

NEGRO A DESK SERGEANT.

FIRST COLORED MAN TO RISE ABOVE POLICE RANKS.

No Similar Promotion in Chicago and None Known in United States—Patrolman in Question, William F. Childs, One of Thirty-nine Appointed—First Names on the Civil Service List Taken Without Distinction, He Being No. 37.

A colored policeman was appointed as desk sergeant yesterday afternoon by Chief O'Neill. This is the first such promotion of a colored policeman in the history of Chicago and is possibly the only one in the history of the country, for as far as the police annals of the large cities show there is no colored man a commanding officer in any city.

The man promoted is William F. Childs of the Cottage Grove avenue station. His appointment comes in the last days of Mayor Harrison's administration and probably will be one of the last promotions for him to concur in. Almost twenty-four years ago his father, the first Mayor Harrison, put the first colored men on the city's police force. As in the present instance that was the first time any colored men had been recognized in any of the large cities and given a place on the police forces. Now New York and several other cities have a few colored patrolmen.

Thirty-nine Men Promoted.

Patrolman Childs was one of thirty-nine men appointed last night to be desk sergeants. He was the thirty-seventh on the civil service eligible list, just coming within the list of those entitled to the promotion.

The new appointments will give each police precinct three desk sergeants of equal rank. At present each station has two desk sergeants and a patrolman who acts as a sergeant. This arrangement is considered unfair by Chief O'Neill. The chief took the first thirty-nine eligibles on the list.

"I took them just as they came, regardless of nationality, color, or anything else," he declared. "Regarding the appointment of Childs, I will say that we have twelve colored policemen on the force at present and they are all efficient. Childs has the distinction of being the first colored commanding officer in Chicago, and I believe throughout the United States. You can possibly include any country in the world where the white race predominates. I have not heard of a colored commanding officer before."

List of New Sergeants.

Chief O'Neill will assign the new sergeants within a few days. They are as follows:

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| P. Hogan, | B. J. Burns, | E. J. Sullivan, |
| C. E. Burns, | P. Kelleher, | T. B. Ryan, |
| B. Cleghorn, | D. J. Cahill, | J. Guinan, |
| J. T. Keefe, | B. M. Dawney, | T. Ryan, |
| A. Danahy, | J. T. Barry, | W. J. Russell, |
| T. Fitzgerald, | E. Barth, | E. Mueller, |
| D. M. Malloy, | J. J. Shanahan, | Otto Haerle, |
| H. M. Elliott, | P. J. Salvage, | L. B. Congdon, |
| A. J. Rohan, | F. T. Murphy, | W. F. Russell, |
| J. F. Meehan, | J. Buckley, | J. W. Hayde, |
| J. J. McMahon, | J. S. Quinn, | M. J. Keegan, |
| J. J. Dubach, | W. F. Childs, | M. E. Mullen, |
| M. Nootbaer, | G. Hutchinson, | James Hanton. |

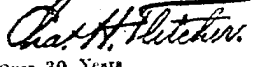
MAYOR WELLS WINS BY 1,425.

Complete Returns Show St. Louis Executive Defeats Republican Opponent.

St. Louis, Mo., April 5.—Complete election returns give Rolla Wells, democratic candidate for reelection to the mayoralty, a plurality of 1,425 votes over John A. Talty, republican. The total vote for mayor stands: Wells, democrat, 44,367; Talty, republican, 42,942; William M. Brandt, socialist, 7,124; Lee Meriwether, independent public ownership, 2,936. Total, 97,369 votes.

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