# THE FAT BOY ABROAD

## Chauncey Morlan Tells of Experiences in British Museums.

### He Returns to This City Weighing 602 Pounds—Creates a Sensation in Hyde Park.

Chouncey Morlan, known throughout this country, England, Scotland and Wales as the Indiana fat boy, recently returned to his home in this city, 53 Vine street, from a tour of Great Britain. While Chauncey Morlan has for years been known as the Indiana fat boy, he is no longer entitled to the title. He has ceased being a boy in fact, although he is yet but a boy in years. He ceased being a boy on Nov. 30, 1882, when he married Annie Bell, another obese person, who has exhibited in all the museums of this country and those of Great Britain, in the latter being Mrs. Chauncey Morlan. The marriage ceremony was performed in Huber's Museum, in New York city, in the presence of the visitors. The family of fat people consists of Mr. and Mrs. Morlan and "Minnie." "Minnie" is not a child, but a pet squirrel which the two insist upon considering as one of the family. The squirrel is their "mascot," and is taken with them on all their travels, and has crossed the Atlantic with them. The combined weight of Mr. and Mrs. Morlan is 1,169 pounds. Mr. Morlan is five feet, nine inches high, and weighs 602 pounds, and his wife is six feet two inches in height and weighs 567 pounds. To convey a slight idea of Mr. Morlan's obesity it may be stated that the ordinary chair will not withstand his weight. He has a specially constructed armchair, which measures three feet between the arms. A man weighing 285 pounds and his wife, who weighs 209, have sat side by side in Mr. Morlan's chair with perfect comfort.

Mr. Morlan yesterday gave his views of Great Britain and its people, and is of the opinion that he would prefer to reside in this country. He sailed with his wife from New York on the steamer Circassia, of the Anchor line, on April 29, 1892. They arrived at Glasgow, Scotland, on May 10, after a voyage of ten days. In answer to a question as to what museum he first exhibited in he replied: "In Crouch's wax works."

"Wax works? Will you please explain what you mean by that?" he was asked.

"The museums in that country are called wax works. They get the name from the character of their exhibits. The exhibits are generally all wax figures, and it is seldom they have living freaks and other curious people and things you see in this country. During the weeks my wife and myself exhibited at Glasgow we were the only living exhibits in the museum. There was a handsome array of wax figures, showing all the crowned heads and famous persons of the old country. It is a novelty to have a living person on exhibition, and the announcement of our presence attracted large crowds to the wax works.

THE FAT BOY SURPRISED.

"My first Sunday in the famous Scotch city was a revelation to me. Everything stops on Sunday there, and it is observed as a day of rest. The street cars are housed and persons who go out on that day are compelled to take a cab or walk. They generally do the latter. The people throughout all of Great Britain are advocates of outdoor exercise, and there is much walking done. This is not only true of that class who walk from necessity, but those who are able to have their private carriages walk a great deal. They even recommended it to me as a means of reducing my flesh. I can say, however, as I had several my contracts with British museum managers because of the flesh, I was not anxious to very materially reduce it, and did very little walking. Another thing that seemed odd to me at first was the custom in leasing apartments. My wife and I always occupied apartments in the cities where we exhibited, and I cannot say much about the European hotels. In this country, when one leases an apartment or furnished room, one is expected to take his meals at another establishment, or at least the person from whom the rooms are leased has no care for his guests' provender. In Great Britain, when you rent an apartment, it includes the services of a cook. The occupant purchases the raw food and hands it over to his landlady, who attends to having it cooked and served. It took me some time to become accustomed to this, and several times I forgot to purchase the food, but after this I remembered it.

HIS CAPACITY FOR FOOD.

It might be remarked here that Mr. Morlan's capacity to stow away edibles is something enormous, and his mother, who, by the way, is not in the least given to obesity, says that when he was a boy of about fourteen years of age he frequently ate a dozen large buckwheat cakes for a breakfast. Mr. Morlan said Glasgow was a city of parks.

"The West-end Park is an especially beautiful place. It covers an immense area of ground, and is crossed by walks and driveways, and is a veritable flower garden, with all sorts of blooming plants and shrubs in it. On the waters in the park are droves of ducks, geese, swans and other water fowl."

