

# PARKHURST FOUND GUILTY BY JURY

Twelve Fellow Citizens, in United States District Court, Return Verdict After Consideration of Nine Hours.

## HISTORY OF PARKHURST CASE.

*Fall of 1889 Parkhurst enters employ of First National Bank.*

*May, 1908, another employe relieved him of task of making up reconciliation sheets.*

*June 11, 1908, Cashier J. A. Hall tells President Arnold something is wrong with the books.*

*July 13, 1908, assistant cashier is asked, at luncheon with president, to explain certain discrepancies.*

*July 14, 1908, Bank officers accuse Parkhurst with being \$56,200 short. He confesses to peculations amounting to \$50,000.*

*July 30, 1908, knowledge of shortage becomes public and Parkhurst is arrested.*

*September, 1908, grand jury indicts Parkhurst on thirty-six counts.*

*April 22, 1909, trial begins in United States District Court.*

*May 1, 1909, jury finds Parkhurst guilty on fifteen counts.*

**R.** F. PARKHURST, former assistant cashier of the First National Bank, now awaits only the imposition of sentence by Federal Judge C. H. Hanford. After deliberating on the case for more than nine hours, a jury in the United States District Court at 1 o'clock this morning returned a verdict finding Parkhurst guilty on fifteen of the sixteen counts alleging false entry, misapplication and embezzlement, on which the former assistant cashier stood trial for eight days past. Imprisonment in the penitentiary for not more than ten or less than five years is the penalty which the court may pronounce on him.

Parkhurst was taken from the county jail by a deputy sheriff as soon as the jury filed into the courtroom. He was soon joined by T. F. Bevington of his counsel. When the verdict was read only half a dozen persons beside the judge and jury were present. Mrs. Parkhurst was not present, but was soon apprised of her husband's fate. The court, immediately upon receiving the verdict, was asked by Attorney Bevington to suspend passing of sentence for ten days pending a motion for a new trial. This Judge Hanford granted.

### Judge Instructs Jury.

Judge Hanford, in his charge to the jury, which lasted more than an hour, read fifteen instructions submitted by counsel for the defense. The contention that the statute under which Parkhurst was indicted did not specifically mention an assistant cashier as amenable to its provisions, he did not sustain on the grounds that the term "clerk or agent" comprehended every employe of the bank.

If, from the testimony submitted, the jury believed the confession alleged to have been made by Parkhurst was extorted through threats or promises,

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