

FROM ROWAN'S HILLS.

Dr. J. P. Barnum Returns From Morehead and Tells of the Situation.

Dr. J. P. Barnum, the well-known Fourth-avenue druggist and chemist, has just returned from his enforced attendance at the Rowan Circuit Court, at Morehead. He was taken there on an attachment to testify as a medical expert in the poisoning case which had been charged against Miss Sue Martin. It will be remembered that Craig Toliver alleged some time ago that she tried to murder him by placing poison in some meat sent to the Cottage Hotel, where he was staying.

"I remained up there only one day and night," said the Doctor, "and I found things pretty quiet. The people have very little to say, and are awaiting upon the court.

"The grand jury was hard at work grinding out indictments during my stay. About twenty-five were returned, one against Miss Martin for conspiracy to kill, and another against Ed. Pearce on the same charge. Nearly all were set for hearing Thursday, but it did not look as if trials would be secured on account of the absence of witnesses. All are afraid to come forward, lest they somehow become involved in the row. I think I was the only man against whom an attachment was issued that could be found. Unfortunately, they knew I was at home.

"The Martin faction are all in the woods, and not a one dares to come to town. The impression is general that both the grand and petit juries are sympathizers with the Tolivers, and that only the other side will be indicted.

"The soldiers," continued the Doctor, "are very civil, and are well liked. At first they disarmed everybody who came into the court-house, and, though this has been stopped, they now have on hand about forty Winchesters and nearly 100 revolvers. They anticipate no trouble."

The case of Ed. Pearce, the desperado, who took such a prominent part in the unpleasantness, was set for Monday, but was continued till yesterday in order to give him opportunity to secure a lawyer. The poisoning case not coming up, Dr. Barnum was paroled.

It may be mentioned that the trial of Craig Toliver, at Cincinnati, for highway robbery, was set for Monday. He asked for a continuance, however, on the ground that mortification had set in on his wounded arm. A display of that member revealed the presence of gangrene, and a month's continuance of the case was at once granted.