From Glasgow Mr. and Mrs. Morlan went direct to London. They traveled third class. "They all travel third class in that country," said Mr. Morlan. "Lords, dukes and plebeians all take the lowest class. There is a difference of one and a half fare between first and third-class rates, and that is about the only difference. You know the railway carriages in that country are built with compartments. In third-class passage the company is entitled to carry from eight to nine persons in a compartment, while in first-class passage six is the limit. This difference amounts to nothing, however. My wife and I generally secured compartments to ourselves and traveled on third-class rates. It is only necessary to 'tip' the station master with a shilling and suggest that a compartment unoccupied by others would be desirable. The station master will see that you are not disturbed.

"On the trip to London I was struck with the abundance of the old-fashioned windmills, which before my trip to England I supposed were only existing now in fairy books. The country is filled with them. They are queer looking objects to persons unaccustomed to them, standing on a broad level field with their four awkward looking broad paddle-shaped arms wheeling in the wind. I was also struck by the absence of frame houses and fences. I don't believe I saw a frame house while I was in the country. The houses are mostly stone, as are also the fences. The hedges in great place take the place of fences, however. After we arrived in London we spent three days sight seeing. We drove through Hyde Park and created as much of a sensation or more than the presence of the Queen in her royal carriage would have created. People stopped and stared at us with eyes and mouths wide open. There is a great deal of horseback riding in England and the nobility usually ride in Hyde Park."

Mr. Morlan gave a graphic description of the return voyage when they were breasting a storm for twenty-four hours. They had been out six days when the storm, which had been brewing for about a day, came upon them with its full force. He told of his difficulty in retaining any one position in the saloon while the storm was raging. The passengers were locked below and he was seated upon a divan in the saloon. A lurch of the vessel came and it turned him to the extreme upside down. He was not rolling into one corner of the saloon. He regained his position only to be the next minute sent back to the corner. Then he concluded that the floor was the only safe position and for several hours thereafter he sat upon the floor. He arrived in this country on Jan. 28, since which time he has been exhibiting in various museums, with his wife he has been visiting his parents in this city. He leaves this morning for Cincinnati, where he has an engagement for one week, and from thence proceeds to Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Morlan have contracts for exhibits in Germany and the European continent next fall and will cross the water again in July.

**Change Racket for Fifty Cents.**

Two men worked the change racket for cigars at Sengstock's grocery, No. 292 Morris street, yesterday afternoon, about 6 o'clock. The men bought a spool of thread and received change for one dollar, one of the men returned and asked to be given a dollar bill for that change, which the clerk did. As the clerk was busy he did not count the money until after the men disappeared, when he discovered that he was minus 50 cents.

**A Pitcher and Then a Club.**

Lizzie Elliott and Alice Conner, residing at No. 240½ East Washington street, were arrested yesterday afternoon on charges of assault and battery. They quarreled as a result of an old grudge, when the Elliott woman threw a pitcher of water on the opponent, following this up by an attack with a club. The two were taken to the police station. Miss Conner presented a disastrous appearance.

## NO EQUITY IN IT.

### Mr. Vories's Opinion of the Law Where Cities Annex Schoolhouses.

State Superintendent Vories does not think the law enacted by the last Legislature providing that where school buildings are on land annexed by a city or town they become the property absolutely of the municipality so annexing, will stand the test of a Supreme Court decision. Where a township has taxed itself to build a schoolhouse and a town steps in and annexes its property it offers nothing in return for the acquisition, which thus amounts to a confiscation, so Mr. Vories thinks. Under the old law the township was privileged to move its school buildings off such annexed property or to sell it to the municipality. There was some equity in this, Mr. Vories says, but there is none in the new law, which in certain instances where the annexation took in a school building on the edge of a township might compel residents of that township to undergo the hardship of transfering their children or of paying for tuition in what would then be a town or city school. Then if the building is mortgaged there is no provision for determining who is to assume that mortgage. If bonds have been issued to pay for the building and it is annexed before the bonds mature who is to pay them is not clearly settled. There are other peculiar phases of this law which the State Superintendent says renders it even more vulnerable. Two or three suits are now pending in county courts and the Supreme Court will be called upon to pass judgment on the law before long.

