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ment of enforcing the law when the as criminal as wilful and deliberate vio- his oversight too harshly, especially as the entire community. He was a grad- |. The Watchman and Southron. WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11. Bouman-Keels Tragody. mmints of the State Press.

hoppille Enterprise. the law has evidently taken a back seat, but our courts are searcely free of one case of deadly shooting in the very arms of the law (the Johnstone-Jones affai-) when we are confronted with an indescribable scene of slaughter in which the very head of the Court is called upon to suffer death while in the act of performing his duty as an officer. Justice Haynsworth was a man honored and respected for his sterling worth, and his untimely death cast a gloom over every community death was accidental, but can it not be intense feeling ? if so, why not allowed both parties their arms and all innocent persons leave them to reap satisfaction ? or shall we look among the 'aggers on' for the true source. Had disinterested persons steered clear of this trouble from the first, there would have been none such.

Pres of the State were rising in their many and ostractive (in place of wink-ing a the basit) the man who has lost he manhood to such a degree that he must bag around with him in his daily walks a weapon in order to murder his fellow-man. Public opinion should be arrayed against this infamous habit and awkened to the true sense of bravery and honor. We need stringent legislation on this subject-as the law now stands it is of no effect; any one can carry a concealed weapon on his person with impunity. We do not advocate legislation on private rights, but give us a better code or none; even be ode of Honor' is far more prefer-ble Only the parties directly con-armed med suffer, and if both should be silled it would be better than for innocent men to suffer. Further, it has a

tendency to beget a higher sense of honor among men.

Greenville News.

The people of Sumter gave utterance to highly commendable sentiments in the resolutions passed in mass meeting a few days since to protest against the outrageous killing of Mr. Hayosworth. Sentiments like those, persisted in and lived up to, would give the law a new

necessarily. We stand for the enforcement of the deliberate murder is one of degree and now) a most efficient official. aw and the infliction of legal discipline not of kind, speaking from the standafter due examination through the pre- point of human law. It is a pity that

scribed machinery.

guilty parties to justice.

Code.

Camden Journal. This whole affair can be attributed to have been still a man should be made the utter disregard of the concealed to suffer for a carelessness that places leads to the destruction of human life. and petit.

The blood of the dead man may not call Orangeburg Times and Democrat. in the melec at Sumter last Friday no the future demands that a repetition of one would have been much sorry, but that bloody rencontre be made impossias the victim of these men's unlawful | ble.

acts was an officer of the law and a quiet, unassuming gentleman, every to the State even with the feature of means should be exhausted to bring the murder eliminated from it. It was the been finally settled by the acquital of into the Trial Justice's office. more disgraceful that it was a repeti- the offender. The others remain to

The people of Sumter County have tion of similar occurrences which have be settled. met in mass meeting and denounced recently taken place in other portious the killing of Mr. G. E. Haynsworth of the State. It shows the spirit of they were all monstrous outrages proper to have pitted the antagonistic and calls upon the jury of inquest to do lawlessness that pervades every class of against civilization and society especially South Carolina during the past ten our society. It illustrates the contempt the one in Sumter, where an innocent years that which resulted in the killing ble for the death of Mr. Haynsworth trates how easily and readily the flimsy tol. We have no desire to call for the on Friday last was the most lamentable

should be severely punished. Marion Star.

disgraced this State, of the instances of crimes. The violation of any law them at once, and let anarchy reign counts of the riot read like.a chapter the legitimate fruit of the prevailing should be followed by certain and supreme.

sentiment in regard to the much abused speedy punishment. In the certainty of punishment, more than in its degree, All the parties engaged in this dread- lies the greatest safeguard of society, ful occurrence were men of intelligence and to the ease with which one may esand social-position and under the senti- cape the just penalty of any offence

must be attributed the lamentable prevment that existed at no distant period in the past, if a collision had been inev- alence of crime in our country. itable, it would have taken place under circumstances that would have involved to pass unpunished is simply paving the personal safety only of those imme- the way to more flagrant violations in diately interested in this quarrel and the future. The protection of the life who are primarily responsible for its and property of every individual in the State demands a stricter enforcement of

occurrence. Of course, all fighting is radically the law. An example must be made at some time and the interests of the wrong, and, indeed, all violence is to be deplored, but if men are bound to State will be served by making that exnight and will insist apon shooting each ample before too many lives are sacricency, for the sake of the public peace and hate.

