

done by hired labor. The reservations thus inclosed are enumerated in the following table:

Reservation.	Length of coping.	Number of corner posts.
	<i>Feet.</i>	
Mount Vernon Park.....	1,232
Reservation 173, New York avenue, Eleventh and I streets nw.....	519	8
Reservation 195, New Jersey avenue, First and H streets nw.....	496	2
Sheridan circle.....	484	8
Reservation 303A, Connecticut avenue and Kalorama road.....	200
Reservation 303B, Connecticut avenue and Kalorama road.....	295
Total.....	3,226	18

PARK WATCHMEN.

During the year ending June 30, 1909, the public parks and reservations under the office of public buildings and grounds have been policed by the park watchmen, numbering 38 privates and 2 sergeants. There were 22 privates and 1 sergeant on duty in the daytime, mostly, from 8 o'clock a. m. to 4 o'clock p. m., and 16 privates on night duty from 4 o'clock p. m. to midnight. The parks are not policed after midnight, except Henry, Seaton, and the Smithsonian grounds, which are policed by 1 man until 2 o'clock a. m. Sixteen of the privates and the 2 sergeants do duty on bicycles, furnished by the Government, and the remainder of the men do duty on foot. The men were inspected one or more times each day, in the parks where they do duty, by the sergeants. The first sergeant inspected the day men and the second sergeant the night men at varying hours. The men were always found efficiently performing their duties, and their conduct was generally good. The parks were well patrolled by the men and good order was maintained at all times while the men were on duty.

The police and park regulations were enforced in the parks by the park watchmen, public travel on the park roads was regulated, fast driving was kept down, the lawns, shrubbery, trees, and flower beds were protected from injury, and women and children were protected from insult or annoyance. The many visitors to the city who pass through the parks were courteously directed and information given them when asked for. Known vagrants and loafers were kept from the parks, and all people under the influence of liquor were promptly removed. Rowdiness and disorder were kept down, and no complaints of anyone being robbed or seriously interfered with while in the parks were received.

At concerts given in the different parks during the summer months, at ball games, and during other assemblages extra details were made.

The members of the park police force are known as "United States park watchmen." This is a misnomer and should be changed to "United States park policemen." When the force was first organized and named, the men's duties were purely those of watchmen, as they took care of the parks, watered the plants, etc., and performed no police duties, these being performed by the Metropolitan police. Later the force was reorganized, placed in uniform, and given the full powers of policemen, but no change was made in their designation. If this change is made the men will not only be properly named, but it is believed that it will result in an increased authority in their dealings with the public.

The members of the force are insufficiently paid. When first organized the day men were paid \$55 a month, and the night men \$60 a month. Later the pay of the day men was made equal to that of the night men. At this time they were not uniformed; later they were required to wear a uniform, which they have to purchase out of their pay. This does not seem right, as other watchmen who receive the same pay perform duties much easier in comparison and do not have to purchase uniforms. It thus appears that these men have had their duties considerably increased, have been given much more authority and responsibility, and have been compelled to purchase uniforms—and all this without any proportionate compensation in pay. In addition, the recent customary argument for an increase of salary, the increased cost of living, applies to these men as well as to other employees.

The increased pay recommended by my predecessor is as follows:

Rank.	Proposed rate of pay per annum.	Present rate of pay per annum.
First sergeant.....	\$1,050	\$950
Second sergeant.....	1,000	900
Privates:		
Class 1.....	720	720
Class 2.....	900	720
Class 3.....	1,000	720

Privates of class 1 are to be those who have served less than three years.

Privates of class 2 are to be those who have served over three years and less than five years.

Privates of class 3 are to be those who have served over five years.

Another argument for an increase of pay is that it will undoubtedly result in an increase in the number of applications for positions on the force made by young and active men. At present very few of this type of men care to join the force, and the result is that there is a large number of old and comparatively inactive men, some of whom have been serving for a number of years—rendering faithful and conscientious service it is true, but not giving the satisfaction that younger men would. The least desirable of the older men are being weeded out, but the process is not as fast as could be desired, due largely to the fact that there is a scarcity of better men to take their places.

The acts of Congress authorizing the park watchmen have designated the parks and reservations in which they shall serve. It would be a great improvement if the required number of men were provided and the assignments to the various parks left to the officer in charge, thus permitting him to make changes from time to time as the necessity arises.

An additional watchman is greatly needed at the Propagating Gardens, as these are left without a guard from midnight until the regular employees come on duty in the morning.

The appropriation of the past fiscal year provided \$300 for the purchase and repair of bicycles and for the purchase of revolvers and ammunition. There were 18 bicycles used by members of the force, and it was only by the strictest economy in their repair that enough was saved from the above sum to purchase one new bicycle. Re-

volvers and ammunition were out of the question, and the men had to purchase their own or do without. The same amount has been appropriated this year, and will not even cover the repair of the present number of bicycles, as they are all old and will require much larger amounts than last year to keep them in even serviceable condition. Some of them will in a few months be beyond repair, and the amount available will not be sufficient to replace them. This will result in a great loss of efficiency, as some of the beats covered by the bicycle men are of such length that a man on foot will be of practically no value. If the present number of bicycles could be increased to 27 and sufficient funds provided to keep them in repair and replace those that become worn-out, the resulting efficiency and increased radius of action would more than repay the extra expense.

