

## Troops Again Ordered to Morehead to Protect the Court and Maintain Peace and Order.

Is the War in Rowan Never to End?

Judge Cole and Commonwealth's Attorney Salee left on the noon train today for Morehead. The regular August term of the Rowan Circuit Court convenes at that place to-morrow morning, and these two officials will be on hand to enter upon the discharge of their respective duties as Judge and prosecutor.

If reports are true, the condition of affairs in Rowan County is as unpromising as ever to lovers of law and order, and just as disgraceful to the State now as at any time in the past. To the good people of Kentucky this has long been a serious matter, and the question is, is there no way of putting a stop to this lawlessness. Is there no means by which this lawless element can be got at and forever crushed out? Are troops to be called out to preserve order at every term of court? If so, better repeal the act establishing the county, and let the various counties out of which it was originally carved, resume control within their former boundaries. Indeed this seems to be the only solution, and the quickest solution of the question. One crowd up there is about as deep in the mire as the other is in the mud.

It was stated in last Saturday's EVENING BULLETIN that the Governor had ordered a detachment of State troops to proceed to Morehead to aid in maintaining order during the sitting of the court.

The call for troops had been refused up to last Saturday, but after a consultation with Judge Cole and Captain McKee the Governor changed his mind and ordered the detachment. The detail will consist of two companies of thirty members each, accompanied by a section of ten men with a Gatling gun, all in command of Captain Lewis W. McKee, of Lawrenceburg. Captain McKee will report to Judge Cole with his command to-day, with instructions to protect the court and maintain peace and order only, and not to perform special police and balliff duty, as the soldiers have hitherto been required to do. Provisions will be forwarded for at least twelve days—the term of the court.

Had troops not been ordered to Morehead troublous times might have been expected. Persons well posted in Rowan County affairs are certain there would have been a collision between the two factions. A fight begun and there is no telling where it all would have ended. Undoubtedly the conflict would have been a bloody one. A special from Owingsville Saturday confirms this belief. It says: "Reports of warlike preparations are rife. One report says that the woods of Rowan around Morehead are thick with prowling bands of armed men. One lady, who was out a short distance from the town gathering berries Friday, ran upon a squad of twenty men and another of fifteen men and twenty horses, saddled and picketed. A gang of six, with the notorious Green Mannin, late Marshal of Morehead, who had the warrant for the Logan boys who were murdered, and who miraculously escaped with his life when Tolliver was killed, passed through Owingsville Thursday night.

"Other rumors, more or less reliable, are in circulation. One party in Rowan County writing to another near that place said that he had gathered together there 150 men. A report, considered reliable, is to the effect that \$2,500 have been invested in Winchester rifles."

Colonel Z. T. Young's two sons are to answer the charge of murder at the present term, and we are told that on the Governor's deciding some days ago not to send any troops to Morehead, Colonel Young told him in plain words that he didn't intend that his sons should go to Rowan to be shot down—something he was convinced would take place—and if the State didn't protect them he would. Coupled with his information is the report that Colonel Young had armed about one hundred of his friends with Winchester rifles, and had intended taking them along as a guard for himself and boys. We can not say how much truth there is in this report.

The peaceable citizens of Morehead were certainly expecting lively times, and had commenced leaving last Saturday.

In view of all this, the news from Rowan will be anxiously awaited for the next few days. It is to be hoped that it will be of a peaceful character.

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