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E. B. BOOTH,
45 LIBERTY STREET,
NEW YORK.

Aug 14th 1895

Hon Wm L. Strong

Mayor.
Dear Sir

I find the Appointment
of the three Commissioners for
opening of the Boardwalk from
161st st along Mott Ave. is
made by the Supreme Court
Judge before whom application
is made -

One of the Commissioners
is supposed to be suggested by
the Corporation Counsel.

I regret that being misinformed
I trespassed on your valuable
time in the matter - but
something else may be offered

Very respectfully

Yours

E. B. Booth.



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(Twelfth Assembly District)

145 EAST 18TH STREET

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SPECIAL WORK ASSIGNED TO THE CLUB BY THE COUNCIL OF CONFEDERATED GOOD GOVERNMENT CLUBS:

EDUCATION AND THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Hon. Wm. L. Strong

New York, Aug 14

1895

Mayor New York City

Dear Sir
We respectfully urge that you re-commend prompt and cooperative action on the part of the Park Commissioners and the Board of Education in securing the benefits of the "Small Parks Act" and the Act requiring playgrounds for every school house erected after its passage -

We earnestly hope that you will also urge upon the School Commissioners the wisdom of devoting entire blocks to school purposes in the congested districts, instead of scattering school houses in localities where they will be suffocated by overcrowded tenement houses, saloons and unsanitary nuisances.

Will you kindly read my letter on this subject which I cut from the Tribune of July 14 - and if you approve give your powerful influence in favor of larger school houses.

Respectfully, J. Augustus Johnson

THE QUESTION OF LARGE SCHOOLHOUSES.

J. AUGUSTUS JOHNSON TELLS WHY HE FAVORS THOSE SEATING 5,000 OR 6,000 CHILDREN.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: The public is much indebted for your valuable series of illustrated articles on the public schools of New-York.

The bright light of publicity which is thus turned upon the defective buildings and demoralizing surroundings should greatly aid movement for school reform. I very much trust that you will open your columns to a general discussion of such an important subject, which touches alike the home life and civic pride of every citizen.

In your editorial paragraph on the subject of public schools in the issue of the 5th inst. I approve the recommendation of City Superintendent Jasper that no schools should contain over 2,000 children under the care of one principal. Will you kindly permit me to state my views on that subject?

IN THE CONGESTED DISTRICTS.

While it may be correct under ordinary circumstances, it will not, I think, hold good in the congested districts on the East Side. Several school buildings now contain from 2,500 to 3,000 children, and still the accommodations are inadequate, as appears from the fact that there are over 50,000 unschooled children in the streets. On the East Side there are now several overcrowded schools within three blocks of each other. They are situated generally in the centre of a block, surrounded by towering tenement-house buildings on either side and in the immediate rear, by liquor-saloons, and in some cases by nuisances, such as pie bakeries, stables, sausage factories, etc., whose malarious emanations add to their unsanitary conditions. Unless there are insuperable objections, which have not yet been indicated, it would be preferable to consolidate several schools in one building upon an entire block, in a central location, fronting on four streets, with an interior court for playgrounds, light and ventilation, which should accommodate five thousand or six thousand children. With a central corridor extending around each floor, and classrooms on either side, there would be an opportunity to introduce all modern improvements in architecture, sanitation and classroom arrangement and furnishing, which would constitute a vast improvement and furnish an object lesson both as to beauty and convenience that would place New-York, where it should stand, in the front rank in its provision for its school population. The advantages of such protection from nuisances and contagion-breeding tenement-houses are too obvious to need further statement. It remains to consider possible objections. There can be no question as to accessibility in such crowded districts. To avoid confusion there might be a separate entrance upon each of the four streets. To meet the objection of the Superintendent, the 6,000 children thus accommodated might be divided into three or four separate schools, each occupying an entire front, and under the control of a vice-principal, who should report to a chief having supervision of the four schools.

PRECEDENTS FOR LARGE BODIES.

