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SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOLEDO POLICE BOARD.

TO THE HONORABLE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF TOLEDO:

Gentlemen:—Conformably with the provisions of the law under which the Police Department of our City is organized and governed, the Police Board respectfully submit to your honorable body this, their second annual report of affairs relating to the practical workings and condition of our Police system for the year ending February 28th, 1870.

THE BOARD IS NOW COMPOSED OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS.

WILLIAM KRAUS, *ex officio* member and President.

W. H. SMITH,	1st District.	PATRICK MURRY,	5th District.
T. B. CASEY,	2d “	HORACE B. OLDS,	6th “
PAUL JONES,	3d “	B. H. HITCHCOCK,	7th “
GEORGE MEISSNER,	4th “	J. S. ACKLIN,	8th “
		J. T. GREER,	Secretary.

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THE FOLLOWING ARE THE STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD.

- On Finance*—Messrs. Hitchcock, Casey and Acklin.
- On Station House*—Messrs. Casey, Murry and Meissner.
- On Discipline*—Messrs. Smith, Olds and Jones.
- On Membership*—Messrs. Jones, Murray and Meissner.

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OFFICE OF THE BOARD, &C.

The public office of the Board and Secretary is now in the old station house on Monroe Street, but during the time from July 12th, 1869, until February 12th, 1870, their office was in Campbell's Block, on the corner of St. Clair and Jefferson Streets. At the time the Board decided to remove their office the old station house was in such a bad condition that it was really unfit for occupancy, but after the Board removed from it, the building was put under repairs, being raised so as to conform to the new grade of Monroe Street, a new foundation wall put under it, and such other repairs made as were deemed necessary to fit it for police purposes until the completion of the new station house; this being done, the Board deemed it advisable to remove back to their old office, and thereby save paying rent for an office.

Regular meetings of the Board are held on the first and third Wednesdays of every Month, and special meetings are held whenever exigencies demand it. There were thirty-eight meetings of the Board held during the year. It has been the aim of the Board to keep a careful surveillance over the force at all times, and promptly investigate any and all matters coming to their knowledge pertaining to the inefficiency or misconduct of any members thereof.

POLICE FORCE.

The force now consists of twenty-six men, as follows: One Captain, who is the Acting Superintendent; two Detectives, two Sergeants and twenty-one Patrolmen. Several members of the present force received their appointment while the Metropolitan Police Law was in force, and they have been continued in the service by the Board since the time of their respective appointments. The name, rank, nativity, date of appointment or promotion, and salary of each member of the force, are all included in the following statement, to-wit:

NAME AND RANK.	NATIVITY.	DATE OF FIRST APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, &C.	AMOUNT OF SALARY.
Wm. P. Scott, Captain and Acting Superintendent.	United States,	Appointed April 27, 1867; promoted to Captain June 3, 1867, and promoted to Captain and Acting Sup't June 6, 1868.	\$1,200 00
E. S. Hanks, Detective,	United States,	Appointed April 27, 1867,	900 00
J. A. Parker, "	United States,	Appointed April 27, 1867; promoted to Detective April 16, '69.	900 00
Patrick Horan, Sergeant,	Ireland, . .	Appointed April 27, 1867; promoted to Sergeant June 6, '68.	900 00
Henry Stricker, "	Germany, .	Appointed April 27, 1867; promoted to Serg't June 3, '67, and re-appointed Serg't June 6, '68,	900 00
Henry Bodinus, Patrolman,	Germany, .	May 19, 1869,	800 00
Constantine Boshart, "	Germany, . .	June 6, 1868,	800 00
Thomas Byrne, "	Ireland, . .	June 21, 1869,	800 00
Geo. L. Beach, "	United States,	January 20, 1870,	800 00
Joseph Colomy, "	United States,	October 6, 1869,	800 00
Gustavus Duden, "	Germany, .	December 7, 1869,	800 00
James Gafney, "	Ireland, . .	June 6, 1868,	800 00
Wm. T. Hall, "	United States,	June 2, 1869,	800 00
Henry Hugh, "	Germany, .	June 21, 1869,	800 00
David Howe, "	United States,	November 8, 1869,	800 00
Michael Kailey, "	Ireland, . .	January 20, 1870,	800 00
G. W. Kirk, "	United States,	April 27, 1867,	800 00
John T. Mason, "	Switzerland,	November 20, 1867,	800 00
Richard U. Mayne, "	England, .	August 5, 1868,	800 00
Michael Nary, "	Ireland, . .	June 6, 1868,	800 00
J. J. Nohl, "	Germany, .	August 11, 1868,	800 00
Thomas Purtle,	Ireland, . .	June 21, 1869,	800 00
Jacob Rudolph, "	Germany, .	April 27, 1867,	800 00
Daniel Richards, "	United States,	April 16, 1868,	800 00
David C. Smith, "	United States,	April 21, 1869,	800 00
L. B. Van Hoosen. "	United States,	July 6, 1867,	800 00

