

ALTHOUGH the majority of the committee appointed to investigate the affairs of Rowan county and the official conduct of Judge Cole reported that both were as bad as could be, with the latter responsible to a great degree for the state of affairs, the House paid no attention to it, but by a good majority adopted the minority report, signed by but one man, which unequivocally vindicates Judge Cole and pronounces his official robes as white as snow. The republicans voted for the vindication, knowing that it is campaign powder for them to retain such a judge. The proposition to dismember the county was referred to the judiciary committee, where it will likely sleep. In the meantime matters will probably go on from bad to worse in that miserable section. It can hardly be otherwise with a judge upon the bench dispensing law to spite his enemies and screen his friends.

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