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## IS GEORGE THE BOOTH

Evidences That He Is Are Much Stronger Than Ever.

The Man Who Has Investigated the Whole Business and Has Authentic Data and Pictures That Tell a Straight Story.

F. L. Bates of Memphis, Tenn., a cousin of Edward Bates, Attorney General of the United States during the Lincoln administration is in the city and will lecture Friday night at the opera house upon the escape and identification of John Wilkes Booth.

The city editor of the Democrat, who knew the murderer of our beloved Lincoln and has seen Booth many times upon the stage and streets of Washington, had an interview with Mr. Bates this morning and from the data presented, the pictures exhibited and his correspondence with the war department we are convinced that the man George who committed suicide at Enid last January is the vertiable fiend who murdered the best friend the North and South ever had and by that act entailed all the evils of reconstruction upon the South, untold wrong upon the nation and eternal ignominy upon himself. In this opinion Mr. Bates earnestly concurs, he is no apologist of J. Wilkes Booth, and his object in giving these lectures is to get the facts before the people of a tragedy unparalleled among the centuries.

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### The Booth Case.

It is now fully developed that the man at Enid who committed suicide on January 14th, last was none other than J. Wilkes Booth, the slayer of President Lincoln. Junius Brutus Booth, the actor and other members of the Booth family have fully identified the body. It has always been known by the Booth family that J. Wilkes Booth was alive and they have been in constant communication with him ever since April 14, 1865, the day of President Lincoln's assassination and the escape of J. Wilkes Booth. This knowledge on the part of Junius Brutus Booth, the actor, was what prompted him in his remarks about the supposed grave of J. Wilkes Booth well knew that the body in the grave was that of Ruddy and not that of J. Wilkes Booth. People conversant with the history of the published capture of Booth, and with the fact that the reward offered by the federal government for Booth's capture had never been awarded, having always believed him to be alive. From the time of Booth's supposed capture in April 1865, until January of this year, J. Wilkes Booth has been in almost constant touch with his relatives and attorneys. Being an actor and also shielded by the wilds of Texas and Indian Territory frontier life and the anxious effort of friends and relatives to preserve his life it has been an easy matter for Booth to conceal his identity. In this he has been as smooth as was his disguise as an old colored man moving. There are no records and never have been in the federal archives which go to show any positive belief on the part of national officers that J. Wilkes Booth had been slain. There has always been a lingering desire in the hearts of the people to believe that such was the case, but to the close student of affairs a doubt has always existed. At the time of the suicide of George in Enid and his claim to be none other than J. Wilkes Booth the Republican stated its belief in the confession of the man. All the facts in the case have pointed and do now to the truthfulness of his death bed statements. For many years George alias Booth, has been furnished funds by friends in different Southern states and also from parties in Iowa.—Perry Republican.

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