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A SOUTHERN VOLUNTEER.

FRANK L. STANTON. Yes, sir, I fought with Stonewall, And faced the fight with Lee...

A Probable Murder.

Matthew Bell, who is now in jail at Norfolk, Va., awaiting to begin a ten-year sentence for housebreaking and robbery...

A Large Serpent.

Norfolk has two hunters who have a picture of a sea serpent which they claim to have seen while in North Carolina...

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BONNER MURDER TRIAL.

Testimony of Credle, the State's Witness.

Try to Prove an Alibi.

THE BELL BOYS ATTEMPT TO PROVE AN ALIBI. THE TRIAL WILL CONTINUE INTO NEXT WEEK.

The trial of David Cradle, Wm. Brantley and the Bell boys, for the murder of J. B. Bonner, of Aurora, is still going on at Washington, N. C., with unabated interest.

Up to this writing only about sixty witnesses have been examined—about half summoned to testify in the case.

David Cradle said: "I am 25 years old. I was born in Hyde county. Cannot read or write. Lived in Beaufort county four years, in Aurora twelve months, and have known Brantley and Bell since I have been in the county."

"I refused to testify before the grand jury because my brother told me not to tell until he saw me again. I don't know what the effect of my testifying will have upon saving my own neck."

"Next morning I went back to Flowers. I came back to Aurora Saturday night and took supper with Brantley. The Bell's came and Mrs. Brantley gave us our masks and again we went to the stables, our meeting place. Bell said, 'We can get Bonner to-night.' All was arranged. Brantley, Sherrill Bell and I were to go in front of Bonner's house and get in the fence corner and Uriah Bell was to watch Bonner and give the signal by a whistle if it was the right man. Bell gave Brantley his pistol as he had loaned his to his brother. Brantley had brass knuckles and he gave me the pistol. We went and took our positions. Some one was coming, and Uriah Bell gave the whistle signal. Brantley led meeting Bonner, Sherrill followed and I behind. Brantley knocked him down with his brass knuckles and we threw him over the fence. He struggled a little. We broke some rails. Bonner caught on his feet but Sherrill got over, threw him down and said, 'Please help me to keep him from hollering.' Bonner begged and said, 'For God's sake don't kill me. I will give you everything I have.' I put my hand on his head. Brantley told me to shoot him. I would not and he took the pistol from my hand and shot him in the forehead. I ran and so did Brantley. When we had gotten about twenty-five or fifty yards away another pistol fired. We went through the field and across wire and other fences to Brantley's Uriah Bell ran as soon as Bonner was knocked down. Don't know where Sherrill Bell went. We left him at the body. Uriah Bell came to Brantley's and wanted to know what he had done. Brantley said, 'I shot him.' He wanted to know if we robbed him and we said we left Sherrill at the

body and we supposed he did it. He said, 'You both stay in and I will tell you know if anything occurs.' Credle also said: Those are the shoes I had on. My hand was bloody and Mrs. Brantley put water in a vessel and I washed them. 'Brantley was not bloody. He took the empty shell from the pistol and threw it in the fire. He gave the knucks and pistol to Mrs. Brantley. She put them away. She put the knucks under the wash stand. There was a light in the house when we came to Brantley. He told Mrs. Brantley what he had done. She said, 'Well, you shock me.' We then went to bed and next morning we went to see the body. 'Late in the afternoon I was under shed with one Paul. Uriah Bell and someone was on the opposite side of the street, he motioned me to come and I did, and he gave me Bonner's store key, and said, 'Throw it in the creek.' I took it and went to Flowers' and hid it under the fence. Brantley and his wife were there. Brantley said next morning that the Bells had keys and papers taken from Bonner's pockets. On coming back from the field that afternoon, before I told him Bell gave me one key, Brantley and I talked it over and he asked about blood hounds which had been sent for, and Brantley said, 'It has been raining, they can't scent. I road here and you came by boat.' We were going to Aurora. He said, 'They may suspect us, but don't get scared.' 'I asked R. L. Jones if the blood hounds had come on Sunday. 'We went to Aurora and were arrested on Monday afternoon. The Bells were arrested next day.' The statement of nearly every witness that has gone on the stand for the State has corroborated the facts brought out by Credle. The evidence by the defence has all been on the line of an effort to prove an alibi for the Bell Brothers. Strong effort has been made to prove an alibi for Uriah Bell as to his conferring with the gang on the Thursday night of the week prior to the week of the murder. One lady testified and every one else that Uriah Bell was at the Hall on the night in question. Only one or two thought they were positive they saw him at all times that night from 8 to 1 o'clock. The evidence by the defence, thus far, is not of much weight, and does not go far toward proving an alibi. It is now impossible to forecast as to the end of the trial—which will probably last until next week.

