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## PARKER BANK

Cases Set For Tuesday, April 28.

## CHANGE OF VENUE QUITE LIKELY.

And Possibility of Trial Before Next Fall Is Remote—Ex-Banker Was Here Tuesday.

The three indictments against Robert Parker, the Remington banker who failed last December and whose affairs were found in such a bad condition that it is thought the creditors will scarcely realize 10 per cent, were Tuesday set for trial on Tuesday, April 28, of the present term of court. The general opinion, however, seems to be that the cases will not be tried this term. In fact that they will not be tried here at all, but that a change of venue from the county will be asked for next week and they will be sent elsewhere.

In this event there is very little likelihood of their being tried until after the summer vacation of court, as stated by The Democrat last week. No action has as yet been taken toward calling the county council together to appropriate money to hire assistant counsel for the prosecution, as petitioned for by many of the unfortunate victims of the bank. This in itself would indicate that the prosecution does not expect the cases will be tried now, for the petition is very likely to be favorably acted upon whenever the county council gets an opportunity to take it up.

Mr. Parker was here in person Tuesday morning. He came in from the south on the milk train, walked up town from the depot and carried his suit case. He went to the office of his local legal advisors, Foltz & Spitler, and after matters were discussed to some length and it is presumed a plan of defense or delay was agreed upon, he walked back to the depot and took the 10:55 a. m. train south, going back to St. Louis, Mo., it is understood, where his wife, son and two daughters are now living.

In addition to the legal firm of Foltz & Spitler of this city, Palmer & Carr and E. B. Sellers of Monfalcone have been retained to defend him, and, unless—as some people profess to think will be done at the last moment—a plea of guilty is entered and the defendant throws himself on the mercy of the court, a stiff legal battle is likely to be put up.

## DENIES THE PETITION.

Judge Anderson Decides Firm of Baldwin & Dague Is Not Bankrupt.

Judge A. B. Anderson, of the Federal Court, Tuesday afternoon found in favor of the defendants, and denied the petition of Roy M. Shepard and others, asking that the firm of Baldwin & Dague, composed of Daniel P. Baldwin, of Logansport, and William H. Dague, of Fowler, be declared bankrupt. The two men own the Bank of Fowler, of Fowler, Benton county, Indiana; the Citizens' Bank of Amalia, of Amalia, Benton county, and the Goodland bank, of Goodland, Newton county, Indiana. The Benton Circuit Court had appointed a receiver for the Bank of Fowler and the Citizens' Bank of Amalia, and the Newton Circuit Court had appointed a receiver for the Goodland Bank several months ago.

It was shown by the evidence that the petitioners, all of whom were depositors in the Goodland Bank, had accepted a 10 per cent. dividend since the appointment of the receiver. Based upon this the claim of estoppel was set up by the defense. It also was pointed out that the evidence produced showed that the firm was not insolvent.

## MANY REMINGTON PEOPLE HERE

Summoned Before the Grand Jury On Parker Bank Matters.

Some 30 or 35 Remington people were before the grand jury Tuesday and Wednesday, supposedly on the Parker bank failure matter. Many people over there who lost money in Mr. Parker's bank have thought that the bonds in the three indictments under which he was at liberty was too trifling a sum, and that he might take it up to his head to skip out. While there is no likelihood of anything of this kind, yet rumors have been in circulation in Remington that he had skipped to Australia and even the name of some one whom it was alleged had seen him in New York when he was about to sail, were given.

Of course there was nothing in

this at all. It would do him very little good to try to get away, for he would likely soon be apprehended, and it is scarcely probable that the thought has ever entered Mr. Parker's head, to do him justice. But it seemed to be thought there that heavier bonds should be given and this feeling, we understand, is the cause of again taking up the matter.

The bonds in the three old indictments were \$500 in each case, \$1,500 in all, and if he is tried and found guilty in either of these it is not likely that the others will ever be pushed, but will be dismissed after a year or so, as they were in the McCoy and Gilman cases. If six or seven of the indictments returned by the grand jury this week are against him it will increase the bonds to several thousand dollars, if the amount is the same as under the ones returned some time ago.

Following are the names of most of the Remington people here Tuesday and Wednesday, most of whom were before the grand jury: M. A. Gray, I. D. Luckey, Chris. Roush, Wm. Hallahan, Wm. Townsend, C. A. Balcom, Chas. Bonner, W. L. Gumm, C. H. Peck, F. L. Peck, Fred Griffin, C. T. Dye, Ezra Whitehead, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Eller, W. H. Cheadle (the trustee in bankruptcy), Dennis O'Reilly, C. T. Denham, Wm. R. Geier, Dennis O'Connor, W. C. Merritt, Walter Hicks, Jasper Guy, John Farabar, A. J. Brooks, J. J. Porter.

## ADDISON PARKISON DEAD.

President of First National Bank Dies While Enroute Home From California.

Addison Parkison, an old and prominent resident of Rensselaer, died Thursday morning on the train while enroute home from Burnett, Calif., where with Mrs. Parkison he had been spending the winter.

His death occurred some place in the edge of Illinois, we understand.

A physician from Burnett accompanied them on the trip and came through to Rensselaer with Mrs. Parkison and the remains, reaching here at 11:30 Thursday night. He died in his stateroom on the train, and was brought through to Chicago, we understand, before the remains were removed from the train.

