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Townon, Md., July 18.-Howard Cooper, the colored man who assaulted Miss Rate Gray, April, 2, 1885, in a woods near her father's house, and about six miles from this place, was taken from the jail here this morning at one o'clock and down to a tree but a few yards distant from his cell.

Just before midnight little squads of men were seen moving about town. They avoided observation, wore disguises of various kinds, and all had on masks. Ope of them was observed to have a bundle under his jacket, and on being questioned about it said, laughingly, "Feel it, it is a cravat for Howard." On examination it proved to be a coll of stout rope.

These various parties shortly combined and went out the rode leading to Charles street avenue, and awaited the coming of the men except from the vicinity of the outrage.

Half an hour later a horseman came un that road to Towson, and, after inspecting the jail, rode back. In a short time a solid body, of men, about 75 in number, appeared on the road rapidly advancing to Towson.

They halted on reaching the courthouse grounds, about three hundred yards from the jail, and a detail of twenty men was sent two squares to get a large and stout flagpole lying on the west side of Delaware avenue. When they returned with this powerful battering ram the others fell in behind them, and the march was straight and quick to the fail.

The men seemed under good discipline, and the commander gave his corders in a quick clear and distinct voice. On reach ing the fall this gentleman demanded edmittance.

A tremulous but earnest voice, said to be that of sheriff Knight's oldest daughter, informed him that he could not be admitted.

She said he could not force an entrauce through the front of the jail, but that if be would go to the rear be could force a door leading directly into the jail proper.

"To the rear with the ram, a few staying here to guard this door!" was the order immediately following this reply. Soon the tall fence in the rear of the jail gave way under the blows of the ponderous ram, and a moment or two later heavy blows upon the rear entrance of the building could be heard for a mile or two.

The door, however, did not give way and moon the commander, was at the front enterance.

Again he demanded to see Sheriff Knight. The young lady said he could not be seen; that he was in the jail with the prisoners.

"Call him out; tell him to come to the window at once," was the answer to this. liberiff Knight made his appearance, when the commander said; "I demand, ville, Baltimore county. Cooper over-

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out over the debris of the broken door, and stepped gingerly and carefully in the uncertain light, so as to avoid a fall.

Immediately on reaching the jail yard there was a demand by the crowd that he should be examined by those who knew him well, to be sure that he wa the right man.

After having undergone this scruting those in charge started off with him on a run to the nearest tree, but were again haltedtby cries that some of their party had been detained and shut up in the iail.

A delegation went back and saw that all of their party were liberated, and the hanging was speedily effected.

The first tree reached was the one used, not being more than seven feet from the ground. When the crowd united under the tree Cooper said: "You are not going to-take me up there and let me drop, are you."

No one paid much attention to him or his questions. All were occupied in getting him swung off as soon as possible.

Finally, just as the end of the rope was thrown over the limb, he said in a conciliatory voice, as if he wanted to part friends with them all, "Well, you have got Cooper haven't you?-Good-

As the last words left his lips the long line of men commenced to pull on the rope. It closed about his neck. He was pulled off the ground.

In an instant or two life head was in contract with the limb, and his feet but a foot distant from the ground.

A proposition to are into the body was made, but the commander objected and cried, "Let no one go near that body on pain of death. Tie the rope about the body of the tree and come away."

The lynchers stayed about the place for some time to be certain that no one interfered with the body or cut it down. Later in the morning pistol-shots were fired into the swinging remains by those who still lingered about the spot

Sheriff Knight and watchman Nelson came out and viewed the corpse. Said one of those who had participated in the lynching, "Mr. Knight, we have saved you the trouble of hanging this scoundrel."

The news of the panging spread, and a crowd collected and remained near the body swaying in the wind. When the men entered Cooper's cell he said to them; "You ain't got Cooper." This is what made some of the men so anxious to have him identified before he was hanged.

Sheriff Knight and the night watch man, Nelson, were the only male persons about the jail except the prisoners. The family of Sheriff Knight, domestics and children, were the only ones in the dwel-

The jail is a strong, heavily built structure of stone, sufrounded by a high board fence, situated about a quarter of a mile southwest of the town, and in sight of the Maryland Central Raifroad. It is about the best of the county jails in Maryland.

HISTORY OF THE CRIME. Cooper's orime was one of the worst of its kind ever perpetrated in Maryland. His victim was Miss Kare Gray; daughter of Mr. D. C. Gray, who resides midway between Bockland Mills and Pikes.

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fear or apparent anxiety. He was led to the scene of the outrage and hang or burn bim. Some hours after he arrived at the central station two different crowds of strange men called to "identify" the prisoner, but they were net permitted to see him, and later they had to be ordered from the place. It is supposed they intended to kill him there. Cooper was promptly indicted by the

grand jury of Baltimore county, and the

case was removed on his motion to Bal.

timore city for trial. William George Weld and A. Robinson White, two young members of the Baltimore bar, who were assigned by Judge Stewart as counsel for Cooper after two other lawyers had declined the defense, made application for the removal of the case from the Criminal Court of Baltimora city to the United States Circuit Court, on the ground that the jury laws in operation in the counties of Maryland discriminate against colored men in violation of the fourteenth amendment to the constitution of the United States. The application was refused. The trial took place in the Criminal Court of Baltimore City, May 20, resulting in a verdict of gailty without the jury leaving the box. On the next day, May 21, Judge Wm. A. Stewart sentenced Cooper to be hing. His counsel sued out a writ of error on the ruling of the court in refusing the application for removal. The Court of Appeals affirmed the ruling in an opinion delivered June 28.

