

DIAMOND IS IDENTIFIED

Is the Property of J. B. Michaelson of Nebraska City.

SWINDLER'S CLEVER TRICK DISCLOSED

Man Who Tried to Sell Ring in City Gives Real Name as James M. McMichael.

(From Thursday's Daily)

Some interesting things have turned up today in the diamond ring mystery that was spoken of in last night's News. The owner of the diamond has appeared on the scene, the ring identified and the thief has pleaded guilty to grand larceny.

The man was practically identified today as James M. McMichael and it was a clever but time worn trick he pulled off in order to get the ring. He appeared Tuesday at the jewelry store of J. B. Mikkelsen at Nebraska City, and giving his name as J. O. Jackson proceeded to engage in conversation with the jeweler about the price of rings and diamonds. He stated he had a friend at Mynard who was to be married in a few weeks and he decided on a beautiful stone with a solid gold mounting valued at \$145.00 and ordered that the stone be set by express C. O. D. to his friend W. E. Marsh at Mynard. This the jeweler agreed to, and the ring was expressed to that address the following day.

The next day McMichael, slightly changed in his appearance, wearing a small cap instead of his hat, and with a pair of green glasses on, looked up the express agent Boyd Porter at Mynard, and giving the name of his fictitious friend, W. E. Marsh, he asked to see the ring. It was given to him and he started to examine it. There was another man from Mynard in the office at the time and the caller was closely watched. The fellow then started out of the room to see it in the light, but was called back by Porter and told to examine it in his presence if he wanted to look at it at all. While McMichael alias Marsh had the ring in his possession he dexterously changed the ring in the box for one he had in his hand and then said he didn't think he'd care for the stone.

Leaving the fake ring with the agent he left the office and came to Plattsmouth again assuming his name and left off his glasses. Here he tried to dispose of the diamond for \$75 and suspicion was aroused which later led to his arrest.

He is rather a small man, about five feet four, stockily built with a round face and short neck. He has red hair and is smooth shaven, but this morning he was badly in need of a shave and his whiskers cropped out conspicuously on his face. In a long conversation with a News representative he told of his past history. He refused to give his address, but it is presumed he is a native of the west. He states his mother is dead and his father in a very bad condition from a nervous trouble and the news of his son's disgrace would have a serious effect on him. The young fellow claims to have worked on many railroads as train dispatcher and had but recently given up his occupation.

He had made up his mind to buy cheap rings from jobbers and sell them in the small country towns at a big profit and the seven rings which he had on his person were sample he had obtained from a jeweler Ekson in Omaha. Two of the rings are very good imitations of pearls and if genuine would be worth two or three hundred dollars each. The jewelers have not positively stated whether the rings are imitations or not. There are four or five small topaz stones and one signet ring. One of the rings bears the initials J. M. M. which the man says he bought from a San Francisco jeweler. He thought he would try his luck in the jewelry business a while and if it didn't prove profitable, he would go back to railroading but is probable he will be in the broom or shirt business for the next two years or so.

McMichaelson grew very nervous today and when he saw the evidence pile up against him he saw that his case was hopeless. Mikkelsen, the Nebraska city jeweler arrived in the city this morning and positively identified his ring and the number 3042 corresponded to the number he held.

When arraigned before Judge Archer about ten thirty McMichael pleaded guilty to the charge of grand larceny and his bond was placed at \$500, which he made no attempt to raise. He will receive his sentence at the present term of district court, as soon

as Judge Travis returns to the city, probably Saturday.

The man was either cleverly faking or else very ignorant of proceedings of law and every detail of the method of procedure had to be carefully explained to him.

DIAMOND DUST.

The number thirteen is no hoodoo for the Lincoln club. Yesterday was the thirteenth of the month and the thirteenth exhibition game the club has played without a loss, but they won it. The victims were Omaha, who went down for the third time before the Antelopes of the capital city. This was the result.

	R	H	E
Lincoln.....	9	14	2
Omaha.....	4	9	4

The American Association started the season yesterday with good crowds in attendance at all the games. Following is the result as reported:

At St. Paul:	R	H	E
St. Paul.....	1	5	2
Milwaukee.....	2	11	2

At Toledo:	R	H	E
Toledo.....	5	10	0
Indianapolis.....	0	3	1

At Columbus:	R	H	E
Columbus.....	0	4	4
Louisville.....	6	11	0

At Minneapolis:	R	H	E
Minneapolis.....	5	11	3
Kansas City.....	10	16	3

The arrival of Short Stop Corridor and Fielder Shotten from St. Louis has strengthened the Omaha club considerably and when First Baseman Kane arrives on Saturday the Omaha bunch ought to be in good shape to open the season.

