THE CITY MARSHAL.

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GENERAL GOSSIP,
OUR OLDEST MAYOR.

When His Honor arrived at his office yesterday morning he rubbed his hands gleefully, and called for the City-Marshal ordinance, to which he immediately affixed his ponderous signature. How to notify Dunlap was the query which seemed hardest to solve, but with the aid of the City Clerk's brains it was conceived that the best plan would be to get Dunlap in town first, and then present him with an official notification of his election to office. Later in the day it was learned that Mr. Dunlap would arrive home at 7 o'clock in the evening. All anxiety on this point having been dissipated, it was one of the easiest things in the world to get a few expressions of thought on the appointment, both from the Aldermen and from the Mayor. All of them thought in the same strain, and consequently it requires no extra effort to put them down in print. Of all the good things and good deeds that were expected to come out of the change the Aldermen know little and care less, but they unanimously look forward to Dunlap's administration of the police force as a perfect Utopia. Dunlap and all other reformers practices are expected to be laid high and dry in the Police-Court docket, and, best of all, that infernal old nuisance, the Board of Police, will step down and out, if they know enough. This latter is the all-absorbing theorist of most of the Aldermen. Anything that will shut Sheridan up or clean him out of office suits them. The Mayor refused to interfere in regard to what he thought about Mr. Du ell's proposition he replied "Yes, sir," and "Yes, sir," in the most equivocal manner possible.

In the Superintendent's departments all was exceedingly quiet. Mr. Helm read his obituary notices in the morning papers, and wondered if Lake Forest would be ready for the reception of his official head and lay it beside that of Washburn, with an other inscription on the stone than "Here lies." But next door to him the Board of Police were having one of those sweet meetings that usually take place with them previous to the breaking of a storm. Kinkle and Reno—Kinkle the memorial, and Reno the nervous incarnation of "late Commissioners' of Police"—were around all the morning, but not finding Sheridan they each jumped away like lively ducks to hunt him up. When Sheridan came down, he heard of their search for him and inquired if they were warm, adding that they always came to him to get ice to cool themselves down. "And let me tell you," said he winking, "I'm a really cool man for an Irishman." One of his earliest callers was

ALD. CAMPBELL,

from the Thirteenth Ward, who fought for the city charter while his ward went four to one against it. Sheridan opened up the ice by asking the Alderman what the Council had against him, and received in reply the following:

The Council have nothing against you personally, Sheridan.

S.—No; all they hate is to have their corruptions exposed.

C.—Well, you had better pitch in and expose all the corruptions you can; if you have got anything against me, you can let it out as quick as you've a mind to.

S.—Well, maybe I will. We shall see.

And then Campbell wandered around to the front of the building to see his friends. As the day wore on something regarding Dunlap's declination was assiduously broached to, but nothing of the kind transpired. Kinkle and Reno cannot be induced to play the part of executioners, and consequently all action hangs fire until Sheridan is able to convert one or both of them over to his view of matters.

A MILD AND HOUSEFUL SUNDAY.

The Police Board room in the afternoon was a desolate apartment. It was almost deserted, save by Sheridan and Kinkle, who still maintained their seats back of the row of desks which keep visitors at a respectful distance, unless they are bold enough and familiar enough to pierce the passage between the outer one and the wall, and penetrate to the inside area. Three or four venturesome reporters did so yesterday afternoon. And their visit to the uniform department gave the room all the life and cheerfulness it possessed. Scarcely any one ventured within the apartment. It seemed probably like an intrusion upon sacred grief. What were sympathetic words and friendly assurances to those men? There was a wo not to be soothed by words. The Aldermen mainly kept away, unwilling to look upon the grief they had caused. The people who used to be on hand to urge the appointment of friends to positions in the Police or Fire Departments were also absent. Sheridan, Kinkle, and Reno were left comfortless and alone. Their power was gone, their successor would come to-morrow, and there were none so poor as to do them reverence. Sheridan and Kinkle maintained their usual places alone and in silence most of the afternoon. Later in the day Mr. Reno came in, when those two laid their heads tenderly together and indulged in a low whispered confidence. Mr. Reno then departed, and the others resumed an almost unbroken uncommunicativeness. It was in vain that the hopeful reporter asked what they would do next. Sheridan smiled sadly and made no reply, and Kinkle's countenance gave no hint as to what was the nature of his meditations. They refused to yield any satisfaction to the questioning reporters. They were proof against all "tempting."

NOT BROKEN YET.

Mr. George S. Dunlap, confirmed in the office of City Marshal by the Common Council last Monday evening, was visited by a reporter of THE TRIBUNE at his residence, No. 239 Oak street, last evening, and was, as a matter of course, subjected to an interview.

Mr. Dunlap, in reply to several interrogatories, said, in substance, that he had been out of the city for some days, and had only just returned; that he had not had time to study the amendatory ordinance introduced by Ald. Hildreth, and further amended on motion of Ald. Culleton, and that, consequently, he was not able to express any opinion relative to the subject. It was his intention to see the Mayor this morning and have a consultation with him regarding the whole matter. When he saw what he was going to do concerning acceptance he would have no objection to stating his views to the press, and would be always happy to advise the representatives thereof so far as lay in his power.

