

THE DOGS OF WAR.

The Rowan County Trouble Breaks Out Afresh.

Sheriff Humphreys Mortally Wounded and One Man Killed—Craig Toliver Wounded.

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MOREHEAD, June 28.—The war broke out afresh here to-day. One man has been killed, another mortally wounded, another disabled and a revival of hostilities is expected at any moment.

At 9 o'clock this morning Town Marshal Craig Toliver started out to arrest Sheriff Cook Humphreys. He had a warrant charging Humphreys with conspiring to take the lives of Toliver and his friends. The Sheriff was at the residence of Ben Martin, who lives one mile out of town, and Toliver went there with a posse of four friends. They went in and demanded Humphreys' surrender, but were told that he was not in the house. They did not believe this, however, and the Marshal started up stairs. He had scarcely put foot upon the steps before he was fired upon by the fugitive, who was watching him from above. The weapon he used was a double-barreled shot-gun loaded with buckshot, but, although at only a few feet distance, it failed to kill Toliver. Five shots went into his left hand, one in the right breast, one in the cheek and two grazed his face.

The wounded man, though taken at a disadvantage, did not give up without a struggle. He retreated, but emptied several shots out of his pistol at Humphreys. None took effect, however, and he was conveyed by his friends to Morehead, where his wounds were dressed. He is now lying at the Cottage Hotel, in this place, but his injuries are not dangerous and he will soon be up.

The shooting caused the greatest excitement in the town, and this afternoon another attempt was made to capture Humphreys. A posse was organized, as it was learned that he refused to give himself up, and at about 4 o'clock in the afternoon Martin's house was reached. They started to surround it, but the fugitive and his friends saw them. They slipped out of the back way and made a break for the woods, but they were a minute too late, the posse seeing them in time to open fire. One of the men, whose name is Rayburn, was killed outright, and Humphreys was mortally wounded. The remains were taken back to the house, the firing instantly ceasing as soon as the deadly result was ascertained.

It is feared by many that the worst is yet to come, and that the long struggle of last winter and spring will be renewed. It will be remembered that there have been two parties to this feud all the time. It began at the last August election over a quarrel which resulted in the killing of Floyd Toliver. Since then several other deaths have followed. County Attorney Young was shot from ambush, Deputy Sheriff Stuart Bumgardner was waylaid and killed, one of the Martins was killed while a prisoner, and several pitched battles took place. Craig Toliver and Jeff Bowling took the leadership of one party, while Logan Carey, Sheriff Humphrey and several others were at the head of their opponents. The difference was finally adjusted after two or three visits from Adjutant General Castleman, and both parties agreed to quit and be friends. Mutual distrust has prevailed, however, and a revival of the fight has been constantly anticipated. Charges have been made that Cook Humphreys had hired a desperado named Ed. Pearce to kill his enemies, and to this Pearce made confession not long ago.