

## CHANGES AMONG POLICE

### Two Detectives And A Sergeant Reduced To Ranks.

### TWO SERGEANTS PROMOTED

#### Detective And Two Patrolmen Are Fined And Deprived Of Leave Of Absence.

The Police Board at a special meeting yesterday reduced to the rank of patrolman two detectives and a sergeant, fined a detective and two patrolmen and promoted two sergeants and three patrolmen. The changes, which become effective today, are as follows:

#### Reduced.

DETECTIVE JAMES K. DICK, headquarters, on the charge of neglect of duty and conduct unbecoming an officer, reduced to the grade of patrolman.

DETECTIVE THOMAS P. O'DONNELL, headquarters, on the charge of neglect of duty and conduct unbecoming an officer, reduced to the grade of patrolman.

SERGEANT MICHAEL J. REYNOLDS, Northwestern district, on the charge of being under the influence of liquor while on active duty at 11.10 A. M. December 20, 1909, reduced to the grade of patrolman, being assigned to night duty.

#### Fined.

DETECTIVE CHARLES H. WEAVER, headquarters, on the charge of conduct unbecoming an officer and playing cards in the Equitable Building, fined \$50 and deprived of 10 days' leave of absence.

PATROLMAN WILLIAM L. CASEY, of the Eastern district, on the charge of violating Section 9, Rule 28, Book of Rules and Regulations, by selling tickets to saloonkeepers without permission of the Board of Police Commissioners between the dates of December 1 and 14, 1909, fined \$50 and costs, deprived of 10 days' leave of absence and transferred to another section of the district.

PATROLMAN WILLIAM MICHAEL, Northwestern district, on the charge of not properly patrolling his post from 9.10 to 11 P. M. December 16, 1909, fined \$10 and deprived of 10 days' leave of absence and warned.

#### Promoted.

SERGEANT WILLIAM LANCASTER, promoted to the grade of detective (round sergeant) in place of Detective Thomas P. O'Donnell, reduced to the grade of patrolman.

SERGEANT ALBERT F. LENTZ, promoted to the grade of detective in place of Detective James K. Dick, reduced to the grade of patrolman.

PATROLMAN SAMUEL McMAHON, Northwestern district, promoted to the grade of sergeant in place of Sergeant Lancaster, appointed detective.

PATROLMAN JOHN P. CONCANNON, Northern district, promoted to the grade of sergeant in place of Sergeant Lentz, appointed detective.

PATROLMAN ARTHUR P. STORY, Southern district, promoted to the grade of sergeant in place of Sgt. Michael J. Reynolds, reduced to the grade of patrolman.

#### Transferred.

SERGEANT JEROME N. OLIPHANT, Northwestern district, and SERGEANT THOMAS W. QUINN, Southwestern district, to do special work at police headquarters under Marshal Farnan, to succeed Sergeants Lancaster and Lentz, who were appointed detectives.

All of the officers who have either been promoted or reduced were ordered to report at 10 o'clock this morning before the board to qualify and undergo bond before undertaking their new work.

#### Charges In Detail.

Detective Dick was found guilty with Detective O'Donnell on the charge of being in the saloon of James Magarity, Union Trust Building, last Friday afternoon on other than police business, drinking intoxicating liquor, indulging in profanity, engaging in an unseemly controversy and using disrespectful language concerning his superior, Captain of Detectives A. J. Pumphrey.

Detective Dick was also charged with Detective Weaver with neglect of duty and conduct unbecoming an officer last Saturday in August Roder's cafe, in the Equitable Building. This charge, like the preceding one, was preferred by Captain Pumphrey, who alleged that both detectives were playing cards in Roder's cafe with the proprietor and another man who is employed in the City Hall.

#### Captain Pumphrey Testifies.

Shortly after 11 o'clock, when the Commissioners had disposed of several other cases, they summoned Captain Pumphrey with Detectives Dick, O'Donnell and Weaver for trial. O'Donnell said he was not prepared and suggested postponement until Thursday in order that he could get witnesses and an attorney.

"What do you want with an attorney?" one of the Commissioners asked. "You can call your witnesses by telephone."

O'Donnell did this.

Captain Pumphrey was then called. He testified that he received a telephone message that Dick and O'Donnell were in the cafe in the Union Trust Building, sitting in a booth, talking boisterously and had referred casually to his name in an abusive manner.

"I went to the place," continued the Captain. "I got in through the Charles street entrance and secreted myself in an adjoining booth in order that I could overhear their conversation. They were talking loudly, and at one time I thought they would come to blows. They were discussing the divorce case of Mr. John Boland. It appears that Mr. O'Donnell is on the side of Mr. Boland, while Mr. Dick is on the side of the wife. Mr. G. Guy Wilson, a lawyer, was in the booth with the detectives. They were also discussing my glasses, saying I could hypnotize them, but that they would hypnotize me. They also used bad language."

"I found Dick and Weaver in the saloon of August Roder in the Equitable Building playing cards in a booth. I was there three times on Saturday and saw them late in the afternoon in the booth. Mr. Weaver spoke to me about working on a case and I told him 'All right, go ahead.'"

#### Detective Weaver's Version.

Detective Weaver testified that he had been running down a clue regarding the identity of a man who passed a worthless check for \$200 on the Third National Bank, and stated that he was waiting for Detective William G. Hilliard, of the local Pinkerton force, who had an appointment to meet him in the cafe and bring a picture of a man who had done a similar job and for whom the Pinkertons are looking.

Mr. Hilliard corroborated the statement of Detective Weaver. Weaver denied emphatically that he had played cards while waiting in the saloon.

Detective Dick then took the stand and denied playing cards. He recounted his experiences of the day, saying that all he had to drink in the cafe were two glasses of cider. He also denied talking loudly in the cafe in the Union Trust Building, and denied that he and O'Donnell got into a heated argument. He denied using Captain Pumphrey's name while in the cafe.