In trading Billy Davidson and Tony Smith to Brooklyn the Chicago Cubs have given them a chance to work, for had they been retained by the latter there was no possible chance that they would ever have had a chance to get into the game. By going to Brooklyn they will probably be placed in the regular line up and will have a chance to show their worth. It is a good thing for the young men.

The Cooleytes, according to the so called scribes who dish up the so called base ball dope in the Kansas capital city, are the class of the league and they take great delight in throwing the harpoon into St. Joe and Lincoln. If the Cooley bunch land in the first division they ought to be satisfied, for the attendance in that dead one will not justify anything much better than a team which by hard work might gain a first division position in the Kansas State League. If they keep within hailing distance of the Lincoln representatives both in playing and attendance at the games they ought to be pretty well satisfied, and as for landing the pennant, well, they might in 1957.

A Very Good Production.

(From Thursday's Daily)

The William Grew players have never had a better production than "The Strange Adventures of Miss Brown," which will be presented by them next Friday evening at the Parmele theater; and certainly Mr. William Grew has never been seen to better advantage than in the title role. He does not merely represent Captain Courtenay (Miss Broan)—he is the character.

The balance of the company are splendidly cast and Miss Petes is a revelation as the irresistible irresistible lady love.

If you would fairly revel in mirth and laughter, see "The Strange Adventures of Miss Brown," as presented Friday evening by this high class company.

Planted Corn Yesterday.

Yesterday was about the first of the season's corn planting of which we have heard and the work was done on the farm of W. T. Adams south of the city. He is also placing more of this coming crop in the ground today. Tomorrow Mr. Adams and his son Maxwell, who is farming the Stephen Wiles Sr., place south of town, will leave for Shenandoah, Iowa where they will make the purchase of a quantity of feed corn for the rest of this year's planting. The variety they are going to secure is known as "Old Gold" a yellow corn which is claimed to be very productive in this soil and of an excellent quality.

Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Tulene departed on the eight fifteen train today for Liberty for a short visit with her sister Mrs. J. W. Barnard.

Mrs. W. E. Rosencrans and sister Mrs. Frank Seachrist and Clayton Rosencrans took the early Burlington for Omaha today. Mrs. Seachrist is a resident of Denver and has been visiting for the past week with her sister in this city. She will leave Omaha this evening for her home.

DR. COOK TOLD A BIG WHOPPER

No Records Found by Expedition Which Landed on Mount McKinley Recently.

COOK'S REPORTED ROUTE IMPASSABLE

Indication Point to the Fact That the Doctor Never Made Trip as Represented.

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, April 13—

The Fairbanks Mount McKinley expedition that reached the summit of the peak started to follow the route Dr. Cook said he took, and was obliged to abandon it as impassable. Thomas Lloyd, leader, declared no traces of Cook's camps were found.

Lloyd placed his crude notes of the journey in the hands of a committee of the Order of Pioneers of Alaska, who will arrange for the publication of the story. The party took photographs of the summit and of points along the trail. They also established the trail so well that it can be followed by other parties next summer.

On one stretch of trail eight miles long, the explorers worked two weeks. On one of the peaks a flagstaff fourteen feet tall was erected, firmly buttressed by rocks. The work done by the Fairbanks men can be easily verified. An aneroid measurement taken by the men places the height of the mountain at 20,500 feet.

Ten men were in the party that left Fairbanks with dog trains in December. It is the theory of the leaders that the ascent would be less dangerous in early spring than later when the snow begins to melt. This theory was confirmed by the experience of the expedition.

The expedition on reaching the base of the mountain went into camp, waited for better weather, and planned the ascent. All were familiar with the great mountain, and its habits. None of the men has scientific education and they took no special apparatus except cameras and a barometer. They were equipped for prospecting and traveled as light as possible and with the food supply of the Alaska miner.

When the ascent was begun, the first camp was made at the line of the willows, the second at 2,900 feet; the third at 10,000 and the fourth at

16,000 and from this camp the dash to the top was made. Four dogs went to the third camp, and one to the fourth. Snow shoes were used most of the way and much time was consumed in carrying supplies to the fourth camp, travel over the steep ice compelling light loads and several trips. In several places crevasses were crossed on bridges of poles brought from the timbered slopes below.

The party did not set out to disprove Dr. Cook's story, but to climb the mountain. It found the summits utterly unlike those pictured in the Cook book. On the rock peak, it left an American flag six by twelve feet attached to the 14 foot staff. The flag was visible for a long distance on the north side of the mountain.

The view from the summit was obscured by clouds at the lower levels. The building of the monument or buttress about the flagstaff was difficult because of the rarified atmosphere.

The snow was generally firm and the crevasses filled with snow and easy to cross except in few instances. Later in the season avalanches and treacherous crevasses must be guarded against.

The Explorers discovered a magnificent unnamed peak 16,000 feet high, and also a new pass through the mountain range which shortens the distance to the coast seventy-five miles. The pass is flanked by majestic perpendicular walls.

