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To the Mayor

Honored Sir

I Having  
read in the daily papers that you  
will endeavor to reform the politics  
of this city to your best ability, I  
wish to inform you of one of the  
greatest outrages ever practiced in  
this city. While going through Houston  
St the latter part of last week I saw  
a man by the name of Jos. Ether  
evicting a poor family upon the streets  
by what power I do not know, He  
was formerly in the employ of Ex  
Marshal G. Hertzog of the 4<sup>th</sup> Dist Court  
who is still receiving papers & disposing  
in said court, If you doubt my word  
just send a man around the court  
any morning and follow J. Ether and  
He will see him ~~evict~~ other

Families, upon the streets, and  
perhaps wearing a Marshal's shield  
 Hoping you attend to this matter  
at your earliest convenience, I remain  
Your most obedient servant

Robert S. Hopking  
131. <sup>8</sup>Edmonton St. City





WILLIAM F. MOORE, JUSTICE  
DANIEL WILLIAMS, CLERK.

## Justices Chambers

April 4th, 1895

Job E. Hedges Esq.,

Secretary &c,

Dear Sir;

Your favor of April 2nd at hand and contents noted.

I know nothing about this case; Ex Marshal Hatzel was connected with the Fourth District Court, but not with this Court. I presume that whatever the writer of the letter saw was done in pursuance of a warrant issued from the Fourth District Court.

I return Mr Hopkins' letter for further investigation, if you wish.

Yours very truly

*William F. Moore*

ARTHUR W. SOPER.  
160 BROADWAY, N.Y.

New York, April 5, 1895

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor, City of New York.

My dear Sir:-

I hesitate to write at all, the greatest Mayor of the greatest city in America, appreciating your many cares and responsibilities, and so will make my brief, brief.

This city could, with its magnificent hotel conveniences, be made the most perfect seaside resort in summer for people of all western cities, who yearly require the change. Our hotel accommodations are more fire proof, commodious, every way more perfect than in any other city. Here the people of the west would find daily excursions to all the seashore resorts in our vicinity, more agreeable to them in every way than any other place on Atlantic Coast, as summer gives them full use of otherwise vacant summer rooms. The only obstacle is the horrid dust that sweeps through our streets into every residence until the housekeeper will tell you the majority of the servants time is taken up in dusting; destructive to everything in the house, and more serious to the millions of people who walk the streets and have to inhale it. Never was city better located for drainage than this. You must very soon repair Fifth, Sixth and Eighth Avenues. Why not the opportune time to arrange for nightly washing down these main and cross Avenues, which would rid this city of the terrible dust and damage that we now experience. Can you not with trivial expense, place in 42nd Street reservoir grounds, stand pipes to which water could be forced from either East or North River or the Ocean, by the great pumps of your Fire Department, that are seldom in full use and otherwise idle. I



ARTHUR W. SOPER.  
160 BROADWAY, N.Y.

W.L. Strong #2

I suggested such plan to an Engineer some two years since. He argued it would clog the sewers. Now the facts are when heavy rains come, that is the only time we have anything approaching clean streets, and that rushes into our sewers a hundred fold more matter than that coming from an every night washing of the streets. If you were to commence this system such as Paris has and other cities, you would do God's service to our people and aid in making this the greatest city in the world.

Last summer coming to my city home, the more convinced me of this great necessity. My home had been closed for a month, every window and door shut with all the rubber window and door protections. My floors and casings were covered with the dirt and dust which all New Yorkers must be continually taking into their lungs, so that it seems to me no wonder we see the numerous procession of funeral marches.

This please for your personal consideration. I am,

Very respectfully and truly your friend,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Arthur W. Soper". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name. It features a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

This water main could be laid down in any of these Avenues before being paved and would save an enormous expense in the present manner of sprinkling.

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To

Brevant House N.Y.  
Hon William L Strong. Mayor.  
My City Hall N.Y.  
Can I see you with Sector  
MacDonald president Lunacy Commission  
this or tomorrow evening for a short Conference  
upon Lunacy legislation please answer to  
Brevant house Louisa Lee Schuyler

My dear Mr Mayor,

I have an important letter from the President of the State Commission in Lunacy, from Albany, which requires an answer.

I cannot answer it without consulting you.

Truly Yours I  
am to be in town

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neighbourhood, & will  
stop & send in my  
card, on the chance  
of being able to  
see you for a few  
minutes.

Respectfully &  
Sincerely Yours  
Lucia Lee Schuyler

Brewster House  
Saturday Even.



# REPUBLICAN CLUB OF THE 8TH WARD,

Temporary Headquarters: 251 SPRING STREET.

JOHN W. SCHAEFFER,

RECORDING SECRETARY.

JOHN R. DE-ZELLER,

PRESIDENT.

New York, April 5th, 1895

Hon. Wm. L. Strong, Mayor,

Dear Sir:- I have the honor to hand you herewith Resolutions unanimously adopted at the last regular meeting of this Club, held at Hudson Hall, No. 276 Spring Street, on Wednesday Evening, April 3rd.

Yours respectfully,-

*John W. Schaeffer*

Recording Secretary.



## R E S O L U T I O N S

W h e r e a s :- The present legislature of this State drags its languorous length in the consideration of vital measures of reform: the delay in action, the stifling of reform bills in committee, the hanging up of, or holding in abeyance necessary legislation, the pitiful, contemptible abjectness of certain Senators and Assemblymen in the capacity of subservient tools of one Platt, have brought odium upon the Republican party, and have obstructed the advance of reform in this great metropolis: a new era has opened in Municipal government in the United States; New York City is the Appomattox in this great reform, and Mayor William L. Strong the victorious general, misgovernment and corruption shall be banished, and the union of justice, law and truth established; if a Republican legislature shall prove recreant to its holy duty in these matters to whom shall we look for succor. - Therefore, be it

R e s o l v e d ; - That we demand of the legislature that it quickly expedite all reform measures now before it.

R e s o l v e d : - That we promise to keep in mind those representatives who believe their allegiance and duty are due first to Thomas Platt, and afterward to the people.

R e s o l v e d : - That it is with pride and hearty appreciation that we perceive the evolving of Mayor Strong's great plan for the institution of not alone good, but the best government

R e s o l v e d : - That we warn the legislature of this State that it has its destiny in its own hands, and we bid



them take heed that it be not that of the 53rd Congress, a destiny of "perfidy and dishonor".

R e s o l v e d : - That we do fully endorse the purposes and entire proceedings of the great Cooper Union mass meeting of Wednesday evening, March 27th.

R e s o l v e d : - That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Mayor Strong, to the President of the Senate and to the Speaker of the Assembly.





# ARMSTRONG'S "GIANT CYCLOPEDIA,"

—BY—

K. L. ARMSTRONG.

WESTERN W. WILSON,

PUBLISHER,

No. 294 BROADWAY,

New York, April 5<sup>th</sup> 1895

Mr Strong

Dear Sir

I am glad to see you stick to your first resolutions. You are a man after my own heart. And I am a Democrat but your independence in municipal affairs show you to be the man of the day. Stick to your principles. I favour no man unless he is worthy of favour. Few men seek office who are worthy of it.

I am

Yours Truly  
Robert E. Wilson

And I hope you will run for Mayor at the next election and if I can help you I am with you.

I hope to see you at the head of this State Vice Gove Morton Time out

R. E. W.

R. D. ALLIGER.

C. H. ALLIGER.

R. D. ALLIGER'S  
GENERAL INSURANCE AGENCY,  
11 PINE STREET.

TELEPHONE 1834 CORTLANDT.

NEW YORK, April 5th 1895.

Hon William L Strong, Mayor.

New York City.

Dear Sir:-

It is with pleasure that I and my associates in the 27th ,  
28th & 29th Election Districts (21st Assembly District) note your strict  
adherence to your letter of acceptance to the Committee of Seventy, to  
carry out the matters of reform on a non-partisan platform, and in so  
doing I believe you command the respect and esteem of every good, sound  
Republican interested in the good government of this City.

May the good work continue without reference to Cliques or piques.

Yours Respectfully,

*R D Alliger.*



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Frederick M. Everts.  
Attorney and Counselor.  
62 Wall Street.

Hon Wm L. Strong

New York. April 5. 1895

Dear Sir; I am pleased to address you not only for past action but your advanced position will influence that which I can only suggest. The subject is doubtless familiar to you but another concurring thought can at least add strength to opinion and action. I am induced to write by no personal disappointment or expectation and actuated only for greater success of Republican principles as you are.

Without seeking to disparage and only to illustrate the matter, we read this morning as applicants for a vacant judgeship those names grow so familiar indeed in connection with office holding & office seeking, viz; Messrs Ernest Hall, James A. Blanchard, George W. Lyon, John Sabine Smith, and Charles H. McNay and this notwithstanding their incumbency of good positions or honors received heretofore. Of course every man has a right to seek in order to find and so-called wheel-horses or front rank men should not be ignored but what becomes of the finest army with the best leaders or front rank men if their recruits be few or the desertions many?

For nearly twenty five years we have had the same faces in Republican conventions here with so few exceptions as to emphasize the rule too keenly, whereby the younger element and enthusiastic volunteers also receive so little cordiality or encouragement as to fail to make them at home even or encourage



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to action. They are not merely <sup>New York.</sup> looking for offices and need not, if they would, receive recommendations for positions they could all fill because so-called leading Republicans advance the same old list or because of some controversy or issue existing. I would ask invite, and encourage their action instead of leaving them to disagreeably push, urge & force their way to slight service even and the disregard of such principle is rapidly becoming disastrous.

In my profession alone at least twenty good young Republicans to my knowledge, after seven reflection or struggle and in some possibly abandoning their Republicanism on national issues, have become members of Tammany Hall because something besides idleness, an occasional humbug and machine voting has been extended to them and an new at work building up that organization, new blood or new faces at the front tell in results, if the same old leaders remain behind advising or not so conspicuously present. Creatures are being made for recruits. I have had them. Our younger voters must be organized and kept. In honor preferring one another "let it not be left to judicial decision as in South Carolina that 'The pocket news is very sensitive with most people.' You have been actuated by the policy advocated and the only suggestion is your urging upon others & remembrance also whenever you may be able to appoint Police Magistrates. I have called when able several times but found you engaged or absent. With assurances of respect,

Yours Truly F. M. Everts

JOHN T. TURNER.

JOSEPH B. TURNER.

OFFICE OF  
**TURNER BROTHERS,**  
**MERCHANDISE BROKERS,**

122 FRONT STREET.

TELEPHONE, 2581 CORTLANDT.

PHILADELPHIA OFFICE,  
SPRECKELS' BUILDING.  
TELEPHONE 723

**NEW YORK,** April 5th. 1895.

Hon. Job E. Hedges,

Friend Hedges:

Wont you kindly take  
time and look up the letter Mr. C.N.Bliss wrote in my behalf to  
the Mayor: also letter from my firm, Turner Brothers, delivered at  
the residence of the Mayor and telegram from Lieut. Governor, Hon.  
Charles T.Saxton, and send them to me?

I want them very much  
indeed and would not like to lose them.

You may find others I know nothing about. By doing this  
you will do me a great favor which I will appreciate.

