

our city can be traced to this cause, and we are sorry to be compelled to state that more than a moiety of the cases tried before this board proved from this vice.

JUVENILE CRIMINALS.

There are in our city, as in all large cities, a great many juvenile offenders which are too old to be sent to the House of Refuge, and too young to be placed with old criminals in jail.

We would call your attention to the great necessity for a house of correction, a work-house, or some place of moral improvement, where the young in crime might be placed, and learn some useful employment, and be educated to better things than they now learn on our streets.

Attention is also invited to the subject of providing a suitable place in which to confine juvenile colored persons who are arrested for petty offenses. Many of these are too young to commit to jail, and the magistrates are, in consequence, compelled to discharge them. It is no uncommon occurrence that the same individual is arrested several times. This class of offenders is increasing, and it is respectfully suggested that the subject receive attention.

After mature consideration and consultation with the principal officers of the department, it is deemed advisable to recommend an increase of the detective force, now numbering five men, to double that number.

The Commissioners, upon entering upon the discharge of their duties, deemed it best to open an entire new set of books, and in consequence present to you the financial operations subsequent to their induction into office, with the amount of money and stock received, the amount paid for bills unpaid by their predecessors, and the amount paid by the present Commissioners.

Bills paid by the new Board contracted by the old Board on general expense account.....	\$583 78
Bill paid by the new Board contracted by the old Board at Marshal's office.....	168 99
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The Legislature at its last session increased the pay of the officers and men until April, 1867. The circumstances which led to the increase still continue to exist. The subject is referred to your most favorable consideration.

We would also suggest that the pay of the turnkeys should be the same as the policemen, as they are required to be on duty the same number of hours, and are sometimes required to perform police duties.

You are respectfully referred to the tabular statements of the Marshal and other tables hereto annexed.