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ONE OF THEIR NUMBER REVEALS THEIR
ACTIONS AND PLANS.

OWINGSVILLE, Ky., May 28.—Ed Pierce, the notorious mountain desperado, who was arrested in Greenup County a few days ago and brought to this place on an old charge of robbery and who was also one of the leading spirits in the late Rowan County war, yesterday sent for Col. Z. T. Young, of Morehead, who immediately came and, in company with the Hon. J. M. Nesbitt, a well-known lawyer of this place, repaired to the jail. Pierce, being brought out from his cell, made a full disclosure of all the actions and purposes of the Martin faction in the recent disgraceful troubles in Rowan County. He revealed some startling damaging facts implicating Cook Humphrevs. the present Sheriff; Mr. Logan, a prominent merchant of Morehead, and eight or ten others whose name he gave. Pierce said that he and a confederate by the name of Rayborn had been hired to assassinate Z. T. Young, Jeff and Alvin Bowling, and six others. They were to receive \$50 for killing Young and \$25 each for the others. He says that they watched the road for Young and that Rayborn shot him. The only reason that he failed to kill him was that the snow blinded him. He also says that a woman named Sue Martin, sister to John, who was assassinated, is now at the head of the gang and that if Young persists in living in Rowan County they will certainly kill him. An effort will at once be made to bring the guilty parties to justice, and lively times are expected.