I withdrew my application for Secretary to the Dock Board  
today. Awaiting your reply and the letters, I remain,

Yours truly,

*James W. Austin*



To the Hon William E. Strong: April 5<sup>th</sup> 1895  
Mayor of New York City.

Dear Sir: The undersigned respectfully begs to call your attention to a few things of importance in their effect on the future of the Republican Party in this city. As an Irish-American and a republican of many years standing, taking no part in the present quarrel, I cannot help but feel that the work I have performed in the interest of the party is jeopardized in the contemplated removal of Police Commissioner Kerwin. First, because I know he is capable, honorable, and loyal to his adopted country & party. Let me give you reasons for what I state, as to the effect it will have on my people and to do so I will have to ask your pardon for writing about myself.

Between the years 1880 + 1884, \$100,000 one hundred thousand dollars, was collected by the "Municipal Council Irish National League of New York," of which I was President, to help along the great struggle Mr Parnell was making to gain "Home Rule" for the Irish people. I had about twenty thousand men organized under my jurisdiction in this city. In 1884 I was urged to inaugurate a movement to induce my countrymen to leave the Democratic Party, & cast their lot with the Republican Party. I organized the "Anti-Cleveland Union" was elected President. I presided at the first great Irish-American meeting held in the Academy of Music, the influence of which extended over the



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whole state, bringing 75,000 Democratic votes over to the Republican Party, which was increased to 100,000 for Harrison & Morton in 1888. General Kerwin was one of the leading spirits in this movement. After 1884 I determined to drop out of the movement as my business suffered very much, owing as I said at the time a Retail Jewelry store 1191 Broadway, (Gilesey Block) When the campaign of 1888 commenced, General Kerwin urged me to take the platform, stating that the good work of 1884 would be lost if I did not urge the old guard to remain loyal to the principles, some of us made such tremendous sacrifices to maintain, without pay, not even our expenses, nor any promise of reward in the future. I held in my possession now General Clarkson's letter inviting me to take the platform, also General Goodale's. Clarkson was the Vice President of the "National Republican Committee" & Goodale its Treasurer. I commenced in September and finished the night before the election, for which I never received one dollar of expenses. We increased our 75,000 votes of 1884 to 100,000 1888. We have a very perfect organization and know precisely what we can do & what we have done in the past in National & State politics. To help your election was the first time we tried our hand on Municipal politics for many reasons which I could explain.

In 1892 I was selected as one of five "Peace Commissioners" from the United States to go to the English Parliament to try and bring together both wings of the Irish Party represented in Parliament. On my return in the fall of 1892 Kerwin brought all his influence to bear on me



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again to go on the platform in the interest of the Republican Party. which I did under management of John Kenyon Secretary of the State Committee.

In 1894. our last campaign. I was sent on a private mission by Mr. Hackett. Chairman of the State Committee. to counteract the effect of Senator Hills appeal to our people to desert the Republican Party on account of the A.P.A. faction.

How well I performed my work Mr. Hackett knows. I visited the following cities & towns. Albany: Troy: Sandy Hill: Fort Edward: Glens Falls: White Hall: Plattsburgh: Rochester: Syracuse: Utica: Hornellsville: Corning & Bath in all I spent over two weeks in this work. While on this work I met Lieutenant Governor Saxton at Plattsburgh & spoke from the same platform with him.

Now Mr. Major I have written this long letter to you so that you may know the true state of affairs. as a republican having made many sacrifices for the party. I claim I have a right and it is my duty as a good republican, a party to which I owe nothing & have received nothing from but neglect & ingratitude. but for whose principles I have a warm place in my heart. to let you know that the impression has gone abroad that Anti-Irish influences have



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been at work to prejudice your Honor against our  
people. We do not believe & we cannot bring ourselves  
to believe <sup>it yet</sup> that your Honor would knowingly encourage  
such influences. But if this impression once gains  
foot hold in their minds, it means the restoration of power  
of "Tammany Hall" again. never to be dislodged during your  
life time nor mine either & the work of years will be lost.  
I have been fighting "Tammany Hall" influence for twenty  
years & it has been a very unprofitable business until  
last year. Remember men with Irish names do not  
at all times represent the principles for which Irish Americans  
contend. Some of them are not known to the great body of  
our people. We have living in this city born in Ireland  
350000 people. Irish & Irish descent about  
600000 of a population. The element I have the honor  
to some extent to represent, stand for everything American.  
Public Schools. American flag on public buildings  
only & a vigorous foreign policy. so that <sup>the</sup> world may  
know that we want no favors & will take no  
insults from any quarter.

I would have called on your Honor but did not  
wish to give my political enemies the chance to  
accuse me of looking for an office.

I have the honor to remain your obedient servant,

W. S. Gallagher

402 West 146 St.



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198 W. 48<sup>th</sup> St.

NEW YORK, April 5<sup>th</sup> 1895,

Hon. Wm. L. Strong.

Dear Sir!

Alderman Mink introduced a resolution permitting me to erect a stand for the sale of Newspapers at 198 W. 48<sup>th</sup> St. in compliance with the Laws governing the erection of Stands. It has passed the Board of Alderman by a unanimous vote, and it now awaits your Signature. I hope that you will Sign it. Dear Sir do not labor under the impression that the Stand I intend to erect comes under objection to the Stands on "The East Side". The stand will be very ornamental, and will cost about \$75.00 and will be in keeping with the neighborhood. As I depend for over

the support of myself & family  
I trust that you will sign the  
resolution permitting me to erect  
the stand. I can assure you  
that you will never have  
cause to regret it.

Yours very truly  
Benno Levine

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State of New York.  
Office of the  
Clerk of the Senate.  
Albany.

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Apr. 5, 1895

My dear Nedggs.

Your letter of  
3d inst. just at hand.

The record in regard to  
the bill you refer to is  
as follows:

Transmitted to Mayor Mar. 6

Approved " 20

Certificate of approval  
dated in New York P.D. " 21

Received here " 22

Delivered to Governor " 25

We <sup>made</sup> no point in regard to  
the date of return; but the  
legal adviser (Mr. Lincoln) of  
the Governor held that it

should have been received here  
no later than the 21<sup>st</sup>, to com-  
ply with the fifteen day  
Clause of the Constitution.  
Consequently we had to recall  
the bill and repass it.

I think his objection purely  
Technical; and that the only  
necessity for repassing a bill  
is where it is indirectly held  
by the local authorities for  
the purpose of delay. In  
this case nothing of the kind  
was evident. On the contrary  
it was approved by the Mayor  
within the constitutional  
time limit.

Enclosed herewith I send  
approval blanks as requested.

Thos. J. Hedges  
Newcom

Truly yours

Wm. Thompson



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Atlantic City, N.J.  
4/5/1895  
Hon Wm C Strong  
Mayor of N.Y.

Dear Sir

I a republican among  
republicans heartily approve the  
stand you have taken, in opposition  
to Ross Platt, a man who cannot  
maintain dividends for a large and  
ought to be a profitable Corporation  
of which he is the head, is not  
the proper person to control the  
republican party in the great State  
of N.Y. I have no personal feeling against  
Mr Platt, I consider the republican  
party is in trouble and he is a  
man that does not measure up

to the requirements of a leader  
and the party outside of N.Y.  
largely think the same. It is  
better for the party to face defeat  
than to submit any longer to the  
domination of Platism.

I go in for your government and  
we do not have to go out side  
of our party to find the material  
although it may be policy at times  
to do it. What ever you do  
teach Mr Platt N.Y. has men  
just as able as he and can  
be trusted at that and the sooner  
he finds it out the better these  
few lines are at your command from  
one of the heroes and brave of battles  
in the ranks of great republican party  
trusting this is not encroaching on your  
time and wish you great success  
as Mayor

Yours with great respect  
W.R. Lewis



WILLIAM LYMAN,

51 E. 122<sup>D</sup> STREET.

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New York, April 5<sup>th</sup> 1895

Hon W<sup>m</sup> L. Strong  
Mayor New York  
New York City

Sir,

Having seen it stated in the press that you have decided to remove General Michael Kerwin from the office of Police Commissioner, I beg to express the hope that the report is incorrect.

As a citizen and property owner, now-partizan in politics, but as anxious as any other for genuine reform in all our civic departments, I only voice the sentiment of many who feel that the removal of General Kerwin would not be conducive to the best interests of the city. If it be true that the reason

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given for the General's removal, is, that he declined to vote for Commissioner Andrews' resolutions, I would respectfully submit, that very many friends of reform, in both parties, endorse General Kerwin's opinion that he cannot legally surrender the powers delegated to him to any other body, than that from which he received them. We recognise that much pressure has been brought to bear upon you by a very noisy, though perhaps earnest, but very impracticable class of people, whose ideas of reform, if put into execution, could only aid in nullifying the object they profess to have in view. There are many who cannot be convinced but that

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the real motive for the removal of Gen. Kerwin, is his unwillingness to fall out with a friend on details of party politics, wherein this friend and the alleged reformers are at issue. Personally, I am unwilling to believe that the Chief Magistrate of New York could be induced to remove the Commissioner for such reasons. Fidelity to a friend is an honorable trait, and nothing else could be expected from a man of General Kerwin's character. His gallant services as a soldier, and his conspicuous honesty and capacity in every civic position that he has been honored with are the best recommendation for his retention in the office he now holds.



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Your acquiescence in this view of very many of his and your friends will give very great pleasure to a large number of citizens who have the interest of reform at heart, just as much as the opponents of General Keweenaw; and will, in a special manner gratify

Your obedient servant  
William Lyman

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Free My. ap<sup>l</sup> 5/95

My dear Sir:-

Will you kindly  
permit the bearer,

Mr. Raphael, to take  
the papers which have  
been filed in behalf of  
Gen. Geo. O. Eaton, in the  
Mayors office?

Yours truly  
Franklin Dixon  
To Mr. Hedges  
Secretary

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THE Maritime Association OF THE Port OF New York.

Produce Exchange Building, Beaver Street.

P.O. Station P.

New York April 5th, 1895. 189

His Honor

W. L. Strong

Mayor of New York.

Your Honor -

Referring to interview with you this day upon the subject of Harbor Lines I beg to hand you the following extract from the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of this Association held 13th inst., viz.

THE COMMITTEE ON THE RULE OF THE ROAD AT SEA reported that they had corresponded with the Treasury Department and received an unofficial intimation that a recommendation would probably be thankfully received as to a line of demarcation between the waters of this port and the high seas; that the Committee therefore conferred with the Sandy Hook Pilot Commissioners and the following line was agreed upon with them, namely; From the light on the Highlands of Navesink N. E.  $3/4$  E. to Scotland Lightship, thence N. by E.  $3/8$  E. to the Whistling Buoy; thence producing the last named line to the West end of Rockaway Beach.

Very Respectfully, Yours,

Edward S. Atwood  
President.



# WASHINGTON ARCH MEMORIAL HISTORY.

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PUBLISHERS,

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NEW YORK, April 5th, 1895

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Mayor W. L. Strong,  
City Hall,  
City.

Dear Sir:

By authority of the Committee on erection of the Washington Arch, with the approval and under the supervision of Mr. William Rhinelanders Stewart, Treasurer, we are preparing an elaborately Illustrated Memorial History of the Arch, which is to be issued at the time of its dedication April 30th.

