

# A LAWLESS OFFICER.

## Marshal Bowling, of Farmers, Takes Mt. Sterling by Storm.

### He Rescues a Drunken Companion From Arrest and Kills an Officer.

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

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MT. STERLING, Ky., Feb. 23.—The ever-ready revolver got in its deadly work here again to-day, and under circumstances that intensify the excitement which has resulted therefrom. Mt. Sterling has never witnessed anything equal to it for reckless daring and pure, bona fide crazedness. A. M. Bowling, the chief actor in this sad tragedy, has paled the exploits of the Western cowboy into nothingness. The circumstances, briefly told, are as follows:

Deputy Marshal J. D. Wyatt and John Gill undertook to arrest Boyd, a merchant of Freestone station, on the Chesapeake and Ohio railway, this afternoon, for being drunk. Boyd resisted, but by the combined efforts of the Marshals he was being dragged to jail. They had not proceeded far, however, before Bowling, who was also under the influence of liquor, and who had come down on the train with Boyd from Farmers, demanded that the prisoner be released. Not heeding his command, they moved on, but in a few moments were summarily halted by the presentation of a large revolver by Bowling, who covered Wyatt with it, and again asked for the release of Boyd. Wyatt remonstrated, and again proceeded, when Bowling presented the pistol to Wyatt's breast and said:

"G—d—you, if you move another step I will kill you."

Boyd was then released, and he and Bowling went down to the depot, where there was a great crowd awaiting the arrival of the east-bound train. Wyatt and Gill followed, and a posse was summoned to assist in arresting Bowling and Boyd. Bowling was standing on the platform waving his pistol and defying the officers. As soon as the train arrived he hurried through the crowd, revolver in hand, into the depot building, and presently returned with a young lady, whom he assisted on the car. In trying to follow her he mounted the platform, when Gill and others seized him. He turned hastily around, took aim at Gill and fired, inflicting a death wound. He was still held, and fired again, shooting Howard Wilson through the hand. Two other shots were fired in rapid succession, without effect, at Lindsey Anderson, who ran to get a pistol.

Anderson, returning with Gill's pistol, leveled it full in the face of Bowling, who was in the act of shooting James Grayes, and demanded his surrender. Bowling, seeing the game was up, surrendered and was placed in jail. His examining trial will be held to-morrow.

The excitement was intense during the melee, and it is a great wonder innocent people were not killed. Gill is still alive, but there is no hope for his recovery. He is a young man thirty-two years of age, recently moved here from Fleming county, and has a wife and four small children. He made a dying declaration this evening to the effect of the above, and further states that after he was shot he placed the muzzle of his revolver against Bowling's head, resolved to blow his brains out, but he relented, preferring to die without the man's blood on his hands.

Boyd was not an accessory to the shooting, and is said not to have had a pistol. He is a young man, well thought of by all who know him here, and bears a good reputation. Bowling is the Town Marshal of Farmers, Rowan county, and a man who has frequently imbued his hands with human blood, and was the officer who had John Martin in custody when Martin was being taken from Winchester to Morehead. Martin was riddled with bullets when the train stopped at Farmers, and with his dying breath accused Bowling of his murder. Bowling is said to have boasted openly on the streets here to-day of having killed Martin.

But the principal part of the story has not been told. Last night at 1 o'clock Bowling entered the home of the parents of Miss Mattie Scott, and with drawn revolver forcibly abducted her. He then took the East-bound passenger train with the girl, with whom he has enjoyed illicit relations, and got off at Olive Hill; they then awaited the coming of the West-bound passenger, which comes by early in the morning. Meanwhile the story of the abduction had got out, and when the train passed through Farmers, armed men were waiting to make Bowling pay the penalty with his life, if they found him aboard. The cars were hastily searched and the guilty couple escaped detection by hiding in the water-closet. Bowling is a married man and has two children. Miss Scott is a young girl 19 years of age and passably good looking. Her parents are highly respected. They arrived here this morning and put up at the Turner House, where Bowling had registered for himself and wife. They intended making the afternoon express train for Cincinnati. After the shooting occurred the girl returned to the hotel and will leave to-night for home. Your correspondent called upon her but she would not tell anything. She seemed much concerned when told that Bowling was in jail.

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