

even bias the minds of citizens who may be called to act as jurors. Articles of this kind, like dime novels, are hurtful to young people and often inspire pernicious ideas which take them from the straight path. The publishers of such newspapers are, however, within their legal rights while publishing these articles; and, if I make these remarks, it is not because they are in any way subject to judicial blame, but in the hope that when the objectionableness of this style of publication is directly brought to their notice, they may be induced to adopt a quieter mode of writing and of heading their articles. The publication of reports of the proceedings in our criminal courts is proper and useful; but it seems to me that if our newspapers generally would adopt the style of the reports published in the leading newspapers in England, their reports would be more suitable and of greater advantage to the public.

It may be useful to give you a few words of explanation about the nature of the most serious of the accusations which will be laid before you.

Homicide is the killing of one human being by another, and murder is an unlawful homicide with malice aforethought. In legal contemplation all homicide amounts to murder unless and until this presumption is rebutted. As your investigation is not a trial, but is merely made to ascertain if there is reason-