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Editorial

GEORGIA AND JIM CROWISM.

More than two centuries ago Gov. Oglethorpe, an English philanthropist, secured from the Crown, a tract of land in the then new world, to which he brought hundreds of English men and their families, who had been persecuted for debt. This new home of hope and promise Oglethorpe named Georgia. Georgia, therefore, was well meant. If the descendants of any state or country should remember mercy in dealing with the poor and downtrodden it should be the descendants of that band of debt-ridden people who settled Georgia. But the unexpected and new kink which Georgia has given the Jim Crow law has both startled and amused the civilized world. And if it were possible for the shade of the venerable Gov. Oglethorpe to come back from the dead past and view Georgia's latest Jim Crow law we believe he would bow his head in shame and return again to the past. For Georgia has proposed a bill which not only separates the races on railroads, street cars, busses and in fact on all public conveyances, but owners of such companies must also furnish separate cars for negroes. They must not ride in the same compartment with white people. The bill is reported to have had its second reading and, despite numerous protests from all companies concerned, it seems likely to pass the house and become a law.

With her population almost 50 per cent. Negro, Georgia has always been among the first to pass laws which were meant to humiliate and to impede the progress of her thrifty and intelligent colored population. We say intelligent and thrifty advisedly, for almost under the dome of the Capital stand four Negro colleges which are rated high by the best white colleges, not more than a mile from the Capital was the office of Alonzo Hemdon, the ex-slave, who, by dint of his own thrift and ability, became a millionaire, and so, we had hopes for Georgia. Such stalwart men as the late Gov. Dorsey and the late Gov. Atkinson caused our hopes to mount high and we began to believe that "some good could come even out of Georgia." But her latest Jim Crow law, which if passed, must entail millions of dollars of loss to the state and necessitate untold inconvenience and rotten service to her colored citizens, bespeaks the fact that Georgia, as far as her white people are concerned, is still in the first stages of barbarism. It is but to laugh, to think

that GEORGIA, the state that has given the country as many mulattoes as any other part of the world, has now become so conscience stricken that she cannot now allow the two races the contact of separated common carriers. It is said that in the rural districts of backward Georgia a colored man must not be seen on the streets after dark with a nicely dressed colored girl. If he persists he is warned. If he still repeats the indiscretion he is whipped and ordered to leave. There is something mighty rotten in Denmark concerning the whole situation.

Abundance of evidence attests the fact that the Georgia "Cracker" is not afraid of close contact with either his brown brother or his brown sisters, but on the other hand he seeks it. The thing he dreads most is the image of his own misdoings. From his first contact with Negro women, down to the present, he has raped and traduced them, has taken advantage of them through force, bullying and by any other unfair means. He sees the Negro gaining in intelligence in wealth and in power. He believes that every race is as morally depraved as himself. The image of his misdeeds among Negro women looms high and large and finally this image becomes with him, a continued nightmare. He now seeks to avert what he believes is just retribution, by making more and more severe Jim Crow laws. If he would but purge his soul, cleanse his mind and decide to give the Negro full justice he would find it unnecessary to disgrace the state of Georgia by enacting unjust and impractical laws at which his own unborn children and all the world will laugh.

THE CITY COUNSEL AND THE C. N. R.

