

FROM ROWAN COUNTY, KY.

SENSATIONAL EVIDENCE IN A TRIAL AT MOREHEAD.

A Witness Testifies That He Was Offered Money to Kill Howard Logan—Z. T. Young and Son Acquitted of the Murder—The Slayers of Craig Tolliver To Be Placed on Trial.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Aug. 19.—In the trial of Z. T. Young and son, Allie, at Morehead, Wednesday morning, some sensational testimony was given by John Keeton. He stated that Z. T. Young and Allie had offered him \$100 to kill Howard Logan, and that he had refused to do the job. Continuing his evidence he said: "They [the Youngs] then hired John Trumbo to do the deed, and I carried the money to him. After all arrangements had been made with Trumbo the Youngs began to fear that he would not have the courage to put Logan out of the way, so they sent for Craig Tolliver, but he did not arrive until the night after Trumbo had made his unsuccessful attempt on Logan's life. I was present, together with several others, and heard Craig Tolliver berate John Trumbo for his bad marksmanship in failing to kill Howard Logan. Trumbo excused himself on the ground that his gun was overloaded. Craig Tolliver then proposed that we raid the house of Judge Cary, kill him, and burn all his property, then go to Howard Logan's house and finish the job, begun by Trumbo, and burn his house, and then make a clean sweep of all the Martin faction that might oppose us, but there were only a few that would agree to go, so the project fell through for the lack of support. Taylor Young told me that he had personal assurances from Judge Cole that the man that would kill Howard Logan would have nothing done with him."

Upon cross-examination Keeton replied to the question if he had ever been asked to kill anybody else that he had; that John Martin (afterward shot and killed) had offered to pay him to kill Z. T. Young and Warren Anderson, but that he refused to do that also. He also denied that he had a hand in the killing of Blair. He gave as his reason for exposing the Youngs' connection in the Logan fatality that the Tolliver party, of which he was a member, killed his brother, Mose Keeton, last winter.

Almost the entire day was occupied in speeches by Wallace Maguire and Commonwealth Attorney Salles for the prosecution, and Col. Wickliffe Kendall and Z. T. Young for the defense. Judge Cole ordered the state guards to take extra precautions while awaiting the verdict of the jury. In compliance with this order, the guards were doubled and excitement was thereby kept down. About 5 o'clock the jury returned to the court room, and after answering the roll the foreman handed the clerk the verdict, which read: "We, the jury, find the defendants, Z. T. Young, Allie W. Young, and Green Mannin not guilty of the charge specified in the indictment."

The prisoners were then immediately released from custody. The verdict was received without demonstration by the audience, which packed the court room. Much irrelevant testimony was admitted in the case, and the verdict goes to show that what has all along been predicted is absolutely true.

The next case on the docket is that of the commonwealth against Hiram M. Pigman and A. P. Perry for killing Craig Tolliver. Judge Cole has every man who attempts to enter the court room searched for arms by the state guard stationed at the door.