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JIM CROW CARS KNOCKED OUT.

Judge R. M. Call of Jacksonville, Fla., handed down a decision declaring the Jim Crow, street car law recently enacted in that state, unconstituitonal. for white people. This, the judge declares, is class legislation.

If we are not mistaken, every Jim Crow car law in this country contains the same provision. The people who demand this class of legislation have no objection whatever to the Negro as a servant; it is only as an educated lady otherwise. or gentleman that they hate him. All class legislation, because the Federal ONE BY ONE THE ROSES FALL. this. They have been doing that ever Constitution knows neither race nor color, and any law enacted compelling guilty a few days ago to stealing a stock- cessful as the silly billy goat that butted the races to sit or ride separately on ing and \$12 from a struggling woman off his head against a stone wall. After common carriers is class legislation. who had him employed, a lovely rose the wall would not go his way. After This is too well known to admit of com- fell from that cluster of wife beaters helping to carry this state for McKinley ment. The case was conducted by and grafters who run the Afro-Ameri- in 1896, we undertook the herculean task Messrs. Wetmore and Purcell, colored can Council. The facts in the case are of dividing the Negro vote of this city attorneys. They hired a colored man these: Hon. (?) Wm. Strother runs and state, so as to but them in a position to board a street car and take a seat in an express wagon in Pasadena. A hard- to get a respectable share of political the compartment set apart for white working woman hired him to move her spoils secured with the aid of their people. He was promptly arrested and household goods. Among her effects votes. This the gang fought with all lodged in jail. The attorneys took out was an old stocking and \$12. a writ of habeas corpus and paid the that the Florida Supreme Court will go ored men of that city. on record for simple justice and fair play. God forbid that the case ever dalous. President Roosevelt, the friend hundred fold. reach the United States Supreme Court, of humanity, has said that the Negro ble to happen.

city.

car companies were so anxious to get same" be made good? Shall the charge the Negroes back on their cars that they that the commission of crime does not races on the same day that the decision themselves be proven true? was handed down. The colored people Those wife beaters and grafters who of Jacksonville deserve the gratitude of run the Council cannot stultify themthe Negroes of the entire country. As selves by asking Strother to resign. As soon as the Negroes learn to make the there will be nothing in the treasury to The law provides that Negro servants fight for their rights a common cause, steal, any old thief can safely hold down may ride in the compartment set aside the class legislation that disgraces the the job. statute books of so many of the states will find a resting place in hell with WILL FIGHT EVERY PROPOSIslavery and its friends and beneficiaries. Messrs. Wetmore and Purcell are rendering a great service to the race in

for himself than any one else.

The whole negro population simply petty thieves. Shall the oft-repeated kept away from the cars. The street insinuation that "all Negroes are the ripped out the partitions separating the lower the Negro's social status among

TION.

It has been given out by the grafters Florida and the country as well. They who run the Afro-American League that should be well supported financially and they and their friends and sympathizers are to fight every proposition that The Liberator or its editor stands for or en-There is nothing new about When Hon. (?) Wm. Strother pleaded since 1896, and have been about as sucof the bitterness and personal abuse that It seems that everything was safely it could command, but to no avail, for prisoner for each day he remained in delivered except the articles mentioned, so successful was our fight that an injail pending the decision. The writ was which were finally located in Strothers' dependent club was organized and helped sustained and the prisoner discharged. pocket by an officer. He was arraigned to elect Hon. M. P. Snyder Mayor of The loyal colored citizens of Jackson- and as a good and true Afro-American this city, and not one colored voter ever ville presented the attorneys with \$150. Council office holder he pleaded guilty regretted voting for him, although he They will carry the case to the United and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$25 is a Democrat. As a result of that and States Supreme Court if the Florida or serve 25 days on the chain gang, subsequent victories, the colored voters Supreme Court reverses the decision of Being unable to pay the fine, it was have not only secured a half dozen pothe lower court. It is sincerely hoped promptly paid by a few prominent col- licemen and enough firemen to form a company, but have been raised in the The whole thing was wrong and scan- estimation of their fellow citizens an

