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THE LAW AGAINST CONCEALED WEAPONS.

One of the laws the present Legislature will be called upon to amend so as to make it more stringent is the law now on the statute books against carrying concealed weapons. Every now and then, and it has been the case ever since the law was enacted, some one has his indignation aroused to the highest pitch by the murderous use of a pistol which the murderer carried concealed on his person, and comes out and demands the enforcement of the law. Nearly every one of these citizens always make the point that if the law is to be regarded as a dead letter it should be repealed, but if it is to be retained on the statute books it should be rigidly enforced. We have always had an opinion of our own in regard to this law, one of which is, this law will never be rigidly enforced, and very much doubt if it accomplishes any real good purposes. There is really no harm per se in carrying a pistol, and the constitution gives to every American citizen right to carry arms. Many a man has carried a pistol from his early manhood to the day of his death without ever having shot a human being and many a good citizen, although we think they are mistaken conscientiously believe that it is necessary under some circumstances to carry a weapon in order to their personal protection. In view of these facts it is simply impossible to make it in the estimation of the public a great crime for a man to carry a pistol. Therefore it is impossible to get the Legislature up to the point of providing such punishment for the offence as will have the effect to break it up. The law as it is now administered and the penalties it imposes, just does not debar any man from pistol toting. He knows the chances of detection are small, and those who are addicted to this habit are so much in love with it, they are willing to take the risk rather than sacrifice the privilege. Therefore when we talk about enforcing the law we simply make the pistol toters smile. We do not believe the practice can be broken up by law, and if the Legislature was to follow the advice of Attorney General Walser and make the carrying of a concealed weapon a felony, it would not be enforced by the courts because public sentiment would not sustain it. There are those who insist that if a law should be enacted that would make it a felony to carry a concealed weapon, it would be enforced. These things that are wrong except in the abuse of them—is to educate public sentiment. Let us try to convince the general public that it is both cowardly and dangerous to carry concealed weapons. But better still if the Legislature would remedy the evil let the act be so amended, that to carry any concealed weapon the party so do-

men let the names of the persons thus licensed be published in the local papers. This would turn revenue into the county, and at least carry out a law that public sentiment would approve. As far as the present law is concerned, it is a dead letter and has not and will not be enforced.

MEWBORNE'S REPORT.

Mr. Mewborne, superintendent of the Penitentiary for the year 1899 has submitted his report to the directory, preparatory to its going to the Legislature. We will do Mr. Mewborne the justice to say that his figures indicating a "profit" of more than \$41,000 are admittedly based on "expectations," and, also, according to his admission, his "expectations" are based not only upon the failure of the institution to support itself the past year, but a certainty of failure hereafter, unless very different methods are pursued, and conditions change. The administration of the Right Hon. John R. Smith for the year he basked in the grace of Governor Russell gave the expense account of the institution such a painful boost that Mr. Mewborne also admits it was impossible to recover in one short year. Mr. Smith was evidently a financier on wheels. But what a sweet-scented affair the "management" has been from the day Governor Russell took charge to the present will soon be developed.

La Grippe Successfully Treated.
 "I have just recovered from the second attack of la grippe this year," says Mr. Jas. A. Jones, publisher of the Leader Mexia, Texas. "In the latter case I used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and I think with considerable success, only being in bed a little over two days against ten days for the former attack. The second attack I am satisfied would have been equally as bad as the first but for the use of this remedy as I had to go to bed in about six hours after being 'struck with it, while in the first case I was able to attend to business about two days before getting down.'" For Sale at Tayloe's Pharmacy.

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Is a blood disease and only a blood remedy can cure it. So many people make the mistake of taking remedies which at best are only tonics and cannot possibly reach their trouble. Mr. Asa Smith, Greencastle, Indiana, says: "For years I have suffered with Sciatic Rheumatism, which the best physicians were unable to relieve. I took many patent medicines but they did not seem to reach my trouble. I gradually grew worse until I was unable to walk."

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Notice to Stockholders.

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MORTGAGE SALE.

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a mortgage deed from Alfred Faison and wife Annie, to John S. Hodges, dated the 21st of September, 1893, and recorded in Book 84, page 111, of Beaufort county records, I will on Friday, January 13, 1899, offer for sale at public auction at the Court House door, in Beaufort county, that certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Beaufort county, State of North Carolina, and in Richland township, beginning at the mouth of Peters Creek on the south side, runs up the Creek the southwest prong, and up the gut to a sweet gum near the gut, and North 15 East to a gut, thence with said gut to said Creek, and with said Creek to Goose Creek, and with Goose Creek to the beginning, being the same tract of land conveyed by J. W. Cahon to Alfred Faison, by deed recorded in Book 77, page 23, in Beaufort county records.
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 J. S. HODGES,
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ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.

Having this day qualified before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Beaufort county as administrator of the estate of Israel Blacklege, deceased, all persons who hold claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same for payment to the undersigned within one year from this date or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment.
 This Dec. 23rd, 1898.
 JOSHUA TAYLOR
 Administrator of ISRAEL BLACKLEGE.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified this day as administrator of the estate of Dr. J. D. McCormick, deceased, before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Beaufort county, all persons holding claims against the said estate are hereby notified to present the same for payment to the undersigned within one year from date or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment. This 15th day of November 1898.
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 Administrator of J. D. McCormick.

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