

A Solution That Solves.

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A solution of the chief troubles in Rowan has at length been reached, and quite speedily after that Louisville lawyer set to work. I mean Caruth, who came up to Morehead as special Commonwealth's Attorney. I saw this gentleman a few years ago, and he had the appearance of being an exceedingly keen lawyer, reading human nature readily, and not likely often to be outwitted as a public prosecutor. At his home he is in constant practice, the sittings of the Louisville Circuit Court being almost continual, and the docket embracing men charged with every crime in the calendar. Some of them have powerful influences to aid in their defense, so that no ordinary prosecutor would win fees enough there to keep himself alive. Caruth is a Western Kentucky man, I believe, and published and edited a newspaper at Hopkinsville before going to Louisville. He has just been elected to a third term as Commonwealth's Attorney. In Louisville they often get rid of an offensive character by suspending his sentence in court until he has time to get out of town, and it usually has the effect of keeping him on a permanent absence. And I noticed that when the gamblers were being driven from their business some of the lesser degree of offenders were let go free upon their promise to obey the law in future, their indictments being held in readiness to be sprung upon them the instant they broke their promises. This is called holding the indictments in *terrorem*, and this is what Caruth suggested in the cases of Craig Tolliver and Cook Humphrey in Rowan county. These men go out of the State upon the understanding that if they are caught about their old haunts again the indictments will be awaiting them. The real reason for adopting this plan was that a trial before any Judge, considering the state of society in Rowan, was likely to fail of its purpose, and it was not safe again to turn Tolliver and Humphrey loose upon the public with the vindication of a court upon them.