## UNION SOLDIERS' CLUB.

### An Organization Formed to Protect the Veterans.

There was a meeting at the G. A. R. Hall, on Delaware street, last night, of over 150 veterans to take the initiative steps in forming the "Union Soldiers' Club of Marion County." George C. Webster was chosen chairman and Ed G. Booz secretary. The object of the organization is to protect the veterans from the many dangers which they are exposed to. One of the chief dangers, pointed out by a number of speakers, were the sharpers who on every pension day fleece a great number of the pensioners of their drawings. The organization will, after it is perfected, attempt to protect the wayward pensioners from falling into the hands of these sharpers. The veterans are also the objects of many conspiracies, it is claimed, which in time would be exposed by the organization. Ex-Governor Chase, Ex-Governor Hanna, B. C. Shaw, George Spahr, A. R. Black, of Hancock county, besides several others, spoke in favor of the organization of such a club and sanctioned its objects. The chair appointed a committee to draw up a constitution and by-laws, which will be reported at the next meeting, to be held next Saturday night. The committee is as follows: D. R. Lucas, George H. Thomas Post; J. H. Beeber, George H. Chapman Post; C. D. Miller, Major Robert Anderson Post; Harry Snyder, John F. Ruckle Post; H. P. Pontius, Phil H. Sheridan Post; J. W. Scott, Joseph R. Gordon Post; and W. J. Johnson, Delaney Post.

## ENGAGED A PUGILIST.

### Policemen Change the Name of Their Athletic Club.

The name of the Policemen's Athletic Club has been changed to the Union Athletic Club. It was thought that the Board of Public Safety might attempt to interpose in the arrangements, and the change was made in order to make the club independent of municipal interference. The club is receiving many applications for membership from citizens. Pugilist Pauley, who defeated Burns at Roby last winter, has been engaged as the pugilistic teacher. Wrestler Barlow, of St. Louis, who has gained quite a reputation, will be the teacher in his line. Several local "champions" have condescended to teach the "points" to the unscientific.

**Flower Mission Finances.**

At some of the recent meetings of the Flower Mission the members have found it necessary to study means for doing the greatest good with the limited means they have. When the bank failed they had money there. Some friends loaned them a small amount, but there have been so many calls for assistance that that has been used. At the meeting Thursday it was announced that the executive board had thought that the mission would have to dispense with the district nurse, but a member of the society had offered to pay for the nurse for three months. A present of $102 was received as the Easter collection from the Sunday school of the Tabernacle Church. This is a great help, and it will be judiciously expended where it is most needed.

**Name and Fine Will Come High.**

Agnes Cruse, Julia Groenwalt, Mayme Forrester, Will Groenwalt, W. D. Hunt, of Adams, Ind., and C. M. K., who is supposed to be C. M. Kennedy, of Burrows, Ind., scratched their names on the soldiers' monument and will be prosecuted therefor. The commissioners are going to break up this disfiguring practice. It may cost an offender as high as $100 to enroll his name on anything about the monument, except the register.

**Building Permits.**

Building permits were issued yesterday to:

Mattie Morgan, addition, Orange street, $200.

Buddenbaum Lumber Company, warehouse, New York and Pine streets, $1,000.

J. D. Pearson, repairs, 965 North Delaware street, $2,200.

Charles F. Zwick, frame house, Tacoma street, $1,500.

W. T. Cannon, frame house, College avenue and Eighteenth street, $3,500.

**Two Plumbers Fall Out.**

Ernest Sauer and R. C. Culp are two plumbers employed at Aneshaensel's gas-fitting establishment, No. 102 North Meridian street. There has existed bad feeling between the men for some time. Friday noon Culp called Sauer a "scab." Sauer swore out a warrant for Culp's arrest, charging him with provoke. Yesterday afternoon, in Justice of the Peace Daniel's court, Culp was fined $1 and costs.

**Queer Case of Miscegenation.**

Patrolman Carter yesterday morning arrested Mary Long, white, and William Williams, colored, who have been living together for some time in "Canada," that locality near the canal and Eighth street. Williams is eighty-one years of age, and has long been noted for his weakness toward white women, who seemingly in turn are affected. The Long woman claims No. 156 Maple street as her home.

**Fell in a Cellar Window.**

Mrs. Frederick Sheets, residing at No. 25 Sullivan street, fell into an open cellar window on the sidewalk in front of No. 457 Virginia avenue, yesterday, at 12 o'clock, and suffered severe injuries. She was removed to her home, where she is now lying in a precarious condition.

**Miss Gorby Loses Her Watch.**

Miss Lillian Gorby, daughter of State Geologist Gorby, lost her gold watch in a mysterious manner yesterday afternoon, about 4:30 o'clock. She was on her way home from the Statehouse when she discovered that her watch was missing.

**Robbery at Lawrence.**

Thieves entered the residence of Cal Van Sickle, in Lawrence, last night, while the family were away and stole a gold watch and chain, three rings, $2.50 and a Mexican dollar which has been a relic in the family for a long time.

