

## ATTEMPTED MURDER NEAR BOYD'S STATION

Louis Rosenstein and Wife  
Will Probably Die.

The Deed Committed by Humphrey  
Brown, a Colored Man.

The Motive Robbery—A Few Hundred  
Dollars and Other Valuables  
Taken.

Boyd's, Md., May 13.—An attempt at double murder occurred at a little country village, Slidell, two miles north of this place, about 5 o'clock this morning. The victims of the assault were Louis Rosenstein and his wife, who keep a small store at that place. The deed was committed by a colored man named Humphrey Brown, alias Taylor, who boarded the Baltimore and Ohio train No. 42 this morning at Boyd's at 8:20. Brown stopped at a colored man's house last night near Slidell whose name is John Brown, a relative of his, and it is said by John Brown's wife that Humphrey Brown made threats against his victims and cautioned John Brown to wake him early in the morning, but Humphrey Brown, the assailant, awoke first and abused John for not waking him earlier.

He left, and it is supposed went direct to Rosenstein's, and it is thought called Rosenstein from his bed on the pretence of wanting to buy a pair of shoes. When Rosenstein turned he was dealt repeated blows on the top and side of his head, rendering him unconscious. It is believed this aroused Mrs. Rosenstein, who started downstairs, but was met at the door by Brown, the assailant, who struck her repeatedly on the head, inflicting ugly wounds. He then turned his attention to the bureau, where he ransacked the drawers, finding four pocketbooks, which, it is said, contained money, as the Rosensteins were known to have a quantity of cash. He emptied the bureau drawers of their contents, with the exception of a broken ring. He then walked downstairs and stood in the door. In the mean time Garret Linthicum, a farmer living near the Rosenstein place, passed, and the negro ordered him to walk on. Linthicum, thinking the man was drunk, came on to Boyd's, and on his return from here met the negro making his way toward this place. Nothing passed between them.

The negro came here to the store of Mahlon T. Lewis and purchased a new pair of No. 10 shoes, and boarded an east-bound train. The shoes which he had stolen from Rosenstein's were thrown from the train between Germantown and Gaithersburg, and the shoes bought from Mr. Lewis were put on. The shoes thrown from the train were No. 9, and were cut open, so as to make them larger.

Sheriff Thompson and all the county officers were notified. The negro departed from the eastbound train at Forest Glenn, about nine miles west of Washington. The wounds inflicted on Louis Rosenstein consisted of four large cuts, about three inches long, on top of the head and an ugly crushing wound on the right side above the ear, causing concussion of the brain. He was found lying behind the counter in a pool of blood and was entirely covered with it from head to foot, presenting a horrible spectacle where he lay writhing in agony. The wounds of his wife are almost similar, she having an ugly, deep wound over the left eye and a crushing

one was received above the left ear, and several deep gashes on top of her head. Her eyes are badly blackened and bruised. She also has concussion of the brain. When found she was lying in bed. It is supposed the negro threw her there after striking her, as where she fell there was a pool of blood about ten feet from the bed, and there was no sign of her having reached the bed after falling. Their condition at present is precarious. Little hopes are entertained for their recovery. All medical aid possible is being rendered by Drs. Stonestreet, of Barnesville, and Deets, of Clarksburg. The house in which the crime was committed is a frame structure of five rooms, one large room being used as a store. The postoffice is also kept in this place. Nothing was molested in the postal box.

The sole motive of the crime was robbery. Mrs. Rosenstein was expected to be a mother in a few weeks. She was a woman of fine appearance. The negro was of dark color with large teeth in front, well spaced, wore dark-brown slouch hat, lead-colored overalls, right sleeve of coat had patch extending from elbow toward the wrist. The weapon used was a solid piece of iron two feet long and three-quarters of an inch in diameter. Rosenstein and his wife came to this place about five years ago from Baltimore. They have relatives there in Harrison Street. It seems quite evident that Brown had accomplices.

Important arrests are expected to be made before morning. At 6 o'clock this evening the shoes the negro wore when he committed the deed were found in the woods close by the scene and little later a watch that was stolen from the Rosensteins was also found with several bunches of keys tied up in rags. The shoes have been identified as those of Brown.

The victims were removed to Baltimore tonight on a late train. Arrests have been made of John A. Brown and his wife, Nellie, at whose quarters the assailant stopped last night. On account of the eagerness of Brown's wife to give testimony against the assailant it was thought best to make the arrest, as from her actions a great many think they are accomplices. The assailant secured several hundred dollars in money and other valuables.

When the information of the attempted double murder was received in this city a lookout was posted and the police at once notified to make every effort to apprehend the man Brown. The information came from J. W. Williams, agent for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad at Boyd's, and was contained in a dispatch addressed to the railroad officials here. The detectives at the station and the headquarters detectives were at once acquainted with the contents of the message, but unfortunately it was received after the arrival of the train on which Brown left Boyd's. None of the railroad employes on duty at the station remembered seeing a colored man answering the description furnished, and expressed the opinion that Brown had left the train before it reached the city. This was later learned to be the case.

Notwithstanding the theory advanced by the railroad men, the police kept a sharp lookout and closely scrutinized all persons who in any way answered the description of Brown. Policeman Yoe, of the First precinct, arrested Daniel Campbell, colored, who in a measure answered the description and held him as a suspect until otherwise satisfied. This was at 2 o'clock, and five hours later Campbell was again arrested by the police of the Second precinct, but as it was shown that the man had been previously under arrest he was not held. Campbell was not dressed as Brown was described but the fact that he wore a pair of new No. 9 shoes caused the police to suspect him.

The victims of the murderous assault passed through the city en route to Baltimore at about 9 o'clock last night. They were accompanied by the father of Mrs. Rosenstein and a brother of her husband; Sheriff Thompson and a deputy of Montgomery county accompanied the party as far as this city. Sheriff Thompson came here in the hope of learning something of the whereabouts of Brown. He stated last night that Mr. and Mrs. Rosenstein were seriously injured, and could not live. The object in taking them to Baltimore was to place them in a hospital where they could get the best of treatment in an almost vain hope of saving their lives.