MAXWELL'S DEFENSE.

The Case For the Accused Opened By His Counsel.

The Prisoner, On the Stand, Relates the Story of the Killing Relying On the Plea of Accident to Save His Neck From the Noose.

ST. LOUIS, May 26.—The expectation that Maxwell would take the stand in his own defense was sufficient to pack the Criminal Court-room at an early hour this morning. Assembly or eight o'clock hundreds were in waiting to secure good seats, and some of the women came provided with lunch, as they intended to stay about all day. The deputy sheriffs had more difficulty than usual in preserving order, as the crowd did a large amount of whispering and commenting on the probabilities of the verdict.

At 10:05 Mr. Fauntleroy came forward for opening address to the jury, in which he outlined the defense's case in the celebrated homicide. His words are in brief:

MAXWELL ON THE STAND.

The defendant [illegible] mind great [illegible] Jesse Van Wagoner [illegible] to speak.

Mr. Lucas [illegible] witness [illegible]

Mr. Fauntleroy [illegible] sufficiently [illegible] the instrument, I [illegible] that the [illegible] of the [illegible] and [illegible] on [illegible] the [illegible] opinion and I [illegible] wife of [illegible] to the [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] watched the pupil of his eye. At no [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]