

REPORT

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

TOLEDO POLICE BOARD

YEAR ENDING MARCH 24th, 1873.

REPORT.

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ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD.

W. W. Jones, Mayor, *ex-officio* member and President:

1st District—A. L. Backus.	5th District—Patrick Murray.
2d “ Geo. Stetter.	6th “ J. Squire.
3d “ Paul Jones.	7th “ W. H. McLyman.
4th “ John Faskin.	8th “ M. McGrath.

J. T. Greer, Secretary.

J. C. Purdy, Captain and acting Superintendent of Police.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

Claims and Accounts—Messrs. McLyman, Squire and Murray.

On Station House—Messrs. Stetter, McGrath and McLyman.

On Applications and Membership—Messrs. McGrath, McLyman and Faskin.

On Discipline—Messrs. Murray, Jones and Backus.

On Official Papers—Messrs. Backus, Faskin and Murray.

OFFICE OF THE POLICE BOARD, }
TOLEDO, OHIO, MARCH 19th, 1873. }

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN: Another fiscal year having closed, it becomes our duty to submit to your honorable body a report of the workings of the Police Department, the cost of maintaining it, as well as its condition and efficiency.

We therefore take pleasure in laying before you the Fifth Annual Report of this Department, for the year ending February 28, 1873, with the hope that it may enable you to determine the measure of success attending our efforts in the management of this branch of our municipal government. No events of an extraordinary character have transpired during the year to disturb the peace and quietness of our community, and the prevalence of peace and good order, combined with the advancement made in all those things essential to the general attractiveness and continued growth and prosperity of our City make the present an occasion of our hearty congratulations to you and your constituents.

While we have not been free from the depredations of criminals, it will be found, by looking over the calendar of crimes and offences, that the number ranking under the deeper grades of crime is not more than an average of other years, and not unusually large when compared with the statistics of crime in other cities. We cheerfully bear testimony to the uniform vigilance and faith-

fulness with which the different members of the force have discharged the duties assigned to and obligatory upon them. The city being scattered over a large extent of territory, necessarily renders the duties of our limited Police force arduous, and demands close watchfulness and persevering industry on the part of every Policeman.

The arrest and conviction of criminals do not tend so much to effect a wholesome restraint upon evil-doers, as punishment commensurate to the crime or offense committed, and our city has been sadly at a loss in the matter of providing punishment of such a character, in each particular case, as is best calculated to deter others from the commission of crime, and, at the same time, develop better traits of character in the criminal himself, as the confinement of all grades and ages of offenders in one prison is not calculated to produce beneficial results in either of the particulars above mentioned. Wherever idleness exists to any great extent its pernicious influences are deeply felt in society, as it is ever one of the inciting causes in the perpetration of crime, and no marked transformation in the character of the criminal can reasonably be expected so long as his punishment consists solely in imprisonment, with no facilities or opportunities for employment of any kind.

In view of these glaring truths, we cannot urge in too strong terms the propriety and actual necessity of establishing and erecting a Work House, to which criminals may, in the discretion of the Court, be sentenced to hard labor during the term of imprisonment. While such an institution might not be remunerative for a few years, it is believed that even no pecuniary loss would accrue to the City in the outlay of a sufficient sum of money to erect suitable buildings, grounds being owned by the City for that purpose, as the amount actually expended during the past four years for boarding prisoners and Jailor's fees, would fully pay the interest on bonds for a sum amply sufficient to erect the required buildings, and with a proper and judicious management of such an institution, its receipts would certainly pay the cost of boarding the convicts. But pecuniary considerations should not be the controlling guide in this matter, as the paramount object to be attained looks to the reformation of the prisoner, and has direct reference to the beneficial results that may be derived in the endeavor to transform the evil propensities of the criminal into truer and nobler principles of manhood and elements of usefulness in society.