Deceased had been in poor health for the past two years, and had lately been quite bad off. His daughter, Mrs. George Ketchum, who had been spending the winter with them, left him last Thursday somewhat improved, reaching here Sunday, and as soon as he felt a little better he intended to start home, also. He was anxious to get back to Rensselaer, and they started the first of the week, but the death angel came too soon, and he died as above stated.

Mr. Parkison was in his 86th year, and leaves a wife and two daughters, Mrs. John Moore of Barkley, and Mrs. George Ketchum of Marion. Three daughters are deceased who left children as follows: Mrs. Mark Yeoman, one daughter, Mrs. Thos. E. Willey, three children. Mrs. Charles Moody, one child. He was president of the First National bank of Rensselaer and was quite wealthy.

At the time of going to press the funeral arrangements had not been completed, but it will probably take place to-morrow at 2 p. m., from the house and burial to be made in Weston cemetery.

## TRYING FOR ANOTHER RURAL ROUTE.

A petition is being circulated by Lem Huston of Rensselaer for another rural mail route out of Rensselaer on the following route: Leaving Rensselaer and going east on the Pleasant Ridge road 1 mile, thence south 1 mile, thence east 2 1/2 miles, thence south 1 mile, to the Crockett cemetery, thence east 1 mile, thence south 1/2 mile, thence east 1/2 mile, thence south 2 1/2 miles, thence west about 1 mile, thence south 1 mile, thence east 1 1/2 miles, thence north 1 mile, thence east 1 mile, thence north 1 mile, thence west 1 mile to the Millroy Baptist church, thence due north about 3 miles to the old Fritz Zard farm west of McCosbyburg, thence west 2 miles, thence north 1 1/4 miles to Pleasant Ridge and thence due west to Rensselaer.

The proposed route would be a little more than 25 miles in length and serve for most part a lot of farmers who live a long ways from town. The only place it doubles another route is from Rensselaer to the Gangloff corner.

## ONLY A HOLE LEFT.

The separator mill of the Aetna Powder Company at Miller, Ind., was completely wrecked Monday by the explosion of a quantity of nitro-glycerin. Nobody was hurt. The cause of the explosion is unknown. Wreckage was scattered over the country for a quarter of a mile around.

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## IN FIRST DEGREE

Is the Murder Charge Against "Dan" Day.

## HIS TRIAL SET FOR MAY FIFTH

Murderer of Daisy Phillips Indicted by Grand Jury and Will Be Tried This Term of Court.

"Dan" Day, the crippled and deformed young man who shot down in cold blood and instantly killed Miss Daisy Phillips in Rensselaer on the night of April 2, was indicted for murder in the first degree by the grand jury this week. The defendant was arraigned in court Thursday and the case set for trial the last Tuesday of the term. No plea was made. The defendant is represented by George A. Williams, and so far as now known there will be no other counsel for the defense. We understand a quick trial is desired and in all probability the case will be disposed of at the present term.

Eight other indictments were returned by the grand jury, one of which was against Fred Barger, young man of Jordan, who was charged with having shot and killed one sheep and crippled three others belonging to Thomas Reed. He was brought into court and gave bond in the sum of \$100 for his appearance at trial. The case is set for trial next Thursday.

The matter of booze selling by the Rensselaer druggists was looked into, it is reported, a little and the druggists themselves testified. It seems there has been a rather loose and indiscriminate selling of liquor by all the druggists on the buyer's signing one of the application blanks provided by law. False statements have been made in these by the purchasers, which could be prosecuted if desired. Probably booze will be a little harder to get here in the future.

The grand jury adjourned Wednesday.

## MRS. THOMAS DRIVER DEAD.

Thomas Driver, who recently moved from Barkley, to a farm near Lewiston, Mich., writes:

"Death visited our home April 8 and took from our side the wife and loved companion of years. She took a bad chill March 29, but seemed to improve for a short time and then began to get worse and failed gradually until her death. During her sickness of ten days she had no pain, no misery or sick feeling and her physician said he never knew of another case like it.

"This leaves us sad, sorrowing and lonely. Otherwise we are well satisfied with the prospects and can see a brighter future here as time passes. Kind friends have taken me away from home for a few days."

## TWENTY-FIVE THIS YEAR.

### The Number of Rensselaer High School Graduates.

The graduating class of the Rensselaer high school this year will consist of twenty-five, 16 girls and nine boys. Commencement will be held Thursday evening, May 21. The Junior reception will be May 20, and the Alumni banquet May 22.

Following are the names of the graduates:

Mildred Biggs	Nellie Biggs
True Bruner	Blanche Cook
Ernest Gowland	Norman Gorman
Hayes Gwin	Allen Huxford
Mary Jacks	Maribel Kays
Leon Lamson	Beile LaRue
Emmet LaRue	Katherine Marlatt
George Long	Mae Pettit
Carrie Pierce	Leo Reeve
Grace Robinson	Alice Ryan
Harriet Shedd	Emma Tanner
Lois Thompson	Pearl Wasson
Vaughn	Woodworth

## Presbyterian Church.

Next Sabbath the morning subject at the Presbyterian church will be "The Credibility of the Resurrection." In the evening an Easter service will be given by the Sabbath school and choir.

## Easter at the Christian Church.

Preparations are being made at the Christian church to make Easter Sunday a day of great joy and profit to all who may attend. The morning services will be continuous. "All the church in the Sunday school and all the Sunday school in the church" is the motto for the day. The choir will furnish special numbers. The subject of the service is, "The meaning of the Resurrection to You and Me."

In the evening the Sunday school will give a concert exercise entitled, Easter Sunshine. The choir will also furnish two anthems. All are welcome.

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