Daniel Patterson, W. R. Taylor and Charles McGonnigle remained at Katishna and only Lloyd came in. The pioneers committee took steps to verify Lloyd's own story before stamping it as genuine, and even now are disinclined to surrender his notes, although satisfied that they amply prove the story. The return of Lloyd from the mountain in nine days was due to the excellent trail made by the party—State Journal.

To the City Council.

Why does not the city council see to it that a hydrant is placed at the disposal of the city somewhere in the center of Main street then the street sprinkler could take a supply of water going and coming. Under the present system of doing business the wagon takes on a load at or near the A. O. U. W. hall, makes the trip east to the depot and then returns empty to the starting point. In the meantime the street dries up and the trip east might never have been made. Then again, why not go to Omaha and purchase one of the discarded street sweepers, if a new one is out of the question, and clean up the streets at night. Gentlemen, of the council, you were not elected for ornamental purposes. The people of Plattsmouth demand that you get busy and do something to show that you are alive to the disgraceful conditions existing, or—resign and let men take your place who are not afraid to spend a dollar or two in making necessary improvements. Get busy.

He Makes Clothes.

Frank McElroy, the French tailor from the Emerald Isle, makes clothes. He makes good clothes and he makes the clothes to fit the man. His clothes are made in style and they do not cost any more than they should. Frank has been doing business in Plattsmouth for many years and should receive the encouragement to which his excellence entitles him. Try him with an order for a tailor made suit and you will never be sorry.

Took Two More to the Pen.

Sheriff Quinton started for Lincoln this morning with the two Weeping Water store breakers, Lynch and Harrison. The men were very defiant and told the people around the jail that the sheriff would never land them in the pen. When the officer put the handcuffs on them this morning, Harrison tried a little stunt of doubling his hand up so the cuff would not fit tight to his wrist. However the trick was noticed by Quinton and before they were taken from the jail, the bracelet was tightened snugly against his wrist. They were fastened to each other and at the depot made no false moves toward escape. The men each have a sentence of two years for breaking into the store of Boone & Davis at Weeping Water last month.

Moving Picture Theater.

Plattsmouth is to have a new theater and it is to be of the moving picture variety. R. M. Shlaes of Tekamah was in the city and completed arrangements for the new play house. He has rented the Leonard building on Main street, formerly occupied by the Walker moving picture company and he is now negotiating for the Walker entire fixtures. The new proprietor purchased the picture machine now at the Parmele theater and will install it in his building. The place according to the present plans will be open for business about May 1st.

Mr. Shlaes is now operating a theater at Tekamah which he will continue to run with the addition of the one in this city. He is an old hand at the business and is promising the people here a good ten cent show.

(From Thursday's Daily)

Harry Rice was among the Plattsmouth callers at the metropolis today.

Earl Barclay went up on No. 15 this morning for a days stay in Omaha.

Mrs. C. Hammer boarded a north bound Burlington this morning for a trip to Omaha.

Mrs. J. A. Murray bought a ticket reading for Omaha this morning where she spent the day.

H. G. VanHorn was a morning traveler to the Gate City today where he will remain for a few days.

Mrs. J. A. Silence and Mrs. M. M. Curtiss left this morning for a brief visit at Havelock with their friends.

Thomas Joice and wife went to Bellevue yesterday afternoon to make a short visit with their daughter, Goldie.

Miss Erna and Adella Seydlitz were among the days callers in the metropolis, going up on an early morning train.

Frank McElroy and Joseph Grady went up to Omaha this morning to see about some matters in their tailoring business.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Will were morning travelers to Lincoln where they will visit at the home of their daughter Mrs. W. W. Windham.

Fred Denson left this afternoon to attend the wedding of Charles Osborn a former Plattsmouth boy, that will take place this evening at Council Bluffs.

Mrs. Jack Ewing of Hopkins, Mo., returned to her home this morning after making a visit of a few weeks duration with her mother Mrs. Claus Speck of this city.

The absence of the water wagon from the business streets was a source of great distress to those who were forced to be out in the dirt blizzard that the wind kicked up all day.

Harry DeLong, a Burlington fireman accompanied by his wife are in the city visiting with their friends having come up from their home at Lincoln on No 92 today.

Gus Carlson went to Lincoln on the eight fifteen train today. At that place he will join a pile driving crew of the Burlington who are doing some work in the vicinity of Lincoln.

Mrs. F. E. Denson and son went up to Council Bluffs this morning with Mrs. A. E. Ausborn, Mrs. Denson's mother. Mrs. Ausborn is moving from her former home in the Bluffs to Cripple Creek.

