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ABOUT THE WAR.

The war clouds seem to still be hovering over our national life but not to such an extent as formerly. Blood seems not to be so warm, tension seems not to be so high as a week ago. The indications are that the clouds possessed more wind than real rain. It is the opinion of the editor of the People's Defender that neither Germany nor the United States were anxious to go to war with each other. The United States government has felt its way cautiously. The president has been exceedingly particular, Congress has been very guarded. While Germany has not disregarded its policy of submarine warfare so far as the public goes, but it seems so far as the carrying out of the real policy that it, too, has adopted the soft-pedal method and is not nearly so rabid as at the beginning, or as the public mind first contemplated. The president has deferred his visit to Congress to ask for national power for war purposes, in fact, it has been publicly announced that the president will not go before Congress and ask for the power to declare war, but will simply ask for power to protect American rights and American citizens. It is very clear to the thinking mind that everything is being done possible to prevent a real encounter between the two governments. While England is continuing her blockade against Germany. Really the conditions appear that the war will not last anything like as long as it has lasted.

—The People's Defender.

VANGUARD EXCERPTS.

No. 1—"Attorney J. R. Booker has purchased a car and placed the same at the disposal of his father. This means that the "old man" can easily accept frequent country appointments or give frequent lantern shows with any and all churches on or near the pikes and within twenty or thirty miles of Little Rock."—Vanguard.

We call attention to this little editorial No. 1, not because we object to the president of the institution having an automobile, in fact, we are delighted to see any man who is able to have one, have it, but the things

that the editor of the People's Defender objects to is that he is attempting to fool the folks, for, mark you, he says that Attorney J. R. Booker bought an automobile. Now, Mr. President, there is no use trying to pull the wool over the eyes of the people for you know good and well that Bob has not any automobile except, possibly, in name; that he had nothing to buy an automobile with. It is simply a ruse of yours in the opinion of the editor of the People's Defender to deceive the people, for you remember that when the editor of the People's Defender and Dr. J. P. Robinson bought an automobile each, that you said through the Vanguard that they had stolen the people's money with which to buy them. Now you feel what is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander, that the people will rise up and say that you stole the money with which to buy you one, and therefore you lay the burden upon the shoulders of your innocent son. There is no use trying to mislead the people, the sun is too high, the people are thinking too much to be misled in that way. In fact, you make bad matters worse and put people to talking about your insincerity when you attempt to rise like that. The people everywhere are laughing in their sleeves at the smooth piece you are trying to play, talking about Bob buying an automobile. The folks are not fools, and you need not try to play them for fools. The fact is, you are trying to throw a rock and hide your hand. You said that the editor of the People's Defender took the people's money and bought his, and you felt quite sure that if you said you had bought one that the editor of the People's Defender would ask whose money did you steal to buy it, but the editor will not be so discourteous as that, he takes for granted that a man who had been at the head of an institution for thirty years ought to have made money enough honorably to buy an automobile. If a man could not secure money enough honorably in thirty years at the head of an institution to buy an automobile, it demonstrates his business incapacity, and therefore his incompetency to manage things. But, when, think of it, that Bob

DOING IT, UNDERDOING IT AND OVERDOING IT.

A great many people underdo things. A great many people do things, a great many people overdo things. If we had to judge of the two negative classes, that is to say, the class that underdoes and the class that overdoes, we believe that we had rather accept the class who in some measure underdoes, for out of that class' actions much good remains; but the class that overdoes may bring things to such a tension, such a pitch, until the entire matter may burst and thus destroy all the good that was intended. This is at most invariably the case with people who overdo things. For example, the Bone Dry crowd, or in other words the prohibitionists who are attempting to do things in such a tense way until we judge that the final outcome will be that the strings of their bow will be wound up so tightly until they will finally break, and there will be no tune at all to their fiddle.

A splendid prohibition law is essential. The government has come to the aid of the prohibitionists in that it has passed a law prohibiting the shipment of liquor into dry territory, or into states where the sale of liquor is forbidden. We believe that more people have suffered from overdoing things, than they have from underdoing things. The greatest policy, the best plan is to do things, mediocrity, middle ground, is usually the safest. Either extreme has always proven dangerous and out of harmony with the best state of things.

—The People's Defender.

FAYETTEVILLE.

Misses Myrtle and Eugenia Bonner have just returned from Nashville where many social affairs were given which attested their popularity in the city. The latter took and completed a course in manufacturing during her stay. While there, they were the honored guests of their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Carter of 1502 10th Avenue, South, and friends, Miss Allie Mai Brown of 1102 Fairview Avenue, South. Mrs. Mary Ann Taylor departed this life, February 20th, 1917. She died of heart trouble, her funeral was largely attended at Neal Temple Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Rev. W. S. Bishop, officiating. The deceased

was highly respected by white and colored. She leaves a son, five grandchildren; one of her sons, Harvey proceeded her to the judgment. We extend our sympathy to Mr. John Taylor in this sad hour of bereavement, and ask that he prepare to meet her in the glory land. The choir rendered special music for the occasion. Rev. Reynolds spent Sunday and Sunday night at his church at Kelson, he reports things looking up and desires the prayers of the saints of God, that the true worship of God be established and shown by righteous living and deportment, that there is reality, Christian religion.