and the security of innocent law-abiding people, let them do so according to rule without shocking the entire community and endangering the lives of might have been averted. Surely seven

which, proceedings under the rules of

'that remnant of barbarism' would have

officers of the law could have managed others than their own. This is no plea for the resurrection of five prisoners two of whom appear to the 'code,' yet how many disgraceful have been unarmed. Such, however, street brawls, shooting scrapes and bru- is the case, and the affair is greatly to be tal exhibitions of violence have occurred regretted by all good citizens. Ob, that in this State within less than the short men would think before they act rashly! pistol is a very useless and dangerous attendance, where could one expect to pace of one year in comparison with

ment of enforcing the law when the as enfinitual as which and denotrate the he has always been considered a true uate of the Citadel Academy just at the Cream Balm tween such 'accidental' homicide and gentleman, a model citizen, and (until beginning of the war, and was the man

Wipe it Away!

our law provides for no punishment Fuirfield News and Herald. commensurate with such a crime as this Within the short space of a year one. Partly accidental, though it may weapon Act by our juries both grand human life in jeopardy, and perchance, fair name of the State. First, the kill- pected that shooting would be done. and Smell. ing of Col. J. B. Jones at New berry; Bowman was arrested and carried before second the killing of a negro by J. D. the Trial Justice to give a peace bond, If Bowman or Keels had been killed for vengeance but the security of life in Ratterree at Chester ; and third the late and Keels and his father were also araffray at Sumter. All of these, be it rested, and disarmed, and carried to the

remembered, occurred in Courts of same place for the same purpose. The

Looking at them from any standpoint barrier of the law may be torn down blood of any man, but we do say that the and the most inexcusable. The third reproach cast upon South Carolina should time during the past twelve months and trampled upon when it stands between the would-be murderer and the be speedily wiped out by the infliction of that the "Courts of Justice" in South This terrible affray, more outrageous object of his hate and vengeance. Hu- the penalty against such offenders. in detail and horrible in its result than man life is cheap with us, too cheap. There is no excuse in the matter. If fusilade of pistol shots by the parties litiany that have preceeded it, is still an- The law does not afford the protection the Carts of Justice in South Carolina gant, the Sumter vendetta far surpasses other in the long list of tragic occurren- that it should. It is too easy for the are to be made the battle ground of in its cruel resllt either of the other ces that have comparatively recently criminal to escape the penalty of this angry disputants better do away with bloody tragedies. The newspaper ac-

Newberry Herald and News.

affair occurred east of the Mississippi ; Full particulars of the shooting affair in Sumter last week may be found in the borders of the proud and enlightenanother part of this paper. The trial jus- ed State of South Carolina would be tice was killed and several wounded. Sometimes we think it was a bad thing to the parties upon whose souls rests the repeal the law on duelling. It would blood of the martyred officer of the law have been better for these men who had live just across the river, and are well Poplar Bed Room Setts. a 'personal matter' to be settled, to have known to many of us in Darlington settled it among themselvs, without en- County. dangering the lives of others, and, in ] this case, killing an innocent map. These shooting affairs may be expected as long as men have 'personal matters' to settle and the pistol is carried. These their weapons. Who is responsible, by

state. The pistol will be ever ready as The tragic affair is greatly deplored. It seems to us that the sad difficulty

who fired the first shot of the war at the Cleanses the "Star of the West," as the vessel was Nasal Passages, sceking to relieve Major Anderson at Allays Pain and Fort Sumter.

Darlington News.

Of all the disgraceful, bloodcurdling,

INFLAMMATION. From the reports that have been there have been in South Carolina three published in the News and Courier it Heals the Sores. crimes committed, which aside from appears this encounter was expected Restores the others are the blackest stairs upon the some hours before it came. It was ex- SENSES OF TASTE

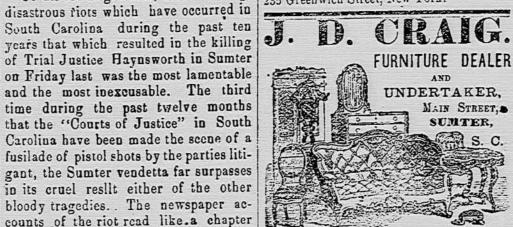
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nght and will insist apon shooting each ample before too many lives are sacht they remain human and in their fallen by the way, for the two factions being other, then in the name of common de- ficed at the altar of passion, prejudice are they remain human and in their fallen carried to the office at the same time? carried to the office at the same time ? you can save money by buying of him. All Was it not possible to have averted goods carefully packed, free of charge. A large stock of window and picture glass long as the babit of carrying it is sanc- the whole catastrophe by preventing tioned by public sentiment. And it a meeting between them while their will be so sanctioned so long as the men blood was hot. The simplest precaution who are leaders in politics and thought, might have accomplished this. If such continue to carry pistols with impunity. scenes are enacted in broad day-light,

