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BOWSER'S TEST CASE. HE PUTS IN PRACTICE THE "NO SEAT, NO FARE," THEORY.

Forescen if He Had Only Used a Little of His Extraordinary Com-

Mr. Bowser had been quietly reading his evening paper for half an bow with the family cat rubbing against his legs at intervals, when he suddenly flung the paper down and exclaimed:
"By George, but I wish I had been in that man's place with a revolver in my

"What has happened?" asked Mrs.

on the street car refused to pay his fare and was chucked off by the conductor and had an arm broken." "I shouldn't get excited over what happens to other folks," observed Mrs. Bowser as he picked up the paper and

read the article over again.

"But I can't help it!" he shouted as he got up and paced up and down and gestured as if hitting a punching bag. "I tell you the time has come when a freeborn American citizen seems to bave lost all his personal rights. Look at the police. A respectable citizen is standing on the corner waiting for his car, and a blue coated minion comes up and orders him to move on. He protests, of course, and he gets a whack on the head which sends him to the hospital." "But no policeman has ever whacked

"No, and it is well they haven't. If I am ever struck with a club, I'll make this whole state shake from center to circumference before I drop the matter. Here's an account of a citizen who starts for the nearest drug store for medicine. Four scoundrels hold him up and rob and thump him, but no arrests are made. It is no longer safe to walk the streets at night. By

now my mind is fully made up. I don't mean to pose as a reformer, but I'll do baide for the rights of the

people."
"I shouldn't raise any fuss in public and make myself ridiculous. I think and most people are able to look out for most people are able to look out for

"I beg to differ with you. The peo-ple of this country have been clubbed, run over and walked into the carth until they have no grit left. You'll see how quickly they'll rally, however,

the full jar became the nearly one, till three, two and then on marble remained, and life. She begged and entreated, and the cat came out into the hall and yowled in a sorrowful way, but Mr. Bowser was firm. He had scarcely walked half a block after leaving the house when he came across a couple of hard looking men leaning up against a They were doubtless waiting care of himself. Beyond them on the corner was a policeman firting with a nursegirl who had been sent out for paregoric, and he walked up to the

"Is this what the taxpayers of this town pay you for? Do you spend your time chinning nursegiris when footpads are doing business under your

"What do you mean by such talk?" demanded the officer as the girl took

to her heels.

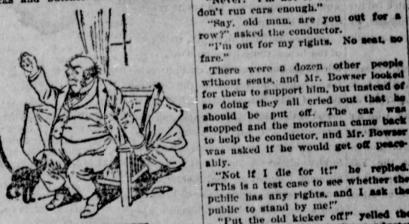


BOWSER TAKES A TUMBLE.

George, but I can't hold myself when I think of it!" "But why should you excite yourself?" asked Mrs. Bowser as he began kicking the chairs out of his c ad. I've a good mind to run you in!" "Because I'm a citizen and a tax-Bowser was so defiant and aggressive that the officer sized him up for a politician with a pull and gave him the payer," he shouted as he turned on her with arm upraised and his face red hot, "because I have certain rights under the constitution of the United States which no man must infence were laborers waiting for a comterfere with except at his peril, because I see a tendency on the part of officials and corporations to crush out liberty in America!" "Has any one attempted to crush

"Perhaps not. Perhaps it is plain

came along, and as he boarded it he was obliged to stand on the running board. The conductor came for his fare, but it was refused. be seen that I am not a man to be crushed, but if this thing continues who can tell what may happen? In the last three months 22 persons have been run over by beer wagons and hacks and butcher carts, and not a



MR. BOWSER ELOQUENT.

driver has been sent to state prison. At a fire two days ago a citizen was knocked senseless by a fireman because he wouldn't move back. At the postoffice I wait for en minutes to buy some stamps, and when I ask the clerk if he is running his own business or employed by the government he an-swers that I'd better take a dyspepsia cure. What do you suspose will be the end of such a state of affairs? How long will it be before some tramp calls me to the door and hits me between the eyes and takes my watch and

"But as long as it can't be changed why worry over it?' asked Mrs. Bow-

"But it can be changed." "How?"

"The same as the obnoxious laws of Rome were changed after the people had suffered for years and years. The people of this country are ripe for a hange. All they want is a leaderome one to take the initiative." "But where is the leader?"

"Right here, Mrs. Bowser!" he added

when they have a leader. I may be

will chuck me off and break my sem because I refuse to pay fare without

officer and said:

The jaw lasted ten minutes and Mr.

victory. The two men against the

begun to look out for other suspicious

characters. Mr. Bowser was in good fettle as he waited for an overcrowd.

ed car. It was 15 minutes before one

"I'll not pay without a seat," was

"Then you must get off."
"Never! I'm not to blame that you

"Say, old man, are you out for a

"I'm out for my rights. No seat, so

was asked if he would get off peace

oppressed public, and the conductor

he made a good fight for it, but in the

course of two minutes he was "chucked" man. That is, he was flus

in the dust on his back, his coat torn off and his hat busted, and as he got

up a policeman gave him a push and warned him to go home if he didn't

want to pass the night in the jug. Hai an hour later he arrived home. Mrs

state of dilapidation, and they looked him over as he shed his torn coat and

battered hat and flung himself down upon the lounge. Then the cat turned

Mrs. Bowser quietly asked:

er back on him to grin at the wall and

word. He lay on his back and closed his eyes and was as one dead to the

It is due to Mr. Bowser to say

There were a dozen other without seats, and Mr. Bowser |

the firm reply.

the business you are paid to look after

"My friend is a man who prides he colf on his powers of charrystion, a the negro's ability to remember whom each article of clothing belong struck him as being something very wonderful.

Then why did you give it

and, after waitzing with the fair scion of a noble house, ventured to ask after ber mother, the Counters of Ayr.

"My father, you mean," said the girl.

"No, no, no," said the bewildered
youth. "I was askin, after your moth-

er, the Counters of Ayr."
"Yes," was the reply, "but that's my cather."

"Not if I die for it!" he replied. "This is a test case to see whether the public has any rights, and I ask the public to stand by me!"
"Put the old kicker off!" yelled the