Trial of a Remarkable Case in Missouri.

The trial of Albert and Ed, Talbott for the murder of their father in Nodaway co., Mo., on the night of the 18th of last September, which was fixed to begin on the 17th instant, deals with one of the most interesting cases that ever came before a Missouri tribunal for hearing on account of the peculiar circumstances attending the commission of the crime and the extensive acquaintance of the murdered man, who had been for many years a leading citizen of northwest Missouri, having represented Nodaway county in the General Assembly twenty-five years ago, and amassed a fortune in the practice of medicine. Several years ago the doctor gave up the active practice of his profession, and devoted his time principally to politics, having been originally a Democat, but latterly a Greenbacker, and was known as a writer and speaker of more than ordinary ability. The Chicago Times has a Maryville special giving the details of the case :

On the fatal Saturday Dr. Talbott reached his home about 9 o'clock in the evening, when he repaired to his bedroom, where Mrs. Talbott and their son Albert, familiarly called "Bud," were sitting. Soon after entering the room, the doctor took off his coat and vest, as Mrs. Talbott and her son testified at their preliminary examination, and then sat down on the side of the bed as though wishing to rest before retiring for the night. Mrs. T. at this time sat on the foot of the bed, facing her husband, while Albert sat in a chair by the window. As the father, mother and son were occupying these positions in the room, an ounce and a half bullet came crashing through the window, cutting off two of the doctor's fingers and passing entirely through his body from side to side, making a frightful wound; thence the builet grazed the leg of Mrs. Talbott and passed on imbedding itself in a wooden partition of the room, where it was afterward found.

The doctor's injury was at once pronounced fatal. After reciving his death wound be conversed freely with those around him, dictated his will, and when the fatal bullet was taken from its lodging place in the partition, he took it in hand, and, after examining it carefully, remarked: "This means death." And he was right, for he died in great agony the next day. During his conversation after being shot, when asked if some member of his household might not have shot him, he gave evasive answers, and, if he knew who his murderer was, he died with the secret concealed in his breast. From the fact that the Talbott family had not lived together very harmoniously for some time past, it was believed by many that some member of the family had taken his life, but matters did not assume a tangible shape until a reward of \$500 was offered by Mrs. Talbott for the arrest of her husband's assassin.

The hope of securing this reward led a detective named Brighton to disguise himself as a laborer and go to the Talbott mansion and apply for work assuming the name of Frank B. Hudson. He succeeded in finding employment on a neighboring farm, where he and his wife whom he represented as his sister, took up their abode. Brighton alleges that the boys were frevery intimate with both himself and " sister," and during one of those visits they confessed to having killed their own father, he alleging that said confession was made in the hearing of his wife, who was con cealed in a closet off the room. Brighton further swears that the boys hired him to for \$50 to kill their hired man, Wyatt, whom, he says they feared, would reveal the secret of the old man's death, he knowing all the facts. Brighton alleges that, in order to get into the coufidence of the boys, he signed an article of agreement drawn up by Albert Talbott, to effect that they should go into the robbing of trains mails and banks on a large scale, and divide the plunder. At the preliminary trial, in proof of this latter statement, the detective submitted an article of agreement, which he alleges was written by Albert, and of which the following is a copy, both as to spelling and phraseology:

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