

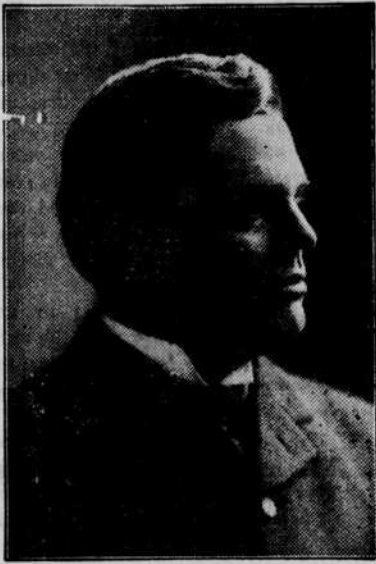
# THE FORUM

"Be ye doers and not sayers only."

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## Governor Deneen.

The governor has inaugurated a crusade for certain reforms that his adherents think entitles him to a second term and on these grounds, in a great measure, his petitions are being circulated. But politics are like stocks and the market prices—they fluctuate and no one knows what may transpire between now and the time for the next state convention. Gov. Deneen was the prin-



cipal speaker at the Lovejoy gathering at Greenville this week in which he lauded Owen Lovejoy for his position against slavery in 1860, quoting liberally from the memorable speech of Lovejoy. Ex-Gov. Yates captivated the vast throng, as he usually does and it could be easily seen that he is by far, the most popular governor within a decade.

Ex.Senator "Billy" Mason was conspicuous for his arraignment of United Senator Hopkins for the senator's attitude in the Reed Smoot affair. Lieut.Gov. Sherman paid his respects to the federal bunch.

Governor Deneen may be nominated.

## Race Mortality.

How to check the rapid progress of tuberculosis among our race is a question of vast reach. The increasing mortality as a result of this dreaded and loathsome disease is alarming.

I verily believe that for the general happiness and safety of the careless, indifferent and thoughtless element, it would be a good idea to confine a system of inspection not only to the premises; but extend its operation in doors and have the inmates submit to a minute and comprehensive examination, so as to protect the greatest number possible from this fatal malady.—Exchange.

## Appeal Made by Negro Conclave.

### PREJUDICE CALLED DIS-EASE.

(Continued from last week)

It blinds the legislators to the basic principles of government and the highest interests of the state. Partial and unequal laws are creating a universal lawlessness in the nation. Legislation shaping the destiny of great state should not be controlled by the demagogues.

Courts where law is interpreted and guilt or innocence is determined by orderly and just processes is the one place where every man should stand on equal footing; in this guarantee and proof of real civilization rich or poor, black or white, foreign or native born, should be guaranteed a fair trial by his peers and feels safe. There goes with this sense of security, self-respect and respect for law. But, on the other hand, if courts are intimidated by the mob spirit and the right of trial by jury be reserved to a favored class, then the strong are are tempted to cruelty and the weak become hopelessly discouraged or depending of higher things, bold in vice and crime. The product of such conditions is poor stuff out of which to make strong and enduring states.

The commonwealth derives its existence from the sanction of all who are subject to its sway, and is not created for the special benefit of a privileged class, and here we disclaim before the world that we as a race are inclined to conceal criminals or conceal crime. and we further declare that we are often made to feel that we are the victims of criminal solidarity, but as soon as the supremacy of the law is recognized and the right of trial by jury is guaranteed to all, there will then be no occasion for such accusation.

We, the Afro-Americans of Missouri, believe class legislation is tyrannous and degrading. The state which draws its life and strength from all past ages and from a thousand sources from even the humblest and the poorest, does not exist for a few or a privileged class. This spirit which sets one branch of the American family aside and brands it as unclean and yet welcome the intruding millions of all lands is dangerous, unjust and unwise, being a flagrant violation of constitutional rights. Such a policy if continued will ultimately rob millions of loyal citizens of their patriotism and will weaken the republic, for the day may come when the prophetic words of Lincoln shall be true, "The time may come when we shall need the affectionate patriotism of these people to keep the jewel of liberty in the American family." (To be continued.)

## Notice.

The members of Estella Chapter No. 3 are requested to meet at Masonic hall, Tuesday, July 30. It is the desire that the day be spent, if impossible, meet at 3 p. m.

## A POPULAR HOTEL MAN.

Charles Barton, who has been headwaiter of the Illinois hotel in Bloomington for the past four or five years, is in the city with Mrs. Barton, having resigned his position in the above named city. They are the guests of Mrs. Barton's mother.

Mr. Barton has accepted the headwaitership of a large hotel



Charles H. Barton.

in Baltimore, Maryland, at no distant date. Mr. Barton for a time, was employed at the Leland hotel. As a headwaiter, he is second to none, he guides his men without friction, is strict, but without that egotistic austerity that characterizes some headwaiters. He will "make good" in the city on the Chesapeake and our best wishes are that he does.

## Bloomington, Ill.

The four churches of Bloomington held their union concert last Friday with decided success at the A. M. E. church. Solos were rendered by Misses Veela LaSuere, Rowena Watson and Myrtle Anderson. Miss Alberta Wyche rendered an instrumental selection.

Miss Blanche Hoagland and Mr. and Mrs. Barton are visiting in Springfield.

Pearl Robinson entertained a number of his friends Thursday with a party in honor of Miss Della Chavis of Peoria.

Elder Geo. Hoagland will fill the pulpit at Cobdin, Ill., Sunday in Elder John Jack's place at the Christchurch.

Miss Clara Stevenson is improving slowly with her foot. It is hoped that she will soon entirely recover.

## Oxford, Miss., News Notes.

The people are earnestly requested to send their children to school, most of the rural schools have opened for 2 months, summer term and they should not allow one day to pass.

The Negro business houses do a good business. The people are learning the value and necessity of race pride.

Rev. Lindsey is pastor of Second Baptist church, and Dr. N. H. Williams of M. E. church. Don't let your church be trodden under the mire because you have a real or imaginary grievance against your pastor. Do your duty to your church and pastor and if it be the wiser thing, have a change at the next conference

Our people need to be aroused to the needs along educational and pride lines. In business they are doing well. W. R. Bowles and J. D. Collins, doing a fine business. Some one can make money by opening a Dry Goods business. J. C. Sanders, Mrs. Kate Barr, Ed Herd and Mrs. Sykes are also doing good business, as is Mrs. Ida Jones.

The Forum will be in charge, at this place, of Prof F. C. Neilson, parties wishing to subscribe or publish any matter may see Mr. Neilson.

## MORTUARY

Mrs. Nancy Rogers, aged 60 years, a member of the M. E. Church for 35 years, died July 18 and was buried last week at St. Peters cemetery. The funeral was preached by Rev. Mr. Wright. She leaves several brothers, one sister, a husband, two daughters and three sons and a host of relatives and friends who mourn their loss.

The family of the deceased desire to return thanks for the many kindnesses shown by their white and colored friends who acted so neighborly toward them during illness and death and burial of their mother and wife.

## Mrs. Susan

## Davis Honored.

The Juvenile Society Auxiliary to Household of Ruth No. 190, gave a reception for their District Directress, Mrs. Susan Davis, at their hall on N. 5th street. A bouquet of beautiful flowers and a silver pitcher was presented to her, after which delicious refreshments were served by the directors: Mesdames Elizabeth Taylor and Julia Oliver. Mrs. Davis has just returned from the session of the Knights and Daughters of Tabor where she received the office of Vice-Grand Preceptress for the state of Illinois.