You never hear of a man of any promi- in the court room itself, in the very nece being even tried for violating the presence of the justice as he sits upon law against carrying concealed weapons. the bench, and with the Sheriff and Possibly they never violate it. The nearly the whole of the police force in

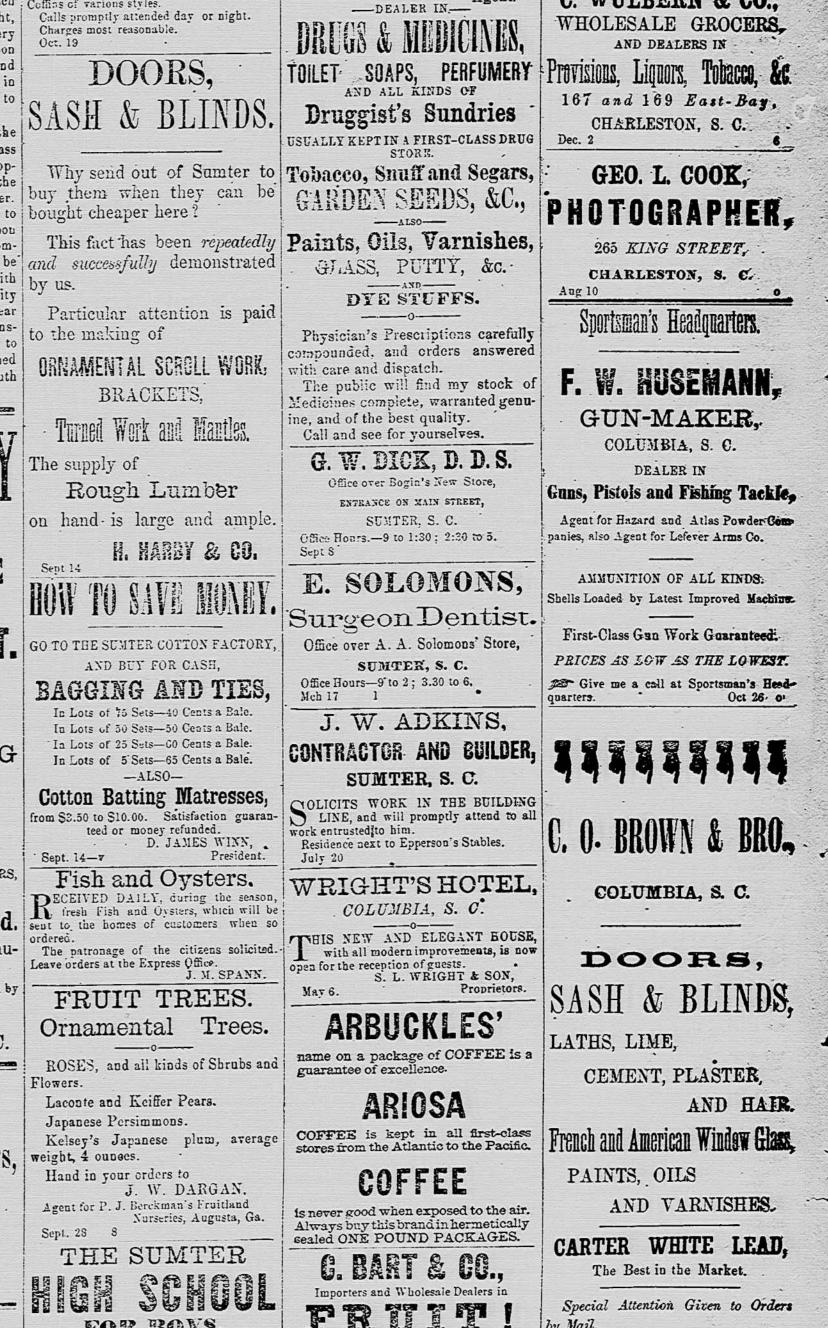
appendage for a gentleman to be weigh- finl immunity from crime?



Surely some one is seriously to blame Mattresses and Pillows, for the fact that those on one side of the affray in the Trial Justice's office were uparmed while the others retained differences they will bave as long as by the way, for the two factions being A visit to Craig's will convince you that

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strength in this country. Now. if twelve men can be found who will fairly and honestly try the men who did the shooting, in spite of their belonging to been the very i 'good families.' a victory will indeed Similarity of the second have been gained for law and order.

