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BALDWIN DEAD.

Head of Former Goodland Chain of Banks

SUCCUMBS TO HEART FAILURE.

Bowed By Financial Troubles and Inclemencies for Embezzlement
Aged Banker Falls Dead.

Logansport, Ind., Dec. 13.—Daniel P. Baldwin, former Attorney-General of Indiana, prominent as a lecturer, traveler and writer, fell dead here this afternoon. Apoplexy was the cause, it is said.

A year ago Mr. Baldwin's private banks at Goodland, Fowler and Ambia, Ind., were closed by order of Auditor of State Billheimer. Since then Mr. Baldwin, who was 71 years of age, struggled to untangle the affairs of these and other institutions in which he was interested, surrendering his fortune to secure creditors. On November 5 last the Newton county Grand Jury indicted him on two counts, charging embezzlement, and he was released on bond.

Baldwin was a trustee of Wabash College at Crawfordsville, Ind., and was donor of the Baldwin prize for oratory.

In a will written some time ago he was declared to have bequeathed many thousands of dollars to the college, but most of his property was swept away when the banks were closed on the allegation that depositors' money was used to finance investments in Arkansas timber lands.

Baldwin was prominent in Republican politics for many years, having been a partner of United States Senator Dudley D. Pratt, his uncle. He was defeated for the Republican nomination as Judge of the Supreme Court, but graceful acceptance of defeat won him the nomination for Attorney-General, to which office he was elected during the campaign that elected Porter Governor of Indiana.

Baldwin's sudden death will probably make some change necessary in the prosecution of the cases against himself and William H. Dague of Fowler, who was connected with him in the banking business and who was jointly indicted with him. Dague, it is stated, really had almost entire business supervision of the banks operated by them. Baldwin merely being the financial head of the concerns. It was Dague, too, it is reported, who was instrumental in the purchase of the Arkansas timber lands, which resulted in the failure of the banks, they having used the depositors funds in developing this land, building a railroad through it to market the timber, etc.

Some years ago, Dague, who was a republican politician of Fowler, was elected member of the legislature and served one or two terms from the district which then included Benton and Newton counties.

The statement has been repeatedly made by Baldwin that none of the bank creditors would lose a penny through the closing of these banks, that he would personally pay all obligations and that he had sufficient property to do so, and some payments have been made on the personal notes of Baldwin & Dague to the Goodland Bank, from which they had borrowed \$60,000, giving six notes of \$10,000 each. Dague, as we understand, had little or no property, and now that Baldwin is dead, the only member of the firm who possibly could or would make good, it looks as if the bank creditors would have the satisfaction to hold for a large part of the claims, the same as the creditors of the Fred Gilman bank, the McCoy bank, the Bob Parker bank and practically every other bank that ever failed.

C. M. SANDS GOES IN STATE BANK.

C. M. Sands, the attorney, has decided to give up the active practice of law, for the present at least, and has accepted the offer of the State Bank, to take Joe Jeffries' place. The position pays him \$75 per month to start on, and Mr. Sands began his new duties Monday.

"YES. COME DOWN AND SEE US."

Are the Orders Given the Metal Furniture Factory People.

At the meeting of the directors of the Commercial Club Friday evening it was the unanimous opinion of the directors, after hearing the report of the committee sent to Chicago to investigate the metal furniture manufacturers who offer to locate here, if given the required inducements, that the factory people should be invited to come down and look over our city and decide whether they are suited with this

point as a location for their factory.

They accordingly were so notified, and President Robinson of the Commercial Club expects a reply at any hour stating when they will come here to look the ground over, which will probably be soon.

Options will not be closed up on any tracts for town lots until after these people come here, as location might be an important feature in the matter.

SETTING A GOOD EXAMPLE.

One of the bright business men of Fowler came home from the city the other day with enough dry goods to last for six months. And with the rest of us, has frequently found fault with the ever dear public because it did not patronize home. Let every dealer write a resolution on the pass book he buys from some printers living out of the state to be just as good as they can be.—Fowler Leader.

