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### NEGRO TAKEN FROM SHERIFF

Assailant of Mrs. Cowan Expiates His Crime.

Tiptonville, Tenn., August 16.—Will Clifford, the negro who assaulted and murdered Mrs. Mary Cowan, was taken from the sheriff's posse early yesterday morning, eighteen miles from Tiptonville, and hanged to a tree. He is said to have confessed. A mob of at least 300 citizens of Lake County did its work in a very orderly manner, and then quietly dispersed. The death of Clifford leaves only one other negro in the county, and he is preparing to leave.

The crime for which Clifford was lynched was an atrocious one. His victim was 56 years old, and lived with her aged husband near Reelfoot. She was picking berries on the Coppen farm, where she lived, and was waylaid by the negro, who dragged her into a thicket and strangled her to death. He then dragged the body to a bluff and tossed it into the river, where it was later found. This was on Tuesday morning, but the body was not recovered until Thursday afternoon. When Mrs. Cowan failed to return home at night a party was sent in search of her. The spot where she had been murdered was soon found, and the body traced by the footsteps of the negro to the river bank. It was noticed that one of the shoes worn by the murderer of the aged woman had no heel on it, and when Clifford was arrested it was discovered that one of his shoes was minus a heel.

Wednesday night Clifford was lodged in the Tiptonville jail. At least this was the information, and a crowd of several hundred gathered, and after marching to the jail demanded that the prisoner be

turned over to them. Sheriff Corlew permitted those in the crowd to go through the jail, telling them that the negro had been taken to Dyersburg. Later it developed that the sheriff had secreted the negro in a barn and that he had not been taken to Dyersburg at all.

Thursday evening the sheriff and one of his deputies secured a conveyance and drove toward the Kentucky line with the prisoner. They passed over the border into Kentucky, but the news of their departure spread and the crowd pursued them, overtaking the sheriff and his prisoner near Mable, Ky., at midnight Thursday night.

The crowd took the negro from the sheriff and put him through a sweating process. The confession, however, was not wrung from him until he was about to be hanged.

### U. S. Civil Service Examinations.

A competitive examination under the rules of the U. S. Civil Service Commission for the position of clerk-carrier in the post office, at Union City, Tenn., will be held on September 11, 1907, commencing at 9 a. m.

Applications for this examination must be made on the prescribed form, which, with the necessary instructions, may be obtained from the Commission's local representative, Miss G. H. Dodson, at the post office, Union City, Tenn.

Applications will not be accepted unless received by the Secretary Civil Service Board, Atlanta, Ga., before 4 o'clock p. m. Sept. 4. All persons wishing to take this examination should secure blanks and fill them out at once in order to allow time for any necessary corrections.

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### TAXPAYER COMPLAINS

Files His Grievance With Board and Mayor Replies.

The following letter addressed to "Jno. T. Walker, President Board of Health Union City, 2d notice," was received by him through the mail:

Board Mayor and Aldermen:

And still the "dump" stands on first street back of O'Donnell's shop as a disgrace to the city and a black mark to the present administration.

We can put up with having to take the middle of the road since our walks have been monopolized by the weeds, but we can't stand everything.

How long, oh Lord, how long? Gentlemen, we pay as much taxes as anybody, and we intend to have our rights. If things have not been remedied by September 1 we will appear before a magistrate and indict the whole works. Is this plain enough? This is not all; a new administration is a good thing some times. We may try this expedient. A word to the wise ought to be sufficient.

Aug. 15, 1907.

A TAX PAYER.

### THE MAYOR'S REPLY.

The above letter has just been received by me, and I would not think of replying to it in this public manner were it not for the fact that I will not only be able to reach the anonymous author of the letter, but other citizens as well, and explain why many needed improvements are not made now as promptly as they usually are, and as I would like to have them done.

The complaint about weeds being along the sidewalks is well taken, and it has been my wish, as well as that of the entire Board, that the weeds should be kept cleaned off, but, as all should know, the city has been torn up for the last three months with the improved street building that's going on, and the street overseer and force have been kept busy repairing broken culverts, bridges and water pipes to prevent damage to people and stock passing to and fro in the city, and to avoid consequent suits for damages that might follow.