THE ORDINANCE.

HOW IT STANDS AS AMENDED.

When the Aldermen came to consider the case yesterday, they found that they hadn't done much hurt anyway; when they considered the effect of the ordinance and Culleton's amendment thereto they felt consolat, and they chuckled inwardly, and said to each other in corners, "Ha, ha! Did you ever see anything neater? We have put Dunlap in, but we have made Helm the head of the force, and these latter days shall be as those gone before, only more abundant; Dunlap is head of the force, is he? yea more, he is figure-head."

And then they put on a look of something purer than virtue, and told the reporters how they expected to see the banks men driven away and the gambling-houses broken up; and Mike McDonald stood by with a tolerance in his button-hole and ostended, and told how it grieved him to see these disreputable practices carried on, and how he hoped for better things under Dunlap; and Orsum said: "Ya, dat ist gut," and the Sittle party was broken up.

In order to see just what was done by the election of Mr. Dunlap it is necessary to print the ordinance under which he was confirmed. This has been passed in pieces, but when put together it reads as follows:

SECTION 1. SECTION 1. There is hereby established and created an Executive Department of the Municipal Government of said city, to be known as the Police Department.

Sec. 2. There is hereby created the office of City Marshal, General Superintendent of Police, and Deputy Superintendent of Police, and the term of each of said officers shall be two years, commencing July 1, 1875.

The said City Marshal, General Superintendent, and Deputy Superintendent of Police shall be appointed by the Mayor, with the approval of the City Council.

The salary of the City Marshal shall be $4,000 per year, that of the General Superintendent $3,500 per year, the City Marshal shall be the head of the Police Department, and shall give a bond with security to be approved by the Mayor in the sum of $10,000, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of his office, and that he shall well and truly account for and pay over all moneys, and surrender any and all property, books, and papers which may come into his hands as such City Marshal, on the expiration or vacation of his office, or when so required by the Mayor. He shall, at such head of the Police Department, be subject to all general ordinances of the city, and not inconsistent therewith, and to the police force of the city, shall possess full power and authority, subject to all general ordinances of the City Council, over the police organization, government, appointments, and discipline thereof, and shall have and shall exercise the right and control, subject to the direction of the City Comptroller, of the police property, books, records, and equipments belonging to the Police Department.

Sec. 3. The said City Marshal, as such head of the Police Department, shall be charged with the duty of preserving the peace of the city, preventing crimes, detecting and arresting offenders, protecting life and property, to preserve order, and to provide a proper police force at every fire, to protect strangers and travelers at unusual localities and railway stations, and to cause to be enforced all ordinances of the city.

Sec. 4. The duties of the police force shall be constituted under the direction and control of said City Marshal, and shall conform to the rules and regulations which he may promulgate from time to time for the more proper government and discipline of the subordinate officers and the police force of the city, and such rules and regulations may provide for the punishment of police officers and the police force for any neglect of duty or misconduct.

Sec. 5. The said force shall consist of one General Superintendent of Police, one Deputy Superintendent of Police, four Captains of Police, twenty Sergeants, and the police patrolmen now in the employ of the city, and such other police patrolmen as may hereafter, from time to time, or any police patrolman may at any time be removed or discharged from the force by the Superintendent of the force, with the concurrence of the City Marshal, and the vacancies thus created shall be filled, charged or reduced in rank by the City Marshal, with the written concurrence of the Mayor of the city. All members of the police force shall take an oath to faithfully discharge their duties.

Sec. 6. It shall be the duty of the City Marshal from time to time to divide the city into police districts, and to establish station-houses in such districts as he may deem such districts, and he may establish a station or substation in any precinct for the accommodation of the police force on duty thereon. All regulations so to be established by the City Marshal shall be promulgated through the Superintendent of Police.

Sec. 7. The City Marshal may appoint persons of sufficient ability, who may be in the employment of the city in other branches of the city government (special policemen); but such persons so appointed shall receive no pay for their services as such special police officers, and shall possess only the usual powers as the regular police patrolmen, and shall be subject to all the rules and regulations governing the police patrolmen.

Sec. 8. The City Marshal shall have power, on the application of any person or persons showing the necessity thereof, to appoint and swear any number of additional policemen, to be paid by the day, at any time and place within the city, at the charge and expense of the person or persons by whom the application is made. Such persons so appointed shall conform to and be subject to all the rules and regulations governing the police force of the city, and to such special rules and regulations as the City Marshal may make concerning their duties at the time and place for which they are appointed. They shall possess all the powers, privileges, and duties of the regular police patrolmen, and may be removed or discharged from service at any time by the City Marshal, with the written consent of the Mayor of the city.

Sec. 9. The City Marshal may also, upon an emergency, or riot, pestilence, invasion, or with the written consent of the Mayor, during any public election or assemblage of persons, appoint such number of persons among the citizens of Chicago as he may deem necessary, and for a specified time, and during the term of such appointment such persons shall possess the powers and privileges and perform all the duties of patrolmen of the standing police force of the city.