In the matter of organization we find in the Army and Navy precedents for placing a comparatively small body of men under a captain or colonel, and a union of regiments or ships under a brigadier or commodore; and small cities and large municipalities are alike governed by a mayor and council. Why, then, should a school be limited to 2,000 children? There would certainly be great advantages in the matter of classification and the grading of scholars in a large establishment.

While this feature of consolidating schools in one building may be applicable at this time only to the most congested districts, other districts in all probability will continue to become more and more densely populated in such sort that similar consolidation may there be found desirable. The fact that there are now three department schools in

several buildings, and as many as 3,000 or 3,500 children in one building, the strain and pressure upon each child and each teacher would not be measurably increased, if 5,000 or 6,000 children were accommodated under the same roof. Then, too, it might be less difficult to obtain appropriations for asphalt pavement on the four streets fronting upon such consolidated schools.

It might be said that, with such a large school, there would be danger from contagion; but such danger already exists and the same means to prevent the spread of epidemic disease would be clearly efficacious in large schools, as in every instance a child suspected of disease is immediately sent home and excluded until recovery. The separate schools in such a building might readily be isolated at any moment in response to the touch of the principal upon an electric button moving doors upon grooves into place, and cutting off all communication. This, I claim, would be greater protection than the schools now enjoy from the adjoining tenement-houses, from whose open windows contagion may readily pass into the schoolroom.

BETTER LIGHT AND AIR.

The land necessary for such a consolidated structure may be acquired with the same facility that sites for half a dozen different schools in the same vicinity are now obtained, by condemnation or purchase. And in cases where the population in any school district does not seem at the moment to require a school building covering an entire block, such lands as are deemed requisite might be acquired on two sides of a corner with a view to extension, so as to include and cover the four fronts of such block when more room is required.

Danger of fire would be less where the entire block is occupied by a school than where the school in the centre of a block is surrounded by tenements.

The school problems of New-York have been solved in no other city, and, in the absence of any precedent, it is desirable that the discussion should continue and become general, so that suggestions may come from all quarters until the school authorities shall decide upon the best plan. For example, more than eighty per cent of its population is foreign-born or the children of the foreign-born. In one school it is said that twenty-nine different nationalities are represented and as many languages spoken by the pupils. Some schools are frequented only by Hebrews.

Let us have at least one single structure, in the form of a hollow square, with a central corridor running all round the building and classrooms on the street and on the inner court. I would be willing to have the Board of Education go further and notify architects of the highest standing to submit plans for the most desirable building for the purposes indicated, and to offer prizes therefor, in order to stimulate the best talent in that direction.

The only objection that occurs to me against the proposed plan of consolidation upon a single block is the possible migration of the population to other districts, as in the case of the Third Ward, where there is now not a single school; but the probability of further migration is very remote. I am discussing this subject recently with Commissioner Harris of the National Bureau of Education, at Washington, and found that he was decidedly in favor of larger schools, among the advantages of which would be:

1. They would present the ideal conditions for the proper classification of pupils with the "short interval system" of classification; the interval between classes need not be greater in any case than three or four weeks. Practically the whole field of education would be cultivated at the same time, and any pupil could be put in precisely that part of it for which he is prepared, a system which prevails in a number of cities.
2. The opportunities for the "specialization of schools," when advisable, would be extraordinary. Manual training in its various phases, temporary classes for foreigners, and the specialization of certain branches, as gymnastics, drawing, music, etc., would be permissible under exceptionally favorable circumstances.
3. Controlling the surroundings of schools, giving a higher character to the neighborhood than is possible when the school is lost in the neighboring buildings, and better paving for the adjacent streets.

The city is to be congratulated upon the infusion of new blood into the Board of Commissioners of Public Schools, and upon the plans for reform which it is to be hoped will be put into immediate execution.