An Edition de Luxe of this work will contain the names of those who subscribed one hundred dollars and over to the fund: the name of each subscriber to appear in card form. This work is destined to perpetuate the names of those whose patriotism and generosity have given to this great city its most beautiful Work of Art, and will prove a highly prized and ornamental addition to the family library.

This Edition de Luxe will be issued to subscribers to the fund (and to none others) at the uniform price of ten dollars per copy. As you are one of the subscribers to the fund we respectfully ask you to sign the enclosed blank and return, without delay, (the time being extremely limited) to

Yours respectfully,

*Ford & Garnett*  
Publishers.

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CHAS. LEWIS & BROS.

WOOLENS AND CLOAKINGS,

313 GHURGH STREET,

Bet. Walker & Lispenard Streets,

TELEPHONE CALL, 882 B. FRANKLIN.

New York, April 5 1895

Hon W. L. Strong

Mayor

Dear Sir

I am sorry to trouble  
you again as I know you have enough  
to do but we are not getting any  
redus from the street dept as cans  
are increasing day by day it is the first  
time in twenty five years that we are bothered  
we have no garbage only store sweeping  
as you have in your own store they  
are cluttering us before the summer begins  
and oblige

a taxpayer

Yrs

4/8/95  
M.L.

Martin L Lewis

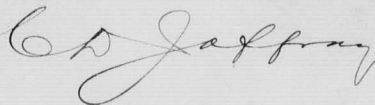


New York, April 6th 1895.

George E. Waring, Jr, Esq,

Dear Sir,

While I, as a householder  
*crow*  
am not permitted to<sup>^</sup> the least refuse into the street, the new  
Lexington Ave R.R.Co. is scattering sand broadcast to-day. This  
soon dries, and we are smothered in dust. How is this? Your men  
sweeping up the dirt on one side of the street, and this Tammany  
R.R.Co. dumping tons on the track, on the other.  
Yours respectfully,



C. D. JAFFRAY,  
639 LEXINGTON AVENUE,  
NEW YORK.

47 Myddelway, City  
April 6<sup>th</sup> 1895

Dear Sir,

I am a veteran of the late war now 54 years of age. I send you ~~by separate registered package~~ ~~herewith~~ 2 copies of the little work entitled "The phonetic structure" of the English Language, as it is "in actual speech". To be brief, it explains itself. I am ready to teach or lecture on the subject, and I also have two sets of plates of the book & can print any number, with very limited means. What I want is a chance to introduce the subject or the book among educational ranks in the city. I send you a gilt edge copy which please accept with my respects for yourself, also a plainer copy which I should like to have you refer officially to the right man with a view to giving me a chance.



By so doing you will confer  
a favor on me.

Yours Very Respectfully

To the Hon.  
W. L. Strong  
The Mayor of the  
City of New York.

JOHN F. BOASS  
Branch D. Box 2, P.O.  
MAIL ADDRESS: New York City.

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No. 113 West 38th St.,

New York, April 6th, 1895.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Dear Sir:

I desire to present to you herewith, with the request that it be placed in the Governor's Room with other relics of "Old New York", a framed copy of perhaps the only photograph in existence of the old Stuyvesant Pear Tree, which stood until about 1870 at the corner of Thirteenth Street and Third Avenue. Trusting this may call forth other donations of "Old New York" relics,

I remain,

Very truly,

T. J. Burton.

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CABLE ADDRESS,  
NORDIK, NEW YORK.

*Law Offices*  
*Michael J. A. McCaffery.*  
*120 Broadway.*

*Equitable Building.*  
*Room 1 - Fourth Floor.*

*New York,* April 6, 1895. *189*

Mayor Strong,

✓ Unless I am much mistaken, the following incidents will be not only interesting, but of real practical utility and profit to you.

About two weeks before last election, the newspapers announced that, on a certain day and hour, a Mr. John Halloran proposed to be at the Headquarters of the Grace Democracy prepared to bet \$5,000 to \$4,000 that Strong would be elected, and to double, treble or quadruple the bet, if desired. At that time the press of New York had for days been burdened with the vaunts of Hugh Grant and his friends that his majority would be at least 25,000, &c., and many bets were said to be offered by the Tammanyites, with no takers. Many of these were undoubtedly mere bluffs: but in the general state of doubt and uncertainty, it was felt by the friends of reform that the reports of the betting by Tammany men were having a moral effect, detrimental to the reform cause, but no one seemed able to suggest a remedy. At this very juncture came the announcement of Halloran's proposed bets.

Whatever may be said now, it then certainly appeared a very bold and hazardous venture. It struck my fancy to see what became of it. Surely enough, Halloran attended at the place and

time named, and exhibited his money to the amount of \$25,000., which the incredulous newspaper men in attendance actually handled and counted. There was no one, however, to make a bet with Halloran, either then or afterwards, though he kept his offer open for days. But the effect was marvellous. The bluff and bluster of the Tammany people soon died out, and for several days before election day they admitted that Strong would be elected.

This opportune piece of political strategy on the part of Mr. Halloran strangely interested me. I had known a John Halloran years before, but had completely lost track of him and did not at first identify him with the same person who proposed these bets. I now determined to find out his status with regard to the political movements of the day. In the war against Tammany for two years or thereabouts, I had, or rather my pen had, taken a pretty active share,-- partly as a literary amusement, partly as what I deemed a political duty,--and I had come to know pretty well the personnel of the different parties and factions, and had kept note of the warring interests, intrigues and tactics of the times. I had, therefore, some facilities for learning the true inwardness of events as they came to pass, and the real rôle played by the several actors in the drama. In presenting to you the result, I am certain that the record will not be very flattering to the pretences of some of the loud-mouthed patriots who now arro-



gantly demand the political gratitude of the Mayor, or who would put shackles upon his official independence.

It is sometimes amusing, but oftener provoking, to hear the numerous claims of people who, since election day, assume to themselves the credit of having brought about the nomination of Mayor Strong. Every little bob-tailed politician in town will coolly tell you that he himself alone is entitled to that glory. Some of those who know better, and who affect to pose as elegant and truthful gentlemen, have not blushed to put forward absurd pretensions to this honor, and in some instances to secure substantial recognition of their claims.

On the afternoon of the day when the nominating convention of the State Democracy of this County was to meet, a caucus or conference of the leaders of that party met at Delmonico's in South William Street. There were present Messrs. Grace, Fairchild, Power, Scott, Baldwin, Monroe, Turner, and John Halloran. Messrs. Sterne and Olney attended as a sub-committee sent by and representing the Committee of Seventy. It was the general talk and the burden of the speeches that no republican should be allowed to head the ticket as candidate for Mayor. Messrs. Power, Scott, Monroe and Baldwin, who had a week before broken away from the combined conference of Republicans, Grace Democrats, O'Brienites, &c., repeated their inflammatory speeches against the acceptance of a

Republican Mayor, and were actually on the point of committing the caucus to their views, when Mr. Fairchild called upon Mr. Halloran, who had thus far been silent, for his opinion.

Mr. Halloran frankly stated his opinion in favor of endorsing the Republican nominee. Immediately there was a storm of angry protest against him. But though he stood alone, (Mr. Grace having temporarily left the room) Halloran's cool even temper, clear-headed practicality, and firm, resolute, manly front became a very rock, a tower of strength, upon which the passions, even the threats, of his opponents broke in vain. It was the crisis of the political battle of reform, and Halloran bore it well. What the eloquence and persuasiveness of even a Sterne and an Olney had been unable to accomplish, Halloran accomplished himself. His presentation of the case first won over Mr. Fairchild. Mr. Grace wavered. After speaking privately with some of the others, Grace called Fairchild and Halloran to one side, and asked "What are we to do?"

"Do," said Halloran, "there is only one thing for you to do, Mr. Grace,--endorse the nominee of the Committee of Seventy. Now is the chance of your life. Either you know perfectly well what is going on, or these people here are playing you false. Be sure of one thing, however,--they do not intend to nominate you for Mayor, anyway; they intend to nominate Scott; their scheme is to



have Tammany endorse Scott, in return for which they will give Tammany the rest of the ticket. If they do that, and whether Tammany is or is not successful on election day, what consideration can you expect from Tammany Hall? Mr. Strong will give you fair consideration. Go and see him--he is not far away--he will give you honorable treatment. If you don't, your day is done, now and forever."

Messrs. Grace, Fairchild, Sterne and Olney, thereupon went to wait upon Mr. Strong, and the rest of the caucus broke up to meet at headquarters to hear the result. You, Mr. Mayor, will no doubt be able to recall the visit made to you by the gentlemen above named.

There was to be a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Grace Democracy that afternoon, before the meeting of the convention. While the Committee was waiting to be called to order, it was given out on the floor of the hall that an entirely new and anti-Strong programme had been made: and Halloran was plied with arguments and persuasions to lend himself to the scheme. He refused. He denounced the attempt as being made in pursuance of a deal with, and in the interest of, Tammany Hall, and refused to have anything to do with it.

Upon the Executive Committee being convened, Mr. Grace in the chair, after another series of angry speeches by Scott,

Power, Monroe and Baldwin, a resolution endorsing the Seventy's nominees was lost by a majority of two, and the Committee pledged itself to a democratic nominee for Mayor.

Again Halloran showed himself equal to the occasion. Through a friend he moved a reconsideration of the vote just passed, and an intermission of a few minutes gave him and his friends a chance to do some of the best hustling in their lives. Upon a new vote the reconsideration was carried, and William L. Strong was declared the nominee of the Executive Committee by a vote of 36 to 32.

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If the above statement is true, it puts an end to the pretentious claims of several gentlemen who have rushed to the front as the men "who nominated Strong", &c. &c. &c.

That it is true, and strictly true, can be vouched for by Messrs. Sterne, Olney and Fairchild, who were eye and ear witnesses each to a part of the above transactions, and between the three of them to all of the transactions above set forth.



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As to Mr. Halloran, I do not know whether he wants any recognition for what he did. I do not in any way represent him. I simply present facts, some of them not publicly or generally known, but all of which I have taken pains to verify, and which would hardly be brought to the attention of Mayor Strong even by the chief actors in them.

Very Respectfully,  
Mr. J. A. Caffery



John Halloran

STATEMENT.

Late Mayoralty nomination  
New York or  
the United States  
Exposition

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Michael J. A. McCaffery,  
120 Broadway,  
New York City.

## Board of Education,

No. 146 GRAND STREET.

New York, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 1895

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Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor, City of New York  
Dear Sir:

Complying with  
a request received this morning from  
Hon. Charles C. Whitman, Commissioner of  
Common Schools, the undersigned  
respectfully forwards the enclosed  
letter and a copy of the Annual  
Report of the Board of Education  
for the year 1892.

Very respectfully,  
Arthur W. Mullen  
Clark



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New York April 6. 1895

Hon Wm L. Strong

Dear Mr Mayor,

In examining the Annual Report of The Board of Education for the year 1893. I took notice of the large discrepancy between the amount paid to the State for School Tax and the allowance received in return from the State for school support.

I found that for the year 1893. we paid to the State \$ 1,788,340.17. and received, \$ 711,428.27. a difference against this City of \$ 1,076,912.95.

