

## AN OUTLAW CONVICTED.

### Bowling, the Rowan Desperado, Gets Twenty-one Years' Imprisonment.

[Special to the Courier-Journal.]

Mr. STERLING, Dec. 21.—The testimony in the Bowling trial for the murder of young Gill in this town some time ago was concluded Friday evening at 3 o'clock, and the attorneys were given till Saturday morning to prepare the instructions. The arguments in the case consumed all of Saturday and till 10 o'clock Saturday night, when the case was given to the jury, which retired to the jury room to make a verdict, but failing to do so was retained till this morning. Much comment was indulged in on the streets all of yesterday as to what the probable verdict would be.

On the opening of court this morning the jury was promptly in its place, and in response to the Judge announced that a verdict had been reached. The prisoner was brought in and told to stand up while the clerk read the verdict, viz.: "We the jury find the defendant guilty of manslaughter, and fix his punishment at twenty-one years' confinement in the penitentiary."

The court-room was crowded with people, who seemed to concur in the penalty. Bowling, during the trial, appeared unconcerned, reading a newspaper much of the time; but this morning he showed unmistakable signs of having passed a restless night, and appeared haggard and careworn. He listened to the reading of the verdict, however, without a tremor, and in conversation with your correspondent a few minutes after said he was willing to stand the verdict, even had it been hanging.

Bowling's attorneys will move the court for a new trial, and if this is denied will take an appeal.