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THE CAREER OF AN ASSASSIN.

PATINE DESCRIBED BY ONE WHO KNOWS HIM.

(From the Louisville Union Press, May 11.)

The correspondent of the World has prepared an interesting account of a number of persons engaged in the assassination conspiracy. Among these he speaks of Payne as a Kentuckian, and one of a family of three brothers. Payne is charged with the attempted assassination of Secretary Seward. He is a Kentuckian, the family having lived about Uniontown, but is one of a family of six brothers, four of whom were notorious as desperadoes of the most diabolical character, who took to the rebellion as naturally as ducks take to water.

While the rebels occupied Hopkinsville, Ky., one of the brothers murdered a brother rebel named Brooks, and if the people of Hopkinsville had been called upon to vote, they would have voted that the two should be hanged by the other.

The families would have been one of embarrassment. There would have been a unanimous vote among the loyal people in favor of a Kilkenny cat affair of Payne.

Payne, the rebel commandant, the brother who was killed, and the persons held in connection with the celebrated gold robbery by General Slackford, while Colonel of a Kentucky regiment.

The Paynes, while operating with the Confederacy, concluded to try their hand at depredation in the South, and obtained a good counterfeiting of the confederate money, which they traded to a Georgia banker for sterlings bills.

After the Paynes got away with their plunders, the banker discovered the character of the confederate money, and made an arrangement with a Mr. Lee, a loyal East Tennesseean, for the recovery of the money. He got upon the track of the counterfeiter and discovered that nearly all the bills had been placed in the custody of one Mr. Lincoln, a lame man, who in connection with the custodian, by which the money was surrendered for a consideration.

While on his way South with this, Col. Slackford, who exhibited throughout his career a southwestern Kentucky, received a power from the confederacy for contraband operations, got on the seat of the gold for which the sterlings bills had been exchanged, and seized it and effectually stopped the transmission of the treasure to the South, and sent it back to the United States Court in this city, and the money was confiscated. But Sec. Chase very properly remitted a portion of it to Mr. Lee, in consideration of the fact that but for his agency in the business, the confederates might never have been headed off the hand.

The confederate got hold of one of the Paynes and hung him for this counterfeiting transaction. This, of itself, showed how terribly disreputable must have been the character of Payne, for when a man is not to be hung for the confederate, and no further use is to be had for him, but to hang him, there is but one other place that has ever been heard of that could be supposed as fit receptacle for him; though we are told that he was hung in a stable.

The confederate hung him for the sake of the rest of his unitates, which were subjected to solitary confinement.

Some of the rest of this precious family went to Texas and bought a large drove of cattle with some of their counterfeiting proceeds. They were captured in Vickburg and sold them. One of the twin is the one who was hung at Natchez.

The assassin Payne probably found the Confederacy too hot for him, and when those traitors capitulated, C. C. Clay, John C. Breckinridge, Turner, Gen. Sanders, Cleburne, and the other commissioners of Jeff. Davis, in Canada were organizing a scheme of assassination, they were probably embarrassed with their riches in suitable material.

The reader will note that when those traitors accomplished their ends, the assassin Payne got his pay in the sum of \$10,000, but as far as the scheme went, he got nothing. He went to the house of Mrs. Surratt, the she-devil of the concern. At her house he passed under the name of Wool, whether his or Fernando, we do not know.

After the failure to assassinate Secretary Seward, he made his escape, which had been provided for him, and got into trouble in attempting to hurry through the city, because the population of Washington was in the streets by the time he got there. And when he worked himself into a point where he supposed it was safe to lurk, and cover his tracks, part of his game, he laid low and put his head in the road. When he recovered his senses, he crept from the road and attempted to disguise himself. His last attempt was to make his way to a convenient latrine. After a long and laborious search he found a bushy thicket, smeared himself with dirt, stole away from the Washington fortifications, and lived for the house of his friend and co-conspirator Mrs. Surratt, where he remained himself as a day-laborer. He walked into a trap that had been baited for him.

When he arrived detectives were in the house arresting Madame Surratt, and upon being asked for some account of him self, he replied that he was not enough to make a plausible lie. He was allowed to come to Dr. French for Mrs. Surratt, which that amiable lady denied. The application of water to his face and hands soon revealed the fact that an important capture had been made, and upon being confronted with some of the persons who met him at Mr. Seward's, he was recognized as the assassin.

When he fled, his past and future, and his real identity was sold with his hair spectacles, and to add the eyes of his thoughts from their starting point, he attempted to beat out his brains against the walls of his prison.

Knight Naso Notions.—The first contingent of rebel rebels soldiers captured by Gen. Sherman, passed through Nashville on Saturday, and numbered about one hundred, and were all dressed in uniform, and "much dispirited" in appearance. They looked very gaudy as they "westward hoed."

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AMUSEMENTS.

Holiday Stage.—The Managers of the Holiday Stage, in the title of the play to be performed at the Holiday tonight, is a drama of peculiar interest, and will embrace in its scenes the histories of Webster, Wilberforce, and Oliver Cromwell. The play will open, most probably for the last time, on which occasion the memory of the "Confederacy," from Macon, Ga., related the following amusing incident:

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