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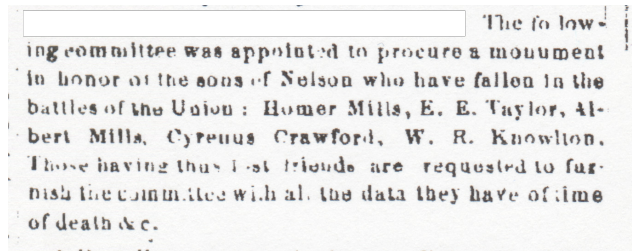
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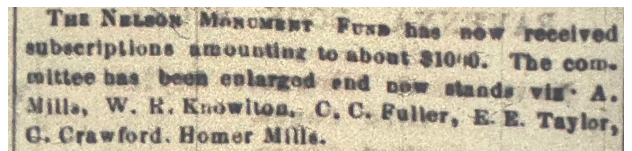
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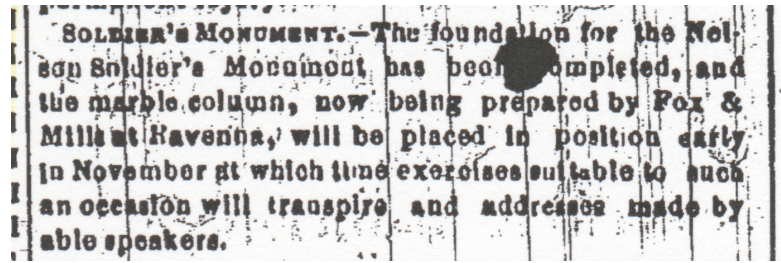
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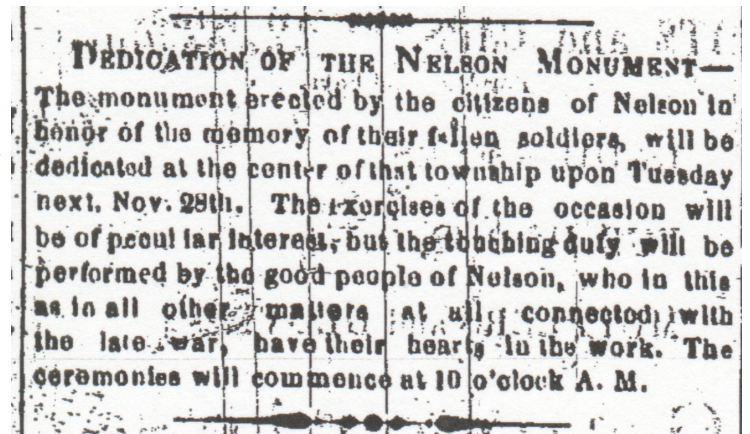
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## THE INSCRIPTIONS

The following is the dedicatory inscription:

