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THE INDUSTRIAL SITUATION

THE industrial situation throughout the country is becoming acute. Large numbers of people are becoming idle. Various reasons are assigned for this. We simply chronicle the fact. We do not attempt to analyze the cause or causes. Our purpose is to urge our people who have jobs to do their level best to hold them. This means that they must be efficient, prompt, painstaking and render the best service that they know how. The natural tendency, as The Monitor pointed out some months ago, will be to lay off our people first and especially in the newer fields of employment to which they were admitted during the exigencies of a labor shortage growing out of war conditions. In these fields we have made good, it is true, but to retain the places gained it will call for continued vigilance and industry. Hold your job. Watch your expenses. Save your money for the proverbial rainy day. Let no one mislead you as to the seriousness of the industrial situation.

BROKEN FAMILIES

THERE is no sadder spectacle than that of broken families and especially so where there are children who suffer from these separations. Cases are becoming all too frequent in which people who have lived together for years and reared children separate without any thought of the great moral wrong they are committing. Frequently a woman has struggled heroically to help the man get a start and just when they should be enjoying a little comfort he gets a huff and leaves. Sometimes the husband has struggled and sacrificed to get ahead and then the wife deserts him. Doubtless there is blame on both sides. Nine cases out of ten, there is another man or woman in the case. The most cowardly thing, however, is for the man who has begotten a large number of children to forsake his family and leave his wife to struggle for an existence. There are too many broken homes. There is too little appreciation of the seriousness involved in these fractures of the domestic relations. A little more patience and forbearance and a vast deal of more unselfishness on the part of both men and women will go a long way towards lessening the moral menace of broken families.

IS THIS QUITE CONSISTENT?

THE editor was busy getting out "copy." He was called to the phone. A lady indignant over the use of the word "Negro" in one of the local dailies wanted The Monitor to urge the colored people to stop taking the daily in question. We told her that the publication in question was not a greater offender in this regard than others and that we must keep asking the dailies to change their methods and that there was some improvement to be noted in this line. Then we asked, "Do you subscribe for and read The Monitor?" She answered in the negative. We suggested that one effective way to combat the practice which caused her indignation would be to support our own publications which are doing their best to fight the race's peculiar battles in opposing the insidious propaganda which the daily press consciously or unconsciously is spreading.

We wonder how many of our people are like this good woman? They represent the attitude of certain dailies in their reports of events among our group and yet they fail to support their own publications. Do you get the point?

A WORTHY BUSINESS VENTURE

THE Monitor congratulates the Co-operative Workers of America upon the auspicious opening of the grocery department of their proposed department store. This department is one of which any institution should feel proud. A corps of courteous clerks was on hand to take care of

it over the front door and ponder the lines and angles of its truthfulness.

WHAT THE EDITORS SAY

NEGRO TEACHER TRAINING SCHOOLS

Three-fourths of the teachers in the rural colored public schools in the south have not gone beyond the fourth or fifth grade in their own education. With such teachers, much of the money used for Negro schools is in effect wasted. With the higher Negro schools furnishing barely enough teachers to fill vacancies, southern men have had to work out a new plan to secure a supply of teachers. The scheme is for one school in a county to become a training school for teachers. That school must have at least five teachers, an eight months' term, eight grades of work, and added courses in industries and teaching, with real high school work where possible. Once a school meets these conditions and receives an increased appropriation from the county, the Slater Fund or the General Education Board help out with contributions for salaries and equipment. The new system was launched eight years ago with four schools, to which county boards gave \$3,344, and the Slater Board \$2,000. This year there are 107. They received from county boards \$239,000 from the Slater Board \$53,000, and from the General Education Board \$61,000. They had 628 teachers, and 29,000 pupils, 1,500 of them of high school grade. The value of the land, buildings and equipment connected with these schools is \$1,026,000, \$275,000 of which was added within the year. Twenty-nine of the schools have teachers' homes, and fifteen have dormitories for children from a distance. Eighty-one schools have boarders in nearby homes. These schools are some of the south's most promising assets today, whether from a moral or an economic standpoint. They are beacons of hope for both races in the rural sections, where three-fourths of the Negroes still live and where ignorance and inefficiency have too long flourished.—Christian Work.

the patrons. The line of goods displayed match those of any other grocery in the city. The goods and service are all that can be desired. We see no reason why this worthy business venture may not be a great success and we call upon our people to see to it that it does not suffer from lack of proper patronage and support on our part. We are advised that other departments will be opened as speedily as practicable.

