

RETRIBUTION

It Comes Not Swift but Sure to Rowan-County Outlaws.

Slowly Gathering Clouds of Vengeance Descend Over Morehead.

A Body of Determined Men Backed By the Law and Right

Put an Effectual End to Crime and Criminals in the Little Town.

Craig Tolliver and His Followers Shot to Death by a Sheriff's posse.

Called On to Surrender, the Desperados Hurl defiance at the Officers,

And Are Kiddled By a Volley From One Hundred Rifles in Sure Hands.

Bud and Jay Tolliver and Hiram Cooper Fall With Their Leader.

Story of a Feud Which Has Been a Dark Blot on the Escutcheon of Kentucky.

PEACE AND QUIET NOW REIGN.



CRAIG TOLLIVER. LEXINGTON, June 22.—[Special.]—The news from Rowan to-day is of the most exciting character, as it appears to be an indisputable fact that Craig Tolliver is killed and his gang dismembered forever.

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his large posse with Winchester rifles and cartridges, which one of his agents purchased in Cincinnati and had secretly conveyed to his rendezvous while he was organizing the posse.

PLANS OF THE CAMPAIGN. thoroughly matured and digested before any decisive step should be taken. This occasioned delay. One of the questions mooted by the Sheriff and his assistants was whether it would be better to make the raid by day or by night, and it was finally determined to make it by day, so that women, children and unoffending citizens generally might be spared as much danger and alarm as possible.

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TOLLIVER'S REPLY. was that neither he nor his men would be arrested, and that a hundred men could not take them. His party then opened fire upon the Sheriff and the issue was joined.

AN EYE-WITNESS. Tells of the scene of blood and vengeance wrought by the posse.

A BOLD RUSH FOR LIBERTY. out their way through the Sheriff's lines, and take to the adjacent bush, which, once reached, would afford them a secure escape.

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of arrest for Jack and William Logan, about three weeks ago, which resulted in the death of both of these and the serious wounding of John Manning, who, with a posse, sought to execute the warrant.

The particulars of to-day's killing are about these: About 8 o'clock this morning a posse of about three hundred men, headed by the proper officials, with warrants of arrest for the three Tollivers, Cooper, and some others, with authority from the Governor to take these men dead or alive, came into Morehead fully prepared and determined to do the work for which they were commissioned.

KILL THEM ON THE SPOT. The officials ordered all the saloon men, when the posse came into Morehead, to empty every drop of whisky into the streets, and assured them they would receive pay for it.

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head, Rowan county, where he saw the dead bodies of Craig Tolliver and his allies. To a Courier-Journalist Mr. Nield gave the following graphic account of what he heard and saw:

REALLY FIGHTING IN MOREHEAD. and that Tolliver and all his friends had been killed. I did not believe it, as it had several times before been reported that Tolliver was killed, and he was alive and well.

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in the habit of coming to our house, and the children always treated him as a brother. The Tollivers told us that they were there, because the night before Humphrey was arrested they might want to kill him, and he slipped into Morehead after his Winchester, which he had left there. They saw him and the next day they came after him. They knew that there was some body with him, but they did not find out who Rayburn was until after they had killed him. They hid in the bushes around the house. In the party were Craig Tolliver, Mack Keaton, Jeff Bowling, Tom Allen Day, John Day, Boone Day, Mich, Jim Ashley, Bob Messer and others whose names I did not know.

JOHN MARTIN GAVE HIMSELF UP to the authorities. The members of the Tolliver faction were greatly enraged at the death of Floyd, and Martin was put on the train and carried to the Winchester jail, in order to prevent him from being lynched. He had been there six days when five men arrived with an order, signed by the proper authorities, commanding the return of Martin to the jail at Morehead.

NEVER HAD ANY WARRANTS. They watched the house and saw everything that was going on. Rayburn helped my daughter Sue roll the bees that morning. One of them stung Rayburn, and he made a good deal of fuss about it. She laughed at him and told him he made more fuss than if the entire Tolliver gang was after him.

A DAY OF TERROR. In the meantime the others continued the siege. The half-grown boy was at work in a field. He approached the house, and two shots were fired at him. He ran off to the house where his mother was and gave the alarm. She, too, came to the house, and the besiegers allowed her to go in.

FLEEING FOR LIFE. In the afternoon the besiegers threatened to set the house on fire if Humphrey and Rayburn did not surrender. The latter decided to make a break for life. It was then about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and during the day several hundred shots had been fired. Trains loaded with people had passed by in sight, and quite a number of persons had approached to inquire, but had grown afraid and had gone back.

THE DEATH ROLL. Up to the culmination of the feud in the extermination of Tolliver there were seventy deaths, among them the following: Solomon Bradley, John Martin, Whit Felkey, B. Canfield, Deputy Sheriff Baumgartner, Isaac Keaton, John Maylow, John Davis, Wiley Taylor, a railroad employe named Wheeler, Wiley Logan, Ben Rayburn, John Day, Floyd Tolliver and a party whose name is not remembered, besides the two lost victims, John B. Logan and W. H. Logan.

KILLED HIS SWEETHEART. John W. Green, a farmer in Union county, killed his father-in-law, named Smith, with a shovel. This was his second wife's body that he recovered in doubt. An attempt at suicide has rendered Green insane, and his death is mourned at times for years, but not considered dangerous.

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throughout the State, and the militia were sent to Morehead. There was a special term of court, and Attorney General Hardin was sent to Morehead to prosecute the case, while Z. T. Young defended them.

MINOR MATTERS. In addition to these occurrences there have been numerous skirmishes in which no one was killed. At one time Cook Humphrey, Howard Logan, Mac Carey and two or three others of their friends were besieged in the Gault House in Morehead, and dozens of shots were fired, but they did no damage beyond rattling the doors and windows.

ALL WAS QUIET UNTIL LAST MARCH, when suddenly Craig announced that he was a respectable citizen, a good man and a candidate for Police Judge of Morehead. He then went out to do his canvassing, with a Winchester rifle over his shoulder.

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