

TRIAL OF ED. BROWN

FOR THE MURDER OF COL. PAGE ON JULY 24TH LAST.

The Testimony in the Case as Offered by the Prosecution—As Arranged Until Monday Because of an Absent Witness.

The circumstances of the dreadful tragedy at Marion on the night of the 24th of July last, is too fresh in memory to need recapitulation. The deed was committed in the darkness of the night, and the slayer escaped without having been identified. Subsequently Edward Brown surrendered himself, and has been held in close confinement until the present term of the Superior court, where he was placed on trial, charged under a bill of indictment only found with the murder of Roger J. Page.

We are indebted to a gentleman of Marion for notes of the evidence so far as the trial has progressed. They would have appeared in yesterday morning's issue but the mail from the East was delayed in its arrival here until near midnight, and letters by it were not accessible until yesterday morning.

MARION, N. C., October 11. The State introduced Charles Fowler, who says, substantially:—I was present when Col. Page was killed on the railroad track near Judge H. Edmond, Frank Neal, a drummer, and a gentleman I do not know. Col. Page was between the tracks coming toward town; it was 12 o'clock at night; the east bound train had passed; I was sitting behind my seat, a man ran up from behind and shot Page; saw the flash of the pistol at about 12 o'clock; heard the report of the pistol; the man was on the side track; did not see the man's head, nor the pistol; had a lantern in my hand; thought there was two shots; when the shots fired, ran across the track; saw Page fall when the pistol fired; do not know what kind of clothes he had on, nor whether he was a white man or negro. I know Ed. Brown; have known him ten years; saw Brown at the depot, while we waited for the train, talking to the telegraph operator; saw no weapons; heard nothing said about Page; met passengers at the depot; did not notice Page get off; saw the man run back towards the depot after the firing; was 100 yards from the depot; was too dark to see the depot; saw the man come from the depot; the flash of your light hurts my eyes. Page was lying on his face. We turned him over. The bullet entered the back of his neck. He was dead.

No cross examination. John Yancy says:—Was at the depot at 11 o'clock; Col. Page was killed, and saw train pass; was on the west platform of depot, facing the approach of train; was 12 o'clock at night; saw Page get off train. Did not know who was with him, except Mr. Neal; did not see Brown at the depot that night; saw two pistol cartridges; was in bed at the time; got up; he was sober; no one with him; went back to my room, dressed and went to depot; had no particular business there; he looked worried. I asked him what was the matter. He said he had seen Fowler. He invaded the privacy of Dr. Butts' family, and said "how can I ever look an honest woman in the face again." Dr. Butts married Brown's sister. Did not say where Page was; heard some rapid firing; there was more than one shot; went up the hill immediately; did not see any one on track; never heard any threats from Brown; saw him most every day before the shooting.

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FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH.

The Relationship Between Slave and Master in the South.

Baltimore Sun. In a recent issue of the True Index, of Warrenton, Va., there is a touching tribute to an old family servant, Wilhelm Edmonds, who, for more than fifty years was a nurse in the family of Mr. E. C. Turner, of The Plains, in Fauquier county. The record of his life is so touching and so simply but ably sketched in the notice of her death, and we reproduce it in another column, because it illustrates in a signal manner the relations which existed in the South in former times between trusted servants and the families in which they were born. The story is familiar as a three-fold tale to Southern people who lived under the old regime, and from Virginia to Louisiana there is probably not a family in which slaves were formerly owned that did not number among their most faithful servants whose devotion and loyalty would have done honor to any sphere. The relation, in fact, was not so much that of master and servant as that of protector and friend, and many thousands of Southern men and women still recall with warm and grateful memories the services of those who guarded their infancy and early youth with as much tenderness and constancy as if they had been their own offspring, and who followed them through after years with sincere pride in their successes, and genuine sympathy in their sorrows. Walter Scott has written us many striking pictures of the fidelity of the Scotch clansman to his chief, but Scotch fidelity never surpassed that of thousands of these humble slaves, who in time of war stood firm in the face of the strongest temptations, and, unshaken by the deities of the old servant, whose remains in circumstances, followed the fortunes of the family to the last gasp with truth and loyalty." Thomas Nelson Page, Joel Chandler Harris and other writers of that section have recognized in their stories of Southern life the worth and value of the old servant, whose remains in foster children have just laid rest to rest near those of her old mistress in the family graveyard at Kinloch, is but another instance of the sincere affection which existed and still exists in the South between those who were once masters and slaves, but for whom friendship and loyal service had substituted the bonds of obligation and love long before the negroes had been freed by force of the bayonet. Such alienation has taken place of late years has been directly the result of the work of vicious political agitators, who for purely selfish purposes have attempted to array the two races in antagonism. If this political pressure were removed, and the colored race suffered to live unexcited and undisturbed by the interested partisans who seek to use it for their own purposes, the old friendly relations would soon be re-established, and we should hear nothing of injustice on one side or of bad feeling on the other. Fidelity is too rare a virtue to be suffered to disappear. It can be kept alive by cherishing the spirit which fed its flame. The Southern slave showed that he possessed what is the noblest ornament of a freeman, and the loyalty to duty which converted the servant into a friend may yet with encouragement transform the colored citizen in the South from a political enemy to a trusted ally.

BEACHES YESTERDAY.

At Cincinnati—St. Louis-Cincinnati game not played on account of rain. At Philadelphia—Baltimore 7, Athletic 3. At Louisville—Kansas City 4, Louisville 6. At Columbus—Columbus 7, Brooklyn 3.

THE WEATHER TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, October 12.—Indications for North Carolina.—Fair; followed in eastern Carolina by light rain; cooler except stationary temperature; east winds becoming north-westerly.

THE NEWS-OBSERVER SAYS THERE ARE THIRTY-TWO STUDENTS IN THE AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE. THERE WERE FORTY APPLICANTS, BUT SOME FAILED TO PASS THE EXAMINATION YESTERDAY.

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