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The Advance welcomes into the journalistic field of this section The Carrutuck Educator, a publication devoted to the educational interests of Carrutuck County, of which R. W. Isley, Russell E. Snowden and Dr. W. T. Griggs are editors. The first issue of this attractive publication is just off the press and presents topics altogether worthy of the attention of those who have the best welfare of County at heart. We wish for the Carrutuck Educator a long life of much usefulness.

The Advance has said so much for a Fair in Elizabeth City that we feel some diffidence in making extended editorial comment on the step toward a Fair taken at the courthouse Monday night. To those who are working for it it is enough for us to say "Here's our hand, and our heart's in it." If the movement goes forward along the line of the proposed program, this paper will not be niggardly with its space or chary in its praise or half hearted in its support of earnest effort.

U. S. POST OFFICE

Elizabeth City, N. C.

Office of Custodian, February 11th, 1916—Sealed proposals will be received at this building until 2 o'clock p. m., February 26, 1916, and then opened, for furnishing electric current, gas, water ice, and miscellaneous supplies, and washing towels during the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1917. Sealed proposals will also be received until two o'clock p. m., April 10, 1916, and then opened, for 50 tons anthracite coal.

The right to reject any and all bids is reserved by the Treasury Department.

A. L. PENDLETON,
Custodian.
Feb 15 '16

HELD UP FOR SEVENTEEN CENTS

J. Clayton Ferrell, who lives on Mr. Charlie Overman's farm about a quarter of a mile from town, was held up by three negroes Saturday evening at about seven o'clock on Body Road while on his way here from his home.

Mr. Ferrell was stopped by one darkey who asked him for a match. Saying that he had no matches, he was about to proceed on his way to town when two other negroes stepped out with their pistols and told him to throw up his hands. The first negro then thoroughly searched Mr. Ferrell's pockets, dispossessed him of seventeen cents, and advised him to return home.

WEDS AT SEVENTY-FOUR

Miller Sawyer of Camden County, 74 years old, and Mrs. Maggie Hewitt, were married Sunday afternoon by Justice of the Peace J. W. Munden at the home of the bride on Elliott street.

H. T. Greenleaf and Rev. E. F. Sawyer have returned from Gatesville where they attended a Gates County District Meeting of Odd Fellows.

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Meal, per ton 38.00

Hulls per ton \$15.00

SALT

Ground Alum, per bag 65c.

STRONG DEMAND FOR LOW PRICED HIGH GRADE CAR

That the low priced, high-grade car meets a long-felt demand from the public is fully demonstrated by the unprecedented sales of the Dodge Brothers Car during its first year on the American market.

Commenting on this and the ever increasing demand for these cars, Russell Huff, Chief Engineer of Dodge Brothers, says: "The discriminating buyer of today fully appreciates smoothness, appearance, quality, durability and performance in a motor car but until recently such a car at a low price was considered an impossibility. It remained for the Dodge Brothers to make possible such a car for the public. Their unlimited resources, years of engineering experience and exceptional manufacturing facilities have enabled them to produce a car of the highest order at a very low price.

"The public have been quick to realize that first quality means low maintenance costs and that light weight construction means low operating cost. The artisan, the agriculturist, the professional man and the banker, alike, respect the prophetic warnings predicting still higher prices for gasoline, oils, tires and supplies of all kinds and join in demanding a car of the Dodge type."

Mr. Huff further points out that it should be of special interest to the buyer to note that all Dodge vital parts are made of special Vanadium alloy steel, scientifically heat-treated to enable them to stand unusual abuse and service; that magnetron ignition is provided to insure the ranchman, the miner or the traveler in the remotest spot in the country the ability to start and run his car regardless of condition of his electric lighting storage battery; that self-lubricating alloy springs giving the maximum of comfort of easy riding qualities are provided; that genuine hand buffed first grade leather is used throughout in upholstery of Dodge cars and then an all-steel body, capable of receiving the most beautiful and lasting enamel finish known to the art, is a standard equipment feature. adv

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted by the Farm Demonstration Agents of the Eastern District of North Carolina in session at Elizabeth City February 8th to 11th 1916

Resolved, first, that we extend to the city of Elizabeth City our hearty appreciation for the cordial welcome into her midst

Resolved, second, that we extend our thanks to the Elks Club for the use of the Club room during our stay in the city.

