

## THE ROWAN TROUBLES.

### Indictment of Several Parties For a Conspiracy to Murder Judge A. E. Cole, Z. T. Young and Allie W. Young.

MOOREHEAD, Feb. 14.—[Special.]—The people of this town and county were thrown into a wild state of excitement Saturday evening when they ascertained that the grand jury had reported true bills against Henry S. Logan, Morgan McClury and Lou Rayborn, charging them with the crime of confederating and banding themselves together for the purpose of killing Judge A. E. Cole, Col. Z. T. Young and his son, Allie W. Young, now County Attorney of Rowan. The scheme to murder these men was detected just in time to save their lives and in this way. Late last Thursday evening a suspicious character was seen lurking around the town and about the depot, whom the Sheriff arrested and placed under guard. He gave as his name James A. Harris, alias Pendum, and afterward told to his uncle, Hayden Harris, of this county, the following story:

"That he lived in Fleming county, and Henry S. Logan had hired him to come here and assist in the killing of these men, promising to furnish four men to help, viz., Morgan McClury, Lou Rayborn, Mr. Hensley and a Mr. Logan—could not give first names of the latter two—and provide them with guns and ammunition, and pay them for services \$100 each when the job was completed. Henry S. Logan said that Howard Logan would put up the money, and would give them more if they required it; that he, Howard Logan, had \$1,500 to spend in this way, if necessary. He also stated that he had been staying at Henry S. Logan's for about two months, and had conferred with Morgan McClury and Lou Rayburn, who said that the work could easily be done, and concluded that the best time to do it would be during court, when they would all be here. The plan agreed upon was to shoot them from the brush or through the windows of the hotel. If both these plans failed they were to fire the hotel and shoot them as they ran out."

This story was sworn to by Harris. James Pelfrey also testified to the above conspiracy, and other circumstances tended to prove the truth of Harris' statements.

Henry S. Logan and Morgan McClury were arrested last evening, and in default of \$6,000 bail were sent to jail. Lou Rayburn has not yet been apprehended. W. H. Logan and brother, sons of Henry S. Logan, were put under bonds to keep the peace.

The five would-be assassins were to have met last night at Henry Logan's and completed arrangements, but, thanks to the clever detective work of the officers, their murderous plans have been frustrated. A strong guard was placed at the jail last night, and instructed by the court to prevent the release of the prisoners by friends or injury by enemies.

Judge Cole and the officers of the court are fearless in the discharge of their duties and resolved to enforce the law at all hazards, even at the sacrifice of their lives. The only hope and safety for Rowan is for her citizens, irrespective of parties, to peaceably submit to the lawful authorities, and the executive and the press should stand by and uphold the sworn officers of the law in their attempt to preserve the peace. We confidently hope and predict a peaceable solution of the now unsettled condition of affairs here, but know not what a day or an hour may bring forth.