## It Must Stop. Florence Times.

The recent tragical ending of the Keels Howman fend at Samter, in which the life of a peaceable and law-abiding citizen was brought to an untimely end, adds another link to the long chain of crime which now stretches almost the entire length of our State, and clinks a bloody te deum to the extreme laxity of our courts in enforcing the law enacted to prevent the carrying of concealed weapons. The parties to this feud, embracing the relatives and friends of the growth. principals, are assembled-save one who lies at his home at Bishopville suffering from wounds received in the first done their part in rendering a verdict encounter-at the trial justice's office to responsive to the evidence adduced begive bend for keeping the peace, when, fore them as to the killing of Tria! Jus. view of the matter taken by some of our contemporaries, who assume in all matcommenced and is engaged in by both made plain for the prosecuting officers sides to the fend, all of whom are in. of the State to fx upon a petit jury the jured to some extent, but, as is gener- responsibility of determining the guilt by law to act in the above capacities ally the case, the real victim to this of the parties who in any way took reckless using of fire arms is an inoffen- part in the disgraceful brawl that led sive person, in no way connected with to the killing of Haynsworth.

the difficulty except in his capacity as trial justice and instrument of the iaw. To what an entent of crime has the in-

difference of our juries and courts to the Friday, an account of which we publish breaking of this law led! What a in another column this morning, calls farce the law is as heretofore enforced! loudly to every law-abiding citizen in quy and abuse of a blackguard like The audacity indulged in because of the Sumter County, and in the whole State, lameness of this law was never before to see that this deplorable outrage heard of; no longer do we only hear against the peace and protection of sothe whistle of the deadly bullet on the ciety be investigated to the core, and cage to the terror of women and duelling field, in the highways, or on that whoever was the cause of it be punthe streets, but the very halls of justice ished to the extent of the law. That are made to resound with the death- it was one it the most flagrant and un- in this State will have the slightest be forever stained, her laws laughed at, An officer of the law, in the act of per- half dozen or more without the slightest and her citizens slaughtered by the con- fecting means to prevent bloodshed, is apparent justification. tinuance of such scenes of bloody strife shot down and killed by some of those But to revert to the original issue. as have been witnessed in her borders whom he is endeavoring to protect. While, as we have already stated, acfor the past year os more? The only The ball that killed the officer was not cording to the strict letter of the law, and the heavier the penalty, the better should not, lessen the crime of those worth's office carrying concealed weapwill it be for him who bears it. But who precipitated the fight which result- ons, may possibly be guilty, technically, discrimination won't do; the law must ed in the killing of an innocent officer of the resultant murder; it is neverthebe applied to all alike, whether he be of the law in the discharge of his duty. less a fact that we are but human, and rich or poor, of lowiy estate or high If there had been no concealed weapous as such, quite apt to err. Therefore it degree. Then, and not before will in that excited crowd of men there is very probable, and in fact possibly such scenes as occurred at Bishopville, could have been no shooting and con- desirable, that the most lenient view benished from our land, and our citi- nately the law against carrying conceal- an event, it seems likely that an effort zene rest with the assurance that they ed deadly weapons is not generally will be made to find out, in the first may not at any time be cut down by obeyed nor enforced. The way to pre- place, just who was unfortunate enough

A Badly Planned Proceeding.

fore the officer at different times the all in his power to bring the guilty par- the only one left-The Rope! probabilities are that no blood would ties to justice. have been spilled. Per Dee Lucier.

Charleston Budget. The recent shooting affray at Sumter, by which Trial Justice Haynsworth

Every violation of law that is allowed

Clarendon Enterprise.

been the yery refinement of decency and lost his life, was, of course, a most de-Surely, as we remarked nearly a year plorable affair, and all of the parties ago, under very similar circumstances, concerned in it are deserving of the it begins to be about time for the law of severest consure. Some one killed Mr. the land to demonstrate its ability to Haynsworth, but just who did it, it is deal with these outrages and place some by no means easy, at the present time, night after the shooting was done, and mended, and the entire State will be and successfully demonstrated salutary check upon them. Thus far to ascertain. The law is en platic in we saw the remains of the man who so gratified should these efforts meet with by us. awlessness is evidently on the increase. and we seem certainly going from bad

the preservation of the public peace and the latter offense. for the sake of the public security, we had a revolver about his person on the may the sooner set about instituting some counter check to its present rapid fatal day, and as the very act of carrying concealed weapous is in itself an

Columbia Record

illegal act, it would seem at first blash that every one of the participants in the The Coroner's jury in Sumter have bloody affair was guilty of murder, as murder actually resulted. This is the trial jury, before the persons authorized

upon the merits of the case. As an

Kingstree Record.

