siler has been teacher of piano in the Hiroshima Girls' school. Hiroshima, Japan. Mr. Howard has been for two years or more the rep-resentative in Hiroshima of the Norton company, of Worcester, Mass.

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