**Net Increase in Population.**

The vital statistics for the week show total deaths twenty-nine, total births forty. The statistics of contagious diseases show two cases of diphtheria, four of scarlet fever and two of measles.

**Society of Hygiene.**

The Society of Hygiene will not hold its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday next, owing to the Woman's Council being held at the same hour, but will attend the council instead.

**City Employes' Pay Day.**

To-morrow is the day that has been anxiously looked forward to by the city employes. It is their "pay day," and will be the first they have had for three months.

# BUNCH OF RECEIVERS

## New Albany Terminal Road and Street Car Company in Straits.

### Both Institutions Insolvent and the Interest on Their Bonds Unpaid—Judge Baker Appoints Receivers.

Upon application of the Louisville Trust Company Judge Baker, of the federal court, yesterday appointed John McLeod, of Louisville, F. W. Tracy, of Springfield, Ill., and S. M. Felton, of Cincinnati, receivers for the New Albany Belt and Terminal Railway Company. The suit was entered yesterday by attorneys Bennett H. Young and St. John Boyle, of Louisville, and the railway company was represented by Thomas W. Bullitt, of Louisville. The reasons alleged for the application for receivers are that the company is insolvent and has failed to pay the taxes due upon its property in the State and county for more than three years past; that it has also defaulted upon payment of its bond interest to the amount of $9,000, due Dec. 1, 1893, the bonds amounting to $300,000; that it is unable to provide for an equipment or for the proper operation of its line, and therefore cannot fulfill its obligations to the public as a common carrier; that the Louisville Trust Company is now the sole acting trustee under an arrangement made by the defendant company to secure the payment of the interest on its $300,000 of first mortgage bonds, and that the appointment of receivers is necessary for the protection of the property.

Judge Baker directs that, as soon as practicable, the receivers take possession of all defendant's property, including its railway line, cars, tracks, shops, machinery, lands, buildings, claims, moneys, etc., now in possession of defendant, and that they shall control and operate the road, receive the rents and income from it, pay the operating expenses and retain all in excess thereof for disbursement under the court's order. The receivers are authorized to collect all claims and demands and, if necessary, to sue for them. They are directed to file a report each month hereafter showing the expenses and earnings of the road under their operation, and to report as soon as possible the financial and physical condition of the property, and to make any suggestions advisable concerning its operation. The railroad company is directed to turn over to the receivers at once all its rights and properties. Judge Baker directs that Mr. McLeod shall give a bond of $20,000 and each of the other receivers one of $5,000, to be filed within twenty days.

The defendant's railway line is about three miles long, and connects the branches of the Kentucky & Indiana Bridge Company, the Ohio & Mississippi Railway Company, the Monon and the Louisville, Evansville & St. Louis Railway Company, and has a large number of switches and connections with manufacturing and other establishments in New Albany.

Mr. McLeod was also invested, by Judge Baker, yesterday, with the direction, as receiver, of the affairs of the New Albany Street-railway Company. This company operates street railway lines in New Albany. In 1888 it executed to the Louisville Safety Vault and Trust Company bonds amounting to $150,000, to secure which a mortgage was given to the trust company and Samuel A. Culbertson, trustee, upon the franchises and property belonging to the railway company.

The company entered into an agreement to pay the interest on the bonds in weekly payments every Saturday. These payments might, however, be deferred at any time by the written consent of the holders of three-fourths of the bonds, and it was further provided that, in case the railway company failed to pay the interest for five consecutive weeks, without the written consent of the holders of three-fourths of the bonds, the trustee might either take possession of the road or apply to the court for the appointment of a receiver.

The bill of complaint filed yesterday by the attorney for the trustee sets forth that the weekly interest has not been paid since Oct. 14, 1893, and that the State and county taxes for 1892 and 1893 are still unpaid; that the company is now insolvent and has been so for months and has neither money nor credit to provide for the proper operation of its property.

The court fixed Receiver McLeod's bond at $25,000.

**DAMAGE SUITS BUNCHED.**

**Claims Against a Louisville Bridge Company in Federal Court.**

Nine damage suits aggregating $225,000, arising from the falling of the Louisville and Jeffersonville bridge Dec. 15 last, were yesterday transferred from the Clark Circuit Court to the federal court here. The Louisville Trust Company, as administrator for Patrick Kelley, L. A. Gerlock, Frank D. Burns, George H. Hinkle, Fish Sheridan, John Allen, Andrew Sothern, Thomas Galloway and Edward Hoban, brought the suits, which are for $25,000 each. The nine men were killed by the falling of the bridge, on which they were working at the time of the accident, the details of which are well known. The Phoenix Bridge Company, of Louisville, is the defendant, and the complaints charge faulty construction and negligence.

