

Fit of anger left cab driver in jail

In the fall of 1914, Will Hays, local cabdriver, had four charges pending against him in the Monroe Circuit Court, each one bearing its own individual number on the docket. Cases 3819, 3820, and 3821 were for the particular occasion when he was supposed to have run amok in a fit of anger at farmer Thomas Breedlove.

To add to his distress, Hays had filed with the court an affidavit to the effect that a witness, Harley Wright, had seen Breedlove strike first. Reached by phone in Kansas, the letter apparently told the police that he was prepared to say no such thing about the affair. And so, Hays was assigned another docket number in the court — 3843, that of a charge of perjury.

It may be remembered that the altercation between Hays and Breedlove had taken place in



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May. On June 12 Bloomington attorneys Batman, Miller and Blair got a continuance of one or more of the cases on the grounds that their client (Hays) was ill. Conveniently, the case was postponed again until after the November election, at which time Robert W. Miers took over the bench from Judge James B. Wilson.

Another postponement in Hays' cases was due to the fact that Miers disqualified himself from ruling on them and ap-
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