

ROWAN REGULATORS.

The County Officers Forced to Flee for Their Lives.

LOUISVILLE, March 30.—A special from Morehead, Ky., reports that Rowan county is experiencing a reign of lawlessness. The trouble which began in an election riot, last August, has grown into a most bitter feud, which has already caused several tragedies. The trouble has been made a political one. One side or the other has been espoused by nearly every citizen of the county. A short time ago the deputy sheriff was killed, county attorney waylaid and wounded, and other authorities have fled the country. Since the murder of Deputy Sheriff Bumgardner, there has been no county government. The county judge, marshal, sheriff and deputies, all are gone. County clerk Major Carey, a non-combatant and non-partisan, is the only one left, and he has received two or three warnings that he had better go. Armed bands of men patrol the county, and make regular visits to Morehead. At any moment a collision is looked for and scenes of the Breathitt war re-enacted. In the fight, on election day, one man was killed, another shot through the neck, and John Martin was knocked senseless by a pistol in the hands of Floyd Tolliver. Shortly afterward Martin and Tolliver met in a saloon at Morehead, and the former shot the latter, killing him instantly. Since that time there has been a number of murders and shootings, and we fear, "still more to follow."

The Mt. Sterling Sentinel-Democrat of the 2nd inst., says: Reliable information has reached us in regard to a riot in Morehead as follows: Yesterday morning John C. Day and Jeff Bowling were playing pool in Geo. W. Nickell's pool room. Cook Humphrey, the sheriff, accompanied by a desperado by the name of Pearce, with whom he had been associated for several days, entered, and without any ceremony the latter attempted to shoot Jeff Bowling. Day leveled his pistol at Pearce and stopped him. Then Humphrey attempted to shoot Day, when Bowling presented his pistol at Humphrey and stopped him. This, for an instant, was a fearful looking tableau, but by mutual agreement they sheathed their arms, and separated, Day and Bowling going to the Cottage Hotel and Humphrey and Pearce going to the Carey House. Humphrey and Pearce got their Winchester Rifles and followed Bowling and Day, and when they got within 200 yards of Bowling and Day they fired at them, they returning the fire, and not until their loads were exhausted did the bombardment cease. No one was hurt. Humphrey and Pearce then returned to the Carey House. A. W. Young, a young attorney of that place, while standing in front of the old Tabor House, opposite the Carey House, when they returned, was fired at by Pearce, and told to "git;" and, to use Young's expression, he "got."

Mr. Young arrived here on the express yesterday, having fled for safety. Pearce is regarded as a bad man. He is said to be the man who robbed Joe Hagerman's store on Licking river, in Bath county, a few years ago. All this trouble comes of the Tolliver-Martin feud, and no matter how neutral a man in Morehead may be he is counted on one side or the other, and no citizen is safe who stays there.