

## A MT. STERLING FIRE.

George E. Owings' Residence Burned—Ed. Pearce Taken to Mt. Sterling for Safe-keeping.

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MT. STERLING, KY., May 31.—This morning at 4 o'clock an alarm of fire was heard, which quickly aroused the inhabitants, from their Sunday morning nap, and brought them to the scene of the fire caused by the burning of George E. Owings' residence on Main street. The building was almost entirely consumed, together with a portion of the furniture. The timely arrival of the engine and direction of the wind prevented the spreading of the flames, or else several buildings would have been consumed. The cause of the fire is supposed to be accidental. The loss is covered by insurance.

Ed. Pearce, one of the leaders of the Martin faction in the Rowan war, was brought to this place yesterday from Owingsville for safe-keeping, as it was feared a mob of friends or enemies would take him from Owingsville jail. Soon after his arrival he was interviewed by your correspondent, but was found to be rather guarded in his communications. Pearce states that he was led into the Rowan-county troubles by the false statements of others, and since his arrest has been wholly abandoned by those who promised to stand by him, which is the reason he has divulged their plans. He further says that trouble is likely to break out at any time in Rowan, and the next ten years will witness the killing of men as a result of the feud.