

AN ILL-GOVERNED COMMUNITY.

Investigating the State of Affairs in Rowan County, Kentucky.

MOREHEAD, Ky., Feb. 9.—[Special.]—The investigation of the Rowan County troubles began here yesterday by the legislative committee appointed for the purpose. The Circuit Clerk of that county, James W. Johnson, testified to twenty murders having been committed in Rowan County since 1884, and only three of the perpetrators were convicted, and they only got terms in the penitentiary. Squal Hogg, Sheriff, thought the officers of Rowan County had enough moral support to enforce the law, and he knew nothing of Judge Cole's alleged crookedness, nor did he know of guns being shipped there for use by the Tollivers. Samuel Bailey, jailer, testified that Allie Young, while County Attorney, had taken the keys from him and liberated a prisoner from jail who was in for firing a pistol in the County Court room, and he was intimidated. D. B. Tippet, Police Judge in Morehead, said all the county officers were Democratic but the County Judge and were supported by the Tolliver faction. The Martin Logan faction was Republican. The young Tolliver faction was Democratic. About half the county believed Judge Cole was in league with the Tolliver faction, and he thought the factions were not now divided on party lines as much as formerly.

Today Judge James Carey testified that he was County Judge in Rowan County from 1870 to 1878, and afterwards County Clerk for four years. He characterized a large number of both grand and petit jurors as being men of unenviable character, a large proportion belonging to the factions controlled by the Tollivers. Many drank. He had heard Judge Cole talk in an angry manner in his court. Carey believed the law could be enforced in Rowan if the officers would do their duty.

J. W. Johnson, Circuit Clerk, produced indictments against M. McClurg, Dr. Henry Logan, Lon Raybourn, and Alex Pendulum, charged with conspiracy to kill Z. T. Young. Judge Cole fixed their bail at \$5,000 each, save Pendulum, who was held in \$7,000. They belonged to the Martin faction. He produced indictments against A. W. Young; Z. T. Young, John Trumbo, and Green Mannin, members of the Tolliver faction, for conspiring to kill Howard Logan. Judge Cole admitted them to bail as follows: The second named, \$2,500; the first, third, and fourth named, \$1,000 each. All the latter were acquitted. He then read a list of twenty-eight men who served as guards for the Circuit Court last February. Twenty-three belonged to the Tolliver and one to the Martin faction. Half of them were at times under indictments ranging from misdemeanor to murder. The committee adjourned to meet in Frankfort next Tuesday.