

KENTUCKY'S DEADLY FEUDS.

A DANCE ENDS WITH PISTOLS FOLLOWED BY MURDER.

MOUNT STERLING, Ky., Jan. 4.—There was a dance at Judge Menix's house in Morehead last night with the usual concomitants of pistols, whisky, and death. Mason Keeton, a young man of dissipated habits, was killed, and John Rogers, another young man of similar proclivities narrowly escaped a like fate. As it was he lost one finger of his lefthand. It seems to have been some outcropping of that factional strife which had made Rowan County a synonym for bloodshed. Rogers, who is of the Tolliver clan, had been dancing with the daughter of the murdered John Martin, and when he had ceased dancing Keeton took his place. There was a rivalry for the girl, and Keeton was embittered because Rogers had shown the young woman attention. Rogers had no sooner left the premises than Keeton left his charmer's presence and followed him to the street. They met soon after, and Rogers, in perfect good humor, asked why he was not dancing. Keeton's only reply was to draw his pistol and fire, the bullet taking one of Rogers's fingers off. After the shot Keeton ran into the Powers Hotel office and shut the door, not in time, however, to escape a fusillade which followed him from parties on the street who had witnessed the difficulty. It was discovered after the smoke had cleared away that he had been shot through the heart and was dead. It is not known who fired the fatal shot. About six shots were fired in all.

Rogers had no pistol, as was discovered at the Coroner's inquest, and the jury found that Keeton came to his death by a pistol shot at the hands of some unknown party. Rogers is of good family and bears a good reputation. He is a nephew of S. T. Young, formerly County Attorney of Rowan County. Keeton was a pugnacious man, and his death is not a matter of surprise. Excitement is at fever heat in Morehead, and further bloodshed may be expected.