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A SIGNIFICANT ACTION.

The Corn Exchange National Bank of Chicago recently gave employment in the institution, presumably clerical positions, we have not been advised as to that, to two young colored women and one young man. The Foresters, a strong fraternal race organization, thereupon withdrew its deposits, amounting all told to a large sum, from other banking institutions and deposited it with the Corn Exchange Bank. Other secret societies and individuals, it is alleged, are going to do the same thing.

This action is significant, suggestive and commendable. It shows that our people are beginning to wake up and are determined to give their patronage, banking, commercial and other, to firms and institutions that are at least willing to make the effort to "tote fair."

Only last week, in commenting in these columns on the reports of building and loan companies, and urging our readers to use such institutions in saving their money and buying homes, we called attention to the fact that none of these institutions in Omaha gives our race any employment whatsoever, not even so much as a janitorship. The same is true with two notable exceptions, of the banks of this city, in which our people are comparatively heavy depositors. Two banks, the United States National and the Omaha National, each employ a colored man as messenger. Why should not others do at least as much as this? More than this, why could not a clerical position for some capable colored young man or woman be found among the large clerical force employed by the larger banks of the city? Perhaps if the race in Omaha follows the example of their Chicago brethren such an opening may be found or made.

Individually, the deposits made by our people may be small, but when taken in the aggregate and the funds of the numerous secret societies and fraternal organizations are taken into account, they run well up into the thousands. The judicious concentration of such deposits in the banking institutions which give employment to our people we believe would prove advantageous to us.

And in this connection, why should not a concerted move be made upon the part of our people to obtain employment not only in banks and commercial institutions, but also in public utility concerns like the Omaha Electric Light and Power Company, the Omaha Gas and the Nebraska Telephone Company? Our people spend thousands of dollars yearly with all these concerns. Why

should they not give us some returns in the way of employment?

To the gentlemen in charge of these institutions we are taking the liberty of sending copies of The Monitor with this editorial marked. We respectfully ask you to consider as a matter of simple economic justice, if you are acting quite fair in withholding employment within your gift from a class of people who constitute, in accordance with their numbers, a large percentage of your patrons? Doubtless, you have never thought of it in this light, if at all. Please consider it now, and as fair-minded men, we are quite sure you will admit that our contention is absolutely right. Whether you will have the moral courage to take favorable action in our behalf is another question. We hope some of you have.

It will be well for us all to take note of the significant action of the colored people of Chicago, as symptomatic of the growing demand of colored Americans everywhere for reasonable reciprocity.

KEEP YOUR MOUTH CLEAN.

You read an exceedingly interesting, instructive and practical article in last week's issue under Science Notes on Oral Sepsis. The article was contributed by Dr. Craig Morris, one of our dentists, who is a graduate of Creighton Dental College, and shows how an unclean mouth furnishes a choice breeding ground for bacteria which cause decayed teeth and abscesses, the result of which will eventually poison the whole system and engender many serious diseases to which flesh may easily fall heir. The chief burden of this instructive article is this: KEEP YOUR MOUTH CLEAN.

And, by the way, this is an excellent motto to keep constantly before our young men especially, although, be it said to their shame, old men need to keep it in mind, too, and so do many young girls and women. We might be bold enough to add to this list old women, too, were it not that there are so few "old women" these days.

So many boys and young men foul their mouths with profanity and salacious jokes and stories that it shows "moral sepsis" to be very prevalent. Foul language indicates a foul mind. A foul mind means a vitiated or weakened moral nature. Now just as the whole physical nature can become diseased by neglecting to cleanse the mouth, so the moral nature can become diseased by dirty speech.

To avoid "oral sepsis" and the pain and suffering which it brings,

"keep your mouth clean," and to avoid "moral sepsis", with its sad and far-reaching misery and woe, "keep your mouth clean."

An educational anti-spitting campaign has been started by Mrs. H. C. Sumney with the purpose of abolishing the habit of promiscuous spitting which is a menace to the public health. The plan proposed to accomplish this is educational, rather than legislative. This nuisance has been abated considerably, if not almost entirely, on street cars and public conveyances. There has been some improvement too in this matter in reference to spitting on sidewalks, since to do so is punishable by a fine. But there is lots of room for further improvement, and if the people can be brought to see that this habit is a menace to public health, the reform sought will be speedily accomplished. It is up to each individual to see that he does not offend in this matter and to make himself a willing helper in this educational campaign.

Funds are being raised for the relief of the Jews who are suffering untold privations because of the European war. It is to be hoped that our people will cheerfully contribute to the relief fund. Aside from humanitarian instincts which should move us to give is the fact that in this country the Jews have shown themselves to be loyal and dependable friends of our race.

We desire to remind political candidates that our columns are open for their advertisements and that if they desire to reach the colored voters they can do so with the least expense by using The Monitor. Our advertising columns are open to candidates of all parties.

That western kid-napping story struck us when we read it, as fishy. So it was an elopement after all, just what we thought it was.

If it is our duty never to do wrong at all, it is also our duty never to repay wrong with wrong.—Plato.

"POLLY TICKS."

Do you know "Polly Ticks?" She's a coy, elusive and fascinating maiden of rather doubtful age, whom many love to woo. Get your name on her list as one of her ardent wooers. Gentlemen, if you have a political aspiration

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MOHR MURDER CASE

ATTRACTS ATTENTION.

(Continued from first page.)

Healis brings another great complication.

Public sentiment in and about Providence is greatly divided. Many persons sympathize with Mrs. Mohr, and quite a number sympathize with Brown and Spellman, but little or no sympathy is evidenced for Healis, who turned State's evidence, and thereby sacrificed his alleged conspirators.

Lawyer William H. Lewis, the famous Boston attorney, at one time, assistant United States Attorney, is the only unpaid attorney in the case. It has been said that Brown's eighteen year old wife is retaining Mr. Lewis, but such is not the case. Mr. Lewis said his presence in the case was simply altruistic, and not in an effort to gain fame and fortune. However, he is being praised on all sides because of his recognized ability and his conspicuous refinement. He never indulges in unnecessary discussion. Every time he rises he has some sufficient cause, and two-thirds of his objections are sustained by the court. In cross-examination, Mr. Lewis is exceedingly clever. His rapid-fire method of sending questions at the State's witness is the feature of the trial.—John R. Williams in Baltimore Afro-American.

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