## FLOWERS FOR THE SPIRITS.

### Local Spiritualists Prettily Observe an Anniversary.

The spiritualists of Indianapolis celebrated the forthy-sixth anniversary of the founding of their belief last night. Lorraine Hall was filled to overflowing with the believers, and a literary and musical programme was rendered. Mrs. Kates delivered the address. In her talk she gave a brief history of the foundation of spiritualism nearly a half century ago, and gave some of the reasons of spiritualists for their belief. The stage was almost hidden from view by the bank of potted plants and palms that were set about it.

This is the way the spiritualists have, instead of decorating the graves of the departed dear ones. According to their belief nothing but the decayed hulk is at the grave, and they deem it useless waste to strew it with flowers. Instead they bring floral offerings to the meetings, to be viewed by the spirits of the loved ones in the spirit land. There were flowers of all varieties in the hall last night. They ranged from the common to the very uncommon and beautiful and fragrant; geraniums to rare and costly plants of bright and variegated blooms, and back of all, with their deep green background, large palms were arranged. Though the flowers were brought for the spirits none of them appeared in the hall to claim their gifts, and of the multitude of flowers, not one was carried out of the hall by spirit hands.

**An Analysis of Wagner's Music.**

The managers of Mr. Stem's music festival have arranged to give an analysis of the music to be produced on the Wagner night. Prof. W. H. Donley will give a short analytical talk and illustrate the themes on the organ on Friday evening, May 4, at Plymouth Church. The Wagner concert will be given on the Monday night following. The music will be given with a big chorus and under the personal conduct of Mr. Sousa, together with his famous band. The programme for the night will be made up of the popular Wagner music. Herr Fischer, undoubtedly one of the great est Wagner singers, will appear on that night.

**Blanch's Death Ended a Case.**

The finding of the decomposed remains of Willard Blanch on the canal bank last Saturday lifted an application for divorce from the docket of the Circuit Court. Martha Blanch, the widow of the dead man, believing that her husband was a nonresident of the State, had begun divorce proceedings. She alleged failure to provide as a cause for separation. The couple were married in August, 1885, and lived together but three months. Mrs. Blanch, in an affidavit, showed that she made diligent search for her husband. The identification of the remains of Blanch made further action in the case unnecessary.

**Music at the Marion Club.**

The Marion Club has inaugurated a series of musical entertainments to be given every Saturday night. Last night selections were rendered by the Thirteenth and Second Ward String Orchestras. There were about one hundred members present.

**Encampment Site Not Chosen.**

The Adjutant-general will inspect several other proposed locations near this city for the State militia camp in July. He says that the choice has not yet been made in spite of the various stories to that effect floating about.

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# BACK AGAIN AT PAP

## Postmaster Sahm Puts Chronic Officeholders to Feed Once More.

### Complete List of His Appointments—Sullivanism in the Postoffice—Record of the Retiring officials.

To-day the Indianapolis postoffice will be turned over to Albert Sahm, the new postmaster, and Postmaster Thompson will retire. The new postmaster has announced the following appointments:

Assistant Postmaster—William O. Reveal.
Superintendent Carriers—James H. Deery.
Superintendent Money Order Department—John L. F. Steeg.
Assistants—C. W. Byfield, Miss Lizzie Jeup, Oliver A. Keely, John Hoffmann, Ed C. F. Bechert.
Stamp Clerk—William E. Miller.
Chief of Registry Department—Col. B. C. Shaw. Assistant, Thomas J. Hudson.
Cashier Lock Boxes—William W. Jackson.
Weigher Second-class Matter—John F. Mullen.
Night Superintendent—Thomas F. Colbert.
Agent at Union Station—Thomas G. Hedian.
Agent at West Indianapolis—Charles C. Hahn.
Finance Clerk—David M. Elliott.
Messenger to Postmaster—F. J. Voigt.
Janitor, Clemens Beck.

