

TO FIGHT CROOKS BETTER.

Detectives Suggest Change in Identification Work.

That there should be a finger-print expert at all of the police stations was the opinion expressed at police headquarters in Baltimore by Sergeant Byrnes, of the Bureau of Identification.

In the detective bureau, however, the movement, while meeting with approval, is considered impractical, because headquarters men themselves are unfamiliar with the system.

That the finger-print system is efficacious in identifying crooks, headquarters detectives do not deny, but they have for a long time felt that the Bureau of Identification should not be closed at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, thus causing great inconvenience in showing the photographs of thieves, including pickpockets, second-story men and yeggmen, to persons who might identify those who are suspected of breaking into their homes or of other crimes.

The rogues' gallery at the detective bureau is considered by headquarters detectives as obsolete. In it are photographs of burglars, thieves, pickpockets, second-story men and others who have long since died. In the rogues' gallery of the Bureau of Identification, which is closed at 4 o'clock every afternoon and on Saturdays and all holidays, are the latest photographs of crooks arrested here and elsewhere.

Lieut. John A. Casey is head of the Bureau of Identification, and it is known in police circles that he and Sergeant Higgins are the only two policemen in Baltimore who take measurements, photographs and finger prints of those who are arrested and suspected of having records.

It is true that the Lieutenant has been successful in identifying many crooks arrested here under assumed names, but the detectives, it is said, do not have opportunity to study the system.

It is likely that Marshal Farnan will ask the Police Board to place the gallery of the Bureau of Identification in the Detective Bureau. Marshal Farnan is of the opinion that more than two men should know how to "bug" measure and take the finger prints of a man arrested for felony.

HONEYMOON ON ELEPHANT BACK.

Wisconsin Girl Goes 18,000 Miles To Wed College Sweetheart.

[Kenosha (Wis.) Letter.] Customs of the Far East were invoked at the marriage in Balgum, India, October 16, of Miss Eva Thelen, Kenosha, to Wendell Kumlien, Appleton, Wis.

Miss Thelen traveled more than three-fourths around the world to meet her fiancé at Bombay, whence they traveled on the back of an elephant overland to Balgum, on the frontier.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. E. Ensberger, of Wisconsin Methodist missionary, under the banyan trees of the little tropic city and was attended by more than 300 Americans and natives. Garlands of roses lined the route of the marriage procession in accordance with Eastern custom. After the ceremony the bride and bridegroom began their long journey to the village of Gohak, whence they will proceed to Moradabad to make their home.

The Indian ceremonies marked the culmination of a romance that began years ago when bride and bridegroom were students at Lawrence College, Appleton. Mrs. Kumlien's journey to meet her fiancé at Bombay carried her over 18,000 miles of land and sea and was accomplished by more than a month of delay and misunderstanding as to the date and time of meeting.

Bride and bridegroom will team in the mission schools at Moradabad upon the conclusion of their honeymoon on elephant back.

Groundhog—Hot Air.

Forty days of bad weather, declared the groundhog Monday. Colder weather coming, says the weather man.

Some cold wave, accompanied by a blizzard, opined John Bolgiano, unofficial prognosticator.

The groundhog saw his shadow Monday morning, according to the experts, although not a mother's son in the community can be found who saw the groundhog.

Professor Fassig, the local weather man, says he bases his prediction of colder weather upon the highs and lows and such things that are generally distributed around the country just now, and which are showing a tendency to rarify the atmosphere in this locality.

Professor Bolgiano declares that he found his conclusions upon a scientific study of climatic conditions. He is dead sure, he says, that:

"A very cold wave will reach here Sunday, February 8, or Monday, February 9.

"The temperature will go very low and will break all previous records for 50 years that have been recorded at this season by the Federal Weather Bureau.

"A very deep snowstorm will follow in its wake, and frosted noses will be the fashion."

MASTODON'S BONES UNEARTHED.