Upon a reorganization of the Board in April last, subsequent to the election of members from the Second, Fourth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Districts, a thorough revision was made of the rules and regulations for the government of the Police Force, as well as the Police Board, and the duties of the various officers and members of the Force were more clearly and specifically defined, and the ordinance passed by the Council for the regulation and government of the City Prison was embodied with the other rules, and all printed in book form. Every Policeman is furnished with a copy of these rules and regulations, and is held to a strict observance of them in the performance of Police duties.

In accordance with the provisions of the ordinance passed January 15, 1872, for the management of the City Prison, the Mayor appointed, July 26, 1872, two turnkeys for said prison, and this appointment was confirmed by the Council, by which arrangement the Board was empowered to add two men to the patrol force, as the duties of Turnkeys had hitherto been performed by two of the Patrolmen. There is also one Detective in addition to the number formerly employed on the Force, making the full number of the regular force twenty-seven, classified as follows: One Captain, who is *ex-officio* the Superintendent; three Detectives; two Sergeants, and twenty-one Patrolmen. For the names, rank, time of appointment and salary of the different members of the Force, see the annexed tabular list:

MEMBERSHIP OF POLICE FORCE.

NAME AND RANK.	NATIONALITY.	DATE OF APPOINTMENT.	SALARY
CAPTAIN.			
J. C. Purdy.....	United States.....	May 15, 1872.....	\$1200
SERGEANTS.			
Henry Stricher.....	Germany.....	June 3, 1867.....	900
Ed McCarty*.....	United States.....	Feb. 7, 1872.....	900
DETECTIVES.			
E. S. Hanks.....	United States.....	April 27, 1867.....	900
J. G. Burbank.....	Canada.....	April 27, 1872.....	900
H. D. Kingsbury.....	United States.....	August 8, 1872.....	900
PATROLMEN.			
Henry Bodinus.....	Germany.....	May 19, 1869.....	800
Patrick Bolan.....	Ireland.....	January 3, 1872.....	800
Thomas Byrne.....	Ireland.....	August 8, 1872.....	800
Ed. O'Dwyer.....	Ireland.....	July 19, 1871.....	800
David Howe.....	United States.....	November 8, 1869.....	800
Henry Hugh.....	Switzerland.....	June 2, 1871.....	800
Mathias Kramer.....	Germany.....	September 18, 1872.....	800
Thos. Marker.....	United States.....	April 6, 1870.....	800
John T. Masson.....	Switzerland.....	November 20, 1867.....	800
C. H. McGuire.....	Ireland.....	June 21, 1871.....	800
M. McLaughlin.....	United States.....	February 21, 1872.....	800
Michael Nary.....	Ireland.....	June 6, 1868.....	800
J. J. Nohl.....	Switzerland.....	August 8, 1872.....	800
Henry Schwarz.....	Germany.....	August 8, 1872.....	800
Wm. P. Scott.....	United States.....	May 15, 1872.....	800
David W. Stroud.....	United States.....	February 7, 1872.....	800
John M. Sullivan.....	Ireland.....	November 2, 1870.....	800
A. Van Dusen.....	United States.....	September 7, 1870.....	800
Jacob Vetter.....	Germany.....	December 21, 1870.....	800
H. C. Wagner.....	United States.....	January 4, 1871.....	800
Joseph Zeigan.....	France.....	April 25, 1872.....	800

*Promoted from Patrolman.

The men named in the foregoing list constitute the regular Force and are paid from the Police Fund, but in addition thereto, there are two Turnkeys at the Central Station, appointed by the Mayor with assent of the Council, and one Turnkey for the lock-up in East Toledo; one Special Policeman for the Stock Yards, and vicinity, in the 6th Ward, and two Sanitary Policemen, appointed by the Board and confirmed by the Council. The Turnkeys at Central Station and the Sanitary Policemen are each paid \$800, the Turnkey for lock-up in 6th Ward and Special Policeman in that Ward are paid \$300 each, per annum, and the funds provided by the Council for their payment. Only one regular Policeman being kept on duty in the 6th Ward, and the distance being so remote from the Central Station, it was deemed best to provide some place in that part of the City for the safe confinement of prisoners over night, and upon the recommendation of this Board the Council, during the early part of last year, caused three cells to be fitted up in the Engine House on Cherry street, and by doing so it became necessary to appoint a Turnkey to take charge of the prisoners confined at that place.