Thus in thirty four years this City paid the State \$ 23,864,826.95. more school tax than we received in return for instruction.

I had attention called hereto, see Annual Report page 43. and page 22. giving figures in detail.

I deem it my duty to call your attention hereto, believing it will interest you and as you may desire to have this (seeming to me) unjust proportion of tax modified in the interests of this City.

Very respectfully your obedient

Charles C. Wehrum

Chairman Finance Committee  
Board of Education.

No. 34 Pine Street, Room 105.

New York, April 6th 1895.

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Hon. William L. Strong.

Mayor.

Dear Sir:- The long and protracted deliberations of the Rapid Transit Commission, have made many of us feel that the results were in the dim future.

Using the present elevated structures frequently, it has occurred to me, that an amelioration of our condition might be accomplished, in several ways, by pressure upon the Manhattan Company by the Mayor.

Many additional facilities might be given the public at various points. Of these I will mention but two at present.

First: At the Franklin Square Station, stairs could be placed to reach the Bridge above. At present all passengers are forced to go to the City Hall Station. These stairs would save much time to many persons, and relieve the crowds at the New York Entrance to the Bridge.

Secondly: There would seem to be <sup>no</sup> reason, why trains on the Second Avenue Elevated should stop at the Harlem River, and passengers made to change cars, if they go beyond. Through trains both ways on the Second Avenue Road from the Battery to Tremont, would relieve the pressure on the Third Avenue Road. The Company has all necessary yard room, tracks and everything necessary, and only one fare is charged. Appeals to the Company



Hon. William L. Strong -2-.

are without result. There are no technical reasons, either of ~~an~~ engineering, or Railroad management standing in the way, of these improvements and several others, which I could point out to you, of this I beg to assure you, and I have had twenty years experience as a Railway Officer and Civil Engineer, to which General Thomas Ewing, and General James M. Varnum can testify.

I respectfully ask that your Honor look into these matters, of additional facilities to the Public on the Elevated Roads, which will help, whilst we are awaiting the end of the Rapid Transit Commission's deliberations.

I shall be glad to point out other points of improvements in the Elevated service if you so desire.

Respectfully Yours,

*Malvull Morgan Draper.*

Consulting Engineer.



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New York, April 6, 189

To His Excellency the Mayor,

Hon. William L. Strong.

Distinguished Sir,

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As the Representative of the Department of Missions of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, which is operating in this country, also in Africa, having for its object the moral and religious training of the young people, I respectfully call your attention to the following.

At this time we are having six native students from Cape Colony, Africa, who are at school at Wilberforce University, Greene County, State of Ohio, who after completing their studies will return to their native land to teach. On account of the hard times and the scarcity of money, we have been obliged to appeal to a number of the friends of humanity and education for assistance, who have kindly responded to our call for help. We now appeal to you, requesting some assistance at your hands. The enclosed circular will exhibit the names of prominent persons who endorse the Society for which we make the application.





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(Mayor W. L. Strong, 2.)

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Assuring you, honorable sir, that whatever you may see  
fit to donate will be thankfully received, also promptly applied  
to the object for which it is given, I have the honor to be,

Your humble and obedient servant,

*W. B. Derrick*

OFFICE OF

# THE PARENT HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

—OF THE—



## A. M. E. CHURCH,



**Bible House, Room 61, New York.**

Our Church is composed of a large number of men and women, who have lived and worked at daily labor and domestic service, and who have always promptly and willingly contributed of their scanty means to assist in the maintainance of our mission work in foreign lands.

By persistent labor, and thrift mingled with zeal and sacrifice, with our humble means and the generous and kindly encouragement of Christian friends we have maintained the above Society for almost half a century.

We need \$10,000 a year to carry on our work abroad. The amount collected by us from all sources is \$5,628, we are therefore deficient \$4,372 to successfully carry on the work undertaken by us in foreign lands. In connection with the above, there is a large and ever increasing Home work which is being scantily supported by us, on account of a depleted missionary treasury, and yet our Home Missionaries as well as those in foreign fields work with untiring zeal for the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

For our Home work we need at least \$15,000 annually as we have Missions in nearly every State and Territory in the Union.

The following is a list of Missions and Missionaries in the foreign fields under our care.

Rev. J. R. Frederick, Freetown, Sierra Leone, Africa.

" Baker, Scarcies River.

" Jas. Wilson, Roysville Mission, Liberia, "

Allen Brisbon, Brewersville Mission, Liberia, Africa.

" Scott Bailey, Arthington " " "

" Clement Irons, Pleasant Valley " " "

" J. P. Lindsey, Grand Bassa " " "

" S. J. Campbell, P.E. " " "

" S. P. Hood, Port-Au-Prince, Hayti.

" Chas. Dorce, " "

" Thos. Day, " "

" Joseph Day, " "

" H. C. C. Astwood, San Domingo.

" Adam Rogers, " "

" C. E. Gordin, " "

" Simon Hall, " "

" Chas. Williams, " "

REV. W. B. DERRICK, D.D., C. S.

" THOS. E. FRANKLIN, AGENT.

Our devoted brethren of the A. M. E. Church, ought to be heartily supported by Christians of other denominations. They exhibit zeal and judgement in their extended labors.

FEBRUARY, 1890.

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NEW YORK, April 6/95

Dear Mr Strong

I desire to call your attention to the case of Patrick Foster assistant Foreman in the Street Cleaning Dept., last Jan'y while attending to his duty in cutting some ice from a gutter so water could pass a piece of the ice flew into and cut his right eye he has since lost the sight of the eye and last week Tuesday he was obliged to have the eye taken out in order to save the left eye, I wrote Cal Waring regarding the matter and upon Mr Foster notifying the Commissioner asking for leave of absence he notified Foster that he was dismissed reason given he Foster owned a liquor store which is not the fact as he sold the place and has used the money upon his eye the idea of a man being discharged after losing his eye while employed as he was

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It is a shame, no Dry Goods Concern  
 would do this not only would they pay  
 him his salary but often pay his  
 doctor bills Jeff Weller & Co. has often  
 done this in one case we took up a  
 subscription when I was with them, I ask  
 is the City of N.Y. not better able to help  
 one of its employees who has lost his eye  
 and suffered as he has than private Concerns  
 This man is nothing to me whatso ever  
 but Justice demands fair play, I saw  
 Foster soon after the accident occurred  
 and then he had an interest in a saloon  
 I advised him to sell, and he did, and has  
 used the money all up. I called three  
 times to see Cal Haring but not able  
 to find him in, If you will speak to  
 him kindly, do so in a way that the  
 Commissioners will not be offended  
 for this. Foster has worked in misery &  
 pain when I would not and the least  
 can be done is to pay him his salary  
 until he can return to work. with  
 the hope that this will be done soon

Sincerely

To  
 Cal Am L Strong Mayor  
 City Hall N.Y.C.  
 John H. Jewell



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56 City Councillors St.

Montreal, P.Q. April 6th, 1895.

To the Honourable,

The Mayor,

New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Re Proposed City Hall -- New York.  
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Having submitted a complete design and estimate for the above new building, I should be much obliged if you can give me any information respecting the results of the competition. As far as I can learn from the reports in daily papers, I conclude that the matter is still undecided. I am therefore desirous to know whether a decision is likely to be formed within the near future. In a word -- I should much appreciate any communication you can afford me on the subject.

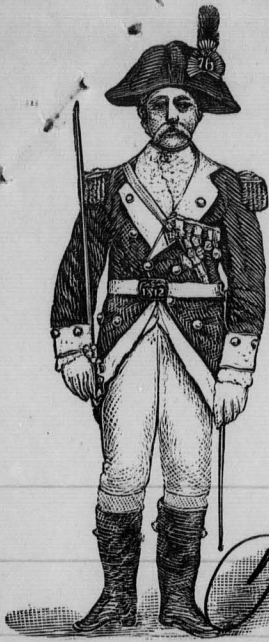
Awaiting the favor of your reply,

I am,

Yours obediently,

*A. Arthur Cox*

Architect.



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286 EIGHTH AVENUE.

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New York, April 6<sup>th</sup> 1895

We Love Our Country.

To His Honor Mayor Wm. L. Strong  
+ And the +  
Honorable Board of Aldermen  
New York City.

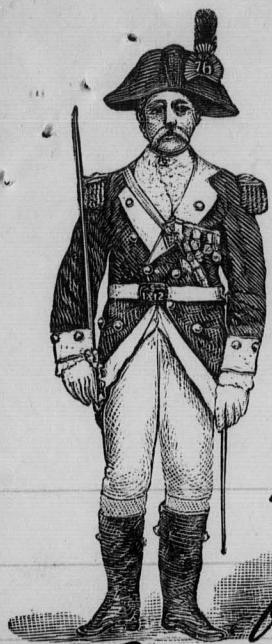
Greeting. At a regular meeting of  
the Washington Continental Guard, held  
last evening, the following resolution was  
unannamously adopted, and ordered to  
be presented to the Official Government  
of Our City.

Whereas —



over





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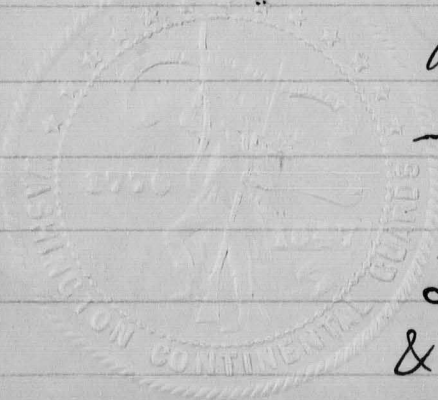
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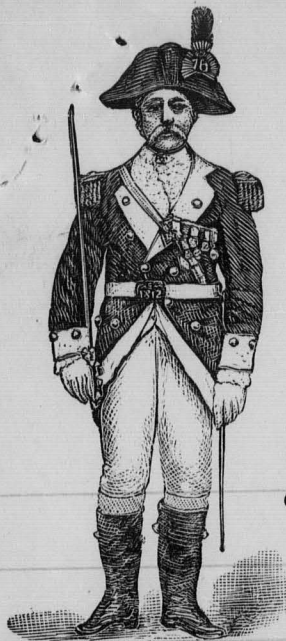
This coming Ninth of April, 1895, will be the Centennial of the Establishment of our Public School System, in the State of New York. For on this day, One Hundred years ago, Gov. George Clinton, signed the "First Educational Bill," to help & maintain "Free Public Schools at the States expense." "Viz." "An Act, for the Encouragement of Schools" Appropriated \$20,000 pounds a year for five years." And it has passed to the citizens of this State, by this time. That it was the right kind of an Act. It was a worthy patriotic motive. A necessity to help elevate our people, in general progress & knowledge, To make them more law abiding citizens. For Free Education is the basis of National Liberty. Every American & lover of Freedom, rejoices in

— over



Act. & should give their loy-  
-alty & unflinching support  
to Our Free Common School  
System. We believe it is the  
Essential fountain of Amer-  
-ican Patriotism, and as our Schools  
& Colleges are Free, We will have and  
be a more Free and Independent  
People —





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~~510 West 14th St.~~

JOHN G. NORMAN, CAPTAIN,

286 EIGHTH AVENUE.

New York, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 1895

Resolved.