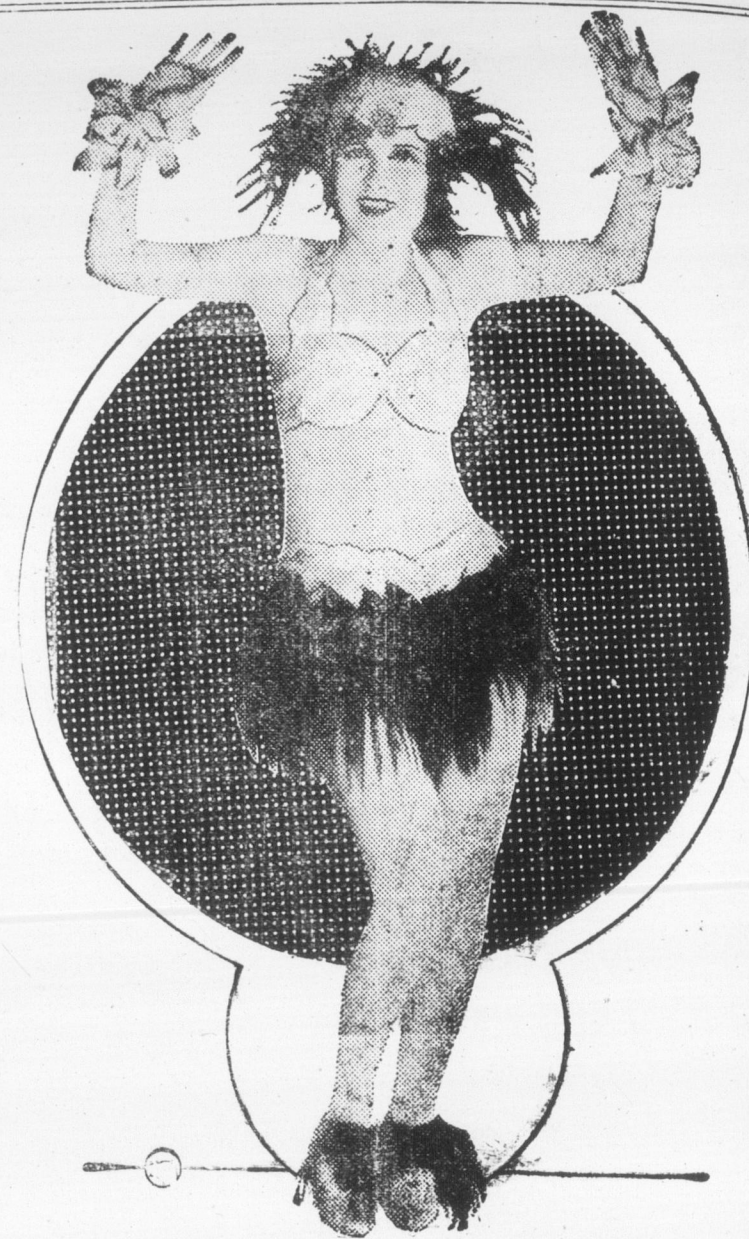
Officials of the C.N.R. have placed in the hands of the present City Council a definite proposal for the erection of a new station and for eliminating the level crossings in the business section of the city. From what we can understand, the C.N.R. proposition is fair to the city and it is FINAL. The city may either accept it and be assured that the work will be started within a reasonably short time or it may make up its mind to remain silent on the subject of a new station and grade separation for at least 20 years hence.

In the first place, the City Council and every other citizen who is interested in the progress and in the welfare of London, will agree that nothing is more necessary to the growth and prestige of the city than a new station and the eliminating of the level crossings. If the number of hours lost each day by the inconvenience of the level crossings were reckoned up it would be found that hundreds of working hours are lost to the citizens each week. Time lost is money lost and London and her citizens are the losers. London has long since outgrown, in size and in importance, that class of cities whose main arteries of traffic can be held up seven minutes or more several times during its busiest hours, without feeling the loss. And too, the present C.N.R. station has outlived its usefulness. Its accommodations and its appearance are too antiquated for a thriving, hustling, progressive city, such as we pride London to be. It does not add to our

prestige, nor does it give adequate and modern accommodation to travelers coming into or leaving the city. Its appearance is that of some relic of pioneer days.

We believe the members of the present City Council will not endear themselves to the electors if they allow this opportunity to pass. If the C.N.R.'s proposition is as reported,

fair, to the council it is fair to the electors and we feel sure that citizens will put their stamp of approval upon the transaction at the proper time. There is no reason, or good reason, why the men in whose hands the destiny of our commonwealth rests, should, through lack of decision, lose this golden opportunity to shove the city several notches higher.



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