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CHANGES.

The following changes have been made in the membership of the Force during the year, viz: Dismissed from the service: One Captain, one Detective and three Patrolmen, and the resignation of one Patrolman accepted. Twelve written complaints were made against Policemen during the year, as follows: For visiting saloons and drunkenness, five; neglect of duty, five; incompetency, one; and for maltreating prisoner, one. On these complaints four were dismissed, one fined, five of the charges decided as frivolous, two on file, and one not disposed of.

Fifty-five applications for positions on the Force were received during the year, and there are now one hundred applications on file. Of the appointments made there was one Captain, two Detectives and six Patrolmen.

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DIVISION OF LABOR.

The duty required of the different members remains about the same as stated in our last report. Fourteen Patrolmen are kept on night and seven on day duty, each man serving two weeks on night to one of day duty. One Sergeant is on duty at all times, changing about from night to day duty. One Detective is also kept on night duty, and one is required to attend all the sittings and execute the orders of the Police Court.

HOURS OF DUTY.

The Day Force enter upon duty at half-past 7 o'clock, A. M., and are relieved at 7 o'clock P. M., and the Night Force go on duty at 7 o'clock P. M., and remain until 5 o'clock A. M. All Policemen are required to report at the Station House, which is the headquarters of the Force before entering upon duty, as well as when relieved. Night Patrolmen perform ten hours, and day Patrolmen eleven and one-half hours of duty. The force is usually required to attend drill once a week, the exception being in cases of extreme cold or warm weather.

HEALTH AND DISCIPLINE.

The health of the Force has been fully on an average with that of former years. The entire number of days lost by sickness is $131\frac{3}{4}$, or less than five days to each man; there were $52\frac{3}{4}$ days lost by leave of absence granted to members. One Patrolman was so severely injured in making the arrest of rough characters, as to disable him from service for fifteen days.

The discipline of the Force has been good, and the men have generally complied with the rules and regulations prescribed by the Board, and the orders issued by the Superintendent. All complaints made to the Board have been promptly inquired into and disposed of in such a manner as the nature of them seemed to require.

SUMMARY OF ARRESTS.

The following tabular statements show the various crimes and offenses for which persons were arrested during the past year, and the number arrested for each of said offenses during the three years preceding:

VIOLATION OF STATE LAWS.

	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.
Adultery.....	2	2	--	4
Abusing Officer.....	--	--	--	1
Amalgamation.....	2	--	--	--
Arson.....	13	1	--	2
Assault with intent to kill.....	6	2	10	10
Assault with intent to wound.....	4	3	1	--
Assault with intent to commit rape.....	--	--	4	2
Assault.....	1	--	3	--
Assault and battery.....	181	232	254	54
Carried Forward.....	209	240	272	73

VIOLATION OF STATE LAWS—CONTINUED.