J. AUGUSTUS JOHNSON.
New-York, July 9, 1895.

New York Aug 15/95

At a meeting of the West Side Col. Rep. Club, of the 19th Assembly district held Aug 15/95 the following resolutions were adopted Whereas, the West Side Col Rep Club, has been for years, entering in its efforts to aid the Republican party to secure success in this stronghold of Democracy, sparing no pains or measures. in the last election we secured a majority of votes in election districts, which heretofore had few, if any zealous republicans in them, thereby contributing largely to the success of the "General ticket," and the electing of an republican Assemblyman. and Whereas, we the "Colored Citizens," of the 19th Assembly district, and consistent co-workers for good government - deem it but simple justice to ourselves at this time, to know why discrimination is made in our employment in the various City Departments in common with other citizens. therefor be it resolved

that a committee be appointed to call upon, and present a copy of these resolutions, to each member of this district County Committee, and the assemblyman, asking them to urge the Mayor Wm L Strong and the "Heads of Departments," to a just recognition of the colored voters of this district.

Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to Mayor Wm L Strong, and the Press

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Henry Cunningham Pres.
211 W 60th St
City

Charles W Lane Secy
314 W 69th St
City

United States Customs Service,

Port of New York,

Collector's Office

11th Division

N.Y. Aug 16/95

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Hon W. L. Strong
Mayor & c

Dear Sir.

Once more respectfully I ask you
to face me with your Theodore Roosevelt
in your presence any day after 4.30 P.M.
or Saturday at 1.30 P.M. & see what I
have done that he should so cruelly insult
my wife in the privacy of her home & then
publish & put on record in the Police Head
Quarters such a contemptible falsehood
as appeared in several papers, that I was
a Lunatic. Excuse me I fail to see
any Lunacy on my part. Rather the act
of a coward on his part. Let him show
any letter of mine that shows Lunacy if he
can or dare. Respectfully
I enclose stamp for copy as I did before. C. H. Torrey

JAMES R. ANGEL,
Counselor * at * Law,
243 BROADWAY,

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New York, August 19, 1895-

Hon. William L. Strong-

Mayor.

Dear sir - I was pleased to note the expression of your views regarding the approaching fall election, as reported in the public press. A union ticket appears to my judgment as the only course by which the present regime can be continued. I would say it should be named a "Citizens Ticket" for there is something in a name politically speaking, after all, - the adage of the roe to the contrary notwithstanding. Although I did believe, my still believe that the Republicans throw away the one opportunity of a half century last year in

omitting to nominate ^{my} sleek a
straight Republican ticket, yet
that opportunity has passed. ^{My}
your administration of non-parti-
san ship, has taken a deep hold
on the better classes of the com-
munity. ^{My} although much re-
mains to be done there is a
general feeling that in earnest
progressive effort to reform our
sadly defiled local government
has earnestly ^{my} honestly been put
forth by you ^{my} your subordinate
officers. The trouble with the
Republican organization is that
it has no leaders in whom the
masses have confidence. Any
one with ^{barely} ~~half~~ one eye on the
political situation can plainly
discern that a citizens movement
can only be effective against the
opposition in the coming contest.
The issue is plainly drawn be-
tween law ^{my} lawlessness, and every
good law-abiding citizen will

JAMES R. ANGEL,
Counselor * at * Law,
243 BROADWAY,

New York, 189

readily, cheerfully, & even eagerly
find his place in a citizens
organization

A citizens committee should
be carefully selected at once
by the work of combination ~~by~~
the marshalling of the reform
elements should be pursued
with vigor - "Let there be a
"Citizens Ticket," by all means.

Yours truly
James R. Angel.

Elmira, N. Y. Aug. 19th, 1895.

THE HONORABLE

William L. Strong,

Office of the Mayor,

New York City.

My dear Mayor :--

Please let this note serve to introduce my friend B. W. Payne, of the firm of B. W. Payne & Sons, of this city. I am informed that they desire to submit plans, etc, for the separation and disposal of city garbage. What I beg of you is to use your kindly influence to secure Mr. Payne a fair hearing. I have known him and his concern for many years. Their reputation as engineers and mechanics is first class. They are well and favorably known throughout the State. Their machinery has been sold all over the United States. They are first class men and able to do what they undertake. Their standing in this community, where they have been established for a number of years, and in the neighboring city of Corning, where they were established for a longer time, is of the highest possible rank, and it is with the greatest pleasure that I hand them this letter to present to you; and whether you may ultimately adopt their plans or not I feel confident I am not asking too much in requesting for them, through you, a full and fair hearing.

