

## THE TALBOTT BOYS.

### Closing Scenes of The Great Murder Trial.

On account of the great interest felt by many of our readers in the recent trial, at Maryville, of the Talbott boys, for the murder of their father, we condense from the Maryville papers the account of the closing scenes of the great trial:

At 7:30 p. m. Friday, the jury having arrived at a verdict, court re-assembled.

Shortly after Judge Howell arrived the sheriff entered the room with the two prisoners. As they came down the main aisle, Albert (Bud), evinced a look of nervousness, but his junior brother, as he has all along, was as unconcerned, seemingly, as though a mere spectator without interest in the affair. They took the seats they have occupied throughout the trial, and his honor asked the jury if they had found a verdict. Mr. Samuel Comiggie, the foreman, advanced to the Judge's desk and with a trembling hand passed up the verdict.

His Honor drew a light up close to him, scrutinized closely and carefully the words on the little piece of paper, cleared his throat a time or two and then read aloud:

*"We, the jury, do find the defendants, Albert P. and Charles E. Talbott, guilty of murder in the first degree."*

SAMUEL COMIGGIE,  
Foreman."

It was an awful silence that pervaded the court-room at this time. All eyes were upon the convicted boys, as they sat there unaccompanied by friend or relative. Over Bud's countenance played a strange expression that can only be described as a half suppressed smile and half suppressed look of defiance. Ed's face was lit up with that same unconcerned blank appearance he has so often been described as being the possessor of.

Col Dawson arose and said that the defense wished to file a motion for a new trial and stay of sentence, and that, as he understood it, he would have four days to prepare his motions. The court said he would like to go home to-day (Saturday) and asked as a favor that the defense prepare their motions by eleven o'clock in the morning. Mr. Dawson said he would be ready. The jury was then discharged, and the court adjourned until the hour named above.

#### TAKE IT COOLLY.

A Daily Democrat representative sought out the prisoners a moment later and held a brief conversation with them. They seemed to take the verdict coolly and talked freely. He said he knew more than any one thought he did about some things. He entertained no ill feeling toward Mr. Ramsey, and said, "he is the best prosecutor in Missouri." He thought his attorneys had done all they could for them. Both of the boys felt hopeful of the higher courts. Bud said that "if the jury had been more intelligent set of men, we would not have been found guilty."

[Saturday, a motion for a new trial was overruled. The defense then made a motion in arrest of sentence, which was also overruled. Ed.]

#### THE SENTENCE.

Judge Howell, before proceeding to sentence the boys, remarked, "That the necessary steps of this trial and its continuance had now occupied nearly two weeks. It is now my duty to pronounce the judgement of the result of the verdict found by the jury last night." Judge Howell eulogized the attorneys on both sides of the case. His honor then asked Albert P. Talbott to stand up, and while the court-room was wrapped in profound silence, said: "Have you any reason why the sentence of death should not be pronounced upon you?" The prisoner stood before the court with his arms folded and a look of defiance upon his face. With quivering lips, he said: "In the first place because I am not guilty." His honor said: "The jury says you are, and I therefore direct that you be confined in the jail of Nodaway county until the 25th day of March, 1881, and on that day the sheriff shall take you to the place of execution and there hang you by the neck until you are dead, and may God have mercy on your soul."

His honor went on: "Charles E. Talbott, you, too, may stand up. Have you any reason why the sentence of death should not be pronounced upon you?" The boy never flinched in the least, never showing one iota of emotion or nervousness in his face, said that he was not guilty. The Judge said: "The jury says you are, and I therefore direct that you be confined in the jail of Nodaway county until the 25th day of March, 1881, and on that day the sheriff shall take you to the place of execution and there hang by the neck until you are dead, and may God have mercy on your soul."

#### A HEART-RENDING SCENE

It was that followed the death-sentence. Woman cried and shrieked as if in agony. Strong men wept. The terrible scene of mother, sister and other relatives of the convicted and sentenced boys as they wrapped their arms around their necks and wept as if their hearts would break. Albert broke completely down and wept like a child.

At a few minutes before five o'clock, court adjourned, and thus ends the greatest murder trial probably in the history of Missouri.

## THE TWENTIETH PRESIDENT.

Garfield to be inaugurated amid a

Scene of Pomp and Splendor, the

like of which Washington has

Never Seen. Arrangements

for the Accommodation of

Visitors.

[From the Cincinnati Enquirer.]

Garfield will be the twentieth president of the United States, as his inauguration will mark the close of the twen-