	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.
Brought Forward.....	120	240	272	73
Assault with intent to rob.....	--	--	1	1
Attachment for Contempt of Court.....	--	1	--	--
Attempt to produce abortion.....	--	--	--	1
Bigamy.....	15	14	11	23
Burglary.....	--	3	--	--
Buying stolen property.....	3	4	16	9
Carrying concealed weapons.....	--	--	--	2
Concealing stolen goods.....	--	--	--	2
Confidence game.....	--	--	2	1
Contempt of Court.....	--	--	1	--
Cutting with intent to wound.....	--	--	--	7
Cruelty to animals.....	--	3	--	--
Cutting trees unlawfully.....	1	--	--	2
Cutting with intent to kill.....	3	--	--	--
Deserting vessels.....	--	--	4	2
Disturbing religious meetings.....	3	3	4	5
Embezzlement.....	--	--	2	--
Fighting at fisticuffs.....	1	--	3	1
Fornication.....	3	5	6	1
Forgery.....	--	--	1	11
Gambling.....	30	28	26	63
Grand Larceny.....	3	8	3	4
Horse stealing.....	5	--	--	--
House breaking.....	--	--	--	1
Illegal voting.....	--	--	--	1
Infanticide.....	1	--	--	--
Incest.....	3	--	--	1
Kidnapping.....	1	2	2	--
Maiming.....	2	1	--	2
Manslaughter.....	3	3	--	--
Murder.....	2	7	6	7
Obtaining money and goods under false pretences.....	2	--	--	1
Passing counterfeit money.....	--	--	--	1
Passing bogus coin.....	2	13	10	8
Peace warrants.....	--	--	5	1
Pickpockets.....	1	5	3	2
Purjury.....	122	154	124	205
Petit larceny.....	--	--	--	3
Prize fighting.....	--	--	--	1
Rape.....	3	--	3	10
Receiving stolen goods.....	7	--	--	1
Refusing to assist officers.....	7	22	12	4
Resisting officers.....	--	--	--	1
Retaining lost property.....	3	4	8	19
Robbery.....	1	--	--	--
Secreting stolen goods.....	--	--	--	5
Shooting with intent to kill.....	1	--	--	--
Selling goods at auction without license.....	--	2	--	2
Selling liquor on election day.....	1	7	--	--
Search warrants.....	1	--	5	5
Stabbing with intent to kill.....	--	2	1	--
Stabbing with intent to wound.....	--	--	--	1
Stabbing with intent to maim.....	--	1	--	1
Threatening to shoot.....	--	15	3	2
Violating liquor law.....	--	--	--	--
Total.....	850	547	524	491

MISCELLANEOUS ARRESTS DURING PAST YEAR.

Deserter from United States Army.....	1	On suspicion.....	17
Fugitives from justice.....	3	On telegram.....	6
Lunacy.....	1		
Total.....			27

VIOLATION OF CITY ORDINANCES.

	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.
Abusing Family.....	2	13	9	24
Assault.....	--	--	--	6
Assault and battery.....	--	--	--	287
Begging.....	--	--	3	--
Bathing in city limits.....	--	--	--	5
Breaking street lamps.....	--	3	--	108
Breaking windows.....	--	--	--	2
Buying metal from minors.....	2	3	--	--
Carrying concealed weapons.....	--	--	--	7
Cruelty to animals.....	2	--	--	--
Defacing buildings, &c.,.....	3	--	--	11
Disturbance.....	253	326	395	428
Destroying property.....	--	--	25	5
Door-breaking.....	--	--	--	1
Drunkenness.....	507	502	611	762
Fast driving.....	6	8	1	3
Female dressing in male attire.....	1	2	--	--
Indecent exposure of person.....	5	7	12	3
Injuring property.....	4	2	--	--
Insulting females.....	3	15	12	8
Gambling.....	8	--	--	--
Keeping disorderly houses.....	4	5	9	6
Keeping houses of ill-fame.....	16	50	30	11
Malicious destruction of property.....	--	--	--	10
Molesting procession.....	--	--	--	1
Nuisance.....	3	9	13	1
Obstructing streets.....	2	3	4	3
Peddling without license.....	--	3	1	--
Passing liquor to prisoners.....	2	4	3	1
Posting bills without permission.....	1	--	--	--
Prostitution.....	--	--	--	7
Provoking breach of peace.....	2	--	--	--
Reputed pickpockets.....	--	--	--	3
Residing in houses of ill-fame.....	16	81	59	19
Resisting officers.....	--	--	--	14
Selling goods at auction without license.....	--	5	--	--
Slaughtering within city limits.....	2	3	--	1
Selling stale meats.....	--	3	2	--
Shooting at target within city limits.....	2	3	3	1
Using abusive language.....	5	4	--	2
Using obscene language.....	4	7	--	6
Vagrancy.....	70	60	64	73
Violating dray ordinance.....	2	4	2	6
Violating fire ordinance.....	3	4	5	--
Violating Sidewalk ordinance.....	2	--	--	1
Violating cow ordinance.....	1	--	--	--
Violating bridge ordinance.....	--	2	2	3
Violating sign ordinance.....	--	--	4	--
Visiting room for purposes of prostitution.....	--	--	2	6
Visiting house of ill-fame.....	49	107	86	38
Total.....	982	1178	1377	1710

RECAPITULATION.