Gov. Lloyd signed Cooper's deathwarrant June 29, appointing July 21 for the execution. On June 20 Choper was suoved from the Baltimore city jall; where he had been kept since the morn. ing after his capture, to Towsontown. The prisoner was five feet-seven inches high. He appeared to be about 20 years of age, though be declared that he was only 17. Though alim, he was wiry and capable of much physical endurance. He admitted the assault on Miss Gray, and said he did it for devilment, and that be best her for fun.

The efforts of Mesers. Weld and White to carry the case to the United States Supreme Court-precipitated the affair. The same questions would have been presented to the Supreme Court of the United States which, were argued in the Court of Appeals. These questions are two, the first being whether, or not there is discrimination against colored men in the Maryland law governing the summoning of grand jurors in Baltimore county; and second, whether the counsel assigned to defend the prisoner had a right to plead in abatement, notwithstanding the fact that a plea of not guilty was entered for the prisoner before counsel were assigned him. The plea in abatement was offered on the theory that irrespective of the State law, there is actual discrimination against colored tion in the selection of jurors in Baltimore county. Mr. Weld said the effect of a favorable decision in the Suprame Court on the first question would result in the case being sent back for a new indictment and trial. If the second proposition of the defense were sustained. there would be a new trial on the indictment already found. Neither question had any bearing on the merits of the case, but the appeal would have delayed the execution.—Sus.

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in with a crash. 'The event was appounced by the noise and by the lond crying and wailing of the ladies of Sheriff Knight's household in the front part of the house.

When the evengers rushed in the jail they at once commenced examining the cells for Cooper. Sheriff Knight still refused to give up his keys, and crowbars were the imple-

ments used on locks by wrenching them. The night watchman, Henry Nelson, was choked and rushed to another part of the building because he interferred

with the search for Cooper. This search was productive of much anxiety, and it continued so long that many of those engaged in it came to the conclusion that Cooper had been taken

Search was made in the bushes surrounding the building.

The men were fast getting out of pa-

tience, and about to commence a search of Mr. Knight's private apartments. when an unknown person in the iail pointed out a cell, in which cooper was found.

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The look was smashed, and after a delay of about ten minutes Cooper was

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and he came down the fall steps, without Go back to p. 1. col. 2

the black brute. Howard Cooper, who in beating her, dragged her into the depths April last committed a fiendish and re-Sheriff Knight replied, "I am sworn to lof a thick, dark woods. Here he kept repeated outrage on Miss Katie Grav. her for about three hours, making rethe daughter of a respectable farmer of peated assults upon her. Miss Gray, who the neighborhood, Mr. Daniel C. Grav. is about 20 years of age, is of strong build The people of the vicinity exhibited the

took her in the county road about 800

vards from her father's house, and after

though only weighing 120 pounds, and she fought him vigorously, and left marks upon his head and face made by a stone with which she struck him. At the moment finally when Cooper was about to dispatch Miss Gray with a club he was

frightened off by the appearance of one of

Mr. Gray's dogs on the scene. A trail of

blood extending 200 vards through the woods, gave evidence of the terrible or deal through which the young lady had passed. It was some days after the out rage before she was pronounced out of danger by her physician. The crims was committed on the afternoon of April 2, and Cooper was not caught until the night of April 6, though he was most actively hunted throughout

hid in a barn : his hands were tied behind his back, and he was mannhed to Towson across the country. Before the iail was to Haltimore or was hid in the sheriff's reached a halt was made and one of the party went forward and made arrangements, so that the incensed citizens might not seize the prisoner and execute him on the spot. The news of Cooper's arrest had spread, and before his captors

reached the Towson jail with him

arowd of fully 800 armed men were there

demanding of Sheriff Knight his surren-

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Baltimore county, and especially in the

satisfied that Cooper was not in the jail It was the cell in which he had been and withdrawn, when the party with Cooper arrived. The culprit was taken into the fail, but in less than five minutes Sheriff Knight and Deputy Risteau started to take him to Baltimore by a circuitous route. They reached the central police station with him after two

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nation of Cooper's counsel to carry the case to the Supreme Court of the United States, caused furbearance to cease to be a virtue. The party had been fairly

tried and convicted according to the forms of law, and sentenced to be hanged. so there was no lynching of a nondhin innocent party without trial or defence. Of course, no one will deny that it would have been better had the sentence of the law been carried out and Cooper hanged by the Sheriff. But the technical delays

and the evident disposition to evade the

the húsbands, fathers, som and brothers

of Baltimors County brought to justice

most commendable forbearance under

the exasperating circumstances, until

the repeated delays in the machinery of

the law, the appeal to the Maryland

Court of Appeals, and, last, the determi-

punishment deserved, manifested by the locality of the crime. He was discovered counsel in behalf of their client, had their natural effect when the band of reputable citizens marched to the Towson jail and conveyed Gooper thence to the nearest tree and left the necision in his appeal case swinging from a limb. We have no patience with the dema. gogical, hypocritical papers that pro-

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