SYNCOATED SPASMS

SOME ancient onion once made the remark that competition is the life of trade. We suppose he was right, because we are always looking for the guys who are competing with each other and trying to demonstrate just how cheaply they can sell the needs of our people without going busted and hanging up a card with the word "Bankrupt" written across the face of it. But the competition of which the antique vegetable spoke was fair and square competition. It didn't mean starting a lie factory and distributing the wares throughout the community, nor did it mean taking unfair advantage of your competitor and trying to ease him into the discard deck. That isn't competition. That is just low down oneriness. What we need in this community is more competition of the clean kind and less of the dirty work. If you and your cullud brother happen to be jogging along in the same line of business, it doesn't mean that every time his name is mentioned that you have to open the vials of wrath and introduce a miniature thunder storm. Neither does it mean that every time he has a customer, you must grab friend customer by the coat tail and tell him that he is about to be trimmed and totally wrecked. The chances are that if he heads you you will wreck him worse than friend competitor. Did you ever take a slant at this side of the debate? If you never did it isn't too late to learn. The only trouble about being a human trip hammer is that some day the public will find you out and when it does, O, mama! It leaves you a hurt to nurse for the rest of your earthly days. So, to the cullud business men of this here rising and hefty community, weigh wisely these words. If you haven't got a pair of scales about the shack, weigh them just the same. You will find that they balance nicely with the ideas of clean business. In these days and hours you have got to show what you can do and stop bellowing about what the other chap can't do. This is the new business idea. Hang

Proverbs and Paragraphs

He that ruleth his spirit is better than he that taketh a city.—Bible.

Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach unto any people.—Bible.

A rich man's sin is no better and no worse than a poor man's sin.

Between the children of the same home there ought to be the closest intimacy, affection and courtesy. And this should apply also to community and nation.

Every newspaper carries some tragic story which verifies the warning of Holy Writ that the wages of sin is death.

The family that has the advantage of a father's wise counsel and a mother's love, that is sustained by the skill of the one and the tender care of the other, presents the best moral, intellectual and physical conditions of development.

URGES CONSIDERATION OF ANTI-LYNCHING BILL

(By the Associated Negro Press)
 BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 2.—An early consideration of the anti-lynching bill is asked by the Rev. M. A. N. Shaw of Boston, president of the National

Equal Rights league, in communications sent to Representative Volstead, re-elected chairman of the judiciary committee, which introduced the bill in the house last May; to Representative Dyer of St. Louis, re-elected, author of the bill, and to Representative Gillett of Massachusetts, speaker of the house.

The KITCHEN CABINET

SEASONABLE GOOD THINGS.

Our thoughts determine our acts and therefore our lives, as well as the influence of our lives upon all about us, either by way of good or by way of hindrance, with absolute precision.—Ralph Waldo Trine.

At this season sweetmeats are very popular. The following is wholesome and not hard to prepare:

Nut, Date and Chocolate Sweetmeat—Heat four tablespoonfuls of honey or maple sirup to the boiling point; add half a pound of the slightly sweet dipping chocolate and let stand over hot water until the chocolate is soft; add one package of dates, cut from the seeds in small even pieces, half a cupful of blanched almonds, cut in shreds and one teaspoonful of vanilla. Mix well with a wooden spoon to blend thoroughly. Have ready some biscuit tins or a brick mold lined with parchment paper. Press the mixture into the mold and cover with paper, then lay on a weight. Let stand six hours to ripen.

Fruit Cup—For five glasses take one orange, three bananas, half a package of dates, one cupful of white grapes, measured after they are skinned, cut in halves and seeded, 12 pistachio nuts, the juice of half a lemon and three-fourths of a cupful of cream. Remove all the peeling and membrane from the orange, separate into sections and cut each in halves crosswise. Peel the banana, scrape to remove the threads, cut in thin, even slices and squeeze over them the juice of half a lemon. Pour boiling water over the dates, drain and place on a dish to dry in a hot oven, then remove the pits and cut in sections. Mix all the fruit together, then dispose in glasses, pouring the fruit sirup over it. Whip the cream and pipe it above the fruit; serve very cold.

Prune and Cottage Cheese Salad—Soak choice prunes over night; cook until tender. When cold cut open, remove the stones, and cut the prunes in smooth even pieces. Press cottage cheese for an hour or longer, then cut in half-inch cubes. For each serving beat two tablespoonfuls of thick prune juice, a teaspoonful each of lemon juice and sugar or honey and two tablespoonfuls of olive oil until thick. Place a layer of the prunes on lettuce hearts, the cheese above. Pour over the dressing and serve at once.

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Nellie Maxwell

HENRY LINCOLN JOHNSON GOES TO WASHINGTON (By the Associated Negro Press)
 Chicago, Dec. 2.—Henry Lincoln Johnson, national republican committeeman from Georgia, has gone to Washington, where he expects to remain in close touch with congress during the final days of the democratic administration, and lay the foundation for the adjustment and reconstruction program that the entire race is demanding at this time.

ISSUES BULLETIN ON LABOR CONDITIONS (By the Associated Negro Press)
 CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 2.—Fearing widespread unemployment of colored men and women in Chicago, the Urban league of that city is issuing a weekly bulletin, setting forth the labor conditions as reflected by the work of its industrial department. The league is sending out a general warning to all workers to stick to their jobs.

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