

More Trouble for Rowan.

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Affairs in Rowan county are still in a very unsettled condition, notwithstanding articles of peace were signed by the belligerent parties. They have been of but little avail toward a return of law and order and a financial establishment of amicable terms between the parties. The oil poured upon the troubled waters by the Peace Committee produced only a lull. Reliable information is received that W. T. Humphreys, who, at the recent August election was elected Sheriff of Rowan county, and who gave an official bond, and a bond for the collection of the State revenues on the first of January last, both of which bonds have been declared insufficient, the one by the County Judge, the other by the State Auditor. He has failed, and flatly refuses to execute a satisfactory bond. Sheriff Humphreys has also been requested to give a bond for the proper disbursement of the county levy by County Judge Stuart, which Humphreys refuses to do. Judge Stuart has for sixty days continued to make this demand of him, still Humphreys, in open defiance of the law, fails to meet the requirements, and openly declares he does not intend to execute the bonds required of him by the law, and, furthermore, will not resign his office, and says that should he be removed his successor will find the border of Rowan unpleasant quarters for the performance of his duties. At the last February term of the Rowan County Court several hundred dollars in executions issued upon judgments were placed in Humphreys' hands, none of which has ever been collected or returned to the Clerk's office, incurring thereby the liability for the amount of the executions. From these liabilities, however, he and his sureties are fully protected by insolvency. Humphreys' brother refuses to sign his name to any of his bonds because of his recent actions.

Pearce, the noted Greenup renegade, who had the contract for the killing of several of Rowan's citizens at a small figure per head, and who is now confined in jail at this place for safe keeping, makes a further revelation, to the effect that he was told by Humphreys that Humphreys had made an agreement with the notorious John Martin that when he (Humphreys) had gotten in his hands all the taxes that he could reasonably collect and possession of all the money he might be able to obtain by reason of his office, Martin was to rob him of the boodle, and they were to divide the spoils equally. Then Humphreys would resign his office and seek a refuge in the West, where he would assume the role of a ruined and unfortunate man to cast off suspicion. Failing in this arrangement through the killing of Martin, Humphreys made the same proposition to Pearce and Rayborn, and it is probable that influenced by this scheme Pearce and Rayborn acted as they did in Rowan. Rowan county is practically without a Sheriff by whom the process of law may be executed when issued, Humphreys refusing to perform the duties of the office in utter disregard of litigants' rights and in violation of the interests of the citizens, leaving them without redress.