

James L. Pumphrey

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Six Months for Candy Clerk

James L. Pumphrey Pleads Guilty to Larceny Charge

"Suppose I Must Take My Medicine," Says He -- Eluded Arrest for Twenty Months

James L. Pumphrey, the one-time wholesale candy clerk of this town, who committed embezzlement and was chased around four states for twenty months, plead guilty before Acting Judge Bundy in the Police Court today and was sent to jail for six months.

The original charge of embezzlement against the man was nolle prossed and one of petit larceny substituted in its place.

"I suppose I must take my medicine," said Pumphrey as sentence was passed. He refused to discuss his long flight.

Pumphrey was a trusted employee in the wholesale establishment of Carl G. Mueller, at 336 Pennsylvania avenue. In October, 1907, an investigation revealed a shortage of several hundred dollars.

During the investigation Pumphrey skipped. He was subsequently charged with embezzling between \$30 and \$40, and a warrant was sworn out for his arrest October 30, 1907. From that date until arrested in Baltimore yesterday morning Pumphrey dodged all the central office men. He was trailed into various parts of Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia, eventually falling into a trap set for him a day or so ago in Baltimore. Detectives Evans and O'Dea did the trick.