W. O. Reveal was, until appointed assistant postmaster, deputy county clerk in the Criminal Court room. He also served on the Board of County Commissioners with Albert Sahm, and has been known in Democratic politics for several years past. James H. Deery is a paper hanger, who held the position of superintendent of carriers under Postmaster Jones. He was also a member of the Legislature from this county in 1893. John L. F. Steeg has held public positions for several years past. He was the first clerk to the Board of Public Safety appointed by Mayor Sullivan. He left this position to accept one with the State Bank, and from the bank went into the county treasurer's office with Sterling R. Holt.

C. W. Byfield has been employed in the money-order department at the postoffice for eight years past, and his experience is expected to prove valuable to the department. Miss Lizzie Jeup is the daughter of the editor of the German Telegraph, and speaks French, German and Italian, and it is thought her ability to speak these three different languages will prove of service to the department. Oliver A. Keely is a mantel and grate setter and proprietor of the establishment at No. 61 Massachusetts avenue. John Hoffman is a new appointee. He resides at No. 197 East Morris street. Ed C. F. Bechert is one of the few of the appointees who have not gained a livelihood almost exclusively in the public service for years past. William E. Miller has been a deputy in Treasurer Holt's office, and his appointment was probably made by Mr. Holt, who is one of the directors of Mr. Sahm's bank.

Col. B. C. Shaw is a real estate agent and was prominently mentioned as a Democratic member of the Board of Public Safety. He was formerly senior member of the firm of Shaw & Backus, carriage manufacturers, and has been identified with Democratic politics of the city, county and State for years.

Thomas J. Hudson is an insurance agent residing at No. 54 Orange street. He is a Democratic politician, but flew the track somewhat when compelled to swallow the Sullivan nomination and his appointment is probably made as a salve for sores that may have started up at that time. Thomas F. Colbert is the ex-superintendent of police. Thomas G. Hedian is a protege of Tom Taggart, who conducted the Sullivan campaign and always comes in for a good thing where Mr. Taggart is able to dictate, which is in pretty nearly everything connected with the Democratic party in this county. Hedian was deputy city clerk after the absconding of Kuhn and upon his retirement from the city clerk's office was employed in the county treasurer's office.

David M. Elliott has been connected with the postoffice for many years and is another of the employes whose services were considered indispensable.

After the invoice to-day, which will begin immediately after the closing of the office after the morning delivery, the transfer of the office will be conducted by W. T. Fletcher, postoffice inspector. It is not an intricate piece of work and will not consume many minutes' time. The balancing of the accounts was begun last night. Mr. Sahm says changes will be made slowly. S. G. Woodward, the present chief of the money order department, will remain till the clerks have become accustomed to the work. Mr. Welling, the present stamp clerk, will also be retained for the time being. Postmaster Sahm says there will be no apples and cigars at the office for "the boys." This is not because he does not wish to "set 'em up," but because it would interfere with the business of the office.

MR. THOMPSON'S RECORD.

Mr. Edward P. Thompson retires from the postoffice to-day. It is unnecessary to tell the people of this city that under his administration of the office they have had good mail service. Political exigency required that a Democratic partisan should be postmaster and Mr. Thompson's head was knocked off with a club and without ceremony. Mr. Thompson is the only person who has held the office of postmaster in this city who ever shouldered a musket and served in the field as a soldier. Under his administration business has been conducted on business principles. His employes have been impartially selected from the eligible register without regard to politics, and dismissals have only been made for good and sufficient cause. He has seen the office grow from thirty-three employes all told to 149 now employed, and business increase from $50,000 to nearly $320,000 per annum.

Within the past five years the postoffice business has increased to a greater extent than for any like period in its history. To accomodate this large accumulation more room and more conveniences were necessary, and the annex was fitted up for the mailing division, and the entire floor of the old building was given to the free delivery division. The registry division was provided with suitable and secure accomodations, the stamp window fitted up in convenient manner, and the money order division enlarged and arranged for the ready transaction of business and suitable appliances provided for correct and speedy handling of the mails.

Mr. Thompson has been connected with the office many years, and became acting postmaster at the death of William Wallace, in April, 1891. He was not in the office during the administration of Aquilla Jones. The receipts of the last year of that administration were $195,000, while they approximated $320,000 during Mr. Thompson's closing year of control. The cost of employes under the Jones administration was 45 per cent. of the receipts, while the present cost is 39 per cent. At the close of the Jones term there were eighty-six employes in the office; now there are 149, as above stated.

