

A DISGRACEFUL AFFAIR.

The Sheriff of Rowan County and Four Deputies Attempt to Take a Prisoner From the Marshal of Maysville.

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A difficulty which came near resulting in a shooting affray, occurred on the C. and O. east bound passenger train Friday afternoon near Farmers Station. It appears that one Joseph Myers, for whom a reward of \$50 had been offered, was wanted at Morehead. On Wednesday last Myers was arrested in Maysville, Ky., by Marshal Dawson of that city, and on Friday Dawson, in company with his prisoner, started for Morehead. They had proceeded as far as Farmers when Sheriff Day, of Rowan County, with four deputies, boarded the train and demanded of Dawson the custody of the prisoner, who flatly refused to give him over, claiming that he had authority from the Mayor of Maysville, to deliver his charge to the Judge of Rowan County. The Sheriff insisted that he had the only proper authority for the possession of the prisoner, he holding the warrant for his arrest, but Dawson still refused to turn him over, whereupon Sheriff Day, in threatening terms, declared he would have him, and at the same time drawing his revolver. He did not fire, however, but with the aid of his deputies succeeded in pounding Dawson over the head with the pistol until he was rendered almost unconscious, inflicting several ghastly wounds. Being thus overpowered and prostrated by the loss of blood, Dawson made no further resistance. The Sheriff's posse and prisoner left the train at Morehead. Marshal Dawson was taken to Huntington. The passengers received a scare that made their hair stand on end. The affair was a cowardly and disgraceful one on the part of the Sheriff, he being severely criticised by all who witnessed the scene.