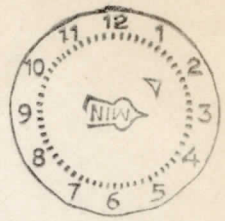
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Gentlemen;

I have enjoyed reading the articles regarding John Wilkes Booth very much indeed; not long since while working on a now very celebrated civil case I had occasion to talk to a number of early settles in the region of the Red River country, and one of them was very positive that he had known Booth, who at that time was going under the name of Professor Ravenwood and taught school about Jacksboro, and later moving to Lampasas, another party knew him, or thought he knew him as a bartender in Birmingham, Ala. The series of articles appearing in your paper have about convinced me that they, as well as Bates were mistaken.

In your article in the issue of this date, page 26, entitled, "Speak! Speak! Thou Fearful Guest", permit me to refer you to page 41 of the "Journal of Jacob Fowler," and for fear that this work is not accessable, I quote- from my notes, " Lewis Dawson was evidently the first white man buried within the present State of Colorado, he was attacted by a grizzly bear on Nov. 13, 1821 and died of his wounds November 16, and was buried at Purgatory Hole, on Purgatory River - which Fowler calls "White Bair Crick".

Yours very truly,

W. M. Caldwell.