A law was enacted by the last Legislature giving the city power to pass an ordinance compelling owners of real estate in the city to cut the weeds on their own property adjacent to the sidewalks, as well as other places. The reason I have not asked the City Council to pass an ordinance in conformity to the statute referred to, is that the city has so much on its hands at this time—lawsuits, street-building, etc.—that I do not think it wise to pass an ordinance that is not strictly necessary at this time, that would precipitate at least half a dozen lawsuits upon it before the law could be enforced.

The enforcement of such a law would mean that property would have to be sold if its terms were not complied with, and much of

the real estate in the city being owned by non-residents, expensive litigation would necessarily follow such an enactment.

The writer of the communication above, being a heavy tax payer, as he states, should come before the Board or the city officials personally and explain his grievances and not remain in the background when he asks that things be done to which he is entitled. He should know the city officials are very hard pressed at this time, that they work for comparatively nothing, and that the amount of money at their disposal is limited, and all should be willing to help and encourage them instead of doing all they can, as many are doing, to discourage and make them know their efforts are not appreciated.

I do not know at this time what the trouble is at the "dump" referred to, but will have the matter investigated and report to the City Council in the usual way, and any nuisance that may be found there will be abated as quickly as it can be done.

I know that a year or more ago a complaint was made that the Dahnke-Walker Milling Co. was blowing dust or chaff from their mill at the place referred to, and that the citizens near by were annoyed in consequence. The Board instructed the Marshal to have this nuisance abated, and I suppose it was done, as I heard no more about it.

From certain parts of the communication the public will have an idea of what the city officials have to submit to while performing their duties as best they can, and it appears that all fair-minded people will be willing to be patient at least till the street force can be released from the pressing needs referred to, when they will have more time to give to other things of less importance.

JNO. T. WALKER, Mayor.

Since writing the above I am advised that an anonymous letter was read to the Board at its last regular meeting calling attention to the same trouble. The Board ordered the matter examined into and any nuisance found there abated, and the Marshal was instructed to see that this was done. I was absent from the city at the time and did not know of the above letter or complaint until the present time.

Union City, Aug. 15, 1907.

J. T. W.

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### FOUND DEAD IN WELL.

Believed That She Committed Suicide On Account of Illness.

Hickman, Ky., Aug. 16.—Mrs. Alec Rice, living three miles east of town, committed suicide this morning about 9 o'clock by jumping into a well. The cause is not known, but she had told the family a few days ago that she was going to kill herself, and they have been watching her, but she succeeded this morning and she was dead when found. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson McWhinney, and they have always made their home with Mrs. Rice. She was about 30 years of age. This was quite a surprise to every one, as she was a sweet, amiable woman and was loved by all who knew her. She was a member of the Baptist Church at Poplar Grove and was buried at that place. She has no children, but leaves two sisters and an aged mother and father besides many other relatives and friends to mourn her death.

### Married at Obion.

The marriage of Miss Mettie Dyce Pearce to Willis Fox occurred Wednesday night at the First Baptist Church of this city, Rev. Ross

Moore officiating. Dr. S. D. Yongen attended the groom as best man. The attendants were Misses Nell and Clara Brown, Maie Garrett and Mary Cunningham; Messrs. Oscar Lovell, Hon. T. O. Morris, Wilkes Buchanan and Mercer Pearce. Miss Anna Mai Sharp rendered Mendelssohn's Wedding March, and Miss Pearl Brown gave a vocal selection of "All For You." The bride was given away by her sister, Mrs. Mai Mobley. The bride and groom left immediately for a short trip to Trenton, after which they will be at home at the Commercial Hotel, Obion, Tenn.

Folding bed and cotton mattress only \$13.50, at Bell Furniture Co. See it to-day.

### Public Improvements.

Troy owes a debt of gratitude to Mr. John W. Bennett for his public-spirit shown in taking the lead in the repair of the old courthouse. The roof, as well as portions of the foundations, was rotten. It has been overhauled throughout and an expensive tin roof put on. The floor will be seated for justice's trials, mayor's courts, public speaking, suppers and so on, while the upper floor will be turned into a fine opera house.—News-Banner.

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