

A LONE CAR BANDIT HOLDS UP YE EDITOR

Well, the editor of the Chicago Defender, Robert S. Abbott, was held up in broad daylight by a lone bandit. Sunday afternoon one of the Defender reporters saw the editor and his mother and sister, Mrs. J. H. H. Sengstacke and Miss Eliza Sengstacke and Mr. and Mrs. James M. Woodard making a tour through the parks in an auto. When the editor returned the chauffeur charged him \$15.70 for two and a half hours. Rather than have an argument before his mother, sister and friends, Mr. Abbott paid it. But how outrageous it was that a man should boldly hold another one up for such an exorbitant price for a drive of less than three hours.

His only excuse was that he was charging by the meter, which, by the way, is against the city ordinances. The car number is 307276 and the driver's name was Barney Thermond. Notwithstanding his high charge, he ran his car about eight miles an hour and instead of going where he was told, he cut across Twelfth street and part of the trip was left out.

Warning

Reports of this same character have come to this office numerous times. Chauffeur answers call to your home in dirty attire and some without collar or tie. They should be sent back. Tuesday a visitor to the office complained that the driver of a car he had hired drove down Michigan avenue with a cigarette in his mouth and his cap cocked on the side of his head. It is time to put a halt to these things. Overcharges should be taken up with the proper authorities downtown. We believe in letting all make a livelihood, but walking over people spending their money like they were other than human has got to stop. The editor has placed his case with the city authorities and the culprit will be brought to justice.