

EXTERMINATED.

The Tolliver Gang Wiped Out by a Sheriff's Posse.

The Notorious Desperado, Two Cousins and Hiram Cooper Riddled With Bullets While Resisting Officers of the Law.

LEXINGTON, Ky., June 22.—This morning determined men to the number of 100, all armed with Winchester repeating rifles, came into Morehead under charge of Sheriff Hogge, to serve a warrant on Craig Tolliver, charging him with false swearing in issuing a warrant for the arrest of the Logan boys, killed several weeks ago. As one of the sheriff's posse was crossing the railroad near the water-tank, about fifty yards east of the Raines Cottage Hotel, and before any attempt had been made to serve the warrant, Craig Tolliver, who was near the hotel, fired at him. The man dodged behind a pile of lumber, and Tolliver and his two cousins, Bud and Jay Tolliver, and Hiram Cooper went into the hotel. Then the posse came up in the brush behind the hotel, and immediately opened fire upon the building. The house was soon surrounded, but at something of a distance, as none of the sheriff's men cared to get within range of the deadly guns the Tollivers knew so well how to use. After firing had been kept up for probably three-quarters of an hour the Tolliver men attempted to leave the hotel and cross the railroad to a hotel on the opposite side. While making this foolhardy attempt the notorious leader of the gang which has been such a terror to Rowan County fell to the ground pierced by four balls from the deadly Winchesters, two going through his head and two through his breast. The others got to the opposite house and fought the posse for some time, but finding the place less secure than they had expected they made an attempt to recross the railroad to their old position. In this they were unsuccessful, for all three of them fell riddled with rifle balls. After ascertaining that no more resistance would be offered, the posse picked up the dead men and placed them on the floor of the porch of the Cottage Hotel. Investigation showed that only one of the sheriff's posse was wounded, and that was Dr. Brown, who received an ugly flesh wound in the thigh. The fighting was kept up for two hours, and, as some remarked, sounded like the Fourth of July. During the firing the utmost consternation prevailed among the women and children, who ran from their houses and rushed to the depot, hoping thereby to escape the bullets. The passenger train which is due here at one o'clock was delayed for two and a half hours on account of the shooting, as the fight began just as the engineer whistled for Morehead. The sheriff sent a detail of men to stop the train, but the engineer, hearing the rapid firing, brought the train to a standstill before reaching the outskirts of the town. After the fight was over the engineer was permitted to run his train into the depot, when it was immediately boarded by a number of the posse armed with their Winchesters. Ladies screamed, and a few fainted, while many of the men had business outside. The posse, however, carefully searched the train for one of the Tolliver gang they thought had escaped. Catesby Tolliver, a boy and brother to Craig, had a hole shot through the leg of his pants. The posse was composed of the best men in Rowan County. They appeared to be hard working farmers, and were all sober, earnest looking men. Everybody in Morehead seems glad the Tollivers are exterminated, and people will now breathe easier. Preparations for the funeral are going on. A firm of this city received an order to-night for four coffins and four burial suits. They were sent up to-night on the 11 o'clock express.

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