WHITE CAPS.

At Work in Carroll County Virginia.

Have Become Desperate.

Cowhided a Citizen and Hung Another to a Limb Three Times Until Almost Dead.

White Caps in Carroll county, Va., near the North Carolina line, have become desperate. During the past week they visited the houses of three different parties. One was Lacy Worrell, a man suspected of being a revenue informer. They cowhided him unmercifully and ordered him to leave the county at once. He is now in West Virginia and has sent for his wife and children. Another victim was Will Dalton. He was hung to a limb three times until almost dead. Then, after a severe flogging, was turned loose. He recognized several persons in the mob and the chances are that they will soon be arrested. It is believed the white caps are an organized band of toughs, committing these crimes, thinking that the distillers in the county will be accused of the same.

The Odd Fellows Orphan Home.

The board of trustees of the Odd Fellows Orphan's Home held a special meeting at Goldsboro on Friday the 17th inst., for consultation with reference to the erection of the main building on its grounds at Goldsboro. An amended plan was submitted, which, with some small variations, met with the approval of the board, and a resolution was adopted to have the building erected at a cost not to exceed \$10,000. Messrs. Nathaniel Jacobi, of Wilmington, Wm. T. Dorth and W. A. J. Peacock, of Goldsboro, were selected as a building committee to carry out the action of the board. The committee will be ready to receive proposals as soon as the specifications are completed.

Should Have a Guardian.

One of the young men of Hertford, who is evidently in need of a guardian, more than a wife, imparts the following sad information to the editor of the Courier of that place: 'Edenton is an easy place to catch a sweetheart, but a hard place to get a wife.' Poor fellow, you have our sincere sympathy. It is indeed deplorable that one in your predicament should be running around without someone to look after and protect you. We wish we could be of some service to you, but, as our girls are just a little choice and hardly care to undertake the position of guardian, we fail to see how we can help you. Your plea is indeed a sad one and even now we are shedding copious tears of sympathy. We can only cite the wifeless wanderer to the beautiful poem: 'Be still, sad heart, and cease repining, Behind the clouds, the sun's still shining. Such fate is but the common fate of all, And into each life some rain must fall, Some days must be dark and dreary.'

To Protect Our Coast.

It is said to be the purpose of the Government to fortify at least two and perhaps three points on the North Carolina coast, using heavy modern guns and torpedo-boats.

\$100 Reward \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address, F. J. CHENEY & CO., Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

North Carolina Invited.

Gov. Carr has received a letter from Governor Peter Turney, of Tennessee, asking through him, the co-operation of this State in the exposition at Nashville, beginning September 1896, which is to celebrate the centennial of the admission of Tennessee into the Union.

News Gathered Here There, and Everywhere.

OF INTEREST TO ALL.

PICKED UP AND PUT IN SHAPE FOR THE BUSY READER.

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A new steamship is being constructed for the Southern route, to ply between Norfolk and Baltimore.

Animals Wanted.

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Have You Ever Seen It?

If you have not, you shall see it at once. Why you should see it at once, is, because it is the wonder of the age. The Newest, Latest, Best, Most Useful, Most Cleanly, Most Convenient and above all the most fascinating and interesting Novelty for every home.

Will Meet at St. Louis.

St. Louis gets the Populist National Convention, it having been called by the Executive Committee to meet there July 22nd.

Tobacco Exposition.

The Chamber of Commerce of Winston is considering the feasibility of holding a big Tobacco Exposition in that city during the coming fall.

Dedicated.

The Epworth Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Norfolk, which cost \$100,000, was dedicated Sunday last.

THE TENNESSEE'S EXPOSITION.

TO BE HELD THIS YEAR AT NASHVILLE.

Tennessee will be the first State in the Union to celebrate the one-hundredth anniversary of its admission into the federation, and she will do it on a grand scale.

For several years the people of Tennessee have been planning to honor the event in a fitting manner, and they are now building at Nashville, the capital city, an exposition that will be larger and more beautiful in detail than any exposition ever held in this country except the World's Fair at Chicago. The Exposition will open September 1st, 1896, and continue one hundred days.

North Carolina Schools.

There are in the State 2 white and 7 colored normal schools; 5,123 white and 2,424 colored districts, with 4,811 white and 2,296 colored schools taught. North Carolina has spent for public schools in 1895 over \$800,000.

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Ladies!

See it, and please tell me how you can afford to be without it. You can fill your parlors in your parlor if you should so desire, or on your breakfast table without fear of soiling your fine damask.

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