

# WILL SEPARATE RACES ON CARS

Council Adopts Ordinance of Alderman Finley.

EFFECTIVE WITHIN TEN DAYS

A Substitute Submitted by Alderman Kohn Was Tabled.

Street Railroad Companies are Required to Provide Seats in Separate Parts of Cars for Whites and Blacks.

With an apparent intention to go the full limit and to get the matter of street car regulation off its hands the City Council last night passed the ordinance for the separate accommodation of the races, which was introduced by Alderman Finley and printed Saturday morning. The ordinance will go into effect within ten days. It is as follows:

"Section 1. That all street railroads operated in the City of Montgomery and its police jurisdiction shall provide separate accommodations for white people and negroes on said street railroads by requiring the conductor or other employe in charge of said car, or cars, to assign passengers to seats on the cars under their charge in such manner as to separate the white people from the negroes when there are both white people and negroes on the same car except that negro nurses having in charge white children or sick or infirm white persons may be assigned seats among the white people.

"Sec. 2. That all conductors and other employes while in charge of cars are hereby invested with the police power of a police officer of said city to carry out said provision, and any passenger refusing or failing to take a seat among those assigned to the race to which he belongs (if there is any such seat vacant) at the request of said car, shall upon conviction be fined not more than \$100.

"Sec. 3. That all street railroads, companies, the superintendent of said company and any officer, agent or employe who shall fail or refuse to provide for, and enforce such separation of the races as is herein provided upon the cars of said company operating in the city of Montgomery and its police jurisdiction shall upon conviction be fined not more than \$100 for each day they so fail to provide such separate accommodations.

"Sec. 4. That nothing in this ordinance shall be construed as prohibiting the street railroads from separating the races by means of separate cars or trailers on such lines as they may see fit.

"Sec. 5. That this ordinance shall take effect immediately after its adoption."

After reading the ordinance to the Council, Alderman Finley moved a suspension of the rules, which was granted.

Alderman Kohn presented a substitute setting apart the front part of the cars for whites and the rear part for negroes, and requiring the spaces marked, making it unlawful for one to ride in the places allotted to the other.

Alderman Davis suggested trailers after each car and separate cars for the races.

Alderman Finley said he objected to the substitute on account of its making it unlawful and levying a fine upon the whites for going into the part set aside for negroes. He had studied the matter carefully, and was of the opinion that his ordinance was decidedly better.

Alderman Davis moved to table the substitute, and it was adopted by a vote of 8 to 3.

The ordinance was then unanimously adopted and the members of the Council appeared to be greatly relieved that the street car problem had been solved for the present.