BROWNSVILLE.

The Parent Teacher's Association met last Thursday afternoon at the Dunbar Training School. The program was as follows: Select reading—"The Real Gentleman," by Mrs. Pearl Braver was a very instructive selection. Paper—"The Necessity of Training the Hand as well as the Mind," by Mrs. Beulah Turner, was one of the most excellent and ably treated subjects presented since the organization of said Association. The paper was very favorably commented upon by Prof. Jeffries, the Rev. J. W. Evans, James Porter and Parr. The program committee appointed by the president for the ensuing meeting consists of the Rev. A. Parr, Prof. Mc A. Sloan, Mesdames C. E. Lynk, Florence Chandler and Miss Minora Kirby. The vocal duet rendered by Mesdames Lynk and Parr was very effective. Mrs. L. L. Shaw, treasurer, received the dues, which amounted to \$1.50. The meeting closed with brief remarks by the president, Mrs. J. W. Evans. The Improvement Society of the First Baptist Church on Tuesday evening of last week, had the following interesting debate—"Resolved that a Woman should have the Right to Vote." Affirmative, Mr. C. J. Porter, Miss M. O. Kirby, Mrs. Gloria Parker, negative, Mr. J. H. Coleman, Mr. Livingstone Whitelaw, Mrs. C. J. Porter. The judges, Prof. F. E. Jeffries, Mrs. M. L. Parr, Mrs. Willie D. Jarrett, Prof. Mc A. Sloan, Dr. C. M. Gloster, Dr. S. Lewis, Mrs. C. M. Gloster, decided in favor of the negative. The points being 4 to 3. The pupils of the sixth and seventh grades of the Dunbar School have organized a club with Mr. Otis Boatwright, a very promising young man, as president and Miss Sallie Ann Boone, an ideal young school girl, secretary. Mrs. Beulah Turner the competent teacher of this room will take delight in rendering any assistance to make this club of young people a successful and helpful factor in their school life. On last Friday evening from eight until half past ten o'clock, the faculty and students entertained at the Dunbar High School. A special program was rendered. The readings were excellently presented by Ferdie Winfield, Misses Katie Lee Sallie, Ann Boone, Mildred Dixon and Darthulla Thompson. Vocal selection, "Molly and the Baby, Don't you know," by Master Willie John Thompson so effectively rendered, that an encore of necessity followed. Vocal duet, "Brighten the corner where you are," by Mesdames C. E. Lynk and M. L. Parr was happily received. A mixed quartette and a splendid chorus by a large bunch of little folk followed. The girls of the Domestic Science Department prepared the refreshments, which were attractively served, as were the candies, fruits and nuts. The entire entertainment was a success. Principal Jeffries is a wideawake instructor, ably assisted by his excellent corps of teachers. There was a large audience present on Monday evening of this week at Farmer's Chapel to hear

Prince Hosanna on "Habits and Customs of the Darker Continent." At the close of the lecture he greatly entertained the audience in various ways. Mrs. Anna Green, one of the leading hair dressers of Brownsville, spent a few days in the Bluff City recently, the guest of the Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Townsend. Dr. J. L. Curtis spent Sunday and Monday in the Negro Baptist Hospital of Memphis. Dr. G. W. Atkins of Memphis spent the past week in Brownsville, the guest of Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Evans. The Rev. S. P. Morrow of Farmer's Chapel, this city, attended the Farmer's Conference at Lane College, Jackson, Tenn., last week. Mr. Tommie Tyus and Miss Lora Rogers were quietly married on last Sunday, February 25th, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Dock Taylor of Tyus street. The Rev. S. P. Morrow officiated. Mr. Wheeler Jones and Mrs. Venie Voss were largely attended at both church, the parsonage of Farmer's Chapel, the Rev. S. P. Morrow, reading the ceremony. Last Sunday was an ideal day for church going. The services were loyally attended at both churches. Mr. and Mrs. Proctor Taliferro's home was the scene of a prettily arranged party on last Thursday evening of the younger set, in honor of the seventeenth birthday of their daughter, charming, Miss Clara Lue. Dances and cards were the features of the evening and dainty refreshments were served. Misses Clara Lue and Mable Taliferro entertained the last meeting of the Pink Rose Circle. Their needle work is very dainty. An ice course was served. Luther, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Fayette Murphy has recovered after recent illness. Dr. G. B. McIn, our druggist, spent Tuesday evening of this week in Keelung, visiting her mother, Mrs. Agnes McIn. Miss Blanche Walker is in Humboldt, giving piano lessons. Mr. Bruce Tucker, the drummer for Overton Hygienic Co. of Chicago, Ill., spent last Thursday in our city. Mrs. Lella (Smith) Hesse is convalescent at this writing. Little Jessie Tanner is out after recent illness. Mr. J. Livingstone Whitelaw, the capable chauffeur, Messrs. Ferdie Shaw, Willie Murphy, Jimmie Oldham and Henry L. Longley made a flying trip to Jackson, last Sunday. Dr. W. J. Lee of Humboldt is the pleasant guest of Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Evans. Read the Globe and keep pace with times. Globe 234 and little agent, John Frank Evans will supply your wants immediately. Rev. Morgan Holoway has moved in his home on Cherry St., recently purchased. Prof. M. A. Sloane boards with Mr. and Mrs. Shack Oldham.

