

Officers And their Pistols.

The only Conditions Under Which an Officer May Use Firearms

Columbia Evening Record.

The coroner's jury has exonerated Constable Eison, who killed a negro yesterday, fleeing from arrest for a petty crime. The constable claimed that he did not intend to shoot, but he drew his pistol intending to strike him with it, and the weapon accidentally fired. We do not question the truth of the constable's statement, and, like the jury, accept it as a fact, but the circumstances of this case, as well as many others which have preceded, direct attention again to the very ready and reckless use of pistols on the part of officers of the law. They are armed with weapons to be used only in cases of absolute necessity, such as preserving their own lives while making arrest or to be in a position where actual and desperate resistance is made to uphold and enforce their authority. It has been so common an occurrence, however, for police and other officers to shoot down a fleeing man that a great many of them, no doubt, are of the firm belief that they have full legal and moral justification to do so. In a number of cases coming within our own experience as a chronicler of events for newspapers there have been men slain fleeing from arrest for the most trivial offenses. The escaping men may or may not have been guilty, and if they were the most that would have been given them in the way of punishment would have been a few months in jail, the penitentiary or chaining. Yet they suffered the extreme penalty known to the law without even having the right of a hearing as to the charges made against them. There is no legal or moral justification for such homicides, but so deeply seated has the idea taken in the popular mind that officers have such a right that seldom is any one of them called to account in the court.

In this state and in others and in this city the victims are almost invariably negroes. Often they are confirmed criminals being constantly before the courts for petty thieving, gambling or other crimes of the same class of seriousness, yet for none of these crimes is death the penalty, even after conviction. It matters not how worthless the victim may be or how beneficial to the community might be his riddance, no man has the right to take his life under circumstances referred to, whether that man be officer or ordinary citizen. It is because the victims have usually been of the character mentioned that officers have become quicker and more careless in drawing their weapons and using them, and it is for the same reason that the public looks with so little concern upon a most dangerous practice. To draw the pistol has become almost a second nature with officers. It is but one step from that to their use under circumstances with absolutely no warrant. It is an easy transition from justifying the killing of a worthless negro to killing somebody of an entirely different character who may happen to be charged with the violation of law, and who may protest or show inclination to resist even in the slightest degree. A spirit of carelessness or unconcern or a feeling of justification in one case quickly breeds the same in the other. Officers of the law are not always men of judgment or coolness in action. They are not always men who can be safely clothed with legal authority to decide when the taking

of life is justifiable, if indeed it is at all until after conviction of some capital crime, and it is, therefore, highly necessary that the more or less prevalent idea be dissipated that an officer has a right to shoot at the slightest resistance at escaping men, whether they are negroes or not. It is better that the person charged with crime escaped altogether than that his life be unlawfully taken or that the lives of others be endangered shooting at him or firing in the air endeavoring to stop him. There can be no justification for the use of the pistol except in self-defense or when the authority of the law is defied and resisted with violence which can be met in no other way.

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The Crop Bulletin.

General Improvement in Conditions of Cotton Except in Texas

Washington, June 7.—Crop conditions of cotton and tobacco are summarized as follows in the weekly bulletin issued by the weather bureau:

A general improvement in the condition of cotton is indicated. With the exception of Southern Texas and portions of the east gulf, south Atlantic States, where heavy rains have fallen. The weather has afforded opportunity for much needed cultivation, which has been actively carried on, although a large part of the crop is still in grass, without sufficient labor. Some planting remain unfinished in portions of Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas.

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M C Gardner, Co Supervisor.

May 15, 1905.

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Mr Herbert Hartzell of Cabarrus county, drove into Charlotte early yesterday morning with three wagon loads of onions that he had raised on one half acre of land. The 98 bushels that he had, were sold in one lot to Mr J H Lillycrop at 75 cents per bushel. The gross proceeds from the half acre were more than \$70. Mr Hartzell stated further that he had kept more than 10 bushels at home for next year's planting. The onions were of the multiplying variety and he stated that he expects to raise 200 bushels to the acre. This is the result of diversified crops.—Charlotte Observer.

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(From the Clinton Gazette.)

Mr Seah Vaughn, formerly of the part of the moral vineyard, (and who, by the way, married a Miss Bryson, if we mistake not) was in town some days ago, and, strange to relate, Mr Vaughn is now cutting his third set of teeth, some of his new masticators coming where their predecessors were extracted twenty-two years ago; all of which is somewhat remarkable and, were this singular case to become of common occurrence would be hard on Dr. W. Ford and the other dental professionals in that their calling would be pretty nearly gone.

(From the New York Mail.

At nearly 90 years of age, Mrs Coyle, of Beaver Brook, Pa., is cutting her third set of teeth. They are appearing on both the upper and lower jaws, perfectly formed, and as good and sound as the second set.

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NOTICE. The board of county commissioners in their meeting Monday passed a resolution to the effect that hereafter no magistrate in Lancaster county will be paid for holding an inquest unless it is impossible to get the coroner, and then the magistrate must comply with the law by securing affidavits from three citizens of the immediate community that it is important that an inquest be held in the particular case under consideration. M C Gardner, County Supervisor.

Notice. My regular office days will be Saturdays and first Mondays. All other days you will find me at my office near L & C depot. Will keep school books at both offices and will be glad to wait on you any day in the week. W M Moore Co Sup of Education. Jan 16, 1905

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Winthrop College Scholarship and Entrance Examination. The examination for the award of vacant scholarships in Winthrop College and for the admission of new students will be held at the college court House on Friday, July 7th at 9 a. m. Applicants must not be less than 16 years of age. When scholarships are awarded after July 7th, they will be awarded to those making the highest average. Those examining and applying for the award, should write to President Johnson before the examination. The college ship examination blanks for scholarship examination are worth \$2.00 and free tuition. The examination will open September 20, 1905. For further information and catalogue address: President D B Johnson, Rock Hill, S C.

Notice to the Public. I will hold all inquests in the county. Phone to my residence at Pleasant Hill for me when needed. J. Montgomery Caskey, opt. 20—11

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