#### O'Donnell Tried A "Fizz."

Detective O'Donnell then took the stand and said he had a bad stomach and took a little sherry and a "gin fizz" to settle it.

Colonel Swann, president of the board, asked O'Donnell why he took a drink while on duty, as he had promised not to do so a short time ago when he was before the board on complaint of Captain Pumphrey, who then charged him with insubordination. The case at that time was dismissed. "Well, Colonel," said O'Donnell, "I never tasted a gin fizz and I thought it would do my stomach good. I had had nothing more to drink than a little sherry and the fizz. I did not think there was any harm in doing this because of the condition of my stomach."

O'Donnell admitted being in the cafe, but denied that he had talked abusively of Captain Pumphrey. He declared that Pumphrey had been "after him" for a long time.

#### Pumphrey's "Hypnotic Eye."

Mr. Wilson testified that the only reference to Captain Pumphrey was about his having a "hypnotic eye." His remark, he explained, referred to a witness in an arson case recently brought to the attention of the police, when Captain Pumphrey got a confession from one of the accused. In commenting upon this result Mr. Wilson said some one of the party remarked that Captain Pumphrey had a hypnotic eye and through this influence he had brought out the confession.

"I just remember something about the name of Captain Pumphrey being brought out in regard to having a hypnotic eye," said Mr. Wilson. "There was nothing said of a disparaging nature about Detective Pumphrey that I can recall, only O'Donnell said something about breaking so many spectacles. It is true the men were in the cafe. I wish to say they were not drinking heavily."

#### Mr. Boland Tells Of Divorce.

Mr. John Boland was then called. He testified that O'Donnell had attempted to reconcile himself and his wife, but said he knew nothing further.

It was then brought out that O'Donnell

had met Mrs. Boland and had arranged for an interview with her husband, who was at Ganzhorn's Hotel Saturday night. This was stated by Captain Pumphrey.

#### Mr. Schloss On Character.

Mr. Michael Schloss, of Schloss Bros., clothing manufacturers, testified to the good character of Detective O'Donnell, stating that for the last 15 years O'Donnell had done good work for him in a number of cases where detective ability was needed. Several other witnesses testified in behalf of O'Donnell.

Captain Pumphrey told the board that O'Donnell was the disturber in his office and that Dick and Weaver were good detectives, but got foolish when they "got a drink in them." This ended the case of the detectives.

#### Threat In Corridor.

After the trial Detective O'Donnell went back to headquarters to talk with Captain Pumphrey, but he said he was unable to do so because the Captain was busy. Later, while talking in the corridor with Detective Dick and Mr. Wilson, Captain Pumphrey came along.

"I want to thank you, Captain, for what you have done for me," said O'Donnell.

Captain Pumphrey made a reply, and for a time there were heated words, Captain Pumphrey threatening to take O'Donnell before the board again.

"Don't you insinuate to me," said Captain Pumphrey. "I'll bring you down to the board tomorrow if you do."

#### Other Cases Heard.

The next case heard was that of Sergeant Reynolds, charged with being drunk while on duty. Lieutenant Carter testified that when Sergeant Reynolds was called to the station he was intoxicated. Round Sergeant Swartz also testified that he found Reynolds asleep in the sergeants' room and that when he got close to him he detected the odor of liquor.

"He also staggered when he stood up," said Sergeant Swartz.

Colonel Swann, after the board had reduced Reynolds, said that the only reason he was not dismissed was because of his long service in the department. Reynolds used to "work" Walbrook, in the Northwestern district, and Round Sergeant Swartz testified that Captain Ward brought him in to the post around the station so he could be watched.

Patrolman Casey, charged with selling tickets for charitable purposes, was next heard. He admitted selling them to saloonkeepers.

Patrolman Michaels was fined for staying nearly two hours in a moving-picture theatre on his post, neglecting his work.

Detective Thomas P. O'Donnell was ap-

pointed January 24, 1890. His record as a patrolman was such that he was made a detective April 24, 1894. He was seven times commended for good work and was placed on the roll of honor for arresting Peter James, alias Jacques, alias James Houghton, wanted in New York for the murder of his son. He displayed exceptional courage, tact and detective ability, according to the record in the Police Department. He is married and has several children.

Detective James K. Dick was appointed March 23, 1887. He was promoted to a sergeant May 13, 1898 and to the detective force August 12, 1898. He has an excellent record for efficiency.

Sergeant Reynolds was appointed December 20, 1887, to the Southwestern district. He was made a sergeant January 26, 1905, and transferred to the Northwestern district January 26, 1905. He has been before the board four times on minor charges.

#### The Men Promoted.

Sergt. Alfred F. Lentz, who has been appointed a detective, was made a patrolman May 19, 1897, and assigned to the Southern district. He was promoted to a sergeant May 31, 1901, and transferred to the Northwestern district. Lately he has been doing special work at police headquarters under Marshal Farnan. He has been commended several times.

Sergt. William Lancaster, who has also been made a detective, was appointed May 16, 1896. He was promoted to a sergeant in September, 1901. He worked in the Central district up to January 1, 1909, when he worked with Lentz and Sergeant Day on assignments by Marshal Farnan. He has been commended a number of times.

Patrolman Samuel McMahon, who has been made a sergeant, was appointed December 4, 1900, and has worked in the Northwestern district. He has a good record and stands well on the list for a sergeant.

Patrolman Arthur P. Story, of the Southern district, who has been appointed a sergeant, was made a patrolman May 29, 1901. He also has a good record.

Patrolman John P. Concannon, of the Northern district, who has also been made a sergeant, was appointed to the force April 1, 1901. He is credited with good work.