

January 19.

Today the special term of the court opened for the trial of Edward D. Worrell, a severance of the prisoners jointly indicted having been heretofore granted. The prisoner was brought into court attended by his father and mother, and being called upon and the indictment being read to him, pleaded *not guilty*.

*D. Q. Gale*,<sup>4</sup> Circuit Attorney; *John D. Coalter*<sup>5</sup> and *W. V. N. Bay*,<sup>6</sup> for the State.

*Uriel Wright*,<sup>7</sup> for the Prisoner.

and against the said Basil H. Gordon, then and there feloniously, wilfully, deliberately, and premeditatedly, and of his malice aforethought, did shoot off and discharge, and that the said William H. Bruff, with the leaden bullet aforesaid by means of shooting off and discharging the said pistol so loaded, to, at and against the said Basil H. Gordon as aforesaid, did then and there, feloniously, wilfully, deliberately, premeditatedly and of his malice aforethought, strike, penetrate and wound the said Basil H. Gordon in and upon the back part of the head of him, the said Basil H. Gordon, giving to him, the said Basil H. Gordon, then and there with the leaden bullet aforesaid, by means of shooting off and discharging the said pistol so loaded, to, at, and against the said Basil H. Gordon, and by such striking, penetration and wounding the said Basil H. Gordon, aforesaid, one mortal wound of the breadth of one inch and depth of six inches, in and through the head of him, the said Basil H. Gordon, of which said mortal wound the said Basil H. Gordon did then and there instantly die, and that the said Edward D. Worrell then and there feloniously, wilfully, deliberately, premeditatedly, and of his malice aforethought, was present aiding, helping, abetting, comforting, assisting and maintaining the said William H. Bruff the felony and murder aforesaid in manner and form aforesaid to do and commit. And so the jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do say that the said William H. Bruff and Edward D. Worrell, him, the said Basil H. Gordon, then and there in manner and form aforesaid, feloniously, wilfully, deliberately, premeditatedly, and of their malice aforethought, did kill and murder, contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State.

<sup>4</sup> GALE, DANIEL QUINCY. (1807-1894.) Born Amesburg, Mass.; settled in Washington, Franklin Co., Mo., in 1837, and followed the trade of a carpenter and builder for some time; built the first brick house in Washington, was its Postmaster, 1838-1857, and Town Trustee, 1841-1876; Presiding Judge, County Court, 1840-1847; Circuit Attorney, 1850-1865, 1867-1869; Circuit Judge, 1869-1875; died in Washington, Mo.