ARRESTED ON FORGERY CHARGE

Monticello Journal: Homer E. Smith of Brookston was arrested yesterday on an affidavit filed by James Collins of Idaville, alleging forgery. He was brought here yesterday evening where he gave bond for his appearance in court. John J. Nagle being his bondsman. The trouble grows out of an insurance transaction in which Mr. Smith figured as an agent. He claims that the note was given in payment for a policy premium and he sold it to a bank in Idaville. Mr. Collins claims the note was a forgery. The merits of his case will come out in the trial. Mr. Smith has retained Geo. W. Kassabaum as his attorney.

BARBER SHOP CHANGES HANDS.

E. M. Parcells has sold his barber shop on West Washington street to S. A. Simpson, and turned over the keys Monday morning. Ed has been continuously in the barber business in Rensselaer for the past twenty-four years, and certainly is entitled to a well-earned rest. He is undecided at this time just what he will do, but his back has been going back on him of late and he wanted to get out of the shop.

He desires through The Democrat to thank the public for the patronage extended him during all the years he has been in business here, and asks that his successor be given a liberal share in the future.

RENSSELAER BOYS VICTORIOUS.

The basket ball game Saturday night at the new "gym" between the local high school team and the St. Joseph College team resulted in a decisive victory for the visitors with a score of 23 to 46 in their favor. Some good plays were made by members of both teams but the visitors proved the better men.

The Monticello boys will play a return game at St. Joseph's College on next Saturday. The College is noted for having one of the first gymnasiums in the state. The line up of the College team was as follows: A. Besinger and C. Pfeiffer, guards; L. Nogelzen, center; A. Mestmaker and W. Dowling, forwards; O. Williams, referee; M. Green, timekeeper and John Anheir, student coach. The visitors express their appreciation of the very courteous treatment accorded them by the local team.—Monticello Journal.

ANOTHER ENDORSEMENT OF THE OKLAHOMA IDEA.

J. F. Warren of Oklahoma City, Okla., stopped off here Saturday and spent the day while returning home from a business trip east. The Rensselaer contingent in Oklahoma City is doing well.

Asked about how the guarantee of bank deposits law was working there, Mr. Warren stated that while it needed some few changes, it was a step in the right direction and was an excellent thing. The law was something of an experiment there, was a creature of the bank panic last fall and it was hardly to be expected that it would be perfect in all details at the start. The changes found by experience to be necessary in the law will be made by the legislature.

As Mr. Warren is an ardent republican and is prominently connected with one of the leading banks of Oklahoma City, his opinion regarding this much discussed and important question is worthy of more than passing notice.

REMOVAL NOTICE.

Dr. Rose M. Remmek, optical specialist, who has been located at Clarke's Jewelry store, has moved her office to the second floor of Harris Bank building, where she will have more room for the practice of optics. All old patients, and any one suffering from eye discomforts are cordially invited to call. Phone 403.

Call at A. F. Long's drug store for Christmas trees, any size wanted.

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THE COURT HOUSE

Items Picked Up About the County Capitol.

Auditor Purkay of Newton county was here Monday as a witness in the Carr ditch proceedings.

New suits filed: No. 7382. Samuel Hartsell vs. Samuel H. Hartsell; petition for a partition of real estate of the late Dr. Hartsell.

Marriage licenses issued: Dec. 11, Ralph H. Lewis of Jasper county, son of Aaron Lewis, aged 27, occupation farmer, to Lenie Robinson of Gillam, daughter of Paris Robinson, aged 20, occupation housekeeper. First marriage for each.

The Carr ditch hearing is still going on in the adjourned term of the circuit court. Some of the attorneys think it will be completed this week while others think it will last nearly all next week. Court adjourned Friday evening until Monday, when grinding was resumed. At this writing the remonstrants are proving the names on the remonstrance, that they are entitled to remonstrate and did sign the remonstrance.

The acceptance of the position of assistant cashier in the State Bank by Truant officer Sands will necessitate another election for Truant officer. Mr. Sands will likely file his resignation so that the matter can be acted upon by the County Board of Education at the January meeting. Now, patriots, get busy and begin your campaign for the job. It don't pay much, but there is usually plenty of applicants for the place.

WANTS MORE OFFICES PROVIDED.

State Senator Halleck Would Have a Judge for Each County.

Under the heading of "State Politics and Politicians," the Indianapolis News of a few days ago had among other items, the following:

"Senator Abraham Halleck, of Rensselaer, who will represent more square miles of territory than any other member of the next Legislature, will introduce a bill which, if passed will revolutionize the business of the Circuit Courts of Indiana. Mr. Halleck's bill contemplates a circuit judge for each county in the State, but no judge will be permitted to hear a case in his own county.