A man mounted on a bicycle is capable of performing at least twice as much duty as a man on foot. The watchmen in most of the outlying parks, such as Dupont, Washington, Iowa, and Thomas circles, Mount Vernon, Stanton, Lincoln, and Garfield, have from 10 to 20 smaller reservations to patrol; some of the beats are 3 miles long and take the men on foot from one to two hours to make the rounds. A man on a bicycle could make the same trip in at least one-third the time and have correspondingly more time to devote to his home park. Except Garfield Park, the other parks mentioned are patrolled on foot in the daytime; at night there is one man mounted on a bicycle detailed to each park. Bicycles are indispensable for patrolling the large parks, such as the Monument, Smithsonian, Garfield, and Potomac parks. The men doing duty in those parks have a large territory to police; in cases of accident they must reach the scene quickly to render assistance; in cases of disorder or violation of the speed limit the men must be in a position to pursue the offender and make the arrest.

The members of the Metropolitan police who do duty on bicycles and whose duties are similar to those performed by the park watchmen are each allowed \$50 per annum for the purchase and maintenance of a bicycle. This method works very satisfactorily, both to the department and the men, and it is believed should be applied to the park watchmen.

The park watchmen are not furnished with pistols, and the men have to buy their own. There are 40 men to be equipped and the cheapest revolvers cost \$5 each. A revolver is a necessary part of a watchman's equipment who has police duty to perform.

The proceeds from arrests made by park watchmen, in the way of fines and forfeited collateral, amount to from \$1,500 to \$2,500 per annum, which amount is added to the pension fund of the Metropolitan police and firemen. There are 5 of the park watchmen whose ages are between 65 and 75 years, and who have served the department long and faithfully. It is believed that the proceeds of arrests made by the park watchmen should be devoted to pensioning these old men.

The table on the following page shows that in the parks for which watchmen are provided there were 421 arrests made during the year, and that the fines imposed and collateral forfeited in these cases amounted to \$2,443; that in addition to the arrests made 2,414 drunken people and 1,071 persons of objectionable character were ejected from the parks.

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	1908.						1909.						
	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	Total.
Nature of offense.													
Disorderly.....	16	23	17	23	9	4	3	7	6	19	26	27	180
Drunkenness.....	7	4	7	4	3	1	5	2	2	6	3	1	47
Trespassing.....	7	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	17
Vagrancy.....	3	6	3	5	2	5	3	3	1	4	5	5	42
Indecent exposure.....	3	1	5	1	4	1	1	1	1	2	4	1	24
Violating park regulations.....	1	5	5	3	5			1	1	2	5		28
Fast driving of horses.....			1										1
Fast driving of automobiles.....		2	1				2			1		1	7
Assault.....	1	1	1							2			5
Assaults on officers.....	2	1			1		1		1	1	1		8
Disorderly assemblies.....	5	5	5	3	1			2		1		4	25
Violating hack regulations.....	1		2			2							5
Throwing missiles.....	2		1										3
Violating police regulations.....	2						2						4
Carrying concealed weapons.....		1		1					1				3
Collisions.....						1							1
Affrays.....	2						2			2			6
Violating bicycle regulations.....		1											1
Cruelty to animals.....								1					1
Escaping prisoners.....				1								1	2
Indecent assault.....								1					1
Larceny.....	1		1	2					1	1			6
Insane.....	1								1	1	1		4
Attempting suicide.....												1	1
Discharging firearms.....									1				1
Attempting larceny.....		1											1
Total number of arrests.....	54	53	52	44	25	15	16	16	17	40	43	46	421
Drunkards ejected.....	316	317	360	255	143	71	40	92	83	145	290	302	2,414
Objectionable characters ejected.....	145	167	188	93	49	26	8	21	65	68	84	152	1,071
Disposition of cases.													
Fined.....	19	20	23	13	5	4	5	7	6	14	14	24	154
Forfeited collateral.....	21	12	14	12	13	4	4	4	4	11	16	9	124
Personal bonds taken.....	3	3	1	1						1	3	1	13
Sent to workhouse.....	2	8	6	9	3	6		3	3	5	2	10	57
Drunkards released.....	7	4	7	4	3	1	5	2	2	6	3		44
Cases nolle prossed.....			1										1
Dismissed.....		3			1		2						6
Turned over to metropolitan police.....	1				1						1	2	5
Insane.....									1	1	1		3
Sent to grand jury.....		1							1				2
Turned over to parents for correction.....	1												1
Continued.....										1			1
On probation.....		2		2									4
Sent to jail.....				2									2
Placed under bond.....										1	3		4
Total cases disposed of.....	54	53	52	44	25	15	16	16	17	40	43	46	421
Record of fines.													
Total amount of fines.....	\$142	\$183	\$155	\$93	\$75	\$20	\$55	\$75	\$190	\$130	\$120	\$217	\$1,455
Total amount of collateral forfeited.....	132	47	89	149	49	28	16	130	23	132	161	32	988
Total fines and collateral forfeited.....	274	230	244	242	124	48	71	205	213	262	281	249	2,443
Miscellaneous.													
Sick and injured sent home or to hospital.....			5	4	3	5	2	4	2	3	2	3	33
Fatal accidents.....			2	3	1	2	2	4				1	13
Drowning cases.....	1			1					1			1	4
Drowned persons found.....									1		3		4
Suicides.....						1							1
Attempted suicide.....	1	1										1	3
Dead infants found.....				1									1
Lost children sent home.....						1						1	2