PRESIDENT BOOKER GETS RAW.

"The editorial published last week in The People's Defender (!) all based on the statement that 'if reports are true,' etc., is a wilful, infamous lie. Surely Dr. Gaines has reached desperate straits and has resolved to ruin himself in trying to ruin others. In this case, as in hundreds of other cases, the President invites investigation. But this is the thing that Dr. Gaines does not take the pains to give. He bases all his unbot attacks on his personal spite and on 'if reports are true,' etc. We repeat: Come and see, 'if reports are true.'"—Vanguard.

The clipping from the Vanguard is

copied and republished for the purpose of giving the public a bird's-eye view of the man and conditions behind the pen. Evidently, the language portrays him in what may be commonly termed, in a very raw condition. The editorial referred to in the People's Defender was under the heading "Near Riot at the Arkansas Baptist College." It is to be admitted that if the occurrence did not take place, and if there was nothing to it whatever that the editorial in question was enough to irritate to a very high degree those directly concerned. The editor of the People's Defender did not assume the responsibility for what happened, or for the report, but there can be no reasonable doubt whatever but that there was not a very hot time around the institution. The things that stings is that the People's Defender got on to it and told the public about it. Heretofore those in authority have been able to smuggle and put under cover their mischief and unpollished conduct, but such conditions do not obtain any more since the People's Defender man is on the scene. The editor of the People's Defender asked the editor of the Vanguard when he without warrant put out the editorials of the Vanguard, whether or not he did not think he was doing wrong, and whether or not he did not think he was putting out the wrong man. He received as an answer that the Vanguard had to subserve the policy of the president of the college and president of the State Convention. Ever since that day the editor of the People's Defender has been on his trail letting the people know something about his conduct.

There are two things about the editorial excerpt about which we would like to call attention. First, is the language used by the president in his little editorial, "wilful, infamous lie." The editor of the People's Defender has been saying all along that he was not sufficiently polished and did not have the real ability to be the president of the institution, and in these few little words he demonstrates to the world his incompetency. Being without argument or decent language, or proper sentiment of soul, he resorts to the language of the commoner, the ruffian, the unpollished—"Wilful, infamous lie"—and thus sets up an example for all the school force to be vulgar whenever they get in a controversy with their fellows. The expression is simply the outcroppings of a bad heart. In all of the writings of the editor of the People's Defender, he has never used language that was tainted with vulgarity and ruffianism. His contentions have always been right and just, and he has resorted to only polished, high-toned, gentlemanly means to combat and carry them through.

The second thought in the editorial is that he invites you to inves-

tigate. If one should undertake to investigate, who are they going to call on the stand as witnesses, for he is known to everybody that neither student nor teacher could be persuaded to open their mouths, for they know full well if they were to tell the truth about any occurrence around there that off would come their heads. They know and have felt the pressure of the iron heel of the president, and like slaves with a master they would not dare speak the truth about any occurrences that they knew were against his will, because if they were teachers they would be dismissed, summarily put aside, and regarded as fighters of the institution. If they were students they would be abused out of chapel, sent home in disgrace. Well does he know that no investigation could avail anything there. But there are plenty of students and teachers, too, who know that the occurrence was true, or that there were considerable things happened around there and that the editor of the People's Defender did not make the report about a lady member of the faculty going home for a gun. It was brought to him by those who were on the ground and saw and heard the occurrence. You can't fool anybody. You know that the editor of the People's Defender knows and that everybody else knows who is acquainted with the iron methods that no investigation could reach the truth of matters. Then again, the little editorial intimates that Dr. Gaines, the editor of the People's Defender, should have investigated before he wrote upon the matter. But Dr. Gaines, the editor of the People's Defender, is simply following the tactics laid down and the plan adopted by Dr. Booker, the editor of the Baptist Vanguard, for it is well known to everybody who has taken any interest in public affairs as it applies to Baptists and so as it applies to the editors, that the editor of the Vanguard has cared nothing whatever for an investigation nor for the truth of things when it came to any question relative to the editor of the People's Defender, that the Vanguard has carried all kinds of reports known to be untrue, libelous and scandalous about the editor of the People's Defender. If he wanted to be fair, why did he not investigate the reports and allegations made by Mr. Cook, and made by himself when he said that the editor of the People's Defender had stolen the money of the Union District Association and bought an automobile with it? If investigations were right and if men should not say anything until they had had a thorough investigation, why did he not investigate? The fact is plain that he wants men to play mighty sweet with him, but he wants to destroy every other man. What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander, old gentleman.

—The People's Defender.

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