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# THE CHARTER AND CODE

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**The same; carrying in a cruel manner.**

SEC. 289. If any person shall carry, or cause to be carried, by hand, or in or upon any vehicle or other conveyance, any creature in a cruel or inhuman manner, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

**The same; punishment.**

SEC. 290. Any person who shall violate any of the last five sections on the subject of cruelty to animals, shall, on conviction, be fined not less than ten dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, or imprisoned not less than ten days nor more than ninety days, or both.

**The same; target shooting at pigeons.**

SEC. 291. Every person who shall keep or use any pigeon for the use of a target or to shoot at, either for amusement or as a test of skill in marksmanship, and every person who shall so shoot at any pigeon, or be a party to any such shooting, and every person who shall rent any building, shed, room, yard, field, or premises, or shall knowingly suffer or permit the use of any building, shed, room, yard, field, or premises, for the purpose of so shooting any pigeon, shall be fined not less than seven dollars and fifty cents nor exceeding twenty dollars, or be imprisoned not exceeding ten days, or be both fined and imprisoned; but this shall not apply to the shooting of any wild game in its wild state.

**The same; malicious or mischievous injury to certain animals.**

SEC. 292. Any person who shall maliciously, either out of a spirit of revenge or wanton cruelty, or who shall mischievously kill, maim, or wound, or injure any horse, mare, gelding, mule, sheep, cattle, hog, dog, poultry, or other livestock, or cause any person to do the same, shall be fined not less than seven dollars and fifty cents nor more than three hundred dollars, or be imprisoned not exceeding ninety days, or both.

**Deadly weapons; carrying of concealed.**

SEC. 293. Any person who carries concealed, in whole or in part, any bowie knife, dirk knife, butcher knife, pistol, brass or metallic knuckles, slungshot, sword, or other deadly weapon of

like kind or description, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, on conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, and all costs, or be imprisoned in the county jail not more than ninety days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

**Weapon forfeited.**

SEC. 294. Upon the conviction of any person under the preceding section, the weapon shown in such case to have been carried concealed, in whole or in part, shall be forfeited to the state, and shall be delivered to the sheriff of Yazoo county, who shall forthwith publicly destroy the same.

**The same; not applicable to certain persons.**

SEC. 295. Any person indicted or charged for a violation of the last section may show as a defense—

(a) That he was threatened, and had good and sufficient reason to apprehend a serious attack from an enemy, and that he did so apprehend; or

(b) That he was traveling and was not a tramp, or was setting out on a journey, and was not a tramp; or

(c) That he was a peace officer or deputy in the discharge of his duties; or

(d) That he was at the time in the discharge of his duties as a mail carrier; or

(e) That he was at the time engaged in transporting valuables for an express company or bank; or

(f) That he was in lawful pursuit of a felon.

And the burden of proving either of said defenses shall be on the accused.

**Dealers to keep record of cartridges and weapons sold.**

SEC. 296. Every merchant or dealer or pawnbroker that sells bowie knives, dirk knives, pistols, brass or metallic knuckles, or slungshots, or pistol or rifle cartridges, shall keep a record of all sales of such weapons and cartridges sold, showing the description of the weapon and kind and caliber of cartridges so sold, the name of the purchaser, and the description of weapons and the quantity of cartridges and date of sale. This record to be opened

to public inspection at any time to persons desiring to see it. The dealer who violates this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, shall be fined not less than seven dollars and fifty cents nor more than twenty-five dollars.

**The same; and cartridges not sold to infant or drunk person.**

SEC. 297. It shall not be lawful for any person to sell, give, or lend to any minor or person intoxicated, knowing him to be a minor or in a state of intoxication, any deadly weapon, or other weapon the carrying of which concealed is prohibited, or pistol cartridge; and, on conviction thereof, he shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than two hundred dollars, or imprisoned not exceeding ninety days, or both.

**The same; father not to suffer infant son to have or carry.**

SEC. 298. Any father who shall knowingly suffer or permit any son under the age of sixteen years to have or to own, or to carry concealed, in whole or in part, any weapon the carrying of which concealed is prohibited, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, on conviction, shall be fined not less than twenty dollars nor more than two hundred dollars, or may be imprisoned not more than sixty days in the county jail, or both.