"Keels, it seems, was a lawyer, and if he had had the proper education and The fearful tragedy in Sumter last training he might have realized that he could well afford to have stood the oblesecured, as would have been done if some wild beast had escaped from its

This is manifestly unfair, and no one

Sumter and other places in the State be sequently no killing. But unforta- possible be taken of the case. In such the stray bullet of the ever-ready pistol. vent this character of crime is to enforce to fire the pistol, whose ill-fated bullet

the law which has been made to prevent sped on its mission of death to one of it, before the occasion arises when the Sumter's noblest hearts. If it should crime can be committed; that is, to then transpire that this shot was fired, Bernnell Sentinel. The folly of taking a crowd of infu- punish men for carrying pistols before not in answer to others, which endanriated belligerents of opposite factions they are used. Heretofore there has gered the life of the shooter, but that it into a Trial Justice Court in order to been very little punishment either for was one of the opening shots which inhave them placed under bond to keep the carrying of concealed weapons or duced others to follow, then there is but Dec. 14 the peace, has been fully demonstrated for their use in killing people. The one course open to the citizens of Sumby the terrible tragedy at Subiter shere people of Sumter seem to be thoroughly ter, if they care to continue to make a an innocent officer lost his life. If in aroused to the necessity of investigating pretense of having laws and showing the effort to have these parties placed the receat shooting case in their city, even the slightest respect for them. That under bond they had been carried be- Attorney-General Earle says he will do course is an unpleasant one, but it is If, on the other hand, an investiga-

ing himself down with. The indignation expressed by the The law against carrying pistols must citizens of Sumter at the mass be backed up hy a healthy public sen- meeting held on Monday was most optiment before it will be effective or the portune, the resolutions condemning the habit abandoned.

Marl'oro Chronicle.

to worse. If the law is powerless to compelled to participate in a crime of who loved and respected him for his own that the tragic death of poor Haynsgrapple with this evil, the sooner it be- greater magnitude, he is before the sake. There was not a man in Sumter worth is but another chapter added to comes apparent so much the better for store face of outraged order, guilty of County more highly esteemed by every the lengthy chronicle of unpunished one than the deceased, and his untimely murders which have occurred in South

deplorable affair were highly proper. The efforts which are being made to bought cheaper here? fasten the guilt of the killing upon It was our lot to be in Sumter the some one of the rioters are to be com-

declaring that when a person engaged lately had been living and moving in success. There is not much probability in the commission of any unlawful act, is the discharge of duty, among a people of this, however, and we greatly fear

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Somebody Ought to be Hanged in It is a matter of some difficulty to had been shot at by one of the rival say who is directly responsible for the faction, or after the shooting had be-Sumter. Barmwell People. George E. Haynsworth, Esq. Teial Sumter last Friday. A fearful respon- unfair to punish him severely But he

Justice was accidentally shot and killed sibility rests somewhere. The death of should be punished, for if that concealin his office at Sumter, on Friday. He an innocent and uneffending non lies at ed weapon had not been in his pocket was preparing to bind over to keep the the door of someone. Someone is more on Bloody Day, a noble, isoffensive peace P. G. Bowman and D E and J. ally guilty of his murder, closest as and beloved man, who is now in his R. Keels, between whom and whose guilty as if the fatal shot had been des grave, would to-day have been alive eral. difficulties, many insults and No one, perhaps is guiky in the eye of all his faculties

threats, when a free fight was precipi- the law but whoever you is motion the Hands of everybody. The law will rated by Bowman and participated in by force that caused this douth had murder, decide who was right (if anyone was) for Small Grain on the Market bim, Walter Harby, K. Pennington black, feul murder, in his beart, and ite and who was wrong. Until then, it is

Sumter Sound. Columbia Register. . .

True the leaden missile may bare found it is cowardly, despicable and only another mark than the one for worthy of beathens. whom it was intended and this fact may The Sheriff, Mr. Sanders, is to be It was well for Sumter to call its cit- free the slayer from the technical legal pitied. There was, on his part, crim- Ammonia. izens together to protest against the re- crime of murder and save him from the inal negligenes, for which the only poscent outrage in a court of law. The in- extreme penalty of the law. But the sible excuse is thoughtlessness. But dignant citizens raised their voice element of carelessness enters too largely he seems to feel his position keesly, Annuals, &c.

cr concealed. Generally the practice is termed an accident. Such 'accidents' in Sumter to-day who more deeply re- tive publications of the Company, address, unnecessary, but more important than should never be made possible and grets the occurrence than does Mr the sontiment against the carrying of when they are the result of careless dis- Sanders. Remember the divine at ris the resolute senti- regard of human life they become almost bute of mercy, and let us not criticise deadly y