Remains of Prehistoric Animal Found Near Roanoke.

Salem, Va., Jan. 2.—S. D. Tallafiero, of Salem, superintendent of a crusher plant at Blue Ridge Springs, has unearthed the remains of a giant Mastodon. The bones were found 20 feet under the surface.

Mr. Tallafiero estimates that the mastodon was 30 feet long. Most of the bones were well preserved, and among them was a jawbone more than four feet in length, teeth five inches across, a tusk as long as a man's arm and ribs as wide as a man's hand.

Had Father Guessing. Visitor: "So your boy is in college, is he, Mr. Cornstossie?" Farmer: "I can't say exactly. He's in their football eleven, an' in their rowin' crew, an' in their jimmy-jumps, an' in their dormitory, but whether he's ever in their college is more'n I kin find out by his letters."

W. M. C. Wins at Basket Ball.

In a game replete with sensational plays and with each point hotly contested, Western Maryland College defeated the strong West Branch Y. M. C. A. basket ball team last Friday at the College gymnasium.

The final score was 27-20 in favor of the local boys.

Dukes, left guard for Western Maryland, was the first to cage a basket. Arthur then scored from the center of the floor. West Branch retaliated by caging two baskets in quick succession.

From then on the College boys had the better of the argument in the first half. Score at the end of the first half: Western Maryland 17, West Branch Y. M. C. A. 10.

At the beginning of the second half the college boys were out of form for fully ten minutes. As a result the West Branch tied the score 19-19. Number, center for the Green and the Gold pulled the team together by a difficult shot from the sideline. The last basket was thrown from beyond the center of the floor by Arthur. This was a beautiful clean shot. The game was delayed in the last half when the Y. M. C. A. lads misunderstood a decision made by the referee. As soon as the decision was explained the game proceeded without further interruption.

The excellent team work of Western Maryland made the victory possible. The team showed the effect of constant practice and their attention to the finer points of the game. Arthur scored the greatest number of points for Western Maryland. For the visitors Disney and Heny starred.

On Saturday afternoon, February 7, local basket ball enthusiasts will have an opportunity of seeing one of the best college teams in the State play on the local court. On that date Western Maryland meets Mt. St. Joseph's of Irvington. The State championship this year lies between Loyola and St. Joseph's, as they have defeated all comers. On January 24, Mt. St. Joseph's defeated Western Maryland at Irvington by a score of 57-11. The local boys are determined to wipe out this defeat and should be able to turn the trick, if they keep up their past

improvement. Walmsley, forward for St. Joseph's is accredited with being the fastest basket ball player in the State.

As this is an Inter-collegiate game, arrangements have been made for neutral officials. This is the first Inter-Collegiate game ever held in the Western Maryland gymnasium. Game is to be called at 5 o'clock.

Surprise on 57th Birthday.

A very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Kroh, on Thursday, January 29, in honor of Mrs. Kroh's 57th birthday. She did not pay any attention to the event until a number of her friends took the house by storm and gave her a genuine surprise.

The company was royally entertained by fine selections on the graphophone and organ. At 10 o'clock they were invited to the dining room where refreshments were served in abundance.

Those present included: Messrs. and Mesdames—J. N. Kroh, Alex McCormick, A. S. Burkholder, Frank Hunter, Frank Shaeffer, James Cary, Robert Low, Adam Rupert, William Wolf, Monroe Storms, Mrs. Emma Kerchner; Misses—Edna Hershey, Ada Hahn, Hellen Giggards, Elizabeth Wolf, Esther Hunter, Mary C. Shaffer, Eloise Warehime, Elsie Hoffa, Grace Hunter, Mary Burkholder, Mary E. Shaffer; Messrs. Harry Hunter, Elmer Franklin, William Miles, Robert Baumgardner, Frank Burkholder, Hesson Wolf, Charles Hunter, Raymond Hunter, Fred Burkholder.

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