

## THE TALBOTT CASE.

Charles Edward Confesses to the Killing of His Father.

St. Joseph, Mo., July 5.—The *Journal* of to-morrow will contain a full confession of the Talbott brothers, confined in the jail here, and will be the only paper here or elsewhere printing it in full. It was made to-day in their cell and was sworn to before Judge Samuel H. Cowan, clerk of circuit court.

The younger son, Charles Edward Talbott, swears that he fired the shot that killed his father. On the night of the killing, 16th Sept. last, he slept with Henry Wyatt, the hired man. About half past nine they were awakened by the cries of Mrs. Talbott for help. They ran down stairs and entered the room where Doctor and Mrs. Talbott were. The confession then read as follows: "The sight that I then beheld appalled me. Mother was lying on the floor in front of the bed; father was kicking her; how she got down I can't tell, but Henry Wyatt and I entered the room; father called for his revolver, which was lying on the bureau near by, and I grabbed the shot-gun and shot him in the back. Just after firing the shot my brother, Albert P., came in from the barn, where he had been putting up father's mule, and he assisted father to the bed. Henry Wyatt had nothing to do with the killing and he went out of the room. Dr. Talbott then called us to the bed and told us the shot was fatal and he must die; that he wanted to forgive and be forgiven. He briefly recounted the family troubles, and told us we must deny all. He wished the public to think that the national banks and public corporations had hired an assassin to kill him, because of his denunciation of them in some of his speeches."

Young Talbott then states that his father then made his will in their favor, share and share alike, and there was a mutual reconciliation. He speaks of the suspicion he and his mother have entertained and of the perjury committed by the detectives who worked up the case, declaring that if he goes to his grave at the hands of the executioner, he will do it denouncing the crimes committed by them. He says Wyatt was so frightened he swore to anything.

Albert P. Talbott makes affidavit to the confession, corroborating that of his brother.