

"ROWDY ROWAN."

A Base Conspiracy at Morehead Nipped in Time to Prevent Murder and Bloodshed.

It seems that the troubles in Rowan County will never cease. Nearly one week of the present term of Circuit Court went along smoothly, and the outside world began to think that the "cruel war was over." Apparently, "white-winged peace" was hovering over the town of Morehead, which nestled quietly at the foot of the mountains. She still nestles there, but not so awfully quiet. "To tell the truth and shame the devil," the town is rather gay at present. A double guard of citizens are doing duty with solemn tread around the precincts of the jail, assisting the Sheriff and other officers in preserving the peace. The reason for all this precaution was the discovery last Thursday night of a bold, bad conspiracy to murder Judge Cole, Taylor Young and Allie Young, the County Attorney. This diabolical movement was detected just in time to save their lives. About 4 p. m. on Thursday, the Sheriff arrested, on suspicion, a young man twenty-three years old by the name of James A. Harris, who had been loitering near the court house. That night about 10 o'clock, the prisoner divulged to his uncle, Hayden Harris, a secret that caused much uneasiness and many sleepless eyes in Morehead. His confession was in substance about as follows: He was a resident of Fleming County, and had been persuaded and hired by one, Henry S. Logan, M. D., of Rowan County, to come there and aid in the killing of Judge Cole and Taylor and Allie Young. Logan was to furnish four assistants, viz.: Morgan McClurg, Lou Rayburn, a man by the name of Henby, and another by the name of Logan. The would-be assassins were to be provided with guns, knives and pistols, and paid \$100 each by the said Henry S. Logan when Judge Cole and the Youngs were put out of the way. Harris said he had been staying at Henry S. Logan's home for about two months, where he had lived and talked with two of his accomplices, McClurg and Rayburn, who told him the men could be easily disposed of. Harris put in his spare moments practicing shooting with gun and pistol. The murderers, according to Harris, had agreed to wait until court to do their bloody work, when the Judge and the Youngs would all be there. The plan agreed upon was to shoot them from ambush or through the windows of the hotel. Should this fail, then to fire the hotel and shoot them as each ran out. Harris swore to this, as did also one, James Pelfry, and other circumstances tended to show pretty conclusively that his story was true. Warrants were sworn out for the arrest of these desperadoes, and Henry S. Logan and Morgan McClurg were brought into court on Saturday and were put under \$1,000 bond to keep the peace and Wm. H. and Jack Logan, sons of Henry Logan, were bound over in the sum of \$250.00 each to keep the peace. The grand jury same day returned true bills against Henry S. Logan, Morgan McClurg and Lou Rayburn, charging them with confederating and banding themselves together for the purpose of killing Z. T. Young and others. Logan and McClurg were put under \$6,000 bond each to answer the indictments, and in default of the required bail they were sent to jail. G. A. Cassidy, of Flemingsburg, is their lawyer.

Judge Cole has placed the town under heavy guard and the danger seems safely over for the present. The intense excitement that prevailed for a few days has entirely subsided, and the law is reigning supreme, with the court on top.

Our readers will be glad to hear that Commonwealth's Attorney James H. Sallee is not connected in any way with these troubles, and is kindly received and courteously treated by all factions. The court has transacted much business and punished many offenders, and the present term will likely be productive, ultimately, of much good to Rowan. All that Rowan needs is a rigid enforcement of the laws, and Judge Cole and Attorney Sallee are doing their best to that end, and it is devoutly hoped will bring order out of chaos in due time. Court will adjourn this week.