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Last week's Review tells the Mist where we made a mistake in saying that the Sch. Hyman D. Foster took her entire cargo at this port, and we are willing to own up. The Foster as we have learned loaded partly at Rainier, and we are glad of it. But this week it is the Review man that has been misinformed and in justice to the county officers here who are not lax in the preformance of their duty we feel bound to call attention to the following extract from the leading editorial in last week's Review:

" A man has been accused of crimes so base, so infinitely beneath the standard of human. yes, bestial society, that clear mention of them cannot be made. The man was in the city a day after this thing became public. The City and County officials were notified and on the ground. The man left and his whereabouts is unknown. The Review cannot place the blame but would like to see it placed and placed hard."

The placing of the blame for the escape of this man seems to us to be the easiest thing in the world. There is a justice machine in Rainier, and there are officers to enforce the law. The statement that the county officers were notified and on the grounds needs a little explaining. The common belief, and it is supposed by the facts, is that the man accused left Rainier on Wednesday. The District Attorney here was notified by telephone on that day in time to catch the train for Rainier in the evening, and went to that place and investigated so far as was in his power, but it was after the man had left

sworn out for his arrest until Friday of the same week, the Sheriff taking the train on Saturday, or soon as was possible. His investigation was thorough, and he would go to any pains to get this man.

Rainier.

So that is the extent of the county officers being on the ground. Why was the warrant not sworn out at once upon the commission of the crimes becoming known? With the Review, we would like to see the blame, if their is anyone except the complainant to blame for the man's escape, placed, though we are not particular about how hard it is placed. But there seems to be but little doubt that the Rainier paper should place it close to home, and not in this vicinity.

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