

ROWAN COUNTY AFFAIRS.

The Trial Dragging Slowly on—A Convention of Citizens Nominates County Officers—Craig Tolliver's Manifesto.

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MOREHEAD, KY., July 20.—Court convened for form this afternoon at 4 o'clock, after an adjournment of two days, on account of the absence of counsel for both sides. The defense concluded its original evidence with the testimony of John Trumbo, one of the defendants, on Friday morning. The testimony of each of the four prisoners who were introduced was substantially the same, as, indeed, was quite natural, since there was no means of excluding the others from the court-room whilst some of them testified. One material variance was noticed. The first three testified that the party arrived at Mrs. Martin's about dawn on the 28th, and that it was fully an hour and a half, or more, before they went up to the house. The last one testified that they arrived about dawn and went up to the house ten minutes afterward. These witnesses all testified that Tolliver and his guard fired no shots into the house, contrary to the repeated public declaration of Tolliver shortly after the arrival of the troops that after he was wounded on the stairway he stood in the room below and fired a number of shots up through the ceiling.

On Saturday afternoon, pursuant to a call published July 10, a convention of some 150 citizens of the county, comprising members of both political parties, met at the courthouse and nominated a candidate for the offices of Sheriff, Deputy Sheriff, and Jailer. Hiram Pigman was nominated for Sheriff, Joe Myers for deputy, and Wash Davis for Jailer. The utmost harmony, even good humor prevailed throughout the entire proceedings. All spoke in favor of law and order, and all seemed sanguine that the steps being taken would restore peace, or at least tend further toward that desirable end than anything yet done. A number of respectable citizens spoke bitterly after the convention was over of the troubles here, and took occasion to say that the body of the people of Rowan suffered in reputation with the outside world, on account of the misdeeds of a few bad men. It was agreed in convention that as the disturbances here arose originally out of political difficulties, both parties should be recognized before the convention, and that since Humphreys was a Republican a Republican should be nominated in his place. Pigman was accordingly nominated. In the same spirit of compromise a Democratic Deputy Sheriff was selected. These are all good men. Craig Tolliver is said to have declared that Pigman should not ride as Sheriff if elected.