Following up our victory in 1898 with for that body of Republican lawyers who commits a crime and the Negro or the aid of C. C. Flint, that brave and are almost as anti-Negro as is Gov. Negroes who aid him in escaping the matchless champion of race elevation, Vardaman. Should the case reach that full penalty of the law are the worst en- and others of his kind, we put a column court and secure a decision in favor emies of the Negro race. He says of intelligent, brave, young black race of honesty and justice, the whole infa- farther that while friends may aid the patriots in a Democratic parade and so mous Jim Crow car legislation would Negro in his struggles to lift himself to frightened the Republican leaders that be knocked out. This is not very lia- a higher plane, the Negro can do more they pledged themselves to give the colored voters representation on the state's The white papers of Jacksonville say If Strother had gone to the chain clerical force and to no longer regard that the boycott against the street cars gang a wholesome lesson would have cuspidor cleaning as a reward for poinstituted by the colored people was the been taught his kind, and the Negroes litical service. That being the cause of most successful ever witnessed in any of fair Pasadena would not have as- our bolt, Hon. Henry T. Gage was electsumed the atittude of standing in with ed and gave the Negroes a clerkship on the Board of Harbor Commissioners in the person of Attorney G. Woodson Wickliffe, who is a credit not only to Harbor Commission of San Francisco his race, but to the Board. This opened the way for the appointment of Editor T. A. Greene and Capt. F. H. Crumbly to clerkships in the State Legislature. We mapped out these plans in 1896 while these knockers were grafting and holding up candidates for office; and we have carried them to a successful conclusion, although while engaging the enemy in front, we had to beat back the traitors who hung ever on our rear and hang on the rear of every proposition that has for its object the stimulation of honesty, integrity, industry and manly courage among our and solid citizen of Craftonville, Cal.,

Apropos: the editor's fight to divide the Negro vote has been so successful that more negroes voted for the Democratic candidate for Mayor in the municipal campaign of 1904 than voted for the Republican candidate. And John Jasper Neimore, that exemplary (?) family man and embodiment of political and civic virtue, not only supported they keep."

PERSONAL MENTION.

Attorney G. Woodson Wickliffe of the was shaking hands with his old friends in this city and vicinity a few days ago. It is needless to say that everybody was glad to see him. For many years he practiced law here and was regarded by young attorneys at the bar. Mr. Wickliffe honored the Edmonds villa with a visit. We sincerely regret that we were absent and did not have the pleasure of of Riverside, was with the whoopers-up taking him for a drive around Sawtelle at the leg pullers' convention. Editor and its beautiful environments.

Mr. H. A. Harroll, a wealthy rancher was a welcome visitor to the city this month. He is a liberal supporter of race enterprises, and while here gave \$50 to the building fund of the Wesley Chapel M. E. Church. He also added one dollar to The Liberator's fund. He has been a friend and supporter of it since its first appearance.

