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YOUNG WOMAN IS ASSAULTED AT CERULEAN.

Fiendish Crime Perpetrated Monday Afternoon at 1:30.

ASSAILANT ESCAPES

Two Suspects Arrested But Released When Brought Before Victim.

A brutal criminal outrage occurred about three quarters of a mile from Cerulean Springs Monday at 1:30 p. m. Miss Ella Blanks, a daughter of Wm Blanks, a respectable farmer, started from her home to Cerulean shortly after dinner. As she was walking alone through a piece of woods, passing by an old barn, a strange man came out from the barn and roughly seized her, saying: "I have been waiting a long time for you and now I have got you." Paralyzed with fear the trembling girl was dragged from the road a little way and forced to a fiendish criminal assault. As soon as she was released she retraced her steps to her home and gave the alarm and a search was instituted by the neighbors. Later in the evening bloodhounds from Sturgis were sent for but failed to pick up the trail. Monday night Marshal G. M. Warder, of Gracey, arrested two shabbily dressed young men spending the night near that place and brought them to this city and lodged them in jail. One of them answered the general description of Miss Blanks' assailant. The young lady accompanied by her brother, drove through in a buggy and reached the city Tuesday at 11:30. They went at once to the jail and the men were brought out one at a time before her. She unhesitatingly said they were not the men. They gave their names as Eugene and Oil Graves, alias Jones, and said they passed through Hopkinsville Monday and were prepared to prove an alibi. They were released and disappeared.

Miss Blanks is 19 years of age and is a very slender young woman, of medium height. She has heavy brown hair, gray eyes and thin features. Her bearing was quiet and ladylike and though she seemed to be suffering from the chill of a long ride in the cold she was composed and apparently had recovered from the nervous shock. She was well dressed and was altogether an attractive and pretty girl. She described her assailant as a young man who might have been anywhere from 21 to 35 years old, dressed in a neat suit of black clothes, with no overcoat. His face was beardless and in size he was about five feet ten inches, of slender build, with dark hair. She said she did not notice the color of his eyes. She said she did not know the man, but would recognize him if she saw him again. She was not asked to make any statement of the crime further than that volunteered by her brother, a young man about 25 years old, Miss Blanks and her brother remained in the city long enough to do some shopping and returned home in the afternoon.

BRIDGE ENGINEER

Is Busy Putting Up the West Seventh Street Foot-bridge.

John E. Dowling, for the Champion Bridge Co., is engaged in putting up the new sidewalks on the West Seventh street bridge. A nine-foot sidewalk will be on the South side and an iron railing will replace the stone wall on the north side, with concrete walk on that side. It will be finished by Christmas.

NEW COUNCIL STARTS WITH HIGH LICENSE

First Official Act Carries Out the Mayor's Recommendation.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Old Council Holds Short Session and Then Gives Way to New Body.

The new city council organized Monday night and held a brief session. Prior to this, the outgoing council met to close up some unfinished business. The November accounts were audited by the finance committee and presented for payment. The budget contained bills amounting to \$289.26, which were paid. Layne & Leavell were allowed \$430 for a new horse at \$200 for the fire department and \$230 for a mule for the street department. The City Light Co.'s bill for \$522.52 was ordered paid, less the amount to be deducted for lights out.

On motion of Councilman Twyman, an appropriation of \$5 was made for Harriet Poseley, to be charged to the charity account.

Tax Collector H. C. Moore presented his final report for 1906 taxes, showing collections of more than \$44,000. The final settlement will be made at one of the meetings this month.

At the conclusion of the business Mayor Meacham addressed the outgoing council, thanking them for their kindness and courtesy to him and praising the body for its unequalled record as a working and progressive body. He said the work of the present year would be reviewed in his annual message next month.

Councilmen Jackson, Clark and Twyman, the three retiring members, all made brief speeches and the old council closed with a display of good feeling on all sides. The mayor declared the body adjourned sine die, with a rap of his famous cow-horn gavel, presented by a committee of citizens when the cow law was passed about eighteen months ago. It is brought out and used only on special occasions.

The New Council.

