

# THE TRIAL OF STERZER

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On Friday last the case of George Sterzer, for murder in the first degree, in causing the death of Michael Gleason in April inst. Came up for trial. Without much effort a jury was impaneled. It will be remembered that this matter arose out of an attempt of the game constable of the town of Salina, named William Garrett, to arrest Sterzer for a violation of what is termed the game law. In that affray Gleason lost his life, and Garrett was very dangerously wounded, and the indictment in the case charged Sterzer as guilty of murder in the first degree in causing the death of Gleason, by shooting him with a shot gun, while being arrested by Garrett and Gleason, who had been called upon by Garrett to assist him in making the arrest. This occurrence took place on Sunday. District Attorney Hoodelle for the people; D. J. Mitchell for Sterzer; that what Sterzer did was justifiable, and was done in his own self defence [*sic*], and to prevent his arrest. The sections of the game law, applicable to the case, read as follows:

Section 15. There shall be no shooting or hunting, or having in possession in open air the implements for shooting, on the first day of the week, pallert(?) Sunday, and any person violating the provision of this section shall be liable to a penalty of not more than \$35 nor less than \$10 for each offence.

Section 31. It shall be the duty of the game constable, after reliable information, to prosecute all violations of this act, and he shall receive such compensation for his services as constable of towns, and also one-half of all the

penalties recovered by him for violations of these acts.

The case went to the jury on Saturday, when a verdict of not guilty was rendered.