

SEGREGATION TOMORROW

Mayor Will Sign Race Division Ordinance As Soon As Passed.

LETTERS THREATENS MR. WEST

It Is Turned Over To Marshal Farnan—Attorney Milton Dashiell Says Measure Is O. K.

The administration's ordinance segregating the white and black races of the city passed the Second Branch of the City Council yesterday afternoon without a word of comment. It was hurried over to the First Branch, where it was given its first reading, also without comment.

The ordinance will be placed on its second reading, the amendment stage, in that branch at a session to be held at 5 o'clock this afternoon. It is expected that one or more of the five Republican members will make an effort to kill it, but administration Democrats, who control the branch, declared that such efforts, if made, will fail.

Also it was declared that the measure will be passed tomorrow afternoon just as it left the Mayor's office Monday afternoon and that it would be signed immediately. If the Mayor does not attend the meeting of the Council, together with the City Solicitor, he will wait in his office until the measure shall have been passed finally and signed by President Whiteford, of the First Branch, and President Hubert, of the Second Branch. It will then be examined by the City Solicitor, it was stated yesterday afternoon, and approved immediately by the Mayor.

Effective Tomorrow Night.

The ordinance will become effective the instant the Mayor affixes his name to it.

Milton Dashiell, author of the ordinance introduced in the Second Branch last summer, and also of the substitute measure offered when the Council reconvened Monday, September 15, attended the session yesterday afternoon and stated that the new measure was entirely satisfactory to him. He said at first that he thought the description of a block given in the administration ordinance might be subject to change, but after conferring with some lawyers announced that he thought the description would meet the situation adequately.

West Gets Threatening Letter.

That some negroes are incensed at the action of the Council in passing an ordinance that will be effective was shown yesterday. Councilman West, of the Thirteenth ward, who offered the first segregation ordinance, nearly two years ago, received a threatening letter signed by "Colored Citizen." The writer declared that the "oppression of the colored race was about to end." Foul epithets were applied to Mr. West, and then the writer added: "But when you die, where will you go to? God will not want a man like you in Heaven and the devil will have no room for you."

Mr. West turned the letter over to Marshal Farnan, who will endeavor to locate the author of it. The Councilman declared last night that the letter gave him no concern. He looked upon it as the "act of a crank." Mr. West declared that it would have no effect on his vote for the ordinance when it comes up for its final passage tomorrow afternoon.

Messrs. Sheckells and Heintzeman, of the Fourth district, Republicans, were the only members of the Second Branch to vote against the passage of the measure yesterday afternoon. All the Democrats, under the leadership of President Hubert, voted for it.

Street Ordinances Introduced.

In the Second Branch an ordinance was offered by Mr. Trautfelter to condemn and open Potomac street, from Baltimore street to Fairmount avenue, and another by Mr. Shaw to close Logan street, from Linwood avenue to Potomac street.

A favorable report was received on the ordinance to permit the Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington railroad to lay a switch on Aliceanna street.

The Council will meet again this afternoon.