

WRECK OF THE ROWANITES.

Craig Tolliver and his Clan Gone
Glimmering, and Peace Sleeps
Once More Upon the Ball-Bat-
tered Mountains of Reck-
less Rowan.

An end of the fiercest, deadliest feud in Kentucky's recent history was reached last Wednesday, when three of the Tollivers, Craig, Bud and Jay, and Hiram Cooper, four of the worst men on Kentucky soil, bit the dust. Since 1884, seventeen lives have been sacrificed to human hate, while law and justice have cried in vain for a place in Rowan county's rule.

Arrests could not be made nor juries secured, and men have defied the law and sinned with impunity. But at last wearied of lawlessness and terrorism the best people of the county have banded together to enforce the law.

A good beginning was made Wednesday the 22nd, when about 200 men armed with pistols and Winchester rifles surrounded the town of Morehead and sent an officer to demand the surrender of the murderous clan about eleven in number. They fired a volley at the officer, who immediately gave the signal and the regulators closed in and surrounded the hotel, where the clan was quartered. Firing now became general, and the Tollivers finding it too hot for them, attempted to escape from the house, but in crossing an open space, their leader, Craig Tolliver, fell pierced by a dozen balls, and with him his cousin, Jay Tolliver. Bud Tolliver was wounded, and after the firing ceased, was found lying in some tall grass where amid his helpless pleading for mercy his voice was hushed forever by the balls from half dozen unerring Winchesters.

Hiram Cooper was found in a closet at the Central hotel where he had sneaked away and hidden. He begged piteously for mercy, but when outside the closet his brains were spattered upon the wall by a rifle bullet.

The other members of the band escaped, but will not be likely to make further trouble. The regulators are bound together by a solemn oath to protect each other and to defend the peace of the county.

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