& which was within a few hundred yards of the prisoners house & within a hundred or two yards of the spot where the prisoner was seen with a mattock in his hand the day before the friday on which Laura disappeared. By these circumstances & others, the solicitor stated he expected to prove that Thomas Dula the prisoner committed the murder instigated thereto by Ann Melton, who was prompted by revenge & Jealousy – There was no exception to the Charge of the Court to the Jury – but many exceptions to the admissibility of the evidence offered & allowed. As this a case of circumstantial evidence the presiding Judge has thought proper to set forth all the evidence, especially since the counsel assigned by the Court to defend the prisoner, have entrusted to the Judge the duty of making up the Case The exceptions are carefully noted

State Witnesses.

Col Isbell testified that the annexed diagram marked A which was used upon the Trial, was a faithful representation of the various localities designated, that he was well acquainted with the neighborhood & had made the Map himself, that the relative positions of the various places & the distances put down were correct, that Wilson Foster the father of the deceased lived in Caldwell County – The prisoner Dula & James Melton husband of Ann