That we ask Our Honorable Official City Government, To place hastily, the "Stars and Stripes" The Emblem of Our Nation Above the City Hall, on this Ninth Day of April, 1895, from Sunrise to Sun Set. In respect, to the requests of our People, The Friends and Supporters, of The Free Public School System of the State of New York —

Respectfully Yours  
The Washington Continental Guard  
of New York City.

Capt. John G. Norman  
A. B. Johnston  
James B. Guild,

Committee.

Before father died he  
put his money in the hands  
of his executor I consenting  
after father died this executor  
went before the Surrogate denied  
the will and refused to tell  
where this money went for  
this executor tried for 2  
years to get discharged but  
the Court refused then he  
the executor came to my  
house and promised if I would  
sign a paper he would give  
me money afterwards to  
make my loss <sup>I did it</sup> good, then  
he went and got a discharge  
by the Court and now refuses  
to keep his promise and  
I lose what father left



with him for me now  
please notice he betrayed  
the confidence of his own  
father and cheated me  
his own Brother and I  
am almost Blind at that  
this is one Police Sergeant  
Recorder Goff did not find  
but I tried to get over  
Tamam Police Comm- to  
transfer him from the 120  
Street Court to a precinct  
but failed but if your  
honor pleas I shall always  
consider him unfit to  
hold the position of a  
Sergeant in a Court of  
Justice and hope some day  
to see him meet some  
person able to avenge  
my wrongs -

Most Resp Yours -

A. G. Reynolds  
250 East 114 St  
N.Y. City

P.S. I would not write  
a letter to you without  
the honor of your acquaintance  
but we look to such distinguished  
Judges as you and you only  
as the defenders of our  
Civil Rights and I consider  
your sympathies invaluable  
A. G. R.

April 7 1895

April 8<sup>th</sup> 1895

William L. Strong Esq  
Mayor

New York City  
Dear Sir

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The late John Bright M.P. British House of Commons while delivering an address on being tendered the Freedom of the City of Edinburgh, said that first and foremost and before all things else, was for a man to have the approval of his own Conscience and after that was the approbation of his fellow men. In accordance with the second as a plain Citizen of this City this is written for the purpose of expressing to you the admiration and respect which I consider is your just due in your Administration of the Affairs of the City up to date. And I have every confidence that the future equal the past and you will have the respect of all good law abiding Citizens who have the welfare of the City at heart

Very respectfully  
John W. Allison  
253-W. 16<sup>th</sup> St.





New York April 8 1895

Hon William L. Strong

Dear Sir

Mayor

In reply to the enclosed communication I beg to state; that to my knowledge I know of no report, alluded to in the letter being printed; furthermore I wish to inform you that Valentines Manual is complete, save the volume of 1867 which is reported as among the missing ones. There was none printed in that year.

I have a copy in this Library of Valentines History of New York City, published in the year 1853, being one of the volumes the Gentlemen is desirous of selling

I remain  
Yours Very Truly

Philip Gaer  
Librarian

Mayor's Office,  
Brooklyn.

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April 8th, 1895.

Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:

I am desired to introduce to your  
attention the bearer, the Rev. George H.  
Miller, Pastor of a Church in upper New York.  
If you will kindly grant him a hearing upon  
the matter which he wishes to present to you,  
I will feel obliged.

Yours sincerely,

*Charles A. Schieffelin*

Mayor.



President, GEO. M. CUMMING.  
Vice President, J. H. C. NEVIUS.  
Treasurer, JULIUS BLUMBERG.  
Secretary, PREBLE TUCKER.

Office of Secretary,  
ROOM, 110 TRINITY BUILDING,  
111 BROADWAY.

# Council

OF

## Confederated Good Government Clubs.

New York, April 8<sup>th</sup> 1895.

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Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor of the City of New York.

Sir: Pursuant to the permission con-  
tained in your letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> inst. the  
Committee of the Council will be pleased  
to wait on you to-day at one  
o'clock.

Please send me word by the bearer  
whether you can receive the Committee  
at that hour.

Very respectfully,

G. M. Cumming  
Pres.

DENTAL ROOMS  
OF  
DR. E. J. TUCKER,  
3200 THIRD AVE.,  
Opp. 161st St., Elevated Station.

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Manisania, N. Y., April 8<sup>th</sup> 1895

Hon<sup>ble</sup> Wm Strong.

Mayor, City New York.

Dear Sir.

Kindly permit  
me to introduce Rev Geo H. Miller  
of the Dutch Reform Church, 156<sup>th</sup>  
St & Elton Ave.

He is interested in the Assessment  
bill <sup>to appear</sup> ~~now~~ before you, for your approval.  
any thing you can do for him  
will be appreciated by this District

Yours sincerely

Edward J. Tucker M.D.  
Chairman, Associated  
Chairman 29<sup>th</sup> Assembly Dist.



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DENTAL ROOMS  
OF  
DR. E. J. TUCKER,  
3200 THIRD AVE.,  
Opp. 161st St., Elevated Station.

*Morrisania, N. Y. April 8<sup>th</sup> 1895.*

Hon' Wm Strong, Mayor New York, N. Y.,

Dear Sir.

I have cemented into a united Association the chairmen of every election district in the 29th Assembly District, and had resolution passed by the above, and not by the Union Republican Club as your letter to our secretary, Mr Conover, indicates you are under that impression. The resolutions indorsing your administration was voted upon by 31 out of 32 election districts. I had this done upon a hint from Mr Brookfield.

Five of the most experienced politicians in the 23rd and 24th Wards were united in their opposition, and whose plans of having 29th and 30th Assembly Districts pass resolutions condemning your administration, Dr Andrews and I defeated.

As Chairman of the association I can assure you we are in a position to influence the vote of our Assemblyman to the support of any measure you approve. A hint from Mr <sup>H</sup>eges will

will be sufficient.

If you can spare five minutes for conversation I can give you an idea how this district stands and who is blocking your interests.

Yours truly

*Edward J. Lueker M.D.*

Pres't Chairmen Association 29th

Assembly District.

*P.S. Please return clippings*





STATE OF NEW YORK  
**Assembly Chamber**

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Hon. Wm L. Strong;

Mayor of City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

I notice by to-mights papers that you are about to adopt new Civil Service rules. For God's sake, and for the sake of decent government, do not adopt rules which will hold into office those most infernal black mailing, building and health inspectors, if you do you will tie the hands of the new Superintendent so, that he will not be able to reform the department. He ought to have the power to be able to clean out every one of them, if not the department will prove a failure.

In my judgment all heads of departments ought to have the



STATE OF NEW YORK  
**Assembly Chamber**

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power to remove all Tammany  
Scoundrels, all all those being ap-  
pointed, should come under the  
Civil Service, by these means we  
will secure good government. The <sup>greater</sup>  
<sup>part of the</sup> people holding office in the building  
department did not gain admission  
by civil service, and could not pass  
an examination, were it administered  
to them, going in, as they did under  
the "Tammany Crooked", patronage system,  
and everyone from my standpoint  
of view should be turned out.

I hope you will take this  
matter under your careful Exam-  
ination, and by so doing you will  
oblige,

Very sincerely yours,  
Gudron Lawson



ALEXANDER E. ORR, *President.*  
GEORGE WILSON, *Secretary.*

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,  
OF THE STATE OF NEW-YORK.

✓ New-York, April 8th. 1895.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Dear Sir:-

A meeting of the Vice Presidents of the Chamber of Commerce, will be held at the Rooms of the Chamber, on Thursday next, the 11th., inst., at 12:30 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of dividing into classes by allotment, as required by the Amemnded By-law adopted on the 5th., of April 1894.

By order of the President.

Geo. Wilson  
Secretary.

WEINSTEIN & CO.,  
GROCERIES, WINES, LIQUORS,  
AND MINERAL WATERS,  
165 SIXTH AVENUE.

Department Store at  
HELENA, MONTANA.

NEW YORK, 4/8. 1895.

Mr Strong Mayor of this City  
Gentlemen.

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A few days ago we made an complaint to the  
Street Cleaning Department for not removing the  
sweeping and received an answer that some  
contractor will call for the garbage.

As hereafter the garbage has not been removed  
we investigated this matter and found that the same  
cart driver which left our sweeping outside every  
day untouched takes away near Door Barrell's  
of sweeping papers ect and the very same sweeping  
which one cart driver left untouched the next one  
took when he got paid for.

We are not able to watch the cart drivers and to pay  
them for removing daily and when not removed the  
rubbish will accumulate and be dangerous  
for the health.

It is a change from bad to worse and it



WEINSTEIN & CO.,  
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165 SIXTH AVENUE.

Department Store at  
HELENA, MONTANA.

NEW YORK, \_\_\_\_\_ 189

seems that we are put at the mercy of the  
carr drivers.

We ask your honor for immediate relief and  
expect that instructions will be given that the  
garbage shall be removed daily not only from  
favored places but everywhere alike.

Respectfully  
Weinstein & Co

Sum for 12  
Carr

CHAS. LEWIS & BROS.,  
WOOLENS AND CLOAKINGS,

313 GHURGH STREET,

Bet. Walker & Lispenard Streets.

TELEPHONE CALL, 882 B. FRANKLIN.

New York, April 8<sup>th</sup> 1895

Hon W. L. Strong

Mayor City of NY

Dear Sir

I Martin M. Lewis Citizen and taxpayer  
of the city of New York do here by make charges against the  
Hon Wm L. Strong as one of the best cleaning dept and await  
your pleasure at any time. The specifications are too num-  
erous to mention. I have tried my best with him  
but of no avail he is stubborn his men are willing  
to do all they can it is a disgrace to the city of NY  
to have such a man in office I have been down town  
in business for forty three years and never was treated  
in this shameful manner if he is a col put him  
in the Army where he might be a grand man  
but I doubt it for even there you are treated politely  
you must not refuse letters to him but call him down  
(excuse slang) but cannot help it every body around  
the dry goods district are damning him as com not as  
a col Kindly answer this and oblige  
Yours  
Martin M. Lewis



619  
Odd Fellows Building.  
Seventh & Elm Sts.  
Cincinnati.

Personal.

April 8th, 1895.

Hon: William L. Strong,

Mayor of New York.

My dear Mr Strong,

I do not suppose you know it, but Major McFall is in very serious shape and has but little means of support. He filed some time ago an application for a pension, but like all poor deserving people he seems to receive no consideration in the matter, and without his knowing anything about it, I take the liberty of dropping you this letter to ask if you could not do something to help through his application? I think he really needs the money to live on. I am making an effort through Senator Brice to do something to help him, and thought that with your assistance we might get the matter fixed up.

With kindest regards and best wishes for your success in your new and very trying position,

I am, Yours truly,

J. M. Fulton

OFFICE OF

Recording Secretary

Order of Knights of Labor

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY, No. 49

New York City, N. Y., April 8<sup>th</sup> 1895

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Wm L. Strong  
Mayor, N. Y. City Sir

I wish to call to your attention for your consideration the fact. That the condition of the East side under the present street cleaning arrangements is "filthy in the extreme" In passing through the following streets to day I found from (2) two to five Barrels of ashes full to overflowing in front of each tenement, also the streets had mounds of dirt, every (10, or 15) feet. The streets so encumbered are Pitt, Ludlow, Stanton, Suffolk, Dorfolk, Clinton & others

I am also instructed to inform your Honor of the fact, that District Assembly No. 49 Knights of Labor has unanimously indorsed the Resolutions adopted by L. a 2234 K of L and forwarded to your Honor for your consideration. Said Resolutions called for the immediate removal





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New York City, N. Y., April 8<sup>th</sup> 1896.