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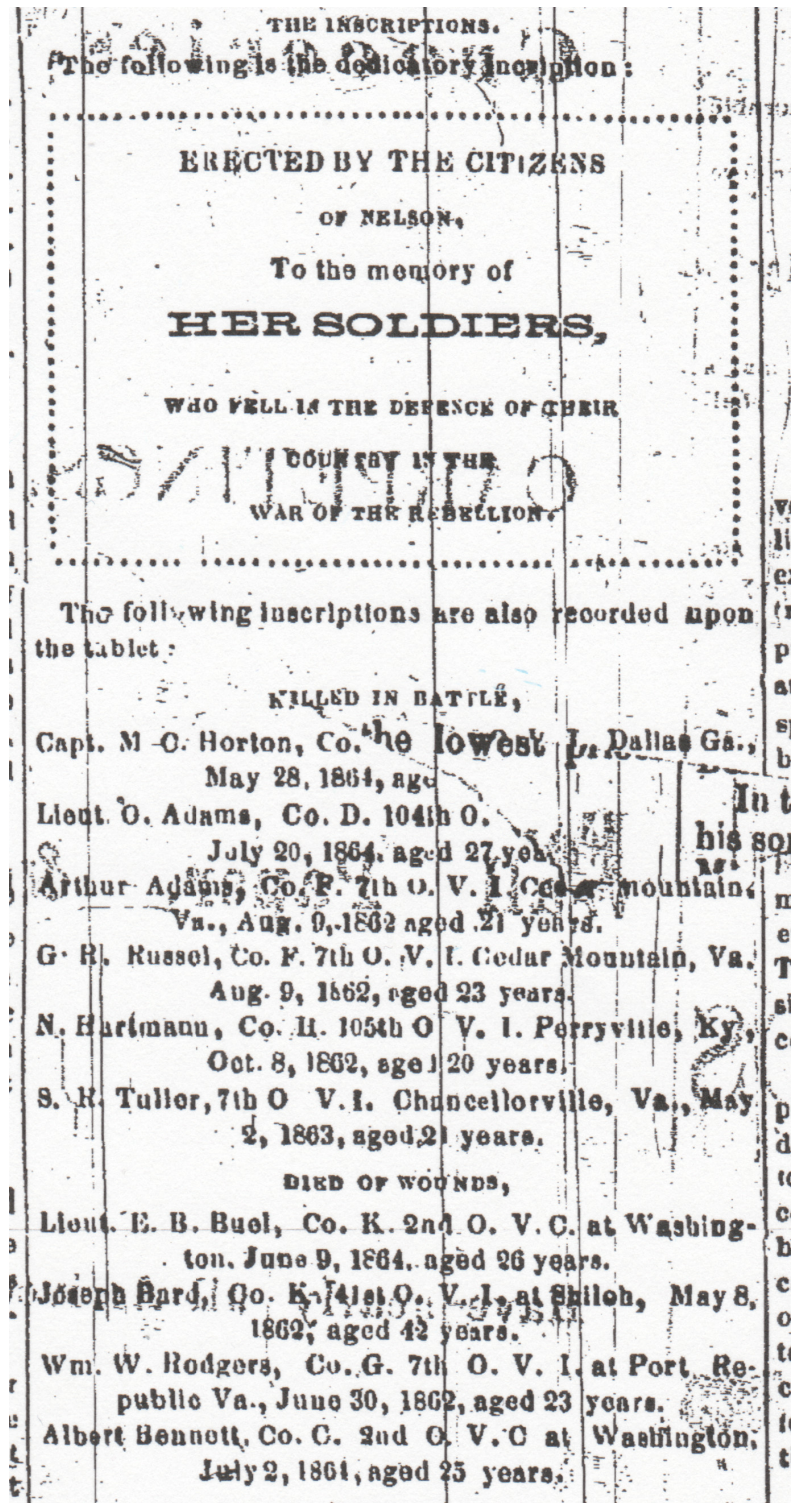
The following inscriptions are also recorded upon the tablet

### KILLED IN BATTLE,

- Capt. M. C. Horton, Co. D. 104th O.V.I. Dallas Ga.  
May 28, 1864, age 26 years.  
Lieut. O. Adams, Co. D. 104th O.V.I. Atlanta, Ga.  
July 20, 1864, aged 27 years.  
Arthur Adams, Co. F. 7th O.V.I. Cedar Mountain, Va.  
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### DIED OF WOUNDS,

- Lieut. E. B. Buel, Co. K. 2nd O.V.C. at Washington,  
June 9, 1864, aged 26 years.  
Joseph Bard, Co. K. 41st O.V.I. at Shiloh, May 8,  
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Wm. W. Rodgers, Co. G. 7th O.V.I. at Port Republic  
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 L. C. Cox, Co. D. 104th O.V.I. at Knoxville, Tenn. Jan. 15, 1864, aged 23 years.  
 S. M. Prichard, Co. F. 7th O.V.I. at home, Jan. 28, 1864, aged 24 years.  
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