

GAINED SEVEN YEARS.

R. G. Forman's Appeal in the Murder Case Adds That Space to his Term in the Penitentiary.

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MT. STERLING, KY., Dec. 22.—A conclusion was reached to-day in the case of the Commonwealth vs. R. G. Forman on the charge of murder. The trial has been in progress since the 14th inst., and was closed at noon by Hon. Z. T. Young for the prosecution. The jury took the case at 1 o'clock and at 2:15 returned a verdict of manslaughter, and fixed the penalty at 21 years in the penitentiary. This, it will be remembered, is the second trial of this case. A former trial at the June term, 1883, resulted in a verdict of 14 years, from which Forman appealed, and the case was reversed by the Court of Appeals on an erroneous instruction of the court. The prosecution was ably represented by Col. H. L. Stone, of the Louisville bar; Judge C. R. Brooks, Z. T. Young, Prosecuting Attorney *pro tem.*, and J. H. Cassidy. The defense was conducted by Messrs. Wood and Day, J. L. Elliston, H. C. McKee, R. A. Mitchell, of the local bar, and Hon. W. P. Thorne, of the Eminence bar. Forman's counsel contested every point most vigorously for their client, and it was the general impression that the former verdict would be modified to some extent; but the brief time which the jury had the case exhibited how nearly together they stood, and how well they did their duty. Forman, it will be remembered, while Deputy Marshal, shot and killed Jerry Cravens, on the 1st of January, 1884.