

PARKERSBURG.

United States Court—Violations of Revenue Laws—Mail Robbers—Personal.

PARKERSBURG, January 18—The United States Court, now in session, is dispatching business rapidly. The majority of the cases tried so far have been for violation of revenue laws. The grand jury has been in session since Monday and have found several indictments. Wm. Bunch, who was on trial for robbing the postoffice at Hebron, Pleasants county, was found guilty, but has not yet been sentenced. His mother, who was present, was much affected upon hearing the verdict, which consigns her son to the penitentiary for the second time, he having already served a term in the Ohio penitentiary, from which he escaped before his sentence expired.

The three men charged with robbing the postoffice at Central Station last September have been on trial to-day. Their names, which are probably fictitious, are James Fields, Wm. Raymond and Frank Jerome. The prisoners have been in Wood county jail since September 25th, 1882, and from all appearances Capt. Beckwith sets up pretty good fare to his prisoners. They all seem to be enjoying good health. Of the three above mentioned Fields is the youngest, presenting quite a boyish appearance. Raymond is probably the eldest of the trio, and looks to be about 35, and his face is not one apt to impress you favorably. Jerome is about 30, and quite tony, parts his hair in the middle, and makes rather a favorable impression at first sight. They evidently pay some attention to their toilets, as they all were neatly and tidily dressed.

Among the petit juror summoned for the United States Court is noted, Jno. T. Gibson, Esq., editor and proprietor of the Huntington Commercial. Mr. Gibson is an Eastern man and located in Huntington when the city was first laid out. He is an independent Republican in politics and one of those upright, fearless men who cannot be whipped into the traces by the party lash. Mr. Gibson gives a grand account of the present growth and flattering prospect and predicts a bright future for the city of Huntington.

The case against Albert Dawson, of Roane county, charged with robbing the mail, was called, but the indictment was quashed, and witnesses again sworn before the grand jury and new indictment found. This is one of the most interesting cases on the docket, and about fifty witnesses are in attendance from Roane and Jackson counties, who owing to the river being closed had many trials and tribulations in reaching here. Some came in wagons, some on horseback, while several of them walked the entire distance, among whom was Luke Parsons, from Frozen Camp, Mr. Alvis, near Spencer, and others. Dawson will be defended by Hon John A. Hutchinson, of this city, and J. W. C. Armstrong, of Spencer.

Doc. Parsons, C. C. Smith, Capt. O'Dell and Dan Brown, State's Attorney, of Roane county, are here.

Major Tom Deem and Capt. Nevt Armstrong, the timber kings of Reedyville, are here on business.

Since the great reunion in September last our city has not been thronged with strangers. Hill's Central, the Swann House, and Andy Als were packed from cellar to garret. Besides this the American House and Porter's Hotel had all the guests they could accommodate, and many lodged at private boarding houses. J. H. Lancaster and Joo. V. White autographed at the Hill's Central yesterday, and D. C. Keller at Swann House. Marun's Ferry, O., was represented at Hill's Central by H. W. Smith, R. W. Theaker and Thos. Johns. M. V. Bart, of Steubenville, was a guest of Hill's Central. The following prominent citizens of Jackson C. H. are at Andy Als' Central: W. L. Armstrong, Deputy Clerk Jackson county Circuit Court, Jas. Poling (and wife) postmaster, Col. Warren Miller, State's attorney, and B. B. Enoch, Esq.

The many friends of Channing M. Smith, editor of the Index, are glad to see him out after several days illness. The Index will be out to-morrow brim full of news, as usual.

B. B. Board, postmaster at Hereford, with his wife, is here as witness in the Dawson case above noted, also Ezra Parsons, postmaster at Frozen Camp, when the lost money was mailed.

A few days before Christmas Col. Tom Smith & Sons opened one of the finest stocks of books ever exhibited in Parkersburg, but owing to the low price at which they offered the same the stock was exhausted before the holidays were over, and the firm were compelled to order another supply which has been received and being rapidly sold at prices that astonishes everyone. In addition to the stock of books they have everything in the stationery line to be found in a first class store of that kind.