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Weather Forecast. Official forecast for the twenty-four hours ending at midnight June 30th: Northern California—Fair weather; warmer; westerly winds.

WHAT ARE WE COMING TO? The time was when an American court was invested with much dignity, and the edicts of the bar held lawyers well within the common proprieties in their conduct in public.

The courteous demeanor, the dignity, the pride in the profession that once made lawyers gentlemen at all times and in all places, is now fast disappearing.

What are we coming to, when attorneys arm themselves with pistols and knives instead of books and gentility when they enter a courtroom? What is the state of society when, on angry words passing, a score or half a score of men rise up in the courtroom with their hands upon deadly, secreted weapons, ready to begin shooting right and left, and the court finds it necessary to order the Sheriff to disarm the people as they enter his courtroom thereafter?

It would be better far that we return to the olden times when every gentleman carried his sword and had his point in full sight at his girdle. If we could lay aside the pistol to-day and substitute the blade at the hip, we would have fewer tragedies, less sacrifice of human life and fewer disgraceful scenes in court.

It will then be unnecessary for a court to order the spectators at a trial, the counsel and the jury to be searched for weapons. Indeed, the counties under such a system, to which we seem to be rapidly drifting, should furnish the court with a few dynamite bombs at hand on the bench, and the jurors in their box with repeating rifles. Contempts of court and disobedience to court mandates under such a state of affairs could be easily and effectually settled and punished.

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to be a lesson to us that should spur authorities to utmost vigilance. Oakland is today paying dearly for clogged sewers, unflushed drains, garbage heaps, stagnant pools, and decaying matter on the edge of water, to say nothing of bad drinking water.

The Times of yesterday reports that one-half of that city is dependent on a single main sewer, that is flushed only by the putrid waters of Lake Merritt; that the Superintendent of Streets reports as clogged, filled with filth, and reeking with disease-breeding material more than half the sewers of the city, and that, in fact, all city sewers from "The Point" to East Oakland are foul and dangerous.

On top of all this comes the story of impure milk and impure water for drinking purposes. It is no wonder that the Times exclaims, as it does: "This is murder."

We distinctly disclaim any desire to injure Oakland by thus repeating her story. On the contrary, we feel very kindly towards that city. It ought to be one of the most healthful cities in the Union—its natural conditions justify that conclusion.

But we refer to Oakland solely to impress upon our own people the absolute necessity for taking every precaution to remove to the farthest the possibility of any such affliction overtaking this city. We can do this if we act promptly.

Once let the thing happen here that has happened in Oakland, and the average citizen will wish he were buried under the property that he now values so highly. Fortunately Sacramento is not in the frightful condition of Oakland, and can be made reasonably safe against epidemic disease that arises out of unsanitary conditions. The simple question is, Will we act?

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