Very respectfully yours,

J. S. Fassett

112 W 44th St
So. Aug 1890

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Sir,
The residents of this block have
long cried. & tried hard, to have the
roadway paved with asphalt, as
it remains unimproved. Some days
since, when I saw by report in the
newspapers, that the Commissioners

Public Works was giving me con-
tracts for laying all sorts of work of
the very street with said pavements,
I wrote him, stating the foregoing
facts, & thus far my letter has been
unanswered. I certainly did not
expect such treatment from Mr.
Brookfield. Independent of my name

as a fighter of the old Police Dept, ^I Long
the famous Grand Jury of March
1892, I know I am entitled to immunity
oustery. Can you suggest any way for us
to have the specimens laid?

I
the Hon. able
Hon. L. Strong
Mayor of the City of New York

I am,

Sir
Very truly
yours
Wm. H. Brewster

J. C. BROUGHTON, Proprietor



BROUGHTON HOUSE,



COR. WILLIAM AND FEDERAL STS.

Saratoga Springs, N. Y., Aug 20 1895

Major Wm L Strong

Dear:

Mr Strong I think that you would be glad to learn what was accomplished at the Convention held here on the 16th Inst. I can say that so far as I am able to see that very little has been done, I am sure that there is a great deal of dissatisfaction because of it having been managed almost wholly by that class of men who make a lump out of politicks which of its self is very

distasteful to the reform
 element which our
 Association is composed
 It seemed to be a quiet
 room for Mr Harrison.
 I am very much pleased
 however because I have
 been able to feel the
 political pulse of the
 leading Colored men
 of the state and been
 well informed as to just
 how to proceed in order to
 make the Conference which
 is to take place on the
 29th Inst.

If you can find a place
 for me I will be very glad
 as it will enable me to keep
 up the work which I am
 struggling to carry on
 Yours truly
 A C Cowan

HOWARD CONSTABLE.
Am. Inst. Architects.
Am. So. Engrs.
Phila. Engrs. Club.
St. Louis Engrs. Club.

CONSTABLE BROTHERS,

Subject: _____

Architects.

Engineers.

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OFFICE BUILDINGS, RESIDENCES, STORES,
FACTORIES, BRIDGES, ROADS AND GROUNDS,
WATER SUPPLY, SPECIAL REPORTS,
ALTERATIONS, ETC.

22 East Sixteenth Street, New York, August 20, 1895. 189

Replying to _____

Hon. W. L. Strong,
Pres. of Armory Board,
New York City, New York.

Dear Sir:

As you are aware there is a process for rendering wood fire-proof or fire-resisting, which has been adopted by the U. S. Navy for some of its vessels. It is also being used in other directions and the process and supplying of materials seems to have passed the experimental stage and to be on practical bases; therefore the subject should be of very considerable interest to all interested in buildings.

I have arranged for an independent and severe test and am having built under my directions two stairways precisely alike, one treated and the other untreated. Each stairway has strings, treads, risers, lathing underneath, vainscot, balusters and rail.

The test will be made on Thursday August 22nd, at 4 o'clock in the lot on Broadway between 58th and 59th streets, and I shall be very glad to have you present.

Yours truly,

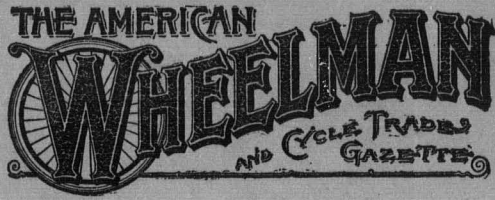
Howard Constable

H. L. SALTONSTALL,
BUSINESS MANAGER.
W. J. MORGAN, EDITOR.

NEW YORK.

