

THE ROWAN COUNTY FEUD.

Gov. Knott Refuses to Send Troops to Morehead to Preserve the Peace.

LEXINGTON, Ky., July 28.—Col. John B. Castleman and Adjutant Roger Williams returned from Morehead today, where they had been sent by Gov. 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 Monday. Troops have been asked for by Judge Cole, Sheriff Hogg, and others. The Sheriff is in Mount 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 to Morehead. The town is a dead town. Every business house is closed and the doors nailed up, with the exception of one small grocery and a saloon, the latter being carried on by the widow of Craig Tolliver. The Rainy Hotel is also open. With these exceptions no business whatever is carried on in Morehead. The town is patrolled day and night by forty members of the Law and Order Society, and these men are armed with Winchester rifles and are the only persons 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 the 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.