Resolved, third, that we also extend our thanks to the business men for the splendid reception given at the Elks Club.

Resolved further, that we appreciate the support given us by the newspapers of this city, and that a copy of this be sent to each of the papers.

O. O. DUKES,
B. TROY FERGUSON,
A. K. ROBERTSON,
Committee.

DRIVING PILES FOR A NEW STORE BUILDING

Piles are being driven for a new store building next to the new market house to be occupied as soon as completed by D. R. Morgan Company.

PREPAREDNESS

By J. K. Henderson

Yes, "preparedness", that is the word. To ignore that is to ignore the chief thought in the American mind to-day. But "is there not a cause?" What has called forth all this cry for internal and coast defenses, and increased armies and navies? Are we in imminent danger of attack, or are we being stampeded? Let me quote a paragraph from the pen of Charles E. Jefferson D. D.

"It is hard to live in a house with an insane person without ultimately losing one's own mental balance. Europe is insane, and we are obliged to live in the same room with her. She is burning up her wealth at the rate of over fifty million dollars every day. She is putting into the furnace not only the wealth of the present generation, but she is consuming also the wealth of generations yet unborn. She has split the veins of her body from top to toe, and is slowly bleeding herself to exhaustion. This is indeed the act of a lunatic. The effect of such a spectacle upon our own country is lamentable. We are becoming excited, irritable, unreasonable, and hysterical. The effect is manifest in the daily press. Editorial writers write with a recklessness unknown a year ago, and many of the letters published are from persons more or less mentally unbalanced. The war has gotten on men's nerves. Many of them are scarcely accountable any more for what they think or say. Like men in a delirium they see spooks and goblins. They shiver at phantoms and go into paroxysms of agony over specters which are the creation of a heated imagination. They see in their mind's eye the whole world swarming with enemies to pounce down on our helpless republic. It defencelessness fills their souls with horror. Certain newspapers day after day publish the same alarming warnings and prophecies, and thus the fever increases and the mental derangement grows. The whole atmosphere has become superheated. The pressure of the world tragedy has become too heavy for the nerves of normals to endure. Future generations will read with amazement many of the things which are now being said and published, and will use them as an evidence that once upon a time a certain section of the American people went insane.

"At such a crisis it behooves every Christian man and woman to make a special effort to keep cool. When so many others are excited, it is our duty to strive with all our might to keep a tranquil pulse. If we cannot read or think of the war without getting overheated, then the mind should be switched to another track in order that its equilibrium may be re-established."

There is undoubtedly much truth in what Mr. Jefferson says. It has come to be a kind of game with us, that when the leader gives the alarm we must get frightened and run with the crowd. And while we are running we can think of nothing but the "spooks and goblins" that are going to get us. And the chances are that we will not stop until we run our selves sick and have to pay the doctor's bill.

Once upon a time a crowd of school boys and girls on their way from school came to a gloomy place in the path. One mischievous boy suggested, "What if a bear should come out the bushes?" They all started off, and some began to call out, "The bear is coming, the bear is coming."

Soon they were all running and yelling and screaming until the boy that gave the alarm got so scared that he went into spasms and had to have the doctor. Some of the little fellows were frightened out of their wits until a few of the saner heads succeeded in persuading them that there was no bear there. There had probably not been one there in fifty years, and not likely to be in fifty years or more; but the mere suggestion was sufficient to create a stampede. That is one of the games that is being played on the people to-day. We are just school boys and girls and are going into hysterics over imaginary evils, and being stampeded into evils that are not imaginary.

What if Germany should pounce down upon us? What if Japan should land in California?

And off we go, full tilt, hair standing on end, and some hairless plutocrats standing on their heads for millions of money for a moment of preparedness.

But fear is not the only phase of the frolic; we are by profession

an unthinking people, and pay our politicians to think for us. And when we do happen to open our eyes and see a thing as it really is, we are unwilling to speak our mind, lest we should have the impression that we think our politicians are liable to make mistakes.

Then the plutocrats and craftsmen are playing the card for the chink that will come to them, if the preparedness program is carried out. And they seem to have the winning card, the Daily Press.