BUFFALO.

CHICAGO.



MAIN OFFICE, 23 PARK ROW,

New York,

Aug. 20th, 1895.

Hon. William L. Strong,

% City Hall, N. Y. City.

Dear Sir:-

The American Wheelman would like to interview you on some current street improvement matters.

If you will kindly grant its representative one-half an hours interview, it will be deeply appreciated. Will you kindly make the appointment most convenient to yourself.

Yours truly,

Dixie Hines.

August 20th 1895.

13 Lascelles Place
Broad St
Blommsburg.

My Lord,

Excuse the liberty I take
in writing to you, but, I
want the people of New
York to know the cruel
way I have been served.
by people taking up my
case here in London.
without letting me know
anything about it. I wrote
to the Editor of New York,
and stated all about my
case. It appears that a
certain Irish party in

I New York took up my
case by the letter I wrote
to the New York Herald.
They had Mr. Justice Hun-
ley Macarthy to take up
my case here in London,
and Cardinal Vaughan
and his priests in league
with Mr. Macarthy con-
nived to rob me out of
my property. And also
the Irish parties in New
York. It is a great dis-
grace on their part to be
going on with my case
without acquainting me
of it. I am in great
wax myself and my
children of my money
and property. And if
they intended to do me

good, it is high time
that they should let me
know about my case.
They must not keep
my money and property
away from me. They have
come to some settle-
ment on Tuesday last
with the English trea-
sary with regard to my
property. But up to
the present they have
failed to let me know
Cardinal Vaughan and
his priests having lost
the case at the Law-
Courts, in trying to rob
me out of my property,
is they are trying a
new scheme to refund
they money by fraud.

They thought that they
would knight me, by
calling me Doctor W.
G. Grace. And they got
up the Shelling Testimo-
nial fund, and have
collected about hundred
thousand shillings. (By
the way, for me, and
instead of that, they put
the money in their own
pockets. But I also found
out the priests in this
disgraceful fraud I wrote
to the Editor of the
Daily Telegraph and also
to Cardinal Vaughan, but
neither of them answered
my letters.

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My Lord,

Yours respectfully
M. Hannan.

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New York Truckmen's Association.
Incorporated 1887.

New York, Aug. 20, 1895.

Hon. W. L. Strong:

Mayor of The City of New York,

Dear Sir:

As secretary of The New York
Truckmen's Assn. it befell me
of the pleasant duty of notify-
ing your honor of the resolutions
passed at the regular meeting,
that a letter of thanks be tender-
ed your honor for the interest
you have taken in our behalf,
regarding the truck question.

Hoping to continue in your favor,

I am, Sir,

Yours respectfully,

W. C. Hughes
316 W. 21st. Secy.

Building * Trades' * Section

OF

CENTRAL LABOR UNION.

Clarendon Hall, 114 East 13th Street,

Meets Every Wednesday, at 8 P. M.



New York, August 21st 1895

To the Hon W^m L. Strong
Mayor New York City

Dear Sir

I have been instructed by the Building Trades' Section of the C. L. U. of New York at its last meeting held on the above date, to communicate with you, and enquire what has become of the Rapid Transit Commission and the work which the people decided should be done,?

We believe the law says which created said Commission that work should be begun as soon as possible, yet a considerable time has elapsed since their appointment and not a spade has been put in the ground to start said work.

Trusting you will infuse new life into said Commission

I am

Very Respectfully Yours
Mervyn Platt
Secy

3138 Kensington Ave

Philadelphia Pa Aug 21-1895

Hon William L Strong.

Mayor of New York City.

Dear Sir,

A few weeks ago I made inquiry through you in regard to the death of Edward Montes which occurred in a Lodging House in the year 1891.

And through your chief clerk I received this morning the report of the Police investigation from Sergeant John F. Harley to Peter Conlin Acting Chief of Police. The report is very complete and covers all that I could possibly hope

to learn as He gives me the
address of his daughter in
Dublin Ireland to whom
I have just written for
information covering Mr Monks
relationship with the late
John Cunningham.