Mr. Thompson has nothing but the warmest praise for his force, which he regards as the equal of any in the country. He has always endeavored to allow each head of department to manage that department without interference. His future plans are not yet settled, as his health has not been the best for some time past. Assistant Postmaster David Wallace, whose record in the office has been one of which he can justly feel proud, is a prominent candidate for the Republican nomination for county clerk. "Dave" Wallace has added many friends to a naturally healthy list during his term of service in the postoffice.

The transfer of the office will be effected this morning, and the new postmaster will take charge at 10 o'clock. Postoffice Inspector Fletcher will make an invoice of the office, and after he passes on the matter the transfer will be complete. All the books will be balanced by 9 o'clock this morning. There are about $40,000 worth of stamps now in the office.

**Licensed to Wed.**

Marriage licenses were yesterday issued to C. W. Benzinger and Mattie Shelton, Frank C. English and Maria L. Gibson, Robert J. McOwen and Rita C. Pultz, Brandes H. Fisher and Susie C. Dagley, Lewis A. E. Storch and Lizzie Belle Nye, James A. Parker and Nellie G. Tull, Marian Silver and Martha Frances Rogers.

**Another Reception for Candidates.**

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Commercial Travelers' Republican Club last night it was decided to give another reception to candidates. Next Saturday night was chosen for the event. It is the desire of the club that every candidate be present on this occasion.

**New Patrol Wagon Contract.**

To-morrow the contract will be let to build the new patrol wagon. It will be four hundred pounds lighter than the old one, and this lightness will be a great aid in the "hurry-up" runs. The wagon will hold six persons. The old wagon has seen service since 1882.

## LIVE SUBURBAN POLITICS.

### Republican City Convention at West Indianapolis on April 12.

Politics is an absorbing topic in West Indianapolis. The Republican nominating convention to select candidates for the city election will be held in Spencer's Opera House, on Morris street, on April 12, at 8:30 p. m. The primaries will be held in the various precincts on the same night at 7:30 p. m. There will be fifteen delegates chosen from each precinct, and the primaries have been called as follows:

Precinct.
1. No. 20 Birch avenue.
2. No. 54 Marion avenue.
3. Spencer's Opera House.
4. Shay's Hall.
5. Colored church, corner of Reisner and Johnson streets.
6. Brown's grocery, Lynn avenue.
7. Johnson Wallace's, River avenue and Morris street.

The candidates for office are legion. Seven men are seeking to lead the ticket, and all of them are making a canvass such as even the old workers of West Indianapolis never saw before. The proverbial "oldest inhabitant" is forced to admit that there is, at the present time, more politics to the square inch in the western suburb than he has ever witnessed before. The candidates for Mayor are: David Finch, the present clerk to the Town Board; A. B. Tolin, a stock dealer; the Rev. Mr. Mounts, a Methodist minister; D. A. Williamson, a lumber dealer; John Abbett, a mechanic; S. A. Morgan, a contractor, and Mr. Dean.

For city clerk there are three candidates. O. E. Williams, a street-car conductor, will go before the convention seeking the nomination. Charles Lawrence, employed by the Moore Packing Company as superintendent of delivery, will contest the nomination with him, and Steven Sharp, a mechanic employed at Nordyke & Marmon's establishment, will struggle to wrest it from the grasp of each of these.

For treasurer but two candidates have thus far announced themselves, Walter S. Hoss and S. A. Hogue. The former is a hardware dealer and the latter a stock dealer. For city marshal there are four candidates. Michael Maholm, the present marshal, will be a candidate, as will Joseph Jenkins, a former marshal of the town. Elmer Stoddard, a trainman employed on the Belt railroad, and Thomas Perry, employed at the Nordyke & Marmon works, are also candidates.

There are two councilmen to be elected from each of the three wards, and about twenty candidates for the positions.

## A DIVIDEND NEXT WEEK.

### Indianapolis National Creditors Will Get 10 Per Cent. More.

As announced in the Journal some time ago the second dividend, this time of 10 per cent., will be paid Indianapolis National Bank depositors April 10. When this announcement was made the receiver said it was premature and that there was not enough money on hand to make another division. The announcement proved correct, however, and the money will be paid early next week. The dividend checks were sent to Washington yesterday and as soon as the Controller of the Currency returns them they will be distributed. There are 1865 checks aggregating $99,723.29, the smallest check being for 3 cents and the largest for $6,200. Since the first dividend of 25 per cent., 151 claims have been proved and 122 of these paid. The other twenty-nine will be paid with the second dividend and this swells the total to be paid out next week to $101,242.39.