Mr. J. B. Wilson of Oakland, Cal., Hon. LeCompte Davis, a Democrat, for formerly editor of the Elevator, was a Senator, against Senator Pendleton, the delegate to the congress of leg pullers Republican nominee, but supported the held in Pasadena on the 8th. What in Times especially, have the thanks of the Democratic candidate for Mayor last duced a good fellow like Wilson to decent element of the colored citizens fall against the Republican nominee, and waste his time and journey 500 miles for the manner in which they treated while supporting the Republican candi- to mix up with a faking concern that the Afro-American Congress. The faildate for City Treasurer got Uncle Billy enjoys only the contempt of the business ure of the daily papers to publish the Workman's cut and secured, or tried to and professional men and women of this proceedings of the so-called congress, secure, \$10 from him under the pretense city is to some a mystery. But Wilson the fakers running it lost the free adof whooping him up in the Eagle, which has an eye to business, or thinks so. vertising that has furnished their prinhe had no idea of doing. If they can He has been "doin' politics" for lo these cipal source of revenue-that enabled get any more pleasure out of fighting many years, and except a few shekels them to hold up candidates for office, The Liberator's propositions in the fu- picked up here and there during cam- beat the public out of money under the ture than they have in the past they are paigns, all he ever got out of the busi- pretense that it was to be used to enterwelcome to it. While the gang were ness was a job of dusting hats and hold- tain the so-called congress or some other fighting The Liberator and its editor he ing overcoats for members of the Leg- scheme. Believing that it was helping has gone right along mapping out plans islature, sweeping ante-rooms and clean- the race, The Times has been very and executing them for the material and ing cuspidors just to kill time while generous in reporting the proceedings of political advancement of our people, posing as a successful black politician. the race's conventions; but on finding virtually "turning everything he touched Since, through the fight of The Liber- that the League has fallen into the hands into gold," and every black man asso- ator and its friends, the Negroes are of a shameless set of black grafters and ciated with him in his struggles for race receiving clerkships as political rewards, has not the support of the decent eleadvancement is today successfully em- word has gone north that the whole ment, The Times, which has done so ploying himself and others, while the thing was brought about by a myster- much to exterminate white grafters, has gang who fought him and the things for ious talisman held by the president of decided not to increase the business of which he stood are either dependent up- the Afro-American Council, better black ones by advertising them. on some one for employment or are sub- known as the Afro-American Leg Pullsisting by grafting. All those who are ers, and all of the old broken-down ter meets with the approval of every dein sympathy with and want to follow politicians of the north who desire to cent race-loving Negro in this city. We these wife beaters and political mounta- renew their pull are ordered to make doff our hat to you, gentlemen, in the banks are at liberty to do so. "Men a pilgrimage to the south and and do fight we are trying to make for the eleare sometimes judged by the company homage to this latter-day soothsayer, vation of our race. You can aid us whose hind pocket is just bulging with very materially.

clerkships to be given the faithful. The truth of the matter is, that if the gang had known that the gentlemen now holding clerkships were candidates for the positions they hold, the gang would have fought them to a finish, as they have fought every black man that possessed either character or ability. Wilthe bench as one of the best equipped son's ambition is a laudable one, but a rude shock awaits him.

> Editor Harbot of the Colored Citizen. Harbot is a race man and a good man, but if he expects to do his race, himself or paper any good, "he is barking up the wrong tree." This he will discover later on.

> By the way, there were several other pilgrims who have lost their pull in the north and made the pilgrimage to the leg pullers' convention to get a legislative clerkship.

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THE FORUM DELEGATION MAKES REPORT.

Subscription Rates, \$1.00 a year; 10 nated the congress, to the exclusion of nessing it were as brutal, if not more the better class. The Doctor handled so, than he. them roughly. The job of defending the new subscriptions, but nothing on that run the council. He was the only crime was briefly told in the Associated Each subscriber is formally noti- have more confidence in crooked men country and the crime is hushed up. If have more respect for ignorance and arrested. venality than for intelligence and virtue. Encumbered by such a mental outfit, tion of the Federal Constitution, and the their defense of the wrong should not sooner the government begins hanging HOW TO WRITE FOR THE LIBERA- be taken seriously-they have not the lynchers, the better it will be for all power to do otherwise.

IS IT POSSIBLE?

