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[From the Mattoon Gazette, 14th.

Benjamin D. Serrell, one of the parties implicated in the assassination of Major York, in the Copperhead riot at Charleston, in this county, two years since, was arrested by policeman Norvell on the train bound east, last Thursday noon. When brought before Justice Fisher for trial, it was proved that Serrell lives at Terre Haute, and just previous to his arrest was on a visit to Windsor, Shelby county, one of the principal localities infested by Copperhead bushwhackers, in this section, in 1864. At that place he expressed great satisfaction, lately, over the death of Mr. Lincoln, and said that Mr. Lincoln was not the only abolitionist that had been killed—that he knew the man who killed Major York, was with him about the time and took charge of, and kept the pistol with which the dastardly work was done. This conversation, reported to have occurred between Serrell and his brother-in-law, coming to the ears of Dr. Wesley York, brother to Maj. York, Serrell was arrested in the act of leaving on the train as above stated. Before Justice Fisher, some fifteen or twenty witnesses were examined, the prosecution being conducted by W. W. Craddock and C. R. Steele, and the defence by W. W. Gill. Serrell was remanded to Charleston jail to await trial for murder at the next term of the Circuit Court. It is expected that the final trial will be thorough and impartial, and that if the prisoner is found guilty of being an accessory in the murder of Maj. York, he will be dealt with in accordance with the law.

The Terre Haute papers say that the boasts made by Serrell were simply a bid for notoriety, there being positive evidence that he was not outside of the State of Indiana during the year named.

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