

DR. TALBOT, OF MARYVILLE, MO., SHOT AND
KILLED THROUGH A WINDOW IN HIS
OWN HOUSE.

MARYVILLE, Mo., Sept. 19.—Our city was thrown into an intense excitement last night at a late hour by the announcement of the fact that Dr. P. H. Talbot, editor and proprietor of the *Greenback-Standard*, had been assassinated in cold blood in his own house by some unknown person. Early this morning THE TIMES's correspondent went to the residence of Talbot, seven miles south of Maryville, to ascertain as nearly as possible the facts concerning the deed. The Doctor was last seen in Maryville Saturday evening at 6 o'clock, after which hour he departed for his house. He reached home safely, and there found a neighboring farmer waiting for him to go to see a sick child. This he did, returning to his home at about 9 o'clock. According to the statement of his son Albert, a young man 24 years of age, after coming home, his father went into the chamber where his mother was lying on the bed, and, after taking off his coat and waistcoat, sat down on the bed. Albert says he was at this time sitting by a window reading, with his arm resting on the window-sill, when, at the moment his father had his hand up to his side, a bullet, shot with terrible force from a gun from the outside of the building, came whirling into the room, shattering the pane of glass, passing through a curtain, and thence striking his father, first cutting off two of his fingers, and then passing into and entirely through his side, grazing the leg of Mrs. Talbot, and lodging in the wall beyond. Immediately upon being shot, the Doctor sprang to the floor and cried, "Murder! I'm shot," and tried to reach a gun that was standing in the room, but could not do so, and fell back on the bed. The son says he grasped the gun and went to the door, where he heard hurried footsteps passing the front of the house. He opened the door and saw a retreating form, at which he fired, but without effect. This is all the family appear to know of the matter, and there is no clue to the perpetrator of the horrible crime. The ball with which the Doctor was shot was afterward found, and weighed over an ounce.

An hour before the death of the murdered man THE TIMES's correspondent went to his bedside, where he found him suffering greatly, and gradually nearing death's door. He stated that it was hard for a man who had been laboring as he had, for the past 51 days, in conducting his paper, and who had been honored with a number of letters from the Greenback candidate for Vice-President, to be thus shot down by a midnight assassin in his own house. He seemed to think at times that his murderer might have been some agent of the Bankers' Association, and it is only proper to remark that many believed his mind was not exactly sound on the Greenback question. There are numerous theories regarding his death, but the generally received opinion is that some person with whom he has had dealings and a falling out committed the foul deed. Probably politics had nothing to do with the murder.

Dr. Talbot was born and raised in Hocking County, Ohio, and moved to Nodaway County, Mo., 28 years ago. He amassed a fortune by the practice of medicine, and was considered an honorable man in all his dealings. He was a Greenback speaker and writer of considerable prominence, and during the past two months has been editing his paper, the *Greenback Standard*, which he has owned for a year past.