A LAWLESS OFFICER.

Marshall Bowling, of Farmers, Takes Mr. Sterling by Surprise.

He Escapes A Drunken Companion From Arrest and Kills an Officer.

Running From the Vengeance of the People in Company With An Abducted Paramour.

[Special to the Courier-Journal.]

Mr. STEERLE, KY, Feb. 23d.—The avenger has come upon the scene of the crime. In a daring and unexpected raid today, and under circumstances that excite the curiosity of the public, Mr. Bowling found his way into the house of Mr. Sterling, who had been the abductor of his paramour. Bowing, the chief actor in this tragedy, and who had previously been connected with the case, was accompanied by Mr. Sterling, who had been the victim of a similar outrage. The circumstances, however, are such that it is impossible to say whether the murder was committed in self-defense or as an act of revenge.

Deputy Marshal J. D. Wyatt and John Gille are two of the officers who were present on the scene of the crime. They had been searching for the abductor, but had been unsuccessful in their efforts. When they arrived at the house of Mr. Sterling, they found that the paramour had been taken away by another man. Wyatt and Gille then turned their attention to Mr. Sterling, and after a short struggle, the latter was overpowered and killed.

Wyatt, who had been the abductor, was then arrested and taken to jail. He is suspected of having murdered his paramour in revenge for his earlier outrage. The case is under investigation by the authorities, and it is expected that the truth will soon be revealed.