We're being stampeded by the daily press into the pen for "Preparedness." But we may thank God, Unthinking Men.

If we are not stampeded to the slaughter pen.

As I see it, the argument for enlarged preparedness is based entirely on phantoms and ghost stories and vagaries and guesses, which blaze in big head lines, giving to "airy nothings" a local habitation and a name; and the argument of the opposition is being suppressed and belittled and boycotted. And if the opinion of the people with whom I am acquainted in any index to the attitude of the general public, the press is claiming entirely too large a percent in favor of preparedness.

But the shame, the tragedy of the trick, it seems to me, is when men carve scripture out of its context, and ignore the teachings of Christ, and sometimes misquote him to try to show that this movement on the part of the nation to prepare to maintain her rights by physical force is in keeping with the teachings of Christ; and right on top of that, will argue that the nation is not Christian, and can not be governed by Christian principles. In other words,

"The nation is not Christian, and therefore the program of the program of the nation can not be Christian; but Christ favors the program of the nation. And if you carry your logic out, ergo Christ favors a non-Christian program."

Now let us get in a meditative mood and think for a moment: we were spending two hundred and fifty dollars annually for "Preparedness" while England and Germany and France and Austria and Japan and Italy and Turkey were also enlarging their military equipment, and nobody was afraid we would be gobbled up. Now we are still adding to our defenses by two hundred and fifty million dollars a year, and these other nations are burning up theirs at the rate of fifty million dollars a day. Where then do you find any cause to give credit to the assertion that,

"Europe after this war will be a horde of raving wolves and unless our defenses are strong our defenses are strong we shall be devoured?"

Is it not more reasonable to assume that, Europe after this war will be a bleeding and helpless neighbor, needing the care of the Good Samaritan? And the United States could be in a position to perform that function nobly, if she would labor to that end; working with her hands the thing that is good that she might have to give to the needy. If she would transfer the two hundred and fifty million dollars now being spent on preparedness, to annual budget and lay by in store as a free will offering, to be applied at the close of the war to help nurse the bleeding nations back to life, I verily believe it would do more to secure our national honor and insure us against foreign invasion than half our wealth spent in armies and navies and coast defenses could do.

"God give us men a time like this demands; Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands; Men whom the lust of office does not kill, Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy; Men who possess opinions and a will, Men who have honor, men who will not lie; Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog in public duty and in private thinking."

For while the rabble, with their thumb worn creeds, Mingled in selfish strife, lo freedom weeps, Wrong rules the land and waiting justice sleeps."

Belcross, N. C., February 8, 1916.

STOLE SUNDAY EATS

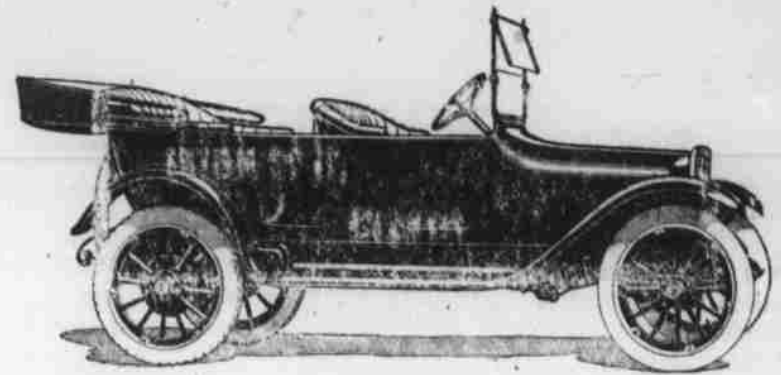
Two negroes, Walter Sawyer and John Copsland, are in jail here charged with breaking into the house of another negro in Nixton Saturday night and stealing his provisions. They will be tried in police court Wednesday.

DODGE BROTHERS MOTOR CAR

It is interesting to stop and recall how many good things you have heard of the car and how very few of the othersort

It is not overstating the case to say here that the very large first year's production did not develop a single serious fault. This notable achievement surely justifies public confidence in Dodge Brothers as close and careful manufacturers.

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"Baltimore Steam Packet Company's tickets will be honored on Sundays they have no steamer by the Chesapeake Line".