

The Trial of the Underwoods and the Holbrooks.

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The preliminary examination of the Holbrook party of twelve men, for shooting and wounding with intent to kill George W. Underwood, sr., and George L. Underwood, was held at a vacant house at the foot of Garvin Hill, near Upper Tygart bridge. All of the prisoners were under guard, the Holbrooks occupying the yard, and the senior Underwood, his son John, and the negro, James Wilson, the inside of the house. The hills and roads in the neighborhood were picketed by the Covington Light Guards to prevent an attack on either body of prisoners. Squires Mockabee, Coups and Henderson opened the court in the rear yard, with the County Attorney for the State, and James D. Jones, representing the Holbrooks. It was decided to conduct the examinations separately. A motion by the defendants for a change of venue was allowed, and the cases will be heard before Squire Coups, at Pleasant Valley, nine miles west of Grayson, on Saturday. Next the cases against the Underwoods will be proceeded with. The excitement is subsiding, but trouble is anticipated.

THE LIGHT GUARD IN CARTER COUNTY.

Mr. James McCormack, who started on the trail of the Light Guard with Privates Phillips and McGill, Sunday, has returned. He gives a very interesting account of the manner in which the guard reached Wilcox's in wagons from Grayson, thence to Olive Hill, forty miles in all. From Olive Hill to the Underwood house was a march of four and a half miles through the forest. One detachment reached the house in front, another approached the rear by way of Pygart Creek. The front door of the house opened when the militia came in view, and one of the garrison, Bill Underwood, sneaked off through the brush. The sheriff and Captain Wood approached the house and "sounded a parley. An offer of surrender was made, provided that protection was guaranteed. The door was opened in a few minutes and the guard took possession. Old George Underwood, George Lewis Underwood, Ulysses Grant Underwood and John Underwood, three daughters of old Underwood, a daughter in law, a negro woman and a negro boy of six years, General Harlan Williams, *in para naturalibus*, constituted the garrison.

Thirteen of the Light Guards were left to occupy the house, the remainder returning to Wilcox's. The latter portion was divided up into squads to facilitate arrests. As the Light Guards are armed with repeating rifles, capable of being fired from twenty to thirty six times a minute, they were no so from a match for the mountaineers as some seem to think, as the latter are armed with rather primitive weapons. But to the boys used to the luxuries of city life the sudden call to the field without blankets, tents or provisions is rather rough experience, but the young soldiers are in a jolly good humor.

ACCOUNTS FROM ANOTHER SOURCE.

The Covington Light Guards are still encamped near the Underwood ranche. The excitement is still high. If the company take the prisoners to Maysville or Covington, as it is at present the intention of the Captain, great danger will be incurred by the passage through the mountains, as the majority and most desperate of the gang are secreted in the hills and forests bordering on the road to Grayson. They are desperate men who will not, if it lies in their power to prevent it, permit their father, brother and negro pal to be taken away from the county.

A feeling of genuine relief prevails now in the stead of the hapless fear that was so evident before the coming of the soldiers. For ten long years the Underwoods have ruled the roost up here. Their robberies, murders, and innumerable petty outrages have never been avenged. They have never felt the halter draw until now, and the universal wish is, "An eye for an eye," &c.

George Lewis Underwood, the oldest son, is still alive, but will probably not last through the night. His father is improving rapidly, although his wounds would have killed a man of less vigorous constitution almost instantly. John and the negro are kept under the strictest guard. The women of the family are allowed the privileges of coming and going at will, and doubtless have been in frequent communication with the fugitives in the mountains. All that have been captured will have a trial this afternoon. The administration of the law up here is a disgraceful farce, the officers, like everybody else, being too cowardly to do justice.

CAPTAIN WOODS TO THE GOVERNOR.

[Frankfort Yeoman.]

The following telegram was received by Gov. McCreary in the afternoon yesterday:

UPPER TYGART, KY., 8:50 A. M., Y.

Via GRAYSON, July 11, 1877. }

To Gov. Jas. B. McCreary:

Everything is progressing nicely. All parties on one side. Holbrook and Stampers arrested and under guard. All of the Underwood party, with the exception of three, have been arrested, and they are out in the bushes, but I have written them a letter which will reach them through their family to night, and I am to get a reply whether they will surrender or not. Will telegraph as often as I can send to Grayson.

FRANK WOODS, Captain.

(Via Riverton.)

It is now regarded that the disturbances in that section are practically at an end, and the troops will be recalled without delay. The power of the civil authorities is fully conserved. The troops acted under orders of the Sheriff, and the Underwood gang is now effectually suppressed.

Capt. Frank Wood has notified Gov. McCreary that he has captured all but three of the worst men of the Underwood gang of Carter county, and suggests that the prisoners be taken out of the county for safe keeping and trial, in which case he thinks there will be no further trouble in Carter, as this gang originated all the disorders in that section. This Underwood crowd were Union Bashi-Bazouks during the war, and were "truly loyal" men in every particular. The Republican journals can make what they can out of this significant fact. Some of them have been describing the Underwoods as "ex rebels."—*Courier Journal*.