

ROWAN COUNTY.

Craig Tolliver Said to Be the Only Hindrance to the Public Peace of Morehead and Vicinity.

The Killing of the Logan Boys and the Charge of Conspiracy Against Dr. Logan, in Prison at Lexington.

LEXINGTON, June 14.—[Special.]—A prominent gentleman from Rowan county reached this city, and was interviewed by the COURIER-JOURNAL commissioner in relation to the assassination of the Logan boys, near Morehead. The gentleman's name is, of course, suppressed, as it would be dangerous for him to go home again if it should be known by the Tolliver gang that he has dared to make any statements concerning their acts. He stated that in Rowan county, even under the reign of terror existing there, public sentiment is strongly against the Tolliver gang of assassins, although the expression of disapprobation is given with bated breath, and only to tried and trusted friends; for it appears to be one of Craig Tolliver's absolute rules to have blood, and plenty of it, as payment for any adverse criticism which may be passed upon his acts. His rule in Rowan is absolute, and there none dare call their souls their own without first obtaining his gracious permission to do so. Our informant stated that it is for this reason that not the slightest steps whatever have been taken to investigate the murder of the Logan boys and bring the assassins to justice, and that the disposition among the people there, publicly at least, is to act as if they were totally unacquainted with the fact of the murder. This is their only safety. If any one, even an officer of the law, should take cognizance of the double assassination and show a disposition to have it investigated there would soon be another murder, and the officious busybody who wanted the laws enforced would be the man to furnish the corpse.

It seemed to be the opinion of the gentleman interviewed that the only way to settle the troubles which have so long distracted bloody Rowan, and to bring peace to the afflicted people of that community, is to kill Craig Tolliver. But how shall that be effected! He seems to be even "a bigger man than old Grant!" The State authorities are utterly powerless to subdue him, for they have tried it twice and failed. He holds the whole Commonwealth at bay, and laughs at law! Who will bell the cat!

Marshal Mannin, who was wounded by one of the Logan boys before they surrendered, is reported as about well. His wounds are said to have been very slight, even in the first instance.

Mr. John A. Wilson and wife, who live near our neighboring city, Paris, were in Lexington yesterday to visit Mrs. Wilson's father, Dr. Logan, who is confined in jail here upon one of Craig Tolliver's trumped-up charges, awaiting trial. He was brought to this jail because to have left him in the Morehead jail would have been equivalent to signing his death-warrant and turning him over to the tender mercy of Executioner Tolliver, who is also so much of a magician that all the bolts and bars in Rowan county fly open at the word of his command. Mrs. Wilson stated in an interview that the charge of *Kukluxing* was trumped up against her poor murdered brothers. One of them, the youngest, was studying for the ministry, and was a perfectly moral young man in every respect. She said her brother John was not so gentle, but she was sure he never fired at the real *Kuklux*, who came to murder him, until he knew there was no chance to escape death. Craig Tolliver, she said, wanted to kill these young men because he knew their testimony would clear Dr. Logan, their father, who is in jail here charged with conspiring to kill Judge Cole and others. She was also quite emphatic in her statement that Marshal Mannin, in her belief, was never wounded at all, or even shot at, but that Craig Tolliver had put out such a report in order to deceive the public and create the impression that the Logans were the aggressors, thinking that such a course would lend some color of extenuation to their assassination at his hands. She stated further that there is now only one faction remaining in Rowan county—the Tolliver faction, or rather the Tolliver gang of outlaws—as all the Martin faction have been killed, except old man Martin, the father of John Martin, who was so foully murdered.