

A BURLESQUE ON JUSTICE.

The Bad State of Affairs in Rowan County, Kentucky.

Louisville Commercial: The trials of the Rowan County murderers are practically over. The Judge has left the bench and the soldiers have been ordered to their homes. It is a high tribute to the courage and intelligence of that community that every assassin has been found innocent and every cold-blooded murderer washed whiter than snow. Not one of all the men engaged in the numberless atrocities that have made Rowan County a plague spot has suffered according to his deserts. No other result could have been expected in a section of country where organized bands of lawless men have made murder a business and perjury a profession. Their battle cry is extermination and their terms of surrender are death.

Both factions of the Rowan County feud fight under the black flag. Each faction has sworn to rid the earth of the other, and more's the pity that Providence has not seen fit to rid Kentucky of both of them. Men formerly of good standing have been drawn into this murderous maelstrom and boys have dipped their hands in blood to carry out some scheme of vengeance that a brother or cousin was not spared to perpetrate.

There is no solution of the problem. The men who have engaged in the vendetta are determined and desperate. An honest Judge may punish a few of them for their crimes, the soldiers may enforce a temporary peace, but nothing less than death will drive from the hearts of those wretches the spirit of revenge that has made its abiding place there.

Shortly after court adjourned Saturday four of the Tollivers waylaid an old man in the country and outrageously assaulted him. It is the general opinion that hostilities will be resumed just as soon after the soldiers leave Morehead as the members of the different factions can find each other.