Sec. 10. No person who has ever been removed from the police force of the city for misconduct shall be appointed upon such force, except upon the written consent of the Mayor of the city, and no person shall resign any position upon the police force except upon such terms as may be prescribed by the rules and regulations. Any person withdrawing without leave from said police force shall forfeit all back pay, and shall be liable to punishment for the offense, as for neglect of duty.

Sec. 11. It shall be the duty of the City Marshal to prepare and submit to the Comptroller, on or before the fifth day of April of each year, an estimate of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing the Police Department of the city during the current fiscal year, which estimate shall be in detail, and shall be submitted to the Comptroller, with his (the Comptroller's) views thereon, by the City Comptroller at the same time with the Comptroller's annual estimate.

Sec. 12. The moneys hereafter to be paid to any person or persons out of the police fund shall be certified by the City Marshal to the Comptroller, and if the said Comptroller shall approve the same he shall draw his warrant therefor upon the City Treasurer, and such warrant shall be countersigned by the Mayor.

Sec. 13. The City Marshal shall make quarterly reports to the City Council, in writing, of the state of the police force, and such other matters relating thereto as may seem advisable for the improvement of the police force, its discipline, and government. He shall make the first report to the City Council on or before

Sec. 14. The said City Marshal may detail not exceeding two of the police force to act as clerks in his office, and such clerks shall be allowed such extra compensation as the City Marshal and Comptroller may agree upon.

Sec. 15. All firearms and military equipments belonging to the city shall be under the custody and control of the said City Marshal as such head of the Police Department.

Sec. 16. The police forces as heretofore existing shall continue to be the police forces until otherwise changed under this ordinance, but the Board heretofore known as the Board of Police and the other heretofore known as that of Commissioner of the Board of Police of the City of Chicago shall cease to exist, and no duties shall hereafter be performed or powers or authority exercised in connection with said police forces by said Board or any Commissioners of the Board of Police of said city after the passage of this ordinance.

What the people of the City of Chicago wanted, and what they still want, is such a change in the police force as will increase its efficiency. It has been, and still is charged, with apparent reason, that no attempt is made to break up gambling, punish house-rents, or detect and convict robbers, thieves, and burglars. Under these circumstances the people welcomed a change, and were even prepared to think more mildly of the charter of 1872 if it changed the leaders of the police force, and put at the head of the men a commander who showed some desire to drive others to more merited reform. When Mr. Dunlap's name was mentioned there was a general approval, and much was expected of him coming in.

All this time the Aldermen were quiet; they saw little chance of defeating the nominations with safety to themselves.

THEY ACCORDINGLY "TURED IT UP,"

and have at last got matters into such a shape that they were perfectly satisfied to confirm Mr. Dunlap on Monday night; and now, having confirmed him, they are safe on both sides of the fence: they look at the matter in this way, "Lo, they servant hath done the will," while to the other and nameless class they say, "Whold, there's no harm done; Jane Helm is just as much in power as ever he was, and you're just as safe as you were before."

WHAT THE MARSHAL CAN DO.

On examining the ordinance carefully, it appears that the Marshal can really do certain things, to-wit:

First—He can draw $4,000 a year, and give a bond for $20,000.

Second—He can divide the city into districts and assign officers to them.

Third—He can appoint special policemen without pay.

Fourth—He can prepare estimates of the cost of the Department for the Comptroller.

Fifth—He can certify pay-rolls.

Sixth—He can report to the Council.

There are several other expressions in the above ordinance having reference to "power," and "control," and "authority," but they seem to have been put in to fill up, as will be seen by the following list of

THINGS THE MARSHAL CANNOT DO:

First—He cannot appoint, suspend, or remove his first or second deputies—nor can the Mayor, for that matter.

Second—He cannot make or remake a Sergeant (unless the Mayor says he is willing).

Third—He cannot discharge or appoint even a patrolman on the force. That power is practically given to one of his deputies, over whom he has no control.

Fourth—He cannot give an order except through a man appointed by the Council, and the entire police force can refuse an order after he has given it.

Not to put too fine a point upon it, Mr. Dunlap will, if he take the position, be a sort of ostensible clerk of John Bohn's, with responsibility for a force over which he has no sort of control, and with power to issue orders which he cannot enforce.

It is clear that the Council were keen enough to keep all the power in their own hands by putting it in the hands of an officer to be made by themselves.

IT IS A CURIOUS FACT

in connection with the ordinance above printed that there is no provision for the making of Sergeants. There is not a word that indicates who are to appoint or dismiss Captains, and the only reference to Sergeants is to the effect that they may under certain conditions be removed, but it does not appear that they are ever to be appointed.

This is the more unfortunate, as regards Captains, because the Council, by Mosley's amendments, has provided for four Captains, and there does not appear any way under the ordinance to get Joe Dixon into the place prepared for him.

No Complimentary Status

is needed for the man who gave Sandoni to the world, Millions of teeth, preserved from decay by this peerless tooth-wash, vouch for its value. How fragrant is the breath perfumed by its aroma!

Should This Reach the Eye

of any about buying a sewing-machine, they will regard accordingly if they fail to call at the office of the Wood sewing-machine, 251 Wabash avenue, before buying. We mean this.