

QUIET IN ROWAN.

Cook Humphreys Visits the Scene of His Exploits—The Lawless Factions Without Leaders.

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MT. STERLING, KY., Jan. 20.—As the approaching term of the Rowan Circuit Court draws near, considerable interest is arising among the people of that county over the trial of Cook Humphreys, the refugee Sheriff of the county, whose recent exploits are fresh in the minds of the people. Humphreys' case is set for the first day of the term, and he has been to Rowan county to make preparation for the case, and stopped over here a portion of yesterday while on his way to Frankfort to report to Gov. Knott, under whose direction he seems to be working. It appears that he has been directed by the Governor to go to Rowan, collect his witnesses, and make every needful preparation for the trial of his case, and, under a promise to the Governor, he has fully obeyed his directions. While in Morehead Humphreys moved about carefully and cautiously that he might not excite any undue suspicion and create a new outbreak by his presence.

The turbulent, odious elements and factions which so lashed to fury the good citizens of the county by their lawless conduct, have been practically without leaders for some time, and an interval of peace and quietude has blessed the people for a period, and they are determined that such a condition of affairs as was visited upon them last summer shall not be brought upon them again even if they have to suppress it at the point of the sword.

Since his flight from the county Humphreys has been at work in Nicholas county, this State. Jeff Bowling is now on trial for the murder of his father-in-law in Ohio. A. M. Bowling has just been sent to the penitentiary from this place for the term of twenty-one years. Craig Toliver is disabled by a shot from the hands of Crisp, done in a fit of jealousy and rage, and can not recover for some time. Hence the quietude in Rowan.