

By an arrangement with the American District Telegraph, the benefits of telegraphic summons of Police to any point where their instruments are located have been secured to our citizens.

#### THE WORK-HOUSE.

At the time of the presentation of my last Annual Report, the experiment of letting those sentenced to fines in the Police Court work the same out having been but just entered upon, everything necessary for the purpose had to be provided for. The inclosure alone soon proved insufficient, the transportation of the prisoners to and from the Station House, and their unavoidable mingling there with others still awaiting their trial, occasioned opportunities and dangers which could only be met by providing separate sleeping and boarding accommodations on the grounds where their work was to be done. A wooden structure of pine planks, nailed flat upon each other, was constructed at an expense of \$2,222, containing cells for sixteen prisoners, offering now, together with the mess apartment attached, pretty fair accommodations for this class of petty criminals. The number kept there from December 17, 1875, the time it was opened, to December 31, 1876, was five hundred and forty-eight, of which seventeen remained at the close of the year. The Institution stands charged on the Auditor's books with \$4,533.06 expenditures on its behalf, which would be increased to \$6,975.37 if all the bills had been settled.

The Report of the Superintendent estimates the work performed there, and the stone on hand, at \$6,800, which would prove that the Institution had paid for itself, provided the value estimated can be realized from the material there on hand.

#### TRAMPS.

The care of transient paupers, commonly called tramps, at the Police Station becoming too irksome, bestowing upon the City a heavy expenditure without any return, and even encouraging the professionals in their depredatory habits, it was agreed upon in a conference of City officials, called at my suggestion, to make provision for such wanderers or strollers