After a brief recess the Mayor called the new body to order and City Judge Brasher administered the oath of office to Councilmen E. H. Higgins, J. B. Galbreath, M. H. Carroll, L. H. Davis, E. W. Glass, Geo. E. Randle and E. H. Armstrong.

The mayor at once read the following address:

To the Council.

At the beginning of the new year, I shall address you more at length, as is my custom, but I desire at this time to make recommendations upon matters that, in my judgment, call for early action. In order of their importance these matters are:

First—The liquor license for 1908 should be placed at \$1,000, with a limit on the number of saloons. This action should be taken at once, to enable liquor dealers to make their arrangements accordingly.

Second—All ordinances should be passed before the election of city officers defining the duties of the various officers whose duties are not clearly and plainly fixed by the charter.

Third—Provisions should be made for more efficient committee work. An appropriation of \$2.50 for each councilman for one stated committee meeting each month would greatly facilitate the transaction of public business and enable much of the council's work to be outlined in systematic committee meetings.

Fourth—The salary list should be carefully revised. The police force especially should be given a sub-

CHRISTIAN FISCAL COURT MET TUESDAY

Turnpike Building Was Chief Matter Under Consideration.

CONTRACTS WERE MADE

Construction Must be According to Spirit and Letter.

The fiscal court met in called session last Tuesday. Five of the eight magistrates were present. The absentees were J. W. Rogers, A. J. Estes and T. H. Moore.

Turnpike construction claimed almost the exclusive attention of the court.

J. K. Twyman and Arthur M. Henry were appointed to have 100 yards of pike built on the Newstead road at Mrs. Coleman's farm.

A contract was closed with R. F. Vaughan to build three miles of pike on the Palmyra road for \$2,340 per mile. As soon as practicable more pike is to be constructed on this road.

The matter of piking the road from Pembroke to Fairview was referred to the road supervisor, with power to act.

It appearing to the court that one of the contractors for building a section of pike on one of the roads of the county is not carrying out the spirit and letter of the contract, J. M. Morris, J. F. Dixon and J. K. Twyman were appointed a committee to have the contract strictly complied with.

The report of W. J. Murphy, road supervisor, was received and filed.

Dick Cravens, white, was excused from the payment of poll tax. Each member of the court, before adjournment, arose from his seat and expressed his regret at the death of Judge J. I. Landes. County Attorney Duffy was appointed to draw up suitable resolutions, to be submitted at the next meeting.

D. A. R. Bazar.

The Col. John Green Chapter D. A. R. will have a booth in the Bazar to be given at Grace church Parish house Dec. 10 and 11. There will be on sale a large assortment of fancy articles and edibles. The members are requested to send their contributions to Mrs. Jno. R. Greer by noon Monday.

W. T. COOPER & CO.

Wholesale and Retail Grocers.

HOPKINSVILLE ALL SERENE AS OF OLD.

Wise Policy of the Bank Officials Made Easy Sailing.

CHECKS WERE CASHED.

On Presentation and Business Went on as Usual.

Perhaps no city in Kentucky or elsewhere felt the effects of the late money panic less than Hopkinsville. Indeed there was really no marked difference in the general run of business. It is true that the bank officials in their wisdom and their desire to throw around their patrons every safe-guard for any contingency that might have arisen were continually on the qui vive; yet all checks were paid on presentation.

The holding of balances due country banks by city banks, and refusal to ship them currency led to the general local stringency—and yet was but natural, when we trace the trouble back to New York.

In their efforts to draw currency from country towns the banks in the larger cities, while their efforts were perfectly legitimate, probably inconvenienced indirectly some of the patrons and the people generally of the smaller banking concerns throughout the country along the railroad lines.

And there was "a reason" back of the city bankers. The railroads centering in Louisville are managed by far-seeing men. These men knew that while the whole of the United States was in a panicky condition pay days would roll around on "schedule time" and their employees would have to be paid. The railroad companies stood hand in glove with the banks, and it was right.

When it is remembered that one company had to pay \$40,000 to get its hand on \$1,000,000 in currency with which to start the pay cars over the system, it is no wonder that the effort was made to centralize all of the currency in the country banks in Louisville. It was business sagacity and perfectly legitimate.

