

[Parks]

TO THE HONORABLE PARK BOARD

OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON.

GENTLEMEN:-

I present herewith my monthly report for April.

Several of themen have been engaged in constructing the new house for the Polar bear which has been completed and into which the bear will be moved tomorrow.

Other men are kept busy with the usual labor that Spring brings, such as mowing grass plots, lawns and embankments. Spading up flower beds and making ready for final planting. Cleaning and sweeping walks as well as hoeing weeds from roads. These numerous tasks must be attended to in all the various Parks and they take up a great deal of time and labor.

One man has been steadily at work in South Portland Park putting it into good order. Benches and swings have been placed there and otherwise the Park has had a general cleaning up

Two men are constantly engaged on the Park and Plaza Blocks, keeping them in good order.

Since last Monday four men have been kept at work planting out flower beds and borders.

The 250 Park settees acquired from the Lewis & Clark Exposition have been distributed among the City Park, Plaza and Park Blocks and the other wooden benches were moved over to the various East side Parks.

Many plants are needed each year for out door planting and more are needed from year to year. These plants must be properly raised and taken care of and with the limited space now in use for this purpose it is almost impossible to raise plants enough for the various uses. Therefore I would request the Honorable Board to authorize me to build an extension on at least one house as well as build it higher so as to allow of better ventilation. Now, I also have to suggest that as I still have about 32 boxes of green house glass 10 x 12 and plenty of patent rafters, having just completed the tearing down of my hot houses in South Portland, that it would

not be any extra expense save for a little expenditure for the glass and rafters. This extension can easily be built by the Park employees and would in that way necessitate no extra labor expense. These hot houses are heated in a very primitive way, namely with what is known as a flue running under the plant benches and giving satisfactory heat although making the house very dangerous as far as the breaking out of fire is concerned. Now, I would beg to offer the following suggestion:-

In tearing down my hot hoises in South Portland as before mentioned, I also tore out my perfectly new and up to date water heating system and boiler; now if the Honorable Board decide to allow the building of the extension, would it not be well to install such a heating apparatus and thus insure the houses from fire danger as well as give proper and systematic heat for the plants. As stated before the boiler is complete with pipes and all fittings, and when new cost \$750.00, the same is subject to examination and price of the Honorable Board.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Lowitz,

Supt. of Parks.

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TO THE HONORABLE PARK BOARD,

PORTLAND, OREGON.

Gentlemen:-

I present herewith my monthly report for March.

The drive leading to and from Washington Street has necessitated the labor of four men for several days and about 120 yards of broken rock (screenings were used) The total bill amounted to \$149.75.

Four men were occupied for nearly a week in Columbia Park completing the spading which was begun last month and planting trees. They also laid 200 feet $3/4$ inch galvanized iron pipe and erected a drinking fountain. One man is constantly employed there, keeping everything in general running order.

The Statue Sacajawea has been placed in the City Park and the plot around it has been spaded and grass seed planted.

Four men were kept busy on the Park blocks planting grass seed, four birch trees and also some evergreens on the last South Block.

One man has been ordered stationed at the Forestry Building on the Fair grounds, which he has carefully gone over and cleaned thoroughly.

One man is busy with the horse lawn mower, cutting the grass on the Park and Plaza Blocks.

Mr. Ion Lewis has made a sketch of a small house in which tools are to be kept, and in which a man could live if necessary, and a carpenter, Mr. Miller, will furnish all building material and build same complete for the sum of \$350.00

On the upper Park Blocks which were graded, there still remains about 100 loads of earth. It would be impossible to remove same with the one Park team and it should be taken away and dumped somewhere. Several parties have made bids for removal of same amounting to about \$80.00.

East Side.

Columbia Park,	Jan. 4 men	at 12 days	\$96.00
	Feb. 5 men	18 "	180.00
	Team	2 "	10.00
	Keeper	24 "	48.00
	Feb. plumbing		23.10
	Grass seed 50#		6.25
March	4 men	6 days	48.00
	200 ft Gal iron 3/4" water pipe & fittings		25.73
	Keeper		56.00
	Team	1 day	5.00
	Hawthorne Park Keeper	Jan	60.00
	2 men	1 day	4.00
Febby.	2 men	2 days	8.00
	Keeper		60.00
	Grass seed 50#		6.25
March	Keeper		60.00
	1 man	10 days	20.00

On account of the bad weather it has been impossible to work on the new cage for the Polar Bear, as it was intended. This will be built just east of the bear pit facing north and will be constructed of rock and cement using the old Lion cage bars. It will probably be completed this month.

I would respectfully request the services of 2 additional men for a term of about three months.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Lowitz,

Superintendent of Parks.