

Pascagoula Miss  
June 28<sup>th</sup> 1893,

Hon A. W. Bourque "  
Wayville  
N.Y.

Sir,

I am pleased to transmit  
to you a clipping from the  
New Orleans Times Democrat,  
which will answer for its  
self, and ask that you do  
Justice to this sufferer,  
I have read bystanders  
votes for many years, and  
hope that you will be able  
to give this one your attention  
one of your well wishers,  
Wm. Bourque  
Pascagoula Miss,

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## LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

### A NORTHERN MAN'S PROTEST.

New Orleans, June 27, 1893.

To the Editor of The Times-Democrat:

Your editorial of this morning relative to the abolishment of many of the little delays and annoyances which tend to lessen "rapid transit" on the electric line was no doubt read with interest by many whose oft-repeated experiences fully coincide with the evils complained of.

There is one evil much more to be regretted than that alluded to. I mean the presence of negroes, filthy and foul smelling, in those cars in proximity to white ladies. I know the question of separate cars was agitated when this line opened, but it for some reason resulted in no tangible benefit. The writer came South a Republican in politics, one of the many who felt that the negro was badly treated and required the protecting hands of the Northern Republicans to secure him all the rights the emancipation and constitutional amendment entitled him to.

These feelings were born of my ignorance of the facts. What I have seen of the colored people in my three years' residence in your city has opened my eyes very wide, and convinced me that the amount of consideration they receive here is a thousand times more than would be accorded them in any Northern or Eastern city. As a man who always believed that the colored people were abused, I will say that if what I witnessed and suffered from the presence of one last night in the electric cars was placed upon me or any other Northern man in Boston, New York, Chicago or Denver it would not be repeated nor put up with one moment after the discovery was made—through the aid of our olfactory nerves.

You allow negroes in the cars, but by what right must my wife, children, all passengers and self be obliged to inhale and smell the offensive odor that comes from a partly intoxicated, perspiring negro seated at the front (not screened) window of an electric car, over whose perspiring face and neck and partly exposed shoulders the fresh air we sought by our ride to obtain was vitiated. Is there no redress? Must our wives and children be subjected to this disgusting, nauseating ordeal? If you must let them in the cars, for the sake of health and comfort, keep them at the tail end. I am fast becoming a believer of the truth of what our brilliant Chauncey M. Depew said, viz: "Let a Republican from the North live South for a few years and he becomes a Democrat."

Can't this be remedied? Don't let negroes ride during the hot weather on the seats next the motormen on the electric cars.

SUFFERER.