For the violation of State Laws.....	492
For the violation of city ordinances.....	1,710
Miscellaneous arrests.....	27
Total.....	2,229

ARRESTS IN EACH MONTH.

March, 1872.....	125	September, 1872.....	234
April, 1872.....	163	October, 1872.....	184
May, 1872.....	185	November, 1872.....	204
June, 1872.....	225	December, 1872.....	172
July, 1872.....	228	January, 1873.....	154
August, 1872.....	231	February, 1873.....	124
Total.....	2,229		

AGES.

Under 15 years of age.....	194
Between 15 and 25 years of age.....	642
Between 25 and 35 years of age.....	764
Between 35 and 45 years of age.....	358
Over 45 years of age.....	271
Total.....	2,229

Of the number arrested and classified under those born in the United States, about thirty-two per cent., or 321, were of foreign born parents.

Fifty per cent., or 334, of the persons arrested were unable to read or write; thirty-two per cent., or 714, were able to read only; thirty-eight per cent., or 847, could read and write, but were illiterate; and fifteen per cent., or 334, were persons of a liberal education.

OCCUPATIONS.

The occupations of persons arrested were as follows:

Agents.....	35	Lumbermen.....	19
Barbers.....	16	Machinists.....	16
Bartenders.....	25	Masons.....	77
Blacksmiths.....	28	Merchants.....	16
Boatmen.....	118	Moulders.....	27
Butchers.....	6	Painters.....	44
Carpenters.....	59	Physicians.....	3
Cigar Makers.....	31	Printers.....	33
Clerks.....	31	Prostitutes.....	98
Confectioners.....	6	Railroadmen.....	99
Contractors.....	12	Rowdies.....	5
Coopers.....	21	Sailors.....	99
Farmers.....	79	Saloon-keepers.....	75
Firemen.....	2	Scholars.....	139
Gasfitters.....	16	Servants.....	89
Gardeners.....	16	Shoemakers.....	29
Janitors.....	3	Showmen.....	31
Lawyers.....	4	Stvedores.....	49
Laborers.....	485	Swindlers.....	40
Laundresses.....	38	Tailors.....	19
Loafers.....	174	Tinsmiths.....	19
Total.....	2,229		

Two thousand and eighty of the persons arrested were males, and one hundred and forty-eight females.

HOW DISPOSED OF.

The following disposition was made of the persons arrested on the various charges specified, viz.:

Bound over to Court of Common Pleas.....	76
Cases dismissed for want of prosecution.....	29
Cases discontinued.....	44
Discharged upon promise to leave the City.....	19
Discharged on payment of costs.....	145
Discharged.....	279
Fined.....	745
Fined and imprisoned.....	691
Nolle prosequi.....	64
Placed under bonds to keep the peace.....	4
Remanded to officials from abroad.....	21
Remanded to United States authorities.....	1
Sentence suspended.....	107
Sent to Asylum.....	2
Sent to Infirmary.....	2
Total.....	2,229

YEARLY STATEMENT OF ARRESTS.

The aggregate number of arrests during the past four years are as follows:

For year ending February 28, 1870.....	1,436
For year ending February 28, 1871.....	1,831
For year ending February 29, 1872.....	1,945
For year ending February 28, 1873.....	2,229
Total.....	7,441

NATIONALITY OF PRISONERS.

The records kept by those in immediate charge of the City Prison show the place of birth of persons arrested during the year, as follows:

Canada.....	83	Poland.....	8
Denmark.....	4	Scotland.....	32
England.....	73	Sweden.....	7
France.....	27	Switzerland.....	22
Germany.....	254	United States.....	1,072
Ireland.....	490	Indians.....	4
Italy.....	4	Negroes.....	149
Total.....		Total.....	2,329

LOST AND STOLEN PROPERTY.

