

The Booth Mystery.

"Is it Booth?" Is the Constant Enquiry on these Streets.

A Scar On the Face.

And Others on the Knee Recognized by Men Who Knew Booth.

A man by the name of Martin who claims to have known J. Wilkes Booth in life reported around the streets yesterday that if the corpse, supposed to be Booth had certain marks or scars below the right knee and on the right side of the face below the eye it was Booth. The scars were found before Martin was allowed to view the body.

The Wave is in possession of further startling news in regard to the identity of the corpse as the remains of Booth, but we promised not to publish the same today.

It seems to us that the proper authorities should take an interest in this matter and settle it definitely.

J. Wilkes Booth, dead or alive, belongs to the criminal calendar or docket of the United States, in other words, his case belongs to the legal department of the federal government which is in the hands of the U. S. attorney general. The local representatives of said department is either William Fossett, the U. S. marshal or Horace Speed, the attorney for the district of Oklahoma. We think either of these officers would fill the bill, however, probably Mr. Speed is the proper man, whose attention should be drawn to the facts developed in the supposition that Booth's body now lies in the Enid morgue. Attorney Speed could report to the attorney general, if he thought the evidence worthy the attention of the government. No doubt the attorney general department of the government contains all the papers in relation to the alleged capture and killing of Booth on the 25th day of April, 1895 together with the doubts the authorities at that time had, if any, as to the positive identification of the man shot by Boston Corbett as being J. Wilkes Booth. If the attorney general finds that it may be possible that D. E. George is J. Wilkes Booth, he would undoubtedly order one or two U. S. Detectives to trace the life of David E. George down to J. Wilkes Booth as it is now thought he is.

The Wave simply indulges in the above to answer many enquiries as to how to call the attention of the U. S. authorities to the suspicion in regard to J. Wilkes Booth's identity of the remains of D. E. George. If it is the remains of Booth it would be worth something to the history of the republic. Perhaps Sheriff Kershaw should call Mr. Speed's attention to the case.

*base of skull
marks*

*Could get no line on Martin
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