

How They Started in Business Life

REAL ROMANCES OF THE COMMERCIAL WORLD ARE UNFOLDED IN THE STORIES OF THE SUCCESS OF OMAHA BUSINESS MEN

By R. S. McCULLOUGH. Victims of the supposed-to-be national malady of unrest, who are seeking their ideas of success by shifting from job to job, should have their pet theory jolted completely out of them by the life stories of leading business men of Omaha...

Carries Omaha Daily Bee. His first schooling in Omaha was at a small frame schoolhouse where Jefferson square is now. The next winter he attended classes farther up town...

His first actual employment began with the establishment of The Omaha Bee. Mr. Pickens was the circulation department at that time...

Mr. Pickens made his first "jump" when he gave up the newspaper business and accepted a job at the linseed oil mill of the Harris, Taft and Woodman company.

Students of Train Loads. But he was, nevertheless, for Mr. Buckingham began his business career as a messenger in the St. Joe office of the St. Joseph & Denver railroad...

Chosen General Manager. In 1879 he became connected with the Paxton & Gallagher wholesale grocery, when that firm was organized. The late Ben Gallagher knew of his studious study and induced him to enter their office.

Everlastingly at It. For 12 years he was a member of the board of governors of Ak-Sar-Ben. He served five years as president. In 1913 he declined to continue as one of the governors...

Railroad Messenger Boy. My advice to anyone starting in would be to pick the line of work he is best suited to and give his job the best he has. It's only through that kind of effort that one can reach the top.

There is no one in Omaha with wider acquaintances or who has more warm personal friends than Charles H. Pickens. So well does Everett Buckingham, vice president and general manager of the Union Stock Yards Co., govern Ak-Sar-Ben, and prime mover in nearly everything that is going on to boost Omaha.



CHAS. H. PICKENS' FIRST JOB WAS CARRYING PAPERS NOW PRES OF BIG WHOLESALE GROCERY FIRM

wear his honors, that no one at first glanced would ever visualize him as a one-time messenger boy in a railroad office.

During his railroad career Mr. Buckingham was noted among his associates as a student of trainloads, and for continual study for means of increasing the sizes of freight trains. He was one of the earliest advocates of capacity weights behind locomotives, and extraordinarily long freight trains became known on the system as "Buckingham specials."

Like Mr. Buckingham, Carl Gray, now head of one of the largest and soundest railroad systems in the country, began in a railroad office.

In that year he was transferred to the Wichita office of the road, and saw his last station work. His first position there was clerk for the general western agent of the road.

After a few years of training he became general agent himself. He then successively filled the offices of district freight agent, division freight agent, and division superintendent. In 1900 he went to the St. Louis headquarters of the road as superintendent of transportation.



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Began 'As Infielder. Rourke started in professional base ball 38 years ago as a third baseman with the Muskegon, Mich., team of the old Northwestern league.

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YOUTHFUL THIEF HAD LAID PLANS FOR LIFE OF EASE

16-Year-Old Boy Confesses to Robbery of 25 Establishments.

By International News Service. Detroit, Mich., July 31.—Suave, well-groomed, manicured and bearing the mien of a "man about town," 16-year-old Alton McGill was arrested charged with the robbery of more than 25 business places.

When arrested he had rooms in two hotels, both of which were hiding places for a miscellaneous collection of loot, about which he said he hadn't yet bothered to realize any money.

Nebraska Oil Booms Are Due to Rainfall, Says Uni Professor

Heavy rainfall in Nebraska's sand hills is the principal cause of the oil boom in this state during the last few months, according to Dr. George Condra of the University of Nebraska department of conservation and soil survey, who has discovered the iron "pyrites" or "fools' gold" of the oil miners.

The water table in Nebraska has risen during the heavy rains, Dr. Condra states, forming an iron compound which, seeping out on sandy areas, somewhat resembles oil. This compound has been the cause of much excitement in various quarters, Dr. Condra finds.

quit the diamond for business or the professions. "It is fine and exciting to fight for a pennant," he said, "but that is only a secondary matter, after all, in playing the game of base ball. Good, clean diamond sport at all times is what the public wants; it is what the people pay for, and they are entitled to it.

When he started out, like all young players, his ambition was to climb into the majors, and "Pa" achieved that point of fame long before his playing days were over.

During the years that Rourke has been the owner of the Omaha club he has trained and brought out scores of young players who have made good here and been a credit to the game, passed on for a time to the "big show," and since either dispersed themselves here and there as managers or owners, or