Money and property to the aggregate value of \$4,852 10 were reported to the police department and of this amount \$2,509 09 were recovered, the greater portion of which was legally identified and returned to the owners.

There being a considerable accumulation of property, of various kinds, which being kept for several months without the proper proofs of identity and ownership being furnished, was sold at public auction last December by order of the Board, and the proceeds, after paying expenses attending the sale, deposited to the credit of the Life and Health Fund.

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LODGERS.

During the year there were 1,478 lodgings furnished at the Station House, mostly to transient poor, and of this number 1,405 were males and 73 females. The cost to the City of furnishing meals to lodgers during the year was ninety-nine dollars and twenty-five cents.

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MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS.

Under the above heading may be enumerated the following occurrences, casualties, &c., coming to the knowledge and receiving the attention of the Police during the year, viz: Accidents, 19, of which number 13 were fatal; attempted suicides, 3; burglaries, 26; child desertion, 1; dead bodies found, 4; drowned, 9; doors of stores and other business places found open, 43; fires, 28; horses without owners found, 13; horses and vehicles without owners found, 1; runaway horses, 1; lost children found and returned to parents, 49; mysterious disappearance of persons, 3; suicides, 4; sudden deaths, 2; sick and disabled persons assisted by Police, 38.

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FINES AND COSTS.

Fines and costs were assessed and collected by the Police Court, during the respective months of the year, as follows:

1872. Month.	City Cases.		State Cases.	
	Assessed.	Collected.	Assessed.	Collected.
March.....	\$ 897 00	\$ 320 70	\$ 237 60	\$ 52 00
April.....	978 80	422 60	181 60	16 40
May.....	1,054 20	609 70	280 80	4 20
June.....	1,528 03	597 43	385 40	97 40
July.....	1,601 40	751 20	193 00	75 60
August.....	1,328 26	656 55	276 60	150 40
September.....	1,188 32	746 51	530 80	197 51
October.....	1,129 60	716 28	411 40	230 00
November.....	1,333 20	800 28	258 40	160 60
December.....	1,039 70	415 67	452 60	82 60
1873.				
January.....	738 40	200 70	393 60	60 60
February.....	762 10	324 10	344 80	91 20
Total.....	\$13,629 01	\$6,561 72	\$3,946 60	\$1,218 51

Total amount assessed in City and State cases	\$17,575 61
Total amount collected in City and State cases	7,780 23
No. days imprisonment in City cases	7,356
No. days imprisonment in State cases	2,725

Making the aggregate number of days of imprisonment to which criminals were sentenced during the year 10,081, or 1,348 days in excess of the number for the preceding year.

COST OF KEEPING CITY PRISONERS.

The following statement shows the amount paid during the different months of the year, on account of boarding prisoners and jailor's fees at the county jail, viz.:

March, 1872	\$262 05	April, 1872	\$ 169 86
May, 1872	181 34	June, 1872	341 43
July, 1872	369 32	August, 1872	339 50
September, 1872	278 85	October, 1872	196 26
November	231 72	December, 1872	195 39
January, 1873	142 47	February, 1873	76 53
Total			\$2,734 72
Cost of boarding prisoners at City Prison			313 66
Total Cost			\$3,048 38
Amount for year ending February 29, 1872			3,482 85
Amount for year ending February 28, 1871			2,819 00
Total amount paid during three years			\$9,350 23

Believing that it would be a saving of expense to board prisoners sentenced for a short term, at the City Prison, the necessary facilities for cooking were provided last December, and a large number of prisoners have been furnished with food, since that time, at the City Prison, and the average daily cost has not exceeded twenty cents, or about two-fifths the amount paid for boarding them at the Jail:

Although it has not been the aim to provide meals of such a sumptuous character as would be calculated to furnish any particular inducement for prisoners to return again, simply because free board is provided, sufficient quantities of good meats, bread, coffee, &c., are furnished.