This, it is pointed out will give the public little reason for saying that a judge was biased in giving his decision. Under this plan the number of judges in the State would be materially increased. Mr. Halleck says the proposed bill has been endorsed by the State Bar Association. Mr. Halleck represents Jasper, Newton, Starke and White counties."

Now wouldn't that be nice? The circuit judges of Indiana at present receive an annual salary of \$3,500 and are elected for a term of six years—\$21,000 for each term! This is, in round numbers, \$10 per day for every day in the year, Sundays included. The terms of court occupy about half the time, but there are many terms when the entire business of the term can and is done in one of two weeks. Many of the judges now occupying the bench in Indiana and elsewhere and drawing \$10 per day or more for every day in the year could not make one half that sum from the regular practice of law, and no disrespect is intended in saying this, either. The profession is so crowded that only a small per cent of lawyers make more than an ordinary living.

Of course, if Mr. Halleck's proposed measure should become a law, it would create soft jobs for a lot more lawyers who are now eking out an existence in the practice of their profession, and the farmer who is taken from his fields at a busy time to go on a jury at \$2.00 per day and pays \$1.00 of this for his board, would still receive his \$2 per, while the fellow sitting in the upholstered chair on the bench would be drawing \$10 per—not only while court was in session, but while he was away fishing or on a vacation trip, and on Sunday, also.

Another beautiful feature of this proposed law is that a judge should not preside in his own county. That is, the people will not be allowed to select their own judge. The voters of some other county would nominate and elect a judge for them, sending them any old thing they chose because they would have no interest in his ability or integrity, for he would not sit in their county.

This would be a good thing if one county had a grudge against another, and would probably be the only way some would-be judges could ever hope to don the ermine.

We do not think the democrats in the legislature will allow any such

proposition as this to become a law, at least it is hoped that they have too much good sense to do so. But one thing that is very apparent in this proposition, and which the Democrat has heretofore called attention to frequently—and it is hoped that some time the farmers will get it beat into their heads—is that too many lawyers and not enough farmers, business men and others not engaged in the over-crowded professions, are sent to the legislature, to make laws for the people.

MARRIED IN WINAMAC FRIDAY.

Miss Cora Evert, the Popular Deputy Postmistress Surprises Her Friends.

Miss Cora Evert, the popular deputy postmistress of Rensselaer, stole a march on her friends here last Friday. She went over to Medaryville Thursday ostensibly to visit her folks, accompanied by Mr. Sherman A. Simpson, formerly of Francesville but for some six or seven years a resident of Montana, and Friday an automobile trip was taken to the county seat of Pulaski and there the young couple were made one. They returned to Rensselaer Saturday afternoon and for a day or two kept their friends in ignorance of the marriage, but it gradually leaked out, as such things will and notwithstanding "Miss Evert," with a most innocent expression of countenance, still continues to wait on the patrons of the postoffice, quite a number are "on" to the marriage though not knowing just when or where it took place.

Mr. Simpson is a barber, and has purchased the E. M. Parcells shop in this city and they will make Rensselaer their home. Mrs. Simpson will continue her duties at the postoffice for the present and it is not their intention to begin house-keeping until spring.

The Democrat extends hearty congratulations.

GREATER DISPERSION SALE.

In order to close out the business and settle the estate of A. Parkison, deceased, the surviving partner, C. P. Moody, under order of court, will close out the firm business of Parkison & Moody. This will be the conclusion of one of the oldest, if not the oldest, of the general stock and grain farm businesses in Jasper county. It has been carried on under Mr. Parkison's supervision for fifty years or more. He was considered as good a judge of all kinds of live stock as Jasper county ever had, and in stocking up his rule was, "the best is none too good for my farm."

The main attraction at this sale will be the large collection of horses and mules and all of good size and quality. There will be about 45 head of them, including 16 mules 3 to 6 years old, 11 to 15 hundred pounds in weight. There is nothing agay or on the "skate" order in the sale, as a rule of this firm was never to keep anything beyond its prime.

There will also be sold a large number of cattle, both stockers and feeders, and all the farming machinery accumulated.

