Everett Pursalle, Editor of the Enid Events, a local weekly newspaper was in Enid at the time of D. E. George's death, and says "I never believed to was Booth", but that was up to the Government to disprove. When asked why some of the local papers didn't thoroughly investigate the story as to its truth or falsity he replied, Oh; Bill Penniman was a good fellow and that it advertised Enid. The newspapers all took it as a joke and played it up.