G. W. Kirk has filled the position of Turnkey ever since his appointment of the force.

In addition to the regular force there were twenty-five men appointed as special police force to serve during the week of the State Fair, held in our City in the Month of September, 1869. The appointment of this special force was made by the Board with the concurrence of your honorable body.

RESIGNATIONS, DISMISSALS AND APPOINTMENTS.

The resignations of five patrolmen have been tendered and accepted, six patrolmen have been dismissed from the force, nine have been appointed and two have been re-instated during the year.

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HEALTH AND DISCIPLINE.

The health of force has been uniformly good during the year, considering the great exposure incident to the faithful performance of police duty. Almost the entire time lost by sickness has resulted from extra duty and exposure to which members of the force were subjected. During the time of the last State Fair the duties of the police were unusually severe, the men being required to remain on duty eighteen to twenty hours out of twenty-four, but they all discharged the duties thus imposed upon them with zeal and fidelity, and without complaint. No effort has been spared to keep the force under a strict discipline at all times, and promote a spirit of harmony and good feeling among the members; believing, as we do, that these are essential elements in making the force effective.

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CRIME AND ARRESTS.

The total number of arrests made during the year for all grades of crime and offenses committed within the City and its vicinity is 1436, of which 1227 were males and 209 females, 1339 were white and 97 were colored. The following statistical report shows the various grades of crime and offenses for which persons were arrested and turned over to the proper authorities, to-wit :

STATE CASES.

Assault and Battery,	181	Murder, 2d degree,	
Arson,	13	Manslaughter,	
Assault with intent to wound,	4	Malicious destruction of property,	
Assault with intent to kill,	6	Malicious trespass,	
Amalgamation,	2	Maiming,	
Adultery,	2	Obtaining property by false pretenses,	
Burglary,	15	Obtaining money by false pretenses,	
Cutting with intent to kill,	1	Petit Larceny,	12
Carrying concealed weapons,	3	Perjury,	
Deserting Vessel,	2	Passing counterfeit money,	
Destroying property,	9	Refusing to assist officers,	
Embezzlement,	3	Resisting officers,	
Fornication,	1	Robbery,	
Forgery,	2	Receiving stolen goods,	
Grand Larceny,	30	Stabbing with intent to kill,	
Horse Stealing,	3	Secreting stolen goods,	
House Breaking,	5	Search warrant,	
Incest,	1	Selling goods without license, (auction)	
Kidnapping,	3	To keep the peace,	
Murder, 1st degree,	1		
		Total,	43

CITY CASES.