Of Street Cleaning Commissioner Waring  
Trusting the same will meet your  
Honors approval

Believe me to Remain

Sir

Very Respectfully Yours

Patrik Murphy  
Secretary



New York April 8<sup>th</sup> 1895

Hon. W<sup>m</sup>. L. Strong. Mayor.

Sir:

I am directed by the Finance Committee of this Board to advise you that the consideration of your Honor's Message of the 2<sup>d</sup> inst. to this Board, has been postponed until the next meeting of this Committee which will be held on Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> 1895 at 2 P. M.

I am directed, by the Committee, to respectfully state that all communications of a financial nature received by it up to that time from your Honor or the Comptroller, will then be acted upon.


Very respectfully yours,  
Wm. H. Scott



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## IS IT TIME?



S it time—is it *not* time—that some of the nuisances prevailing on the East Side are prohibited, and such prohibition enforced?

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NOT the least among these is the practice of storing wagons and other vehicles on the public streets during nights, Sundays and holidays, and in fact whenever it suits the convenience of the owners of such vehicles to do so.

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OUR streets are none too commodious at best, and when lined with these obstructions their intended use is curtailed to an extent far from agreeable to those having occasion to use these thoroughfares for legitimate purposes.

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BUT the worst feature is not that one is reminded that he is living in a stable-yard, it is rather the sights he is compelled to witness, the outrages upon common decency which is made easy under partial cover of these wagons but which would not be otherwise possible.

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IS IT not time that some arrangement be made to clear our streets of the accumulations of filth that now make them a disgrace to a civilized community?

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THE residents of the East Side can remedy this. Will they do it?

Is it not time that the ordinance requiring householders to clear their sidewalks be enforced?

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Is it not time to enforce the law prohibiting the littering of our streets with refuse and garbage?

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Is it not time to make an example of those who persist in converting the fire escapes into storage places? Not long since a serious fire occurred in a Pitt Street tenement house at an hour when the male portion of the tenants were away at work. The firemen endeavored to climb the fire escapes and at two landings they were delayed by the boxes, tubs, and other things stored on the escapes, finally being forced to climb over the outside of the railing in order to reach the people imprisoned. This consumed valuable time, when a moment, perhaps, meant the loss of a life. Lives were lost in that fire; who can say it would not have been otherwise had the escapes been free from obstructions?

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This matter should receive the prompt and active attention of the proper officials.

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Is it not time that an arrangement be made to compel householders to provide a sufficient number of barrels to contain their ashes, etc., and to remove the same from the walks when emptied?

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Is it not time to put a stop to the horse racing in Ridge Street that a certain horse trader has practiced for several years past?

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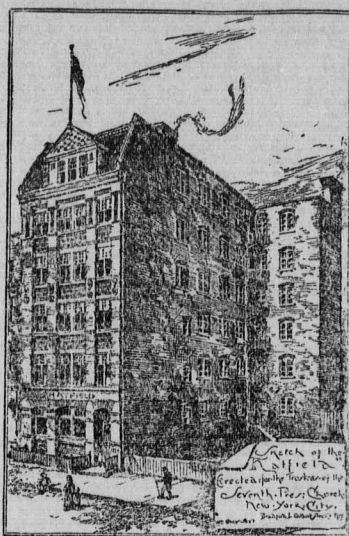
IS IT NOT TIME?



Best Apartment House, of  
prices, for Gentlemen only,  
in the United States.

FRANK E. MITCHELL,  
MANAGER.

"I shall pass through this world but  
once—any good thing therefore, that I  
can do, or any kindness that I can show  
to any human being, let me do it now.  
Let me not defer it or neglect it, for I  
shall not pass this way again".



## THE "HATFIELD",

MANAGED UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE  
TRUSTEES OF THE SEVENTH  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

46 & 48 RIDGE STREET,  
NEW YORK CITY.

April 8th 1895.

To His Honor  
The Mayor.

Honorable Sir,

On the eleventh ultimo I mailed  
you a petition, signed by members of our  
Board of Trustees and others, asking that action  
be taken to prevent the disgusting violations of  
of decency which are perpetrated in Ridge  
Street on Sundays and holidays — which  
are easy to commit under partial cover of  
vehicles stored here, but which would  
not otherwise be possible.

Yesterday, from 8 am. to 6 p.m., some 75 men  
and boys lurinated, with more or less exposure  
of person, in the public street, and in  
full view of the windows of my Office and  
living apartments.

I respectfully urge your action.

Most respectfully submitted.

Frank E. Mitchell.



# COMMITTEE ON ERECTION OF THE WASHINGTON ARCH AT WASHINGTON SQUARE.

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W. L. Strong.  
Russell Sturgis.  
Jenkins Van Schaick.

\* Deceased.

Office of William R. Stewart, Treasurer, 54 William St.

New-York, April 8, 1893.

61 Joeb E. Hedges, Esq.,  
Mayor's Office, City.

Dear Sir:

I recently placed in Mayor Strong's hands an invitation to attend the dedication ceremonies of the Washington Arch on the 30th instant. Although the Mayor intimated to me that we might expect his presence, I have received in behalf of the Committee no formal acknowledgment of its invitation, and especially desire to be assured by the Mayor that he will be present as we are preparing our programme. I should like to have his Honor's signature to the letter of acceptance, as all such papers will be given to the Historical Society as matters of future public interest.

Yours very truly,

Wm R Stewart  
Secretary



✓  
New York April 9/95  
To His Honor W<sup>m</sup> Strong  
Mayor of N. Y. City  
Dear Sir

I beg your permission to  
address these lines to your  
Honor, I will in short out  
lines explain my grievance.  
The house (Tenements 1351  
Park Ave. near 102<sup>nd</sup> St) has  
been for the last (3) Months  
in a very bad and unhealthy  
Sanitary Condition, no Water  
has been in the Building all  
this Time the Plumbing is in  
a Terrible State, and the smell  
is something Terrible that  
arises from it, I own the house.

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adjoining, and the Tenants  
of my house on the adjoining  
side cant open a Window  
as the Stench is so dreadful  
and sickening, the whole neigh-  
berhood is in Peril, and de-  
cease will surely spread from  
this terrible state of things,  
it has been reported to the  
Board of Health by at least  
a dozen different persons,  
but no relieve has come yet  
ever since January this State of  
things has existed, will your  
Honor kindly investigate this  
Nuisance, as a Remedy must  
be forthcoming, or else that neigh-  
berhood will be a pesthole, and  
not fit for People to live in  
The immediate neighborhood  
Thanking you Honorable Sir



before hand, for your kindness  
to relieve the neighborhood  
from the present state of  
things

I remain Respectfully  
Yours

D. Oppenheimer  
Owner of house 1349 Park Ave

Residence 104 E 92 nd St

W. J. Apr 9<sup>th</sup> 95

Hon W. L. Strong

Hon Sir

Once again

do I take the liberty in addressing you, as it appears that my previous writing was not attended to. Now

Hon Sir for the past 5 or 6 months

I have been continually writing to your office asking you kindly to grant me a request and that is to remove two stands which are placed upon the sidewalk within one and two doors away from my store. Hon Sir as previously stated these stand owners are entirely ruining my business and to such an extent that unless you will kindly assist me in getting them removed I shall be compelled



to leave everything behind and go  
wherever my eyes will lead me to  
you Sir it appears to me that  
your orders given to the Bureau of  
Incumbrances is not heeded in the  
least as I am aware of the fact  
that you have ordered them to  
remove these stands off sidewalks  
but once as a bluff they did remove  
them but very shortly did they  
replace them, So Now Sir what I  
desire to learn is whether the  
Bureau of Incumbrances is being  
ruled by you or whether you are  
ruled by them. For many years I  
as a citizen voted and wished that  
we should obtain a government such  
as we have now so that each one of  
us would be capable to obtain our

rights but according to my knowledge  
it seems to be worse, as before I  
was unable to obtain the rights of  
a citizen and could obtain no satis-  
faction and am in the same place  
yet. So now Sir what I desire to  
learn from you is how much longer  
will this corruption last, and still  
now Sir do I appeal to you for the  
sake of my family to assist me in  
this matter, or to let me know  
whether the law allows the sidewalk  
to be obstructed with these stands  
and if nothing can be done towards  
removing them, hoping you will kindly  
favor me with a speedy reply  
I remain

Yours Resp  
J. Rosenzweig

168 Delancey St

stands situated, 164 Delancey near Clinton

166 Delancey cor Clinton



"over"

N. Y. April 9, 1895

My Dear Sir,

About four weeks ago I wrote you about the Sewer on Bathgate Ave bet 172 & 173 St and received your reply we are now at the same trouble as we were then the work is again stopped on account of non-payment of the men. Shall we be subject to Malaria as the dirt lays at least 10 feet high on the street and no way to pass be kind enough to see to this and oblige

Yours truly Joseph Krueger

I am one of at least  
a dozen property owners  
who ask this favor

Yours  
Joseph Krieger  
172 St. Bathgate Ave



ANDREW D. PARKER,  
Counsellor at Law,  
93 NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK.

*Harvey*  
*52 Mark memo. of this, J.H.*

April 9th, 1895.

Job E. Hedges, Esq.,

Secretary to the Mayor.

Dear Sir:-

Will you kindly inform me, upon its fixing, of the time of the hearing before the Mayor upon the bill to incorporate the New York Zoological Society and to provide for the establishment of a zoological garden in the city of New York, which was passed yesterday, and greatly oblige,

Yours truly,

*Ad Parker*

35 William Street.

New York, April 9, 1895

Hon. W. B. Strong  
Mayor &c.  
Dear Sir

The Executive Committee of the Committee of Seventy have appointed a sub-committee for the purpose of waiting upon you with reference to certain matters of public interest which they desire to bring to your attention. On behalf of this sub-committee I beg to say that if you could find it convenient to designate

date an hour after two o'clock to-day at which could receive us, we should esteem it a favor and call upon you at the hour designated

Very Respectfully  
J. Larocque,  
Chairman.

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Answered JLB  
4/9/95



35 William Street.

New York. April 9, 1895

Hon Mr. C. Strong  
Mayn re re  
Dear Sir

I regret to have  
to say that owing to  
an engagement of one  
of my associates of which  
I was not advised my  
Committee were not  
able to wait upon  
you today at 3.30.  
P.M. - as proposed

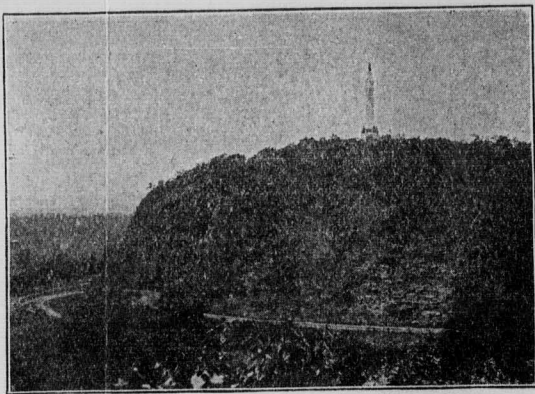
If it would suit you  
convenience to receive  
us at the same hour

on Thursday the eleventh  
instant we should be  
very glad to wait  
on you at that time

Very Respectfully  
J. Larocque

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See



Soldier's Monument and Park, New Haven, Conn.

