person to act as secretary, and defines his duties. This is one of the most important positions under the Board, and very many important duties devolve upon the person who occupies it, notably the custody of all stolen and abandoned property, the preparation of poll books, etc., for elections, and keeping of the extensive and important financial accounts of the department. George Savage, Esq., had occupied this position for many years. Being a lawyer by profession, and finding that either his legal business or the duties of the office of secretary must be abandoned, he chose to give up the latter and devote himself to the business of his profession. On the 3d of December, 1888, his resignation was accepted by the Board. His service in the position during the several years of incumbency was marked by unquestioned integrity and signal ability. On the same day Mr. Josiah A. Kinsey, who had been serving since May 1, 1888, as Marshal's clerk, was appointed by the Board to fill the vacancy, and at once qualified and entered upon the duties of his office. His service thus far has been of the most satisfactory character.

Uniforms.

From the experience of the Board for some years, it had become apparent that the system of making Uniforms for the men was not such as to render satisfaction. Before the 1st of April, 1888, the custom had been for the Board to purchase the cloth and furnish it to any tailor who wanted to make police uniforms, the understanding between the Board and the tailor being that all uniforms should be made out of the cloth furnished by the Board only. The Board, having reason to believe that a number of uniforms had been made from time to time from other than police cloth furnished by it, found upon investigation such to be the fact, and they further found that there was a great difference in the cut and style of the uniforms, and that there was a very grave and large difference in the prices paid by the officers for the same article of clothing. An investigation proved, taking the amounts charged by the seventeen tailors who had been making uniforms under this system, that the highest price paid

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