

Charles W. Mahon

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The Washington Post, July 20, 1886, p. 2

Will He Be A Detective

The Inside History of Mr. Mahan's Appointment on the Force

The following additional changes were made yesterday in the Police department:

As Mr. Mahan is an applicant for the position of a detective, for which he is endorsed by several prominent citizens, including Mr. James L. Barbour, and not for the position of policeman, it is thought that his appointment on the force is but the preliminary step towards his assignment to detective duty to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Cox. Mr. Mahan, however, has had no experience in police duty, having been a dairyman for a number of years. He is a native of Virginia.

The Evening Star, February 4, 1891, p. 6

Owenbey Arrested

A Warrant Sworn Out Charging False Pretenses

Detective Charles W. Mahon of the Metropolitan police force was at the Capitol today awaiting the discharge of Mr. James A. Owenbey, the silver pool witness, who has been in charge of the sergeant-at-arms of the House. The officer had a warrant for the arrest of Mr. Owenbey on a charge of false pretenses.

The amount involved was only \$17, but the offense charged is one punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary.

Mr. Theodore L. Page of the Senate restaurant swore out the warrant, alleging that Owenbey represented to him that he had funds deposited to his credit in the Hanover National Bank of New York, which representations it is charged were false and fraudulent. The warrant further charges that by means of said false pretense the said Owenbey obtained the sum mentioned.

It is alleged that he cashed a check for Owenbey. The latter was aware that he was being watched by the detective and this afternoon his counsel, Mr. J.J. Johnson, called at police headquarters to see what arrangements he could make for giving bail for his client's appearance in order to avoid the locking up of his client.

Under the law, however, bail cannot be given for appearance in the Police Court and can only be given upon a waiver of an examination for the defendant's appearance after the grand jury has investigated.

Was Going To Make The Amount Good

Owenbey at the time he was arrested was engaged in drawing his fees and mileage. He exclaimed on the warrant being presented that he had intended to pay the money as soon as he obtained his fees from the committee. He refused to say anything for publication in regard to the matter.

The Evening Star, February 9, 1892, p. 5

Ex-Detective Mahon Dying

Ex-Detective Charles W. Mahon, who has been ill for some days since his retirement from the police force, is dying.

The Evening Star, February 10, 1892, p. 6

Death of Ex-Detective Mahon

Ex-Detective Charles W. Mahon died at 12:30 o'clock today of typhoid pneumonia, after an illness of about two weeks. The deceased was about forty-five years old and was a native of Alexandria, Va. At one time he was prominent as a police official in Jersey City, where he gained the reputation of being an excellent detective officer. In 1886 he was appointed a member of the metropolitan police force under Maj. S.H. Walker, then chief of police, and he succeeded the late Detective John T. Cox, who died in office. He leaves a widow and four children.

The Evening Star, February 12, 1892, p. 3

Funeral of Ex-Detective Mahon

The funeral of the late Charles W. Mahon, for some time until recently a member of the detective force, took place from his late residence, 226 1st street southeast, and was attended by a large number of friends and relatives. The remains were encased in a handsome casket on which were a number of floral tributes, including a pillow from police headquarters. The services were conducted by Dr. A.E. Gibson, the pastor of Waugh M.E. Church, and were very impressive. The pallbearers were Maj. Samuel H. Walker, ex-superintendent of police; Messrs. J.W. Mattingly, John H. Gallaher, Joseph Carter and C.W. Proctor of the detective corps and Mr. John R. Mahoney. The interment was at the Congressional cemetery.