

JIM CROW ELEVATOR RULE.

Columbia to Separate the Races In Her Skyscraper Lifts.

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COLUMBIA, S. C., April 29.—Separate elevators for whites and blacks is the latest line drawn between the races in Columbia. Although there is but one building in Columbia in which elevators are used to any extent, the tall National Loan and Exchange Bank building, the "Jim Crow" rule will hereafter be enforced in elevators as on railroad trains and on street cars.

An order has just been issued requiring negroes to use a separate car from the whites. There are a large number of offices in the bank building in which many women are employed as stenographers and clerks. There has been considerable complaint about the blacks crowding themselves into the cars with them, and on several occasions clashes have been narrowly averted.

The immediate cause of the action by the owners of the building grew out of the fact that a negro porter of a club on the twelfth floor was slow to remove his hat when ordered to do so while women were in the car. He was promptly discharged by the club.

WHO HAS LINCOLN'S WATCH?

He Will Be Interested In This Story of the 84-Year-Old Juror.

Among the jurors serving in the Supreme Court last week was one 84 years young. He said so himself. He looks and acts just as young as he says he feels. This man is Jonathan Dillon of 46 West 117th Street. He has been engaged in the watchmaking business for the best part of seventy-four years.

Mr. Dillon, who has a remarkable memory and an interesting fund of reminiscence, tells a new story which has to do with Abraham Lincoln.

"When the civil war broke out," said Mr. Dillon, "I was in the employ of M. W. Galt & Co. on Pennsylvania Avenue, near Seventh Street, in Washington. I was the only Union sympathizer working in the shop.

"I was working upstairs when Mr. Galt came up. He was very much excited, and gasped:

"'Dillon, war has begun; the first shot has been fired.'

"At that moment I had in my hand Abraham Lincoln's watch, which I had been repairing. It was a gold, hunting case, English lever watch. The late John Hay told me afterward that it was the first watch Mr. Lincoln ever owned.

"I was in the act of screwing on the dial when Mr. Galt announced the news. I unscrewed the dial, and with a sharp instrument wrote on the metal beneath:

"'The first gun is fired. Slavery is dead. Thank God we have a President who at least will try.'

"Then I signed my name and the date. So far as I know, no one but myself ever saw the inscription, and I do not know into whose hands Mr. Lincoln's watch fell at his death."

Mr. Dillon was born in the City of Waterford, Ireland, where his ancestors had been watchmakers for generations.

"I have newspapers," he said, "containing my father's and grandfather's advertisements back 150 years. I was never out of work for twenty-four hours at a time until I retired."

"How long ago was that?" the old watchmaker was asked.

"Well, I wouldn't like to admit that I have quit yet," was the reply. "My eyes are not as good as they were once, but they are still as good as those of any one I know. When I was younger I frequently amazed friends by standing on Jersey City Heights and reading signs in Manhattan. My friends often accused me of locating and learning them before I crossed the river, but that was not the case. I could actually read them at that distance."

The law does not oblige a citizen to serve as a juror after he is 70 years old. Mr. Dillon rather enjoys the work.