It is expected the Monon railroad will stop all of its day trains at McCosby and the C. & W. V. railroad will run a special so passengers can make good connections going and coming and reach Pleasant Grove, which is on the farm, at 11:30 a. m., returning at 5:30 p. m., connecting with Monon trains east and west.

The sale will be held Wednesday, Jan. 13, 1909. This will be the sale of the season.

On account of the size of this sale, it will begin at 10 a. m., sharp, on farming implements, harness, etc., but the sale of horses and cattle will not begin until 12 m., to accommodate buyers coming via C. & W. V.

The ladies of the Barkley M. E. church will serve the lunch.

Col. Fred Phillips, of Rensselaer, and Col. Hepp, of Winamac, will cry the sale.

A GREAT INSTITUTION.

The Indiana Business College, with schools at Lafayette, Logansport, Marion, Muncie, Kokomo, Anderson, Richmond, Columbus and Indianapolis, with its specially trained teachers, employment department, and up-to-date features, is the greatest school of practical education in the state. Mid-winter term begins Jan. 4th. Full information furnished by the secretary, W. H. Carriger, Lafayette, Ind.

Only \$1.40 per sack for the Gem of the Valley flour that won the highest test ever made in Jasper county.

CHICAGO BARGAIN STORE.

The G. E. Murray Co. are giving 20 per cent discount on their ladies', misses' and children's cloaks.

We are always glad to have our old friends, as well as new ones, come and see our green-house stock, whether you buy or not.

KING FLORAL CO.

REFUSE TALBOT SEPARATE TRIAL

He Must Stand or Fall With Mayor Darrow.

PROSECUTION IS UPHELD

Laporte Mayor and South Bend Attorney Will Be Co-Defendants When the Case Again Comes Up in the Lower Court—Latest Ruling Is in Accordance With Claims That All Along Have Been Advanced in Disbarment Proceedings.

Laporte, Ind., Dec. 15.—The Indiana appellate court, which Friday denied the petition of the prosecuting committee for a re-hearing of the disbarment proceedings against Mayor Lemuel Darrow of Laporte, and Attorney John W. Talbot of South Bend, who were found guilty of conspiracy and subordination of perjury, the decision being later reversed by the appellate court, has denied the petition of Attorney Talbot for a re-hearing for "himself, separately and alone."

Attorney Talbot contended that the original action was illegally instituted, that the Laporte circuit court had no jurisdiction over him, because he lived in South Bend, which is in St. Joseph country; that he should have been granted a separate trial and the request of the prosecuting committee for a change of venue from St. Joseph county to Elkhart county, after the defendants had taken the case from Laporte county to St. Joseph county should have been denied.

In the ruling against Talbot, the appellate court upheld the prosecuting committee in each of these contentions. As a result Talbot will have to stand re-trial with Mayor Darrow, when the case is returned to the lower court.

EVANGELIST IS HAZED

Through a Mistake Preacher Reed Has Altercation with Students.

Indianapolis, Dec. 15.—The Rev. C. Fenwick Reed, the evangelist, is in the Methodist hospital here under treatment for throat trouble, which he says, is due to the hazing intended for another which he received at the hands of De Pauw students in Greencastle.

According to his statement, he had been sitting up the night of the attack under the advice of a physician to apply cloths to his throat, then something swollen from a slight attack of quinsy. When his bell rang he went to the front door, but did not recognize the students in the darkness. One of them said: "A telegram for you," and the preacher reached for it. As he did so, three pairs of hands grabbed him by the wrists and jerked him into the yard, where the hazing turned into a free-for-all, with the pastor leaving marks to his heavy blows.

Later his jaws began to close and there were symptoms of his body partaking of the poison which had formerly only affected his throat. He was forced to cancel his engagements and has been under treatment since.

TO CLOSE COLONY AFFAIRS

Payment of \$40,000 to Court in American Tribune Cases.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 15.—With the payment of \$40,000 into the superior court by Philander H. Fitzgerald in settlement of the cases involving the American Tribune New Colony company and sixty thousand acres of land in Texas, the suits which have been pending in the courts of Marion county for several years came to a close.

The money will be used in the settlement of the claims which purchasers of stock in the Tribune Colony company filed against the concern and Mr. Fitzgerald as its chief officer, and in the payment of the expenses of the litigation.

The case had its