

THE ROWAN INVESTIGATION.

The Legislative Committee Formulating its Report—Figuring in the Result.

The Legislative Committee that has been investigating affairs at Morehead was in session at Frankfort Monday night preparing its report. The meeting was a secret one, but the Courier-Journal correspondent says "the report will be presented in two sections. One will relate to Judge Cole and the other to affairs in Rowan County generally. The committee is not a unit as to the Judge although it must be said that a majority are in favor of saying that within the scope of the resolution he has been guilty of none of the offenses alleged by Captain McPherson and Adjutant-General Hill and brought to the attention of the Legislature in the message by the Governor. The assertion that Judge Cole either directly or indirectly was a contributor to the campaign fund in Rowan is deemed by some to be extraneous in the light of the resolution under which the committee did the work. However, there is one member of the committee who insists that something should be said about this.

"On the other hand, it is argued that there is hardly an office-holder in this or any other State whose pocket-book has not been touched for *etceteras* on election day. The report will call attention to the innumerable difficulties which hemmed about and beset a session of the Circuit Court in Rowan, where the disposition on the part of a majority of the citizens was to do all that was possible to cripple the arm of the law and undermine every effort put forth in the interest of common justice.

"The leading feature of that section of the report which relates to Rowan has already been discussed; that is the recommendation to dismember the county."

The committee is expected to make its report to the Legislature to-day. Judge Cole is on hand and will remain until the investigation is settled so far as he is concerned.

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