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LITERARY TASTE GOOD; ETHICS QUESTIONABLE

The Los Angeles Post has good literary taste. It uses most generously special articles and editorials from The Monitor. Two weeks ago it appropriated two of our editorials. Last week it appropriated to its use nearly our entire editorial page verbatim et literatim.

This appropriation of our literary labors has been repeatedly done under the Post's new editor without giving The Monitor credit. Other contemporaries and exchanges have done us the honor of quoting our editorials and special articles, but they have given The Monitor credit as good newspaper ethics and common honesty demand.

This the Post seems to think absolutely unnecessary or unimportant. While we compliment the Post on its discriminating literary taste, we would respectfully suggest that hereafter it endeavor to bring its ethical standard to a corresponding plane. Verbum sat sapienti.

OH, THAT WATERMELON

Just before the National House of Representatives adjourned the other day, Mr. Adamson, of Georgia invited those present to his committee room. Nearly 100 members, including the Speaker, minority and majority leaders and a member of the cabinet responded to find that they had been invited to a watermelon feast. Every desk, table and chair in the room was topped by one of the forty Georgia melons. Yet there is hardly ever an advertisement of watermelons without the caricature of a Colored face.—The Baltimore Afro-American.

Of course, Colored people like watermelons, Brother Murphy. It shows our good taste. When it comes to appreciation of the toothsome and artistic we are there. Let us rejoice that even the members of the National House of Representatives are showing such signs of progress as their apparent enjoyment of a real luscious watermelon indicates. But Georgia melons are not in it with Nebraska melons.

THE DANISH WEST INDIES

The United States has acquired three of the Danish West Indies, St. John, St. Thomas and St. Croix. From a strategic point they are considered valuable acquisitions. They afford convenient harbors and naval bases. The products of these islands are sugar and rum and the sugar industry alone will speedily repay the purchase price. The population numbers nearly 35,000, the vast majority of whom are Negroes.

Our hope is that American preju-

dice will not carry its blight to these islands. Danes will not brook the customary indignities imposed by Americans on people of color. The acquisition of these islands introduces a newer factor into the race problem.

PUBLIC COMFORT STATIONS

The World-Herald, in a recent editorial, hits the mark when it calls attention to the fact that Omaha is sadly behind other cities in the important matter of public comfort stations. Places of this kind are not luxuries, but necessities; and the authorities should see to it that they are provided.

What are public comfort stations? Simply clean sanitary, well-kept easily accessible public toilets. These are needed badly. The city should take immediate steps to provide them.

YES, WE'VE NOTICED IT

Have you noticed the amount of news we print?—The Centimeter.

Yes, we have noticed it and so have many others "the amount of local news" our local contemporary copies directly from The Monitor each week.

The Eighth Illinois Regiment has been noted for its gentlemanly behavior and conduct wherever it has been. The press of San Antonio recently spoke in highest terms of the department of the men of this regiment. So you can just put it down as an absolute certainty that whatever trouble has been reported from that section of the country is due to those valorous (?) Texans who were too cowardly to enlist, but who are mightily brave when it comes to lynching and burning helpless Negro boys.

The industrial situation for the race is improving throughout the country. Opportunities for work in hitherto inaccessible fields are opening up in most unexpected places.

Have you made your will? This is an important matter. To do so will not shorten your days, but will protect your family.

Wherever our people are given employment they ought to see to it that they make good.

Do you carry life insurance?

CIVILIZATION

Civilization, like charity, should begin at home. The thought is suggested by yesterday's atrocity at Waco, in Texas. Those who have been contending that it is the duty of the United States to carry civilization into Mexico, may now pause to consider the

previous, more urgent need of making civilization a reality in Texas. Usually, when the crime of lynching is committed, the lawless mob is comparatively small. According to all reports, more than half the population of Waco witnessed, with approval, or at least without protest, an act of lynching in most horrible form. Such reversion to savagery, of the greater part of a nominally civilized community, is beyond comprehension. And there was not the shadow of an excuse, but this, the insane rage of some, because contagious with insatiable effect. "Get the Negro," was the cry, and the mob responded. The law was trampled under foot. The suggestion that he be hanged was rejected. Nothing short of the torture that the most savage tribes of Indians used to inflict upon prisoners would satisfy the lawless horde's greed for the most cruel form of revenge. So they burned the boy.

And the number of the participants in the unspeakably disgraceful act precludes the possibility of punishment of any of them. Waco has dis-

graced itself, the state, the nation.—The Chicago Defender.

SWAT THE SKEETER

Al Sorenson, thou veteran sage,
Premier of the printed page,
Who long hast raised thy battle cry:
"Swat, oh swat, and swat the fly."
Continues till thy "scintillations,"
But noting the skeeter's perigrinations,

His epidermal puncturations
Eliciting unprintable ejaculations
From all who feel the sting
Of this winged noisy thing;
Start a crusade 'gainst this foe,
Breeder of disease and woe,
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Smite the sassy mosquito,
Swat and swat and swat thou fleeter,
Swat the singing stinging skeeter.

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