The reports made to Controller Eckels do not furnish grounds for very sanguine expectations of future dividends. The Wasson decision and the shower of suits which followed it had a depressing tendency, and the assets will be very much reduced if the same success attends the efforts of these claimants as attended that of Mr. Wasson.

**Examinaton for Internes Ends.**

The examination for internes at the City Hospital and City Dispensary was completed yesterday at noon. Fourteen students entered the contest and twelve of them completed the examinations. During the progress two dropped out. W. T. Clevenger dropped out on the second day, and J. R. Eastman became dissatisfied on the third day and refused to take the examination. He will appeal to the Board of Health, and that board will decide whether he was justified in withdrawing. Those who completed the examination are: A. J. Cole, A. J. Tutell, A. B. Graham, Dalton Wilson, T. R. Charlton, Samuel Furniss, J. A. Martin, H. W. Greist, C. J. Cook, W. D. Hoskins, John M. Stanley and McCurdy Bricker. The examination yesterday morning was on the practice of medicine by Dr. Bell.

## CITY NEWS NOTES.

The Caledonia Quolting Club has bought a fine piano for its handsome club rooms in the Griffith Block.

The Local Council of Women will hold its second annual meeting at the Propylaeum on April 3 and 4.

E. Crouch, residing at No. 312 Park avenue, last night had a whip and a fur laprobe stolen from his buggy that was standing in front of his residence.

A boy, whose name is known, and who will be arrested, stole two cans of corn from in front of A. R. Hoffman's grocery store, No. 211 Christian avenue, last night.

There will be a gospel temperance meeting at the Criminal Court room this evening, at 4 o'clock. "The Bells," of Madison, Wis., will furnish inspiring music for the occasion.

W. H. Glasscock, Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Wm. H. Elson have gone to Boston on some business connected with the revision of the school books.

There will be a meeting of the executive board of the Industrial School at the residence of Mrs. Blanchard, No. 359 North Pennsylvania street, to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

At St. Paul's Church this evening and to-night the beautiful Easter music will be repeated by the men and boys' choir of forty voices. Rev. G. A. Carstensen will preach at both services.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Mt. Jackson will give an April fool social and conundrum supper Tuesday evening in the chapel. The entertainment is especially arranged for the candidates at large.

By special request, the programme sung at the Easter services at Christ Church will be repeated to-day, morning and evening. The two boy soloists, Edwin Feller, soprano, and Harry Smith, alto, are both phenomenal singers.

A song service will be given this evening at Meridian-street Church. Miss Lund, teacher of music in the Syracuse University, who is visiting here, will sing twice. The programme will embrace "While the Earth Remaineth" (Tours), by the choir; "Nearer, my God, to Thee" (Liebe), by the choir; "Our Life is but a Fading Dawn," by Radecke, and "All Praise to God in Light Arrayed," by Wagner.

The Woman's Home Missionary of Roberts Park Church met Friday afternoon with Mrs. C. F. Rafert, 603 North Delaware street. The society voted a donation of $5 a month towards the support of the Rescue Mission Home, 37 East South street. The programme of the afternoon consisted of a vocal solo by Mrs. Chidester, recitation by Edith Socwell and instrumental solo by Miss Van Camp.

**City's Grounds for a New Trial.**

Yesterday morning City Attorney Scott filed a motion for a new trial in the Big Four sidewalk case. The grounds of the motion are that the court erred in excluding the ordinance of the city prohibiting the driving of vehicles upon sidewalks; in excluding the evidence of Sergeant Hyland as to the act of Higgins; in excluding the ordinance record containing the prohibitory ordinance; in instructing the jury to bring in a verdict for the defendant.

**No Contempt Intended.**

The Board of Health yesterday called upon the Mayor and explained to him that it intended no contempt for the Board of Examiners in going ahead with the examination for internes in the old way. They asked that at the next meeting of the examining board the action of the Health Board be confirmed and noted on the record. This will probably be done.

**To Entertain the Supreme Secretary.**

W. O. Robson, of Boston, the supreme secretary of the Royal Arcanum, will visit this city on April 3. An informal reception will be tendered him by Hoosier Council, No. 394, on Tuesday evening, in their parlors, southwest corner of Seventh and Illinois streets. An interesting programme that says "Come, Welcome, and Fraternize" has been prepared.

**Charged with Robbing a Dummy.**

Charles Hill, colored, was arrested yesterday by detective Thornton on a charge of stealing from a "dummy" in front of Jerusalem church, on Massachusetts avenue. It