pay should be twelve dollars per week. On May 1, 1888, the Board appointed twenty probation officers, authorized under the law above referred to, and have filled all the vacancies occurring among the regular officers in the department from this probationary list, excepting where the probation officer, whose turn gave him the right to be promoted, had not so performed the duties of a policeman as to receive the recommendation of the captain of his district. Cases of this kind, while rare, have occurred, thus proving the wisdom of the law which makes satisfactory service on the probationary list a condition to promotion to the regular force.

New Election Law.

The radical change in the election laws made at the session of the General Assembly of 1888, imposed new and responsible duties on the Board of Police Commissioners of Baltimore city. One of these duties was to provide, or cause to be provided, glass ballot boxes, of the dimensions and of the material described in the law. In the performance of that duty, on May 5, 1888, the Board, by advertisement, invited proposals for the construction of the boxes, requiring that sample boxes should accompany each bid. The samples furnished not being satisfactory, on August 3, 1888, proposals were again invited by advertisement, and in response thereto several bids were received. The sample furnished by Mr. F. X. Ganter, and the price at which he proposed to furnish the boxes, being satisfactory to the Board, contract for the construction of four hundred was awarded to him. The first election held under this law and with these boxes was on November 6, 1888, and attracted marked attention. The greatest care was exercised by the Board in the promulgation of carefully prepared orders and instructions to the members of the force, to the end that good order should be maintained at the polls, and to thus disarm criticism and obviate causes for complaint. The second election under this law was held on November 5th, 1889, when like precautions were taken. The Board observed with much satisfaction that all the officers and men in the department conducted themselves creditably, and many favorable comments were voiced by the press and citizens generally.

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