I had advertised in the
papers for just such
information as I receive now
through your honor, but
without result.

So thanking you
sincerely for your
esteemed favor to me
in looking up this matter so
promptly for me I will always
remember you with gratitude.
Most respectfully Yours, Jas C. Glackin

...OFFICE OF...
THE WOMAN'S RESCUE LEAGUE,
812 WASHINGTON STREET.

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Boston, Mass., August 21, 1895.

Mayor Strong,

New York, N. Y.

Hon. Sir:--I expect to be in New York at 24 Union Square
the latter part of next week.

I write to ask you if you will grant me a permit to hold open
air meetings Sunday evenings between the hours of six and eight
o'clock in Union Square, the subject, Woman as an Industrial and
Moral Factor. I have spoken on the Boston Common for three years
on this subject, until the past month.

Respectfully,

Charlotte Smith,
Pres. W. R. L.

SIXTEEN UNSAFE THEATRES

Superintendent Constable Will Not Give
Their Names, and Several Managers Say
Their Houses Are All Right.

Superintendent Stevenson Constable, of the Building Department, did not present to the Mayor yesterday the expected report of unsafe theatres in this city. It seems that of the fifty-two theatres in the city Mr. Constable finds sixteen unsafe. It was reported by a news agency yesterday that among them were Herrmann's Keith's, Union Square and Miner's Bowery theatres.

I saw the assistant manager of Herrmann's Theatre and he said:—"The building was unoccupied at the time that Mr. Alfred E. Aarons, the present manager, took charge. An inspection was made a short time ago by a representative of the Building Department, and we are now making the improvements and alterations which he suggested. We are putting up fire escapes, making additional exits and erecting the required proscenium wall to separate the stage from the auditorium. Besides these, we have also having made a new asbestos curtain. When the theatre is opened September 2 every requirement of the law will have been fulfilled."

Resident Manager J. A. Fynes, of Keith's Union Square Theatre, said:—"This theatre was one of the first, if not the first, theatre to be reconstructed under the revised building laws. Its erection was most vigilantly supervised by the department, and it was pronounced then and is to-day, one of the really fire-proof places of amusement in the city. In every point it complies with the law, having iron and stone stairways throughout, the full number of exits, proper fire escapes, broad aisles, &c. The building is owned by the Courtlandt Palmer estate. The recent inspection was carefully made, and at its conclusion the inspector detailed said emphatically to me and to others that the house was among the best he had inspected. He could find no alterations to suggest in any way, beyond the shifting of a few scene 'drops,' which our stage men were about to move at the time of his visit."

The manager of Miner's People's Theatre, in the Bowery, told me that he could not see how the inspector could find fault with his place of amusement. He said that he was in possession of a copy of the laws regarding theatres, and that every clause therein contained had been strictly complied with. The theatre had the specified number of fire escapes and exits, and the necessary proscenium wall had been erected a long time ago.

COMMISSIONER OF BUILDINGS CRITICISED

New York Dramatic News

Conducted by
LEANDER RICHARDSON.

FREDERICK M. McCLOY,
BUSINESS MANAGER.

1364 BROADWAY,

New York, Aug. 22nd, 1895

Job Hedges, Esq.,

City Hall,

City

Dear Mr. Hedges:--

Is there any way in which we can get the first publication of the report mentioned in enclosed article? It would, of course, be of great value to us to make the first spread on it, as we are right in this line. If you can possibly fix it, or let me know to whom to apply, I shall be under a very great personal favor which I shall take pleasure in discharging at the first opportunity. We publish on Tuesday mornings.

Yours truly,

Leander Richardson

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Enc.

THE CITY CLUB OF NEW YORK.

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CHAIRMAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
27 PINE STREET.

NEW YORK,

Aug. 22, 1895.

