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OUR LIBEL SUIT.

The Evidence—The Arguments—The Charge to the Jury—The Verdict—The Result.

The result of the case of alleged libel against this paper has been all that was hoped for and all that it should have been. The full justification of the Saturday Press' discussion of leprosy has been established to the satisfaction of ten out of twelve jurymen. We think we will be sustained in saying that ten out of every twelve intelligent citizens uphold the Press in its every utterance on the topic which this libel suit has brought so pointedly to the consideration of the community. Doctor Fitch and his absurd pretentions would have been unworthy newspaper notice if he had not represented the executive power of a knot of men who are playing with human life in this kingdom, and whose responsibility is so much greater than that of Doctor Fitch that the temptation is to forget the infatuated theorist, who has so recently been punished, in resentment against the power that has made the unfortunate Fitch the tool of its terrible trifling with the life of a whole nation. In our issue of Saturday the case itself, its result and the principle it has established, will be fully discussed.

THE OPENING OF THE CASE.

The libel case against this journal, brought by Doctor Fitch, came up for trial before a foreign jury on the 13th instant, his honor Chief Justice Judd on the bench. Mr. John Russell and Mr. F. M. Hatch for the crown, Mr. S. B. Dole for the defense. The following gentlemen were called to serve as jurymen: S. Magnin, D. McCartney, J. Spear, W. Wenner, E. Kistler, S. Selig, G. West, W. Lishman, J. B. Castle, Julius Asche, J. H. Bruns, Jr., J. C. Cluney. Before being sworn Mr. McCartney, one of the jurors, was excused, as he was a witness in the case. He was accordingly excused, and Mr. C. R. Scarborough took his place in the box.

Neither side making objections to the jurymen thus empanelled, Mr. Hatch, for the prosecution, read the indictment as follows:

the name of His Majesty, the King of the Hawaiian Islands, Oahu, to wit:

At a term of the Supreme Court of the Hawaiian Islands, began and holden at Honolulu, in the Island of Oahu, within and for the said Hawaiian Islands, and more especially with and for the said Island of Oahu, on the second day of July, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three and continued by adjournment from day to day, and from time to time until the seventh day of said July.

The Attorney-General of the Kingdom, by William Austin Whiting, his deputy, lawfully appointed, on and in behalf of our Sovereign Lord the King, upon his official oath presents that, Thomas G. Thrum, a foreigner, of Honolulu, in the Island of Oahu, and within the jurisdiction of this honorable court, on the fifth day of May, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three, unlawfully and maliciously intending to vilify, disgrace and defame one George L. Fitch, a physician and doctor of medicine, and an officer of the Hawaiian Government, to wit, government physician for the District of Kona, in the Island of Oahu, unlawfully and maliciously did make, print and publish, and cause to be printed and published in a certain newspaper, entitled the Saturday Press, published at Honolulu aforesaid, and of public circulation within the Hawaiian Islands, and within the jurisdiction of this honorable court, a certain false, scandalous and malicious defamatory libel of and concerning the said George L. Fitch aforesaid, one George L. Fitch aforesaid, one George L. Fitch aforesaid, one