Mrs. John Ahl of Louisville accompanied by Henry Born, who has been a guest at the Born place west of town for some time, left on the Burlington train this morning for Lincoln where she will visit her husband. Mr. Ahl is confined in a sanitarium in that city.

A petition to quiet title was filed with Clerk of the District Court Robertson today by George M. Porter to clear the title on two lots in this city. The defendants in the civil case are Solomon Borbee et al, and the case will be brought up at the next session of district court.

Miss Jo and Clara Karstens of Nebraska City left this morning for Omaha after being in the city for several days as the guests of Miss Amelia Martens. Miss Clara Karstens is planning a trip to the old country which she expects to start on next week.

The evangelist meetings at the First Methodist church are continuing this week and large crowds are turning out every night. The services are in the hands of two very worthy leaders Mr. Campbell and his son Alva who conducts the song services, and very pleasing crowds are in attendance every evening.

A quiet wedding took place last evening at eight o'clock at the residence of C. F. Wheeler in this city, the services being conducted by County Judge Beeson. The contracting parties were Paul E. Wheeler, age 21, and Gunda C. Otterpohl, age 18, both residents of Plattsmouth. They are planning to continue to make their home in this city.

Charles McFirsten and wife and their niece Miss Ackerson of Lincoln left this morning for a trip across the big pond. Mr. McFirsten held a prominent position at the court house for a number of years and later ran a store at Greeley. The party will make a lengthy stay in Germany and will make a number of visits at important points in the old country.

A RUSSIAN SERF.

He Bought His Liberty With a Barrel of Crimsan Oysters.

One of the principal banking houses of St. Petersburg is said to have been founded by a man who for a great part of his life was a serf. Even in his condition of serfdom he was a wealthy banker and, as may readily be imagined, made many attempts to procure his freedom. The story goes that he offered 1,000,000 rubles for his liberty, but that his master, Count Sheremetieff, proud of possessing such a serf, refused to liberate him.

The liberation was, however, finally procured and at a much lower price than that mentioned. The story is a pretty one:

This serf, by name Shalounine, returned one day from Odessa to St. Petersburg and, as in duty bound, repaired to the Sheremetieff palace, there to report himself. With him he had brought, as a gift to the count, a small barrel of choice Crimean oysters. This he left outside till he should receive an intimation that the offering would be acceptable to Sheremetieff.

Now, it so chanced that he found his master surrounded by a large number of guests who had been bidden to breakfast. The count was engaged in berating his butler for negligence to provide oysters for the breakfast. The butler contended that there were no oysters in the market.

It was at this juncture that the count caught sight of his banker serf.

"So," he angrily exclaimed, "you, too, are to annoy me! And with your pestering appeal for liberation! Let me tell you that your errand will prove a fruitless one! But stay! I'll release you on one condition—and one only—that you get me some oysters for breakfast!"

Shalounine bowed low and left the room. When he returned he laid the barrel of oysters at his master's feet.

Whereupon the count, true to his word, called for pen and paper and instantly wrote out a declaration of emancipation making the serf a free man. Then the former master, with a most gracious air, added:

"And now, my dear Shalounine, will you be so good as to favor us with your company at breakfast?" —Harper's Weekly.

A Unique Volume.

What is perhaps the most curious book in the world is possessed by the Prince de Ligne. This work is neither printed nor in manuscript, the text being formed of letters cut in vellum and pasted on blue paper. Notwithstanding this extraordinary method of presenting the text the book is as easy of perusal as if printed in the boldest type. All the characters shown are cut with marvellous dexterity and precision.

This unique volume bears the title "The Book of All Passions of Our Lord Jesus Christ, With Characters Not Composed of Any Materials."

It is said that Rudolph II, the Roman emperor, offered no less than 11,000 ducats for this wonderful product of the bookmaker's art, but the offer was refused.

A curious feature of the history of this book is that while the English arms are inscribed on its cover it is confidently held that the volume has never been in England.—New York Times.

A Gentle Companion.

Two men, next door neighbors, each had a pet diversion. Chickens was the hobby of one; that of the other, flowers. Because of the devastating instincts of the unrestrained fowls the flowers did not flourish. The gardener, however, valued his neighbor's friendship more than he did the flowers and made no remonstrance. The poultry farmer one evening visited his neighbor and by way of introduction made a complimentary remark about the garden. "What a beautiful bed of flowers you have here!" he said glowingly.

"Yes," added the gardener dejectedly, "but it just keeps me a-sweating to keep it from becoming a feather bed."

Might Always Wear It.

"John, do you recognize this hat?"

"No; I can't say that I do. It looks rather dilapidated."

"Yes. I have been keeping it as a dear memento. I was wearing it when you and I first met. That was eleven years ago."

"I hope you'll keep it always. It ought to convince you that you must have been mighty good looking once, seeing that even with that thing on your head you caused me to fall in love with you."—Chicago Daily News.