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FAIRNESS TO THE ACCUSED.

There is, without question, in many instances too much leniency shown by courts to men convicted of crime on the Pacific coast; but the press of the coast will never be guilty of too much fairness toward men accused of crime and not yet convicted. From the time of the arrest of Durrant in San Francisco up to the present time the press have left unimproved no opportunity to prejudice and embitter the public against him. False and exaggerated reports concerning the testimony have been published double leaded and spread broadcast among the people from whom his judges are to be selected; unnecessary and misleading statements concerning his appearance and conduct are published; and, not least among the unfair representations, are the pictures of him which are printed; if they are as correct likenesses of him as those often published of prominent people, the publishers should be punished on account of these for criminal libel.

The press dispatches say: "His closely cropped hair gives him a criminal appearance, and his clean shaved lips reveal the coarse sensuality of his mouth," and make other suggestions as to his personal appearance, which are for the purpose of prejudicing those who read them. The hired detectives are hand to hand with the press, the latter to create as much sensation as possible and thereby enrich the corporations which publish them, and the former to advertise their business and secure the rewards; methods are chosen regardless of truth, honesty or justice.

We are reminded by the present conduct of the San Francisco press of the history of the arrest of Hale, Barnard and others in Gilliam county some years ago, for the robbery of the Roslyn bank by the alleged Detective Sullivan. Oregon's leading journal lauded the alleged detectives, declared that the arrested were guilty beyond a peradventure of a doubt and proceeded to prejudice the case and prepare the public to convict. The services thus rendered had its effect and the accused barely escaped, although the evidence was weak; afterwards it was learned for a certainty that the accused were wholly innocent.

This same paper now follows the same course in the Durrant case. Commenting upon the defendant's application for a change of venue it says: "By these means (referring to the reading of the affidavits filed in support of the application) it is proposed to wear out the patience of the courts and the public and finally to escape justice through its sheer weariness." The fact is defendant's counsel advised the court of the time it would require to read the affidavits and asked to have the reading passed by and stated that the motion was made anticipating the difficulty in obtaining a fair jury. The course pursued is proper and usual under such circumstances; the counsel were compelled by the judge to read the affidavits. Of course, according to this style of journalism, the whole trial is "to escape justice;" in other words, that justice be done, do away with the trial and hang the accused. A man however innocent is in imminent danger when he gets the modern paid detectives and these unfair journals after him, and if he proves his innocence, a thing no man should be required to do, because the law presumes him to be, he is fortunate. Justice should be fair above all things else; it too often stoops to use the same methods adopted by the really guilty.

Durrant, like every other accused, should have a fair trial; if the San Francisco dailies have any influence he will not get it in that city.

CONCURRENT JURISDICTION.

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