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PEOPLE'S INSTITUTE,

Fourth and Burnside Streets.

Portland, Oregon, November 15th, 1906.

To the Honorable Board of Park Commissioners
of the City of Portland:

Gentlemen:

The Playground Committee of The Institute Club submits the following report of the work accomplished by it in equipping the two park blocks donated by you for the use of children's playgrounds, and encloses the bills incurred for the same.

R E P O R T.

The block in front of the Custom House has been enclosed with a wire fence for the use of girls and small children. In this enclosure have been placed:

- 6 standard chair swings,
- 16 rope swings, in two groups, upon wooden frames,
- 4 sand boxes,
- 4 see-saws,
- 1 giant stride,
- 1 open tent pavilion, provided for but not to be placed until another summer.

The block between Davis and Everett was left without fencing and is designed for boys only. This block is surrounded by a ten foot race track and in it have been placed:

- 1 broad jump,
- 1 high jump,
- 1 set parallel bars,
- 1 set of three horizontal bars,
- 1 set of three swinging bars,
- 1 hand ball board,
- 1 set of eight rope swings,
- 1 see-saw,
- 1 climbing pole,
- 1 giant stride,
- 1 tent-top for old band-stand secured, to be placed another summer.

Of this equipment donations were secured as follows:

From the Eastern & Western Lumber Company all lumber used for the fence and apparatus,

One load of sand from Messrs. John & Ryan,

Three loads of sand from the Central Sand Company,

Open tent pavilion from the Willamette Tent & Awning Co.,

Percentage on hardware from the Honeyman Hardware Co.,

Amount of bill for hardware

Mrs. C. S. 1914,

Check for \$5.00 from Mr. Seid Back,

Painting of fence and apparatus by C. F. Pearson.

A supervisor was placed in charge by the Institute Club and through the courtesy of Mayor Lane a special policeman was delegated to be on duty at the playgrounds from 12 M. to 9 P. M. every day. This has insured excellent order and harmony as far as possible, but both of these in charge feel the absolute necessity of a fence around the boys' block, as it is impossible to keep idle men and loungers from using the equipment and interfering with the boys, starting games of boxing and betting, and otherwise exerting a pernicious influence among them.

We hope the Park Commissioners may further assist us by helping to provide this fence for the boys' block.

The throng of happy children and the many mothers who daily enjoy these playgrounds (numbering as many as two hundred and fifty children at one time), sufficiently attest to its need and its success.

During the winter months the supervisor will be withdrawn and the grounds closed as far as possible, but as much of the equipment in the boys' block is permanent, a request will be made that the special policeman be continued throughout the year.

We submit the bills for the full amount incurred, which is somewhat over the four hundred dollars allowed. If your

Board desires to meet the full amount, we would be pleased to have you do so; otherwise, the Institute Club will be responsible for all expense over the four hundred dollars.

Thanking you for your hearty cooperation in this work, and soliciting the same for future needs,

Very respectfully,

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President of Institute Club.

Mr. Chas. E. Ladd
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