Abusing family,	2	Keeping house of ill-fame,	16
Abusive language,	5	Keeping disorderly house,	4
Buying old metal from minors,	2	Keeping gambling table,	2
Committing nuisance,	3	Obstructing street,	2
Cruelty to animals,	2	Obscene language,	4
Drunkenness,	507	Passing liquor to prisoners,	2
Disturbance,	253	Posting bills without permission,	1
Defacing buildings,	3	Provoking breach of the peace,	2
Draying without license,	2	Residing in houses of ill-fame,	16
Driving on sidewalk,	2	Slaughtering in City limits,	2
Fast driving,	6	Shooting in City limits,	2
Female dressing in male attire,	1	Vagrancy,	70
Gambling,	8	Visiting houses of ill-fame,	49
Insulting females,	3	Violating fire ordinance,	3
Injuring property,	4	Violating cow ordinance,	1
Indecent exposure of person,	5		
		Total,	984

MISCELLANEOUS.

Deserters from U. S. Army,	4	Deserters from U. S. Navy,	5
		Total,	9

RECAPITULATION.

Total arrests for violating State Laws,	443
Total arrests for violating City Ordinances,	984
Miscellaneous arrests,	9
Total arrests,	1436

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DISPOSAL OF ARRESTED PERSONS.

The following disposition was made of persons arrested during the year, to-wit:

Bound over to Court Common Pleas, 50	<i>Nolle entered,</i>	25
Banished from City, 109	Remanded to U. S. authorities,	9
Discharged, 195	Sentenced to reform farm,	4
Fined, cost only, 128	Undisposed of,	2
Fined, 578		
Imprisoned, 336	Total,	1436

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FINES AND COSTS.

The subjoined statement shows the amount of fines and costs imposed upon and collected from persons arrested by the police department, to-wit:

CITY CASES.

Total amount assessed,	\$ 10,792 64
Total amount collected,	5,815 49

STATE CASES.

Total amount assessed,	\$ 1,683 73
Total amount collected,	275 90

RECAPITULATION.

Total amount of costs assessed in City and State cases,	\$ 12,476 37
Total amount of costs collected in City and State cases,	6,091 39

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CHAIN GANG AND IMPRISONMENT.

Total number days labor on chain gang by arrested persons up to July 1st, 1869, at which time this system was abolished,	3,378
Total number days of imprisonment during the year,	3,229

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NATIVITY AND RESPECTIVE AGES OF ARRESTED PERSONS.

Americans,	513	Scotch,	7
English,	39	Swiss,	4
French,	54	Colored,	97
Germans,	227	Total,	1498
Irish,	495		

AGES.

Between 10 and 15 years of age,	58	Between 35 and 45 years of age,	379
“ 15 and 25 “ “	304	Over 45 years of age,	91
“ 25 and 35 “ “	613	Total,	1498

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NUMBER OF ARRESTS MADE IN EACH MONTH.

March,	90	October,	127
April,	129	November,	102
May,	155	December,	110
June,	168	January,	67
July,	134	February,	71
August,	142	Total,	1498
September,	165		

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STOLEN MONEY AND PROPERTY.

Value of money and property reported stolen during the year,	\$ 9,882 00
Value of same recovered and returned to owners,	7,890 00

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MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS.

Doors of Stores found open,	
Doors of Banks found open,	
Lost children found and returned to parents,	
Lodgers at station house,	
Sick and disabled persons assisted by police,	
Estray horses returned to owners,	
There were six hundred and twenty-four meals furnished lodgers at station house by the Turnkey, at a cost to the city of \$124.80.	

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FINANCE—POLICE FUND.

73 90	Balance in Treasury after paying all expenses incurred prior to March 1st, 1869,	\$ 2,505 46
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RECEIPTS.

37 39	Amount received from collection of taxes on duplicate of June, 1869,	\$ 11,746 48
	From sale of police cloth,	250 17
	From sale of unclaimed goods and costs,	55 78
	From rent of police court room,	92 56
	Amount received from collection of taxes on duplicate of Dec., 1869,	13,555 00
378 229	Total receipts,	\$ 28,205 45

DISBURSEMENTS.