Apr. 9<sup>th</sup> 1895.

Mayor City of New York.  
Dear Sir:

On August 7<sup>th</sup> 1895,  
the Societies which I represent, namely St. Patrick's  
Young Men's T. F. C. Society, contemplate a  
visit to the City of which you have the honor  
of being its Executive to attend the National  
Convention of the Catholic Total Abstinence  
Societies of America. I will probably we  
will parade from Grand Central Depot  
to the Cathedral on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue on our arrival.  
Will you kindly inform me if a permit



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is necessary to parade and acquaint me  
of the proper persons to grant the same.  
I close with many thanks remaining

Respectfully Yours

HENRY E. NORRIS,

P.O. BOX 1225

New Haven, - Conn.

Chairman Committee  
S. M. Patrick J. M. T. C. Society

New York, April 10, 1895.

To his Honor,

The Mayor of New York City.

Dear Sir:-

We, the undersigned, owners and tenants of property in the Twenty-third Ward, "North New York", beg to call your Honor's attention to the fact that the buildings facing one hundred and sixty-fifth Street, on the North side of same street and in the roadway of Cauldwell Avenue, which were condemned and sold by the City in August 1894, and at various times since said sale have been ordered to be removed, that said Cauldwell Avenue may be opened to the public, have not been removed, as by repeated orders served, thereby adding greatly to the inconvenience and detriment of the undersigned.

And we pray that your Honor will use such remedy as in your Honor's judgment will cause the removal of said buildings.

And we further pray that your Honor will request Commissioner Haffen, of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, to make all due haste to have said Cauldwell Avenue, from one hundred and sixty-fifth street to Boston Avenue, a distance of about three hundred feet, opened to the public.

Respectfully yours,

William Hargreaves 1058 Cauldwell Ave  
Stephen J. Dolan D.V. 859 E 163 St.  
John Winker 1023 1st St



Max Maranson	840 E. 165 <sup>th</sup> St.
Paul Lyage	905 Prospect Ave.
James Underaer	851 East 165 <sup>th</sup> St.
Joseph Williamson	840 E. 165 <sup>th</sup> St.
George, P. Abogast	840, E. 165 <sup>th</sup> St.
H. Engelholm	" " "
John, Krennuel.	995 Cauldwell Ave.
Mason Oliver.	836 East 165 <sup>th</sup> St.
Therman Schuppo	821 East 165 <sup>th</sup> St.
Isaac Halsey	864, 165 <sup>th</sup> St.
Ch. Fluhr	893 East 165 <sup>th</sup> St.
Henry Eppung	879 East 165 <sup>th</sup> St.
W. S. Beckley	1060 Cauldwell Ave.
Elijah D. Clark.	855 East 165 <sup>th</sup> St.
John King Clark	875 East 165 <sup>th</sup> St.
J. Harrington Minor, M.D.	838 East 165 <sup>th</sup> St.
John G. Engle de	968 Trinity Ave.
Chas. Sticker	1020 Union St.
Julius H. Fort	954 E. 165 <sup>th</sup> St.
W. Hiltone	995 E. 161 <sup>st</sup> St.
Chas. G. Gray	823 East 165 <sup>th</sup> St.
Arnold Fox	954 " 165 <sup>th</sup> St.
J. F. Holmes.	844 E. 165 <sup>th</sup> St.
John C. Guerin	1010 Trinity Ave.
W. H. Hiltone	1038 Trinity Ave.
Henry D. Hall	990 Trinity Ave.
Robert M.	954 E. 165 <sup>th</sup> St.
W. Warner	1060 Cauldwell Ave.
W. Johnson	996 Trinity Ave.

Daniel H. Maloney 904 East 165<sup>th</sup> St.  
J. Simmons 1035 Jackson Ave.  
D. Simmons 1035 " " "

To his Honor,

The Mayor of New York City.

Dear Sir:-



April 10<sup>th</sup>, 1895

Hon W. L. Strong

MAYOR'S OFFICE  
COMPLAINT NO.

Mayor of New York

Dear Sir

In behalf of a number of citizens of the East Side, who desire to see a Christian Sabbath in this city.

I wish to call your attention to the gross violation of the Sunday Law which is practised by "Push-Cart" peddlers - tailors and storekeepers of all kinds, and countenanced in a measure by the Police.

I am a citizen of the 13<sup>th</sup> Ward and voted at the last election for Reform because I like a number of others believed that these wrongs existed on account of the corruption of our city government. - It is worse now in this section on Sunday than it was then - The law is openly violated by thousands - I would like to hear from you whether the law can be enforced.

I am yours truly

W. H. Koch

169 Rivington Street

HENRY C. SIMONSON,  
CUSTOM HOUSE BROKER.  
88 COTTON EXCHANGE.

New York, April 10<sup>th</sup> 1895.

To

The Hon. Mr. Strong.  
Mayor of New York.  
N.Y.

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Dear Sir:

I take the liberty of addressing these few lines to you, to ask you for a pass for Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup>/95 to visit the Navy Yard in B'klyn.

I would like to have this pass so as I can see the yard thoroughly. as I have never been there before.

I would also like to take a friend of mine with me,

Hoping you will comply with my request if it is in your power. I remain

Your Humble Servant.

Harry L. Fletcher.

% H. C. Simonson

#88 Cotton Exchange  
N.Y.



April 10th

197, Madison Avenue.

Dear Mr Mayor

The portraits of  
Clay, Jackson, Jefferson, Monroe  
& Taylor now hanging in the halls  
on the Board of Aldermen rooms  
City Hall are in a sad state  
of decay. The frames as well  
as the canvases need to be restored.  
It will be a pleasure to me to  
arrange for their full restoration  
at my expense if I may be  
accorded the privilege.  
The paintings

are very good & restored will  
I think be a pleasure to all  
who love the memory of these  
eminent men.

Waiting your pleasure

I am

Faithfully Yours  
N. W. Phelps

Wm. L. Strong  
Mayor —

*Reform and Reformers.*  
*Story of the Recent Reform movement in N.Y. City.*

New York April 10th, 1895.

William Jones, Esq.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Will,

You must excuse me for not writing in so long a time, but I simply could not do so on account of press of business. The best thing I can write you about that will be interesting, is the great reform movement and its consequences in this City.

Some time ago, we had an election in this City. You must have read about it in the Philadelphia papers, but I guess they did not give full details or the consequences of this election. I will try to do this.

You must have heard of our great and only Dr. Parkhurst. We New Yorkers are immensely proud to have such a distinguished citizen, especially because his name is always mentioned in connection with the reforming of that very wicked City, New York. Of course, the countrymen must think this City the most wicked under the sun on account of the fact that our distinguished citizen presented the unique spectacle of a minister visiting the lowest and most criminal houses and districts, that the County papers, which heretofore only spoke of New York as the largest commercial City in the country, began to print full extracts of our Reverend Doctor's report and I have no doubt that most country people think it unsafe to be in this City. Of course this was to the advantage of our merchants.

You know all about the Doctor's trips in New York, his visits to the criminal districts, his violent denunciation of the police, of politicians and especially of political bosses. On these points I will not dwell. Anyhow, the Doctor made such noise over his discoveries that the Legislature appointed the celebrated Advertising



Committee, the Lexow committee, to investigate the police department. This celebrated Committee sat for a period of six months and was championed by our distinguished Recorder, Mr. Goff, and our Reverend Doctor Parkhurst. Neither of these gentlemen hesitated whom they attacked nor made any attempt to prove what they said and were so brave that they finally had a splendidly organized police department, recognized all over the world as the finest in existence, in a great state of disorder. Of course, it did not bother the Recorder or the Doctor to hear every day of an assault here and an assault there, all on account of this disorder, they must and would have satisfaction for the Gardner case. Between the three, i. e. the Doctor, the Recorder and the Committee, it soon became known all over the world what a fine City we had, that is, the committee advertised the bad side but omitted to say a word about the good side. Day after day, the three called disorderly house keepers and green goods men to prove what a wicked city we had. While this proving was going on, assaults and murders, directly tracable to the disorder occasioned by the Committee in the police department, did not count. Nor did the fact that these same policeman were the most heroic in the world. Without wishing to cast any reflections on the Doctor, what would you think of a Minister who edits a book describing "My fight with Tammany" after saying the Tammany is full of murderers and thieves? Well, our mothers and sisters were taught a great deal by this reform movement. They learned from the Committee's reports, (always published in full by the newspapers) what an easy life the prostitutes lead, the great amount of money they make and how much better or at least easier, it is to become a prostitute than to remain virtuous and work like a slave for 10 hours a day at small wages. They also showed our female friends the little danger of arrest and public denouncement, and of course, between the two, our friends remained



more virtuous than they were. Of course, the merchants of this City did not lose anything by this state of affairs, the countrymen came here to be robbed and murdered, according to the Lexow Committee.

Well, dear Will, this state of affairs continued until after election. Our friends, the enemies, Tammany Hall, the greatest murderers on the face of the earth, I. E. according to the Doctor, nominated our respected remunerative Charitable gentleman, Nathan Straus. After a short canvas, the honorable gentleman withdrew from the contest, seemingly because Mr. Hill intended to let his name be printed on the reform ballots. The true history of the affair is that a gentleman on the East Side wrote the charitable gentleman a letter, in which he stated that the citizens objected to any remunerative charitable work where coal was sold at \$5.00 per ton and milk at 4cts per quart. He also threatened to publish the letter and Mr. Straus took the hint and withdrew from the contest. I know none of the papers even hinted at this fact, but it is nevertheless true. The reform party nominated our respected friend, Col. Strong, the present mayor.

Quite a hot campaign followed. The churches of this City all took part in the campaign. I distinctly remember that on one occasion on going into a church, a part of the prayer was something like this:-

"I thank thee, O Lord, for protecting us. I pray that Thou doth protect us from the present crowd of official thieves, the members of Tammany Hall. I ask Thee to help us to drive these rascals out of office and put better men there."

This prayer was uttered in a small church on the East Side and was never published in the newspapers. On the other hand, in one of our large Catholic churches, the priest said something to this effect.



"I ask you all to vote for Tammany Hall, for it ~~is~~ the only good party, the Republican party being in the power of the A. P. A."

I wonder if our good and great Lord was puzzled. To my mind he made a compromise. He drove out the Tammany Hall rascals, in answer to the first prayer. Now, not wanting to anger his Catholic children, He only gave the others one half of their prayer, putting a lot of chumps in the place of the deposed officials, instead of better men as prayed for. Any how, the great Reformer, Col. Strong was elected amid the cries of "a victory for the people", "the first honest election in years", etc. I want to say that the very people who the reformers had been attacking for their misdeeds, contributed a great amount to their victory, namely the police. By the order of Supt. Byrnes, the men were detailed for duty away from the district wherein they resided or wherein they were regularly detailed for duty, thus putting it out of power ~~of~~ a politician to know the policeman and obtain favors ~~for~~ him. The best thing that I can say of the efficiency of the police is that of the reformers themselves who cried "the first honest election in years."

