SEPARATION LAW IGNORED.

IT IS UP TO THE AUTHORITIES TO SEE WHETHER IT SHALL BE OBEYED BY CAR OFFICIALS.

Yesterday morning a negro woman boarded a Government street car of the line of the Mobile Light and Railroad company on Government street near Jackson. The rear seats were occupied by white men and there were two conductors on the car, one going home. One of the conductors said to the other, "Move those men up front and put the negro on the back seat." The man who was in charge of the car said, "No, the negroes can ride wherever they please now." Some of the passengers expressed surprise and asked when this went into effect and was told that the order had been issued that morning that henceforth the law separating the whites from the blacks was to be ignored.

This incident showed the policy to be adopted by the street car company in the future. Mr. Wilson, manager of the company, was seen by a reporter for The Register and asked about it. He said no order had been issued but that the negroes would now be allowed to sit wherever they pleased and he would test the law. He said the reason for this

was because the whites would not obey the law and were continually giving the conductors trouble by refusing to sit where they were told. He said that if the law had been enforced it would have resulted in the arrest of the wife and daughter of one of the city officials and that there was hardly a car on which the whites did not cause trouble by refusing to move when they were asked to do so. He said if the law continued in force he would have to take off cars or cut the pay of his men. His idea, he said, was to test the constitutionality of the law.

Some people who saw the law non-enforced yesterday upon being told by the car men that the law was no longer operative were under the impression that the council had repealed the separation law and that it was no longer a law. This is not correct. The law is still a law and has not been repealed. Any conductor violating it is liable to arrest and fine for each violation of it.