But the banking men of Hopkinsville also exhibited their wisdom in holding on to the currency in their hands as much as possible. And no one that we have heard of was put to inconvenience and business, in no department, was in the least stagnated by the bank officials in their efforts to conserve the interests of their customers and the people generally.

The banks have had, all the time, and now have, all the money they needed for local uses. Their policy was to keep all the currency possible here, so as to meet all business demands. In so doing they have won the gratitude of our people and the comparatively easy condition of affairs in Hopkinsville during the time that banks in New York, and elsewhere were trembling and toppling to the ground is traceable only to the business sagacity and wise policy of the men at the head of our banking institutions. From the day of the collapse of the Heinz bank for \$50,000,000 which was overlaid with "copper" and followed by the Knickerbocker Trust Co., up to the present time, the current of business here has not been disturbed by a single ripple of distrust.

There has been no diminution in deposits, no withdrawals for safe-keeping at home, and business has in no way been dampened by the panic that has hung like a pall over the country for six weeks.

When we read in the great dailies such sentences as the following, though, we have not been in the

TO THE TRADE

I have decided to cut the prices on every line of goods in my house Dress Goods, Silks, Fancy Goods, Staple Goods, Cloaks, Jackets, Furs, Suits, Skirts, Carpets, Rugs, Matings, Linoleums, Oil Cloths, Underwear, Gent's Shirts, and, in fact, everything to be had in an up-to-date store. Always the best at the lowest prices.

T. M. Jones

BANK OF HOPKINSVILLE,

CAPITAL \$100,000.00.
SURPLUS 35,000.00.

With the largest combined capital and surplus of any bank in Christian county, supplied with modern burglar proof safe and vault, we are prepared to offer our depositors every protection for their money.

3 per cent interest on Time Certificates of Deposit.
HENRY C. CANT, President. J. E. McPHERSON, Cashier.
H. L. McPHERSON, Assistant Cashier.

CITY BANK

Capital, \$60,000.00
Surplus, \$70,000.00

This Bank ranks among the first in the state of Kentucky in proportion of surplus to capital.

In Surplus there is Strength.

We invite your account as a safe depository for your funds. Deposit your valuable papers in our vault—safe from fire and burglars.

3 PER CENT. INTEREST ON TIME DEPOSITS

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

HOPKINSVILLE - - - KENTUCKY.

UNITED STATES DEPOSITORY.

Only National Bank in This Community

Capital \$75,000.00
Surplus 25,000.00
Stockholders' Liability 75,000.00

HAS A REGULAR SAVINGS DEPARTMENT
Three Per Cent Interest Paid on Savings and Time Deposits.

REAL WINTER

Put In Its Appearance Yesterday.

A cold wave struck the city yesterday morning. Before 5 a. m. snow began to fall and the ground was lightly covered before 7. A cold wind from the west followed and many thought it was the coldest day of the season, but such was not the case. The lowest point registered yesterday by the government thermometer was 25 degrees above zero. During one of the previous cold snaps the mercury crawled down to 19 above.

The weather was variable yesterday and what little snow had fallen had about disappeared by noon. Occasionally the sun shone through the rifts in the clouds, but later in the afternoon there were indications of another fall of snow. The weather has been fine for hog killing and backbones, sausage and spareribs are on sale by all dealers.

CATAALP TREES.

Mr. J. B. Walker Will Plant Three Thousand.

Mr. J. B. Walker has just received from Ohio 3,000 catalpa trees, which will be buried until spring, when they will be planted on his farm a few miles southwest of the city. The trees are of the "Speciosa" variety. Mr. Walker will set out three acres in catalpa, planting the trees in rows. Any soil that will grow farm crops will grow catalpa trees successfully. On white clay soil these trees in twenty years' time will grow to be worth \$500 per acre to cut into fence posts. They have been known to grow six inches in height in one "sunshiny" day, and they increase in diameter about an inch a year. The catalpa tree is one of the hardest and most easily transplanted of all our common trees and any one who goes about it intelligently can succeed in growing beautiful trees.