Well, our mayor was duly installed in his office. Our friend the Lexow champion was elected Recorder, Mr. Goff, ~~and~~ was also our Jack in the box, Coronor Hoerber.

Now, Will, I must first speak of our respected mayor. He had not been in office long before he began to be besieged by an army of office seekers. He stood this siege well and came off victorious. Then our reform legislature made the mayor a handsome present, a power of removal of all city officials. He at once used this power by turning out our respected friend, Mr. Sheean and substituting in his place a Mr. Andrews. The people received this news with acclamation, for was this not the beginning of the end of the rule of those murder-



ous villians, the members of Tammany Hall. You know our Board of Police Commissioners consists of four members, therefore Mr. Andrews was in a large minority. The people therefore expected the removal of the other commissioners in a few days. But alas, how disappointed we are. Up to this time they have not been removed. Perhaps our mayor thinks Mr. Andrews is worth half a dozen of the other Commissioners, but I would respectfully impress on the mayor that on a Board a man has only one vote, even admitting that he is worth a dozen of the others. Perhaps our mayor made a political deal? In answer to this I can only say that there are numerous rumors pro and con. Why our mayor has put one good man in office and allowed three bad ones there to outvote him, is beyond my comprehension. To me it seems to be a piece of folly. We cannot hint at political jugglery in this matter because the reformers are not thieves like Tammany Hall. e. according to the reformers. Anyway the quicker the mayor removes the other three commissioners, the better for the people. I forgot to tell you about the trip our mayor made into Chinatown in company with Mr. Andrews. They did not make this visit for political effect because you know the Chinese are not allowed to vote. They just made a social call and while there they violated a City ordinance. I guess they thought the ordinance ~~was~~ no good, having been framed by that gang of thieves Tammany Hall.

Another appointment made by our mayor was that of Col. Waring as Street Cleaning Commissioner. This respected citizen did not even live in this City but at Newport, and belongs to the swell set. One of the first public acts he performed was the selling of the old Commissioners' carriage and buying a new one for \$800. besides buying a new set of harness. Of course, the people did not "kick", a boss must make a good impression on his workmen. During the winter this gentle-



man distinguished himself by succeeding in spending more money in a given time than any of his predecessors in removing the snow from the streets and the <sup>number</sup> ~~number~~ of quarrels he got into with the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. In all these quarrels, Mr. Waring insisted that the cost of properly cleaning the streets ought not to be considered, ~~but~~ that all the money should be forthcoming that was needed. In this view both the public and The Board agreed, and he received the money. But lo, look how the reformer reformed. During the past week, our friend entered into a contract for the burning of light garbage, paper, etc. Last Saturday the good people of this City were amazed to see carts loaded with garbage, refuse, etc., driven to the public park at the foot of Colears St., and the private lot at the foot of East Third st., where the contents of the carts were dumped. Then some Italians began to overhaul this material, picking out what they intended to sell and throwing the rest aside in one big heap. The heap was set on fire on last Sunday and prest, we were instantly removed to Newtown Creek. Talk about your spiritual manifestations. They were not in it. In one second we were carried from our quiet home and fresh air to Newtown Creek with its foul odors. ~~It~~ got into the newspapers about the Colears St. nuisance and our distinguished commissioners pet plan was soon extinguished by the Board of Health. Thereupon our friend, the Commissioner causes the garbage to be carted to the lot at the foot of East Third St., and there deposited. But the people had enough of one fire that <sup>had been burning since Sunday</sup> ~~was burning on Sunday~~ and they promptly complained to the Board of Health, who again extinguished the commissioner. The Commissioner's representative protested that they were simply burning paper but one of the boys took the policeman to one side of the heap and showed him that the Italians were trying to give the East Side people a free supper to baked cod fish for a ~~whole~~ whole load of fish was in the pile that was to be fired. Our Commis-



misioner almost wept at the destruction of his pet scheme to save money at the expense of the people who lived in the neighborhood of his bon fires. You see the reformer reformed, he wanted to save money. Last night this immense pile of stuff was set on fire, but as the wind was blowing the stench in the direction of Brooklyn, I pity the poor people there for they will have Newtown creek on one side and the bon fire with its roasted fish on the other. Of course we cannot blame the reformers, Tammany Hall would have made the fire in the middle of the public streets. Perhaps the Board of Health wanted to get revenge on the Reformers (for the board is still composed of Tammany men for which we ought to be thankful) by embarrassing them in their attempt to kill the poor people of the East side. Waring is a good thing, push him along. Our distinguished friend ought to be extinguished from public office.

Now for a few words about our Honorable Recorder, Goff. After his connection with our celebrated New York Advertising Committee appointed for the free Advertisement of New York as the most wicked City in the World, (the Lexow Committee) our friend was elected Recorder. One of the first things he did after taking office was to get into a quarrel with the other State Supreme Court judges. Of course, it could not be expected that our great Reformer could agree with any member of the Bench who was so wicked as to have held office under Tammany's reign. He wanted to boss everything, appoint everybody and run the Courts to suit himself. Naturally the other judges objected to this boss. Now, Will this seems remarkable to me in view of the fact that our greatest reformer, Dr. Parkhurst, once said,

"Oh, how I hate bosses. It makes no difference

whether he is a republican or democrat, I hate them."

Perhaps the reverend Doctor did not mean reform bosses and that is why he did not mention them specifically. Anyhow, Mr. Goff is a



reform~~er~~ boss of the worst type. Extraordinary, is it not? Seeing that he could not persuade the Judges to let him be boss, our great and true friend went to Albany and had a bill prepared making him a present of a power of removal law. Pleasant things those power of removal laws. Incidentally the bill added something to his salary. Of course it must be all right, for who would think that a great reformer like Mr. Goff, would do anything wrong, especially after his experience with the police as counsel for the Advertising Committee. It is just as certain that the Recorder accepted his office, not for the money that it paid him, but for the service to the public he would render as Recorder. Of course, Mr. Goff had a large income before his election, especially as nobody everybody ever heard of him before his connection with the Advertising Committee. Therefore the incident in regard to more pay for the Recorder must have been an error on the part of the public printer. About the power of removal, it is only necessary to say that the recorder being a good Democrat believes in Pres. Jackson's celebrated "Rotation in office" or "To the victors belong the spoils" although this administration was to be conducted on business principles without regard to political spirit. A great reformer is Mr. Goff.

Another great reform officer is Coroner Hoeber. He is at present a very prominent city official. You have undoubtedly read about the celebrated Hannigan case. As I understand the case, the facts are as follows:- A doctor had performed a criminal operation upon a young girl living in this City and she was rapidly dying from the effects of the operation. Our friend, the coroner, was called in. He never said a word about the case until the papers found out about it. The Coroner upon being interviewed by the gentlemen from the press, declined to say anything about the case, claiming that he had



been called in to see the girl by the attending physician as a friend and fellow doctor. A long fight ensued between the ~~entire~~ <sup>entire</sup> press of this City and the coroner. It ended in the defeat of the Coroner who then made the case public. Then what do you think the coroner did? He collected a half dozen men from the street in the vicinity of the girl's home and impaneled them as a jury. No questions were asked of these jurymen, they could be thieves, murderers, or anything else, that did not matter. This shining light took these men up to the dying girls room and held an inquest there. An inquest on a living though dying girl! Of course this reform coroner knew his business, it must be all right though cruel. Well as may be expected after such an occurrence, the girl died. The defendant's lawyers claim that the coroner killed her by the excitement of holding an inquest over her while she was alive. How true this is, I am not prepared to say. After the death of this girl, what do you think this fine coroner did? He held another inquest, notwithstanding the fact that the first jury had held the defendants guilty of the crime. Of course our friend was competent to sit as coroner in a case where he himself acknowledged that he was a friend to the physician attending the girl. After many a wrangle with the lawyers for both sides, this brave coroner started in to run the inquest to suit himself. He told the lawyers that he intended to run the place and this he did in great shape, asking and answering the questions himself whenever he felt like it, despite the objections of both lawyers. How this case finally ended, I cannot say. On April 1st, (April fool's day) some kind hearted person sent the coroner a jack in the box, but he had not the courtesy to send the gentleman his resignation. He is a great reformer, that is, he reforms all orderly and lawful was of conducting coroner's inquests.

I have now finished my account of the reform movement in the



the City. You know we also have a reform legislature, yet there is the largest kind of a fight going on between the reform party of the City and that of the State. We want one thing, the State reformers give us another thing. Maybe the City reformers will reform the State reformers at the next election. The Chairman of the Advertising Committee, Mr. Lexow, notwithstanding the fact that he was in this city for over six months, is unable to give us a police law that will suit out respected Dr. Dr. Parkhurst. Reformer Parkhurst has locked horns with both the mayor and the legislature over the police bills and they are having a merry fight over them. Pending this quarrel, we poor people have to wait patiently for the things we voted for such as the Consolidation of New York and Broo klyn, and the rapid transit bills <sup>which we</sup> and expected to get. But we must have patience and wait. Perhaps some one will reform the reformers.

Now, Will, you have a somewhat complete history of the great events in the reform movement in this City. Thank God that your City escaped from being reformed in this <sup>last</sup> ~~last~~ election you had in Philadelphia. If they talk about reform again down there, hold up this City and Brooklyn as examples of the good government that Reform movement give. You know how the workingmen were dealt with in Brooklyn and also that the legislature has condemn the reform government over there for losing their heads. Here I have giving you the consequences of reform in the acts of some of the reform officials. Perhaps it will be better when these officials get their brains in working order. Hoping that I have not given you a head-ache, I am

Yours loving cousin,

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*Vox populi*



CITY OF WILMINGTON,  
Mayor's Office.

DR. EVAN G. SHORTLIDGE,  
Mayor.

*Mr. Cushman*

Wilmington, Del., April 10th 1895 189

69 Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor of New York.

Dear Sir:-

I have been shown an article appearing in the New York Herald of April 3rd bearing on the system of garbage disposal now in successful operation in the City of Wilmington. In justice to this system of garbage cremation adopted by our City and in order to assist other cities to solve this vexing question (the final sanitary disposal of garbage) we would say that our City successfully solved the problem over one year ago. Our Crematory furnace has proven itself perfectly satisfactory to our local Board of Health and they report to me that they destroyed nearly 9000 tons of garbage last year besides horses, dogs and other animals. The report shows the cost of destruction to be reasonable, not exceeding 5 cts. per capita per annum, computing interest on plant and cost of maintenance, also that there was a decrease in the deaths from zymotic diseases of nearly 8% over preceding years. This sudden decrease in preventable diseases may be attributable in a measure to the burning of the thousand of tons of this pestiferous matter, in the place of disposing of it by other uncertain methods. In our judgment and from practical experience the utter destruction of garbage by fire is the most sanitary and perfectly satisfactory way of its final disposal.

*Yours very truly*  
*Evan G. Shortridge Mayor*