FINANCES.

The following exhibits will show the condition of the funds under control of the Board:

RECEIPTS.

Amount received from collection of taxes in June, 1872	\$12,737 74
Amount received from collection of taxes in December, 1872	13,423 66
Amount received from sale of old stoves and police cloth	97 18
Balance in Treasury at last annual statement	14,878 13
Total	\$41,136 71

EXPENDITURES.

Total expenditures from Police Fund.....	\$23,015 57
Leaving balance in Treasury	\$18,121 14

STATEMENT OF MONTHLY EXPENDITURES.

1872	Pay & Salaries.	Contingencies & Incidentals.	Total.
March.....	\$ 1,809 54	\$157 60	\$ 1,967 14
April.....	1,747 83	68 44	1,816 27
May.....	1,845 75	555 68	2,401 43
June.....	1,874 80	35 50	1,910 30
July.....	1,745 04	115 72	1,860 76
August.....	1,791 41	1 00	1,792 41
September.....	1,840 01	10 50	1,850 51
October.....	1,828 14	---	1,828 14
November.....	1,878 35	34 55	1,912 90
December.....	1,870 66	10 54	1,881 14
January, 1873.....	1,908 40	---	1,908 40
February, 1873.....	1,886 17	---	1,886 17
Totals.....	\$22,026 04	\$959 53	\$23,015 57

CONTINGENT AND INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Carpet and furniture for various offices.....	\$635 46
Printing and stationery.....	184 22
Office safe and cartage on same.....	76 00
Equipments, &c.....	79 95
Telegraphing and postage.....	12 40
Painting numbers on desks.....	1 50
Total.....	\$989 53

The total expenditures for all purposes during the year amounts to \$23,015 57, and being \$984 43 less than the estimate of the Board sent to the Council in May last.

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LIFE AND HEALTH FUND.

Amount on hand at date of last report.....	\$ 679 87
Received by dividends on deposits.....	40 84
Received on account per centage of rewards.....	65 29
Received from sale of unclaimed property.....	406 14
Total.....	\$1,192 14

EXPENDITURES.

Paid on account of property claimed by owners.....	\$ 17 68
Paid for advertising.....	2 00
Paid for temporary relief of disabled Policemen, &c.....	19 00
Paid Detective for amount expended in making arrests.....	10 00
Total.....	\$ 48 68
Leaving balance now in fund.....	\$1,143 46

REVISION OF ORDINANCES.

The urgent necessity existing for a complete and thorough revision of the penal ordinances of the City, must be our apology for calling your attention to the subject before closing this report. Many of the existing ordinances were passed so long ago as to render them inapplicable to meet our present requirements, as so many changes have been made by State Legislation in the powers and privileges conferred upon municipal corporations, besides the fact that our City has attained to the rank of a City of the first class from that of a village since the enactment of such ordinances. A number of ordinances whose passage bears a more recent date have been held by the Courts to have no binding force in law, this being true of the "Sunday Ordinance," "Concert Saloon Ordinance" and others that might be cited, while many others contain provisions that are apparently in such antagonism to law as to render a very liberal construction necessary to their validity.

Another reason why these ordinances should all be revised and made to conform to the chartered powers of our City, consists in the fact that institutions are being provided, and in anticipation for the commitment and punishment of offenders, with a view to the more effectual preservation of peace and good order in our midst, and all ordinances prescribing penalties to be inflicted for offences, punishable by imprisonment and hard labor, should be enacted with direct reference to the uses for which a house of refuge and correction and work house are intended, and the manner and term of service to which offenders may be committed to such institutions should be clearly provided.

The successful administration of Police government imperatively demands the enactment and enforcement of laws and ordinances suited to the diversified exigencies arising in criminal courts in dispensing a just measure of punishment to criminals, and these laws and ordinances must be of such a character as to withstand the test of judicial investigations in order that the desired object may be attained and the welfare of society promoted.

By Order of the Board,

W. W. JONES, *President.*

J. T. GREER, *Secretary.*