7 4 97	Pay and salaries,	\$ 21,483 83
	Rent of Police Rooms in Campbell's block,	319 28
	For police cloth,	446 38
	For all other purposes,	622 49
136	Total disbursements,	\$ 22,871 98
170 91	Total receipts,	\$ 28,205 45
	Total disbursements,	22,871 98
136	Balance in Treasury March 2d, 1870,	\$ 5,333 47

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LIFE AND HEALTH FUND.

This fund is raised by deducting a per centage from rewards received by policemen for extra or meritorious services, and the object of raising and setting it apart is to afford relief to policemen who may become temporarily injured while in the performance of duty. The condition of this fund is as follows:

36	Amount on hand March 1, 1869,	\$ 294 88
	Amount received during the year,	252 98
	Amount of dividends on money deposited in Savings Bank,	20 69
00 00	Total,	\$ 568 55

DISBURSEMENTS.

7 1 21	Amount paid for temporary relief of policeman injured while in the discharge of his duty,	\$ 10 00
1 99	Balance on hand,	\$ 558 55

The Life and Health Fund is deposited in the Northwestern Savings Depository, where it draws 6 per cent. interest payable semi-annually. It may be proper to state in this connection that no policeman is permitted to receive any gift or reward without the consent of the Police Board, and all gifts or rewards received by members of the force are paid over to the Board for disposal.

SUGGESTIONS, &c.

The Board would take this opportunity of calling the attention of your honorable body to the increasing evils growing out of the indiscriminate sale of intoxicating liquors in our city, and we are impressed with the necessity of the passage of an Ordinance restraining the sale of all intoxicating beverages during certain hours of the night. The blighting and corrupting influences resulting from the unrestrained sale of inebriating drinks, are too apparent to every thoughtful person, to require special mention from us, and the peace, quiet and good order of our city demand that some restraint should be put upon this evil, for it is quite apparent that a very large amount of drinking, and its concomitant evils, occur in the night time, and we are of the belief that if drinking saloons and all places of habitual resort for tippling or intemperance, were to be closed at an early hour in the evening many of the existing evil consequences would be abated, and the general peace and quiet of our citizens promoted. We would therefore suggest that your honorable body pass an ordinance requiring saloon keepers to close their respective places of business by 10 or 11 o'clock on each and every evening, and prohibiting the sale, or giving away of any intoxicating drinks from that hour until 5 o'clock in the morning, and making it a penal offense for each and every violation thereof.

Before concluding their report the Board would respectfully invite your attention to the subject of a Work House, or House of Correction. There is an urgent necessity now existing in our city for such an institution, and we would suggest and earnestly recommend that immediate steps be taken to secure the necessary grounds, and the erection of suitable buildings thereon for Work House purposes. On the first of July, 1869, the chain gang system was abolished, and since that time there has been no suitable place provided for prisoners to work, and in default of payment of fines imposed, they have been committed to prison and fed at the expense of the city for a specified time, and no discrimination could be made in regard to ages or grade of offenses, but all had to be committed and associated together. From the most reliable sources of information obtainable we are safe in estimating the number of vagrant boys in our city at two hundred; many of these boys, who are without homes, and are now taking daily lessons in schools of vice, might be reclaimed and reformed if the proper place were provided for them.

We are of the belief that a House of Correction should not be provided and maintained by our city alone, but that the city and county should join in the matter, so that the entire county might enjoy the benefits of such an institution. There is no doubt that by a judicious and proper investment and management such an institution might soon be made self-sustaining in our county, and in proof of this we desire to call your attention to a statement of the financial result of the Detroit House of Correction contained in the Seventh Annual Report of the officers of that institution, which shows a surplus of \$55,968.12 over expenses in maintaining the institution during a period of seven years of its existence.

In conclusion, we deem it but justice to say that the members of the police force have performed their respective duties faithfully and efficiently during the year, and that the force is now in a good working condition, and the Board pledge their best efforts in promoting a faithful and economical administration of this department of our city government.

J. T. GREER, *Secretary.*

WM. KRAUS, *President.*