**The same; pupil in any public school not to have, etc.**

SEC. 299. Any student or pupil in any public school of this city, who shall carry into such school any weapon of the kind mentioned or described in section 293, concealed, in whole or in part, or any professor, teacher, or instructor in such school who shall knowingly suffer or permit any such weapon to be carried into such school, concealed, as aforesaid, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, on conviction thereof in the city court, shall be punished as provided in section 293.

**The same; exhibiting in rude, angry, or threatening manner, etc.**

SEC. 300. If any person, having or carrying any dirk, dirk knife, sword, sword-cane, or any deadly weapon, or other weapon the carrying of which concealed is prohibited, shall, in the pres-

ence of three or more persons, exhibit the same in a rude, angry, or threatening manner, not in necessary self-defense, or shall in any manner unlawfully use the same in any fight or quarrel, the person so offending, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined in any sum not less than seven dollars and fifty cents nor more than five hundred dollars, or be imprisoned not exceeding ninety days, or both. In prosecutions under this section, it shall not be necessary for the affidavit or indictment to aver, nor for the city to prove on the trial, that any gun, pistol, or other firearm was charged, loaded, or in condition to be discharged.

**Depots; unlawful for certain persons to congregate at.**

SEC. 301. It shall be unlawful for all drivers of drays, hacks, carriages, or other public or private vehicles for the transportation of persons or baggage, or for hotel runners and porters, to stand or congregate at or near any passenger depot so as to obstruct or interfere with the free and easy passage of all passengers or employes, and any person violating this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction, shall be fined not less than seven dollars and fifty cents nor more than twenty-five dollars.

**The same; unlawful for all persons to congregate at after notice to leave, except passengers and employes.**

SEC. 302. It shall be unlawful for all persons, except passengers or employes, to be or remain at train-time on the platform, approaches, or grounds of any passenger depot, or on any railroad premises within fifty feet of said depot, or within forty feet of any incoming or outgoing train or cars, or to fail to withdraw therefrom after notice by the marshal or any policeman so to do, and any person violating this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction, shall be fined in any sum not less than seven dollars and fifty cents nor more than twenty-five dollars.

**Disorderly conduct.**

SEC. 303. Any person who shall act in a disorderly manner, to the annoyance of others, or be guilty of any disorderly or un-

seemly conduct, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction, shall be fined not less than seven dollars and fifty cents nor more than one hundred dollars.

**Disorderly house; keeping of prohibited.**

SEC. 304. Any person who shall keep a disorderly house by making, causing, or permitting to be made therein or on the premises, loud or improper noises, or by collecting or having therein any drunken or noisy person or persons, shall, upon conviction, be fined in any sum not less than seven dollars and fifty cents nor more than one hundred dollars, or imprisoned not more than thirty days, or both.

**Disturbance of family; noises and offensive conduct.**

SEC. 305. A person who wilfully disturbs the peace of any family or person by an explosion of gunpowder or other explosive substance, or by loud or unusual noise, or by any tumultuous or offensive conduct, shall be punished by fine and imprisonment, or either, the fine not to be less than seven dollars and fifty cents, nor to exceed one hundred dollars, and the imprisonment not to exceed ninety days.

**The same; using abusive, etc., language, etc.**

SEC. 306. Any person who enters the dwelling house of another or the yard or curtilage thereof, or upon any public street or alley, or any other place near such premises, and in the presence or hearing of the family of the possessor or occupant thereof, or any member thereof, or of any female, makes use of abusive, profane, vulgar or indecent language, or is guilty of any indecent exposure of his person at such place, shall be punished by a fine of not less than seven dollars and fifty cents nor more than one hundred dollars, or imprisoned not exceeding ninety days, or both.

**Disturbance of the peace; generally.**

SEC. 307. Any person who shall make, aid, countenance, or assist in making any breach of the peace or disturbance of any kind, shall, upon conviction, be fined not less than seven dollars and fifty cents nor more than one hundred dollars, or imprisoned not exceeding ninety days, or both.