

# ROWAN COUNTY.

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Will Troops be Sent to Morehead to Preserve Order and Prevent Another Outbreak?

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## BUSINESS ABOUT SUSPENDED.

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Judge Cole received a telegram yesterday from Governor Knott calling him to Lexington. He left on the noon train, and was expected back home this morning.

The Rowan Circuit Court will convene next Tuesday, and the question that is troubling Governor Knott is whether he shall respond to the call from Judge Cole and the Judge of the Rowan County Court, and send a company of State troops to Morehead to preserve order during the term.

In reference to this matter the Lexington Transcript says: "Colonel John B. Castleman and Adjutant Roger Williams returned from Morehead Thursday, where they had been sent by Governor Knott to inquire into the propriety of sending troops there to attend on the sessions of the Circuit Court, which is set to convene there next Tuesday. Troops have been asked for by Judge Cole, Sheriff Hogge and others. The Sheriff is in Mt. Sterling and declares that he will not go to Morehead to attend court unless troops are sent to maintain the peace. The Governor's commissioners after examining the situation carefully, decided to report adversely to sending troops.

"The town is a dead town. Every business house is closed and the doors nailed up, with the exception of one small grocery store and saloon, the latter being carried on by the widow of Craig Tolliver. The Ramey hotel is also open. With these exceptions no business whatever is carried on at Morehead.

"The town is patrolled day and night by forty members of the Law and Order Society, and these men armed with Winchester rifles are the only ones to be seen moving around. They are constantly on the alert for an attack from the Tolliver gang, and rumors of the close proximity of this gang to the town are heard every day. All members of the Law and Order Society object to the presence of troops, and people who are known to have been on the other side are vehement in their request for military aid. The former express their ability to protect citizens and aid the court in the full execution of the law. It is the general feeling that as soon as the patrol is removed, or if it should become careless so as to afford an opportunity, the Tolliverites will sweep down on the town and avenge the death of their chief and his kinsmen. It is known that an organization for that purpose is in easy reach of Morehead, and the chances are that more bloodshed will follow the slightest opportunity for an attack. The presence of troops might temporarily avert this, but the only true solution of the bloody feud is to let the citizens of Rowan County settle it among themselves."

### THE TROOPS ORDERED.

As a result of Judge Cole's consultation with Governor Knott, a detachment of State troops has been ordered to Morehead next Monday. The detachment will consist of sixty members of the Louisville Legion under Major Lewis W. McKee.

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