

LAST EDITION.

STIRS UP THE POLICE

Chief Badenoch's Reform Order Is Put Into Effect.

MANY HEADS DROP OFF.

Changes Which Will Make Chicago's Force a Model One.

NO FAVORITISM IS SHOWN.

Political "Pulls" No Longer to Be a Test of Fitness.

CHANGES AND WHAT THEY MEAN.

Chief of Police Badenoch issued yesterday the most important order that has yet appeared in the history of the Department of Police and there is reason to believe it will mark an epoch in the annals of that institution. It has to do with all ranks in the service, but more especially with commanding officers, and has been expected ever since the order issued several weeks ago that retired 587 patrolmen, second class men, and substitutes. The first order was issued to bring the department within the appropriation, but the order made public yesterday, to go into effect at 7 o'clock this morning, lifts the police out of politics. One-half the men relieved by the first order were second-class men and substitutes who had been put on during the labor troubles last summer, it being understood they were to serve temporarily.

It is now assumed every man who wears a uniform is a policeman, and he henceforth stands on his merits. Politicians have seen their "pulls" fail, and men who have occupied important positions simply on account of their backing have fallen.

Honest Effort at Reorganization.

It is possibly true some injustice may have been done by the order. Chief Badenoch put it this way:

"There may be some mistakes in the order but if there are I do not know it and I can only say I made an honest effort to reorganize the department as I thought it should be for the betterment of the service."

The order catches men who have been in the service for years and have done the bidding of politicians of this or that political party, according to which was in power. The members of the Policemen's Benevolent Association—a kind of inner circle organized to hold its members in their places and secure them promotion—were cut down with a merciless hand.

The order starts in with Inspectors and goes straight down. Inspector Lyman Lewis, who has had command of the Third Division, is retired. He has been in the department since 1872 and retires with the pension of an Inspector. He has a clean record as a police officer. The rank of Inspector and Chief of Detectives has been abolished and Inspector Shea transferred to the Third Division. The object of this move is to rid the West Side of the criminal element that seems literally to have taken possession of certain sections of it in the last few years. It is understood Chief Badenoch wanted a man in that part of the city who could do the work, and it is believed Inspector Shea is the best man for the service on account of his ability as a thief catcher. It is not the intention to drive the criminal element to some other section, but to completely rid the city of this class.

Kipley's Retirement a Surprise.

The retirement of ex-Assistant Superintendent Joseph Kipley, who has been doing special duty recently, was a surprise. By his associates he is regarded as a good police officer and an excellent detective. He has been in the service over twenty years, but will not be eligible to a pension for two or three years. He will draw a pension as a Captain when eligible.

Capt. Byrne retires with a pension, and Capt. Dan Duffy, who gained so much notoriety during the Hopkins administration, as a Captain at detective headquarters, and would have been eligible for a pension had he remained a few months longer, goes, too. A strong effort was made to induce the Chief to allow him to serve his twenty years out.

Capt. Horace Elliott, who succeeds Inspector John Shea as head of the detective force, with the rank of Captain, was dropped from the force during Washburne's administration, but never knew the reason why. He said yesterday:

"I never asked the reason. It certainly was not on account of politics, because I have always been a Republican."

Capt. Elliott is an old timer. He first joined the force in 1857; was off a few years in war times working for Gen. Oakes, chief mustering officer at Springfield; went on again, as a detective, in 1867; was let out by Chief Hickey in 1875; reinstated in 1878, at Twenty-second Street Station but was soon transferred to the Central Detail. In 1888 he was made Detective Sergeant by Mayor Roche, then promoted to the position of Lieutenant under Bonfield; was appointed Captain in 1889 and placed in charge of the Englewood district. During the World's Fair he had command of the Columbian Guards that were on duty at the gates. One year ago he was made manager of the Masonic Temple Safety Deposit company. Most of his service on the police force has been as a detective. His strong point is his memory of faces and his knowledge of the records of criminals.

Another Victim of Hopkins Reinstated.

Capt. John E. Mahoney was one of the first to feel the force of Hopkins' ax. He had been in command at Desplaines street since June, 1891, and was so much of a terror to the perpetrators of election frauds in that section that the Democrats hated him. So during the second month of Hopkins' administration he was reduced to Desk Sergeant and resigned. He joined the force in August, 1870, was made Desk Sergeant in 1873, and appointed to a Captaincy under Washburne in June, 1891.

In the reinstatement of George M. Shippy the Democrats profess they see politics. Shippy first went on the force in 1887. He was then 33 years of age. In 1889 he was let out, and was reinstated in 1891. He resigned in July, 1893, and when Mayor Swift was Mayor pro tem. he was reappointed Dec. 8, and Dec. 31 resigned. This was the day before Mayor Hopkins took his seat, and Mayor Hopkins afterward said he would not have removed Shippy had he remained in the department.

Just before the election last fall Mayor Hopkins offered Shippy a Captaincy if he would come back. This is not generally known, but the offer was declined.

Capt. Larson is another man reinstated who incurred the ill-will of the Democratic machine. He first went on the force in 1873