It is reported by the Associated Press that the Negro Baptist State Convention of Texas endorsed the brutal burning of MR. PRINCE PLEADS FOR JUSthe mulatto, Tom Williams, charged The report of the delegation who tried with attempted rape on a white woman. to represent the Forum at the Afro- We cannot construe the failure of the American Congress proved it to be just convention to pass a resolution condemnthe failure that The Liberator predicted, ing that outrage as an endorsement. If Rev. Edwards sorrowfully said that the that convention had passed a resolution congress was not noticed by the daily condemning that crime, not one of those papers. He deplored the fact that the taking part in it could have returned to business and professional men and oth- his home or church. No one knows this ers whose presence would have lent dig- better than the members of that body. nity and importance to the convention Unless that convention could have conwere conspicuous for their absence. In demned that crime, the matter should short, he said the whole business was never have been broached. The Negroes a miserable failure and a reflection up- canont afford to endorse crime, no maton the Negro's intelligence, or words to ter by whom it is committed. The Nethat effect. Mr. E. O. Brokens said he gro minister who endorses burning at did not attend, as he was informed by the stake, or any form of mob law, is a those who attended the first session that disgrace to the religion he pretends to it was no place for a gentleman, and preach, a traitor to his country, to his he being one, deemed it unsafe to at- race, and to the mother that bore him. tend. Mr. Norris said he went over Rape is a heinous crime and deserves and found it a cut and dried proposi- the severest punishment known to the tion to keep the decent element out, so law. Mob law is a crime. Mob murhe returned to his business. Mr. G. W. ders are just as much a violation of the Dennis Jr., who also tried to represent law as other murders, and should be itself, and it has been shown by investithe California Investment Co., de- punished as such. The burning of a gation that the attempt to raid the city nounced the congress as a disgrace and human being at the stake is the most treasury by certain officers of the Afro-

Negroes of California. Dr. T. J. Nel-If Williams was guilty, he was a brute son paid his respects to the "rabbit too mean to live, and the mob that foot" superstitious element that domi- burned him at the stake and those wit-

Only a few weeks before a white brute gang was left to Mr. Theodore Troy, raped his own 13-year-old daughter in proprietor of the Forum and joint own- Texas (the same state), the complaint er, defender, mouthpiece and general ad- against the brute being sworn to by both vocate of the wife-beating petty thieves mother and daughter. The story of his person that had the hardihood to defend Press dispatches and was printed in obthem. He admitted that the gang was scure corners of the daily papers. And weak and crooked; for the aforesaid although his guilt has been clearly esreason he helped to keep it in power. He tablished, he has not been lynched; there said he thought by watching them they is no thought of burning him at the might be kept straight. Some men pos- stake. It is the color of the criminal sess a strang mental deformity over and not the crime that insenses the mob. which they have no control, and for If the rape fiend is white and his victim which they are not to blame. Such men white, he is given a chance to leave the than they have in straight ones; and his victim is a Negro girl, he is never

> Lynching has been declared a violaconcerned. Either the lynchers or the government will have to go. Those Negro ministe, s ought to be driven from the pulpit.

TICE, NOT MERCY.

Mr. J. L. Edmonds, Sawtelle, Cal.

Sir:-I notice in The Liberator you have just mailed to me, you have insinuated that I induced Mr. Jas. Alexander to go before the City Council to induce them to appropriate money to entertain the congress. I wish to say that I have not authorized any one to solicit money for the congress; neither am I a party to such a proposition. I knew nothing about it until Messrs. Blair and Greene spoke about it, and only saw the article as copied by you and as you referred to it. I do not write this note as pleading for mercy, but for fear you have been misinformed. In the first place I have no authorty to solicit from outsiders to help us. We have gotten along without it. Yours respectfully.

WM. PRINCE.

The above from Mr. Prince speaks for a reflection upon the manhood of the brutal crime in the calendar of crime. American Council was made without the knowledge of many of the officers. At- the most prosperous printing houses in nue. He is a first-class workman and is

against the grafters has made them very has very few acquaintances. restive, and they are breathing out concern whatever. Personally, the gang against throwing the wrong coin into the carried everything before them. The has his sympathy and will have his aid collection. whenever they decide to lead such lives as will meet the approval of their sainted dead mothers.

JAKIE REMEMBERS THE CLUB.

