

KNOW HE WAS A DETECTIVE

Pickard Surprised When Young Woman Called Him a Sleuth.

WAS AFTER THE COUNTY BOARD

Guest at the Rome Tells of Seeing Policar Often Visit That Hotel—on Some Secret Mission.

F. M. Pickard, late visitor to Omaha, is a versatile chap and when not busy "detecting" Omaha "criminals" who refuse to be incriminated is human like other folks.

Toward the end of his notable stay here which had its beginning December 20 he sought the acquaintance of a young woman employed at his hotel.

"I would like you joyriding providing only you consent," he said in effect.

"Oh yes, you're trying to get something on me Mr. Detective," was the cruel answer he received.

This experience was in the nature of the final straw to Mr. Pickard and he left town a few days afterward.

"Everybody in Omaha knew I was a Burns detective except me," he declared.

Mr. Pickard is a large robust appearing man whose hair, almost gray, and businesslike manner are calculated to inspire confidence.

"Calculated to inspire" is the right expression because at the court house where Mr. Pickard did his "detecting" he really was the inspiration of nothing but humor.

Different indeed were his achievements here from those which he accomplished at the expense of the Pittsburgh and Detroit public officials, for it is said that he is the best man W. J. Burns has.

To Save Fuel.

Mr. Pickard was trying to sell the Board of County Commissioners a Palmer forced draft burner to be installed at the county hospital and to be paid for out of the savings in fuel which it effected.

In his office in the Brandels theater building Mr. Pickard had a dictagraph all ready for work. It never worked quite the way he wanted it to, but had one advantage over the flesh and blood "detectives," in that it ate nothing and did not require a bed to sleep in.

The two-footed members of the detective staff continually consumed costly food at the expense of the Daily News owners and to the sorrow of Editor Polcar as the hotel bills and other expenses increased.

One K. Bernard was another of the interesting staff of visitors and he strove to inculcate himself into the good graces of a number of women he thought might be useful to the "cause."

The activities of Editor Polcar form another interesting chapter of the detective story.

"So Polcar denies having had anything to do with the Burns detectives," said a guest at the Rome hotel who insisted that he should be nameless.

"I frequently wondered last winter why he visited the hotel so frequently, at least every week. Then I learned that J. A. Gustafson, head of Burns Kansas City agency was coming here at the same time. Of course, it is only a strange coincidence."

Young Woman Makes Hard Fight for Her Musical Education

Miss M. Alice Mackenzie, who is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Quinby, will be the soloist at the piano society's banquet Friday evening at the Rome hotel.

Miss Mackenzie's struggles for a musical education were enlivened by many experiences. She learned the printer's trade in order to make enough money for her musical education and after having secured a position with an opera company was stranded in Nova Scotia.

Desiring to study in Leipzig she secured passage to Europe for \$11 on a cattle boat.

Miss Mackenzie studied at the Royal Conservatory of Music and later with Germany's greatest teachers. She has recently appeared in concert work in a number of eastern cities and a promising future is predicted for her.

Mayor to Take No Action on the Wolfe, Fitt or Grace Cases

Mayor Dahlman has taken no steps toward discharging Holler, Inspector Wolfe or his two assistants, E. W. Pitt and Richard Grace, although White's superior, Commissioner C. H. Withnell, asked the mayor to fire the three of them March 23, when the case was being investigated and Wolfe was known to have held frequent conferences with Hansen. The mayor will take no action in the matter now.

"The mayor may handle this as far as I am concerned," said Commissioner Withnell. "Whatever he says goes. If he doesn't want to fire the three subordinates he needn't. I think they ought to be fired, that's all."

MANY PETITIONS ARE CIRCULATED FOR JEFFERIS

Petitions for the candidacy of A. W. Jeffers for congressman from the second congressional district are still circulating and are taking well. Officially Jeffers is supposed to know nothing about it, for a candidate thus drafted is to be notified by the secretary of state after the petitions are filed. He then has five days in which to accept or reject the candidacy. Five petitions are circulating in Omaha. Frank Shotwell and M. J. Greevy are among those pushing the circulation of the petitions. Another petition is being circulated in Washington county and one in Sargey county.

St. Berchman's Girls Conclude Class Day With a Latin Play

Students of St. Berchman's academy concluded their class day exercises at the Omaha Tuesday evening with a Latin class play depicting an old Roman wedding, 65 B. C. A large caste of young women students, attired in the garb of the Latins and speaking exclusively in the classic language, acted their parts in a manner calling forth liberal applause from the large number of friends who packed the auditorium of the school.

The play deals with the marriage of Gaius Piso, son of Lucius Piso, to Tullia, the daughter of Marcus Tullius Cicero and his wife, Terentia. The part of Tullia, who was opposed to the marriage on the grounds of her youth, was presented very appealingly by Miss Margaret Morrison, while Gaius Piso, the young bridegroom was exhibited forcefully by Miss Marie Chabot.

Miss Gertrude May was especially good in Terentia, mother of Tullia, who favored the marriage.

Each of the young women, whether in monologue or in the work of the chorus which presented several splendid drilla, showed the result of conscientious rehearsal and each helped to create the impression of reality which pervaded the production.

Preceding the play and between the acts were interspersed a number of musical selections. Piano duets, quartets and sextets were offered by students of the academy and orchestra numbers by Charles Killian's orchestra.

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THEY TRY TO LAND MALONEY

Burns Detectives Make Effort at Some "Big City" Staff.

BUT CHIEF DOES NOT FALL

Offers to Split Divvy if Maloney Will Hurry Out on the Street and Arrest Man He Says Robbed Him.

Detective William Burns, the great motion picture sleuth, is possessed of a staff who, notwithstanding popular magazines report to the contrary, pull "big city" stuff with the same nonchalance and ease as Seth Dewberry heroic town constable of Binville on the trail.

As an example of their shrewdness and cunning an attempt to slip a noose over the head of Chief of Detectives Maloney is about as palpable and ludicrous an effort as has been executed by this brilliant coterie in many moons.

Six weeks ago a puffing gentleman dashed madly into Maloney's office and in a bearish tone of voice declared that he had been robbed of \$300 at Norfolk, and he had just met the robber face to face on Douglas street.

"Maloney if you will come with me and make that guy cough up, I'll split with you."

"Where did you say you lost that money?" inquired the chief.

"Norfolk—N-o-r-f-o-l-k," shrieked the stranger.

"Well, I tell you what you do my friend," calmly answered Maloney, "You take the next train back to Norfolk, file a complaint against the thief and then come back here and I'll arrest him."

The baffled sleuth muttering between clenched teeth strode through the door and wrote a report of 30,000 words to his boss.

It has been a common practice, according to the chief of detectives, for Burns detectives who "work" for the protection of the Bankers' association to visit police headquarters in what ever town they may be and secure tracings of forgeries uncovered by the local department. This they turn in, in their annual report to the association as their exclusive work. The local detective department has gladly furnished them with tracings and helped them in their best efforts, but according to Maloney the next Burns man who enters the office will leave faster than a flash of lightning.

"Burns and his men get no more from my office unless it is a swift kick from my smiling countenance attempted to force his presence into Steve's sanctuary, but moved hurriedly to other parts when the chief arose to greet him.

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