Through the kind remembrance of our old friend. Jakie Berhent, each member of the Cosmopolitan Club has received a big chunk of gold ore, dug out of ily buy at least one hat from her. Jakie's gold mine at Goldfield. The fact that Jakie dug the ore himself adds very largely to its value, as he was the soul of the club when here. Jakie will accept the thanks of the club, as well as ourselves, for this token of remembrance. On hearing of the success of Jakie and Mac, the club held a jollification meeting at which the chunks of ore he sent were exhibited. His letter was read, and while the tipling members drank to his success, the prohibs shouted for Mac's victory over rum, and both they had made. By indulging in little The undertaking establishment of Pormus daughter, Mrs. McCormick; Rev. and Mrs. Lambert and daughter, Miss Latetia Martin, and Mr. Leonard Stowere congratulated for the big strike from the city has succeeded in getting cess of these ventures means increased son of Santa Monica, were recent callhold of the world's goods beyond all ex- employment for the race. None of the ers at the Edmonds villa and enjoyed pectation, and the club's entire member- white establishments employ colored a country outing in the old Southern ship has achieved success. A few years help so far as we can learn. ago the present head of the club was working by the day in a printing estab-

torney Blair, the council's attorney, was the city. One member opened a rubber crowded with work. not consulted, and knew nothing of the stamp outfit in one corner of a job printmatter until it was published in the pa- ing office also carrying stationery pers. Mr. Warner was not consulted and magazines. He now occupies an Chapel M. E. Church, corner of Eighth and knew nothing of the matter. Messrs. entire store. One member, who was a Blair, Prince and Warner were state of- struggling newspaper man, married a ficers and members of the cabinet. Mr. wealthy and handsome widow, since Blair being the attorney, it was his which time he has been so busy perform-business to draw up all petitions. But ing domestic duties and basking in the that was a petition that the boys did not sunshine of his good lady's smiles that want Blair to see. How many petitions he rarely ever visits the club. He is a that have been successfully floated that good fellow and sympathizes with the Blair has not seen, the Lord only knows. club. But his lucky marriage lifted him The Liberator's defense of the people to a social set among whom the club

threats on every hand that the editor is ply samples of the club members' gen- stock, \$25,000, is divided into 25,000 to be beaten into a jelly bag. A plot eral prosperity. It is a case where all shares of \$1 each, and is selling rapidly. was made to carry out the threat at a have gone forward and none backward. Its officers and directors are worthy and meeting held at the Second Baptist Jakie leads the band in rapid financial capable men who enjoy the confidence Church on the night of August 7th, but success, while Mac leads all in moral of the people. when he put in an appearance it was success, from the fact that he has gone decided that the time was not oppor- dry. The boys should not forget to come tune, as the best time to whip some men down occasionally and take a bath where is when they are absent. What they say water is cheaper than rum. And Mac or do about the editor gives him no should go to church sober so as to guard

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lishment. He is now head of one of tailoring business at 445 Central ave- three weeks' vacation with us,

A WEEK'S RALLY.

and San Julian streets, begins Monday, September 4th, in the social hall of the new church, and ends September 10th. The Carnival begins Monday, September 4th, following the great entrance day, which is Sunday, September 3rd. The great rally day is September 10th.

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SAWTELLE HAPPENINGS.

The battle for incorporation was lost The antis, dubbed the Lime Kiln Club, threatened exodus from the town if incorporation did not carry, has not materialized. Everything has assumed its normal condition and building operations and street grading goes merrily on. For the past six weeks the farmers have enjoyed a season of unprecedented prosperity and all hands have been busy harvesting and selling vegetables, which are not only the best on the market, but bring the highest prices.

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For many in one is a power in proportion,

As numbers increase their strength by collection.

So if men would unite in their labor and store,

Combine all their wisdom for their mutual good;

Help one another to supply all their needs,

Then all would have plenty, none lacking in food.

OH PEOPLE, WAKE UP.
Don't say can't. Don't say, 1 belong to this or that church.

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COULD I TELL.

Pasadena, Cal. and be understood by most people, strange stories I could divulge. As it is, it is best for me to advise you to be good now. That you all can understand and practice if you but will. Mark you: The measure is full. So you had better be good.

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