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Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of the city of New York,

My Dear Sir:-

The City Club of New York intends to establish in connection with the Club a library of books and documents relating to municipal government. The Club hopes to make this library as rich as any in this country in this particular field of history and statistics, in order that this City may offer to the student facilities for pursuing researches in any branch of the great subject of municipal government. The City Club ventures to hope that you will approve of its attempt so far as to cause to be sent to it such official publications and documents as are available relating to the city of New York. Reports of city departments, copies of existing or former charters, reports of special commissions relating to the city government, and all similar publications will be acceptable. It is not necessary that all these should be of recent date. The Club will appreciate your kindness in sending to it any such material by express, addressed to it at number 677 Fifth Ave., New York, charges to be collected upon delivery. If any documents which you think the Club ought to have are for sale, will you not kindly notify the Club of the nature and the price of such documents?

Accept in advance the thanks of The City Club for any trouble that you may take in this matter.

Very truly yours,

James W. Pryor,
Secretary

EDWARD L. GRIDLEY,
CITY MARSHAL,
165 EAST 121ST STREET.

NEW YORK,

Aug 23rd 1895.

Mr. Job E. Hedges,
Mayor's Office.

My dear Mr. Hedges;

Your favor 22nd
inst. referring to summons which
Mr. C. Edgar Smith, claims to
have handed to me is a
great surprise to me.

Permit me to state that I
never heard of this Mr. Smith
before and never had in my
hands the summons nor know
anything about it.

He evidently is
laboring under a mistake

Very truly yours

E. L. Gridley

OFFICES OF

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Between Twenty-Eighth and Twenty-Ninth Streets.

REAL ESTATE.
BONDS AND 1st MORTGAGES
ON NEW YORK CITY PROPERTY ONLY.

MAKE ALL CHECKS
PAYABLE AS ABOVE.

New York, August 23, 1895.

Hon. Job E. Hedges,

Dear Sir:-

I acknowledge receipt of communication, with anonymous letter referring to Marshal Healey. By comparison with other letters at hand, I find that the writer of the anonymous ^{letter} is Thomas H. Smith, 336 Bleecker street, a lawyer, and a member of the Tammany Hall General Committee in the 3rd district, elected at 501 Hudson street on August 1.

Marshal Healey in the discharge of his duty had an order ~~for~~ of arrest against a client of Smith's. He served the order, and to this fact is due the anonymous complaint lodged with the Mayor.

Yours very truly,

Ernest Harvier

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Executive Department,
of the City of Concord, N. H.

Henry Robinson, Mayor.

August 23, 1895.

To the Honorable the Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:

Would you do me the courtesy to have sent to my address, without expense to me, a bound copy of your municipal laws and ordinances? I wish one for reference in drawing enactments for this city, and should regard such a kindness as not only an official but a personal favor.

I have the honor to be

Yours very respectfully,

Henry Robinson,

Mayor.

State of Kansas.

W. C. EDWARDS, Secretary.

Executive Department.

T. S. STOVER, Asst. Secretary.

Office of Secretary of State.

Topeka, August 24th, 1895.

My Dear Mayor:-

This will introduce to you, Hon. Geo. H. Burr, President of the St. John Bank, of St. John, Kansas, a gentleman who has been engaged in the banking business in southwestern Kansas for a number of years, and who is recognized as one of the best financiers in this state. He goes east and while absence desires to meet some of his fellow bankers. I have said to him that he would find you a courteous gentleman, and one who was very much interested in the affairs of Kansas. Mr. Burr is a member of our State Republican Central Committee and can give you our political as well as our material situation. Any courtesy shown Mr. Burr, will place me under personal obligations to you.

Yours truly,



Hon. W. L. Strong,

Pres't Central National Bank,

New York City.

*Department of Public Works,
Commissioner's Office,
No 31 Chambers Street,*

New York, August 9, 1895

A. Schorr, Esq.,
84 Clinton Street.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your complaint of 3rd inst. with reference to a stand in front of 86 Clinton Street, I beg to inform you that ~~the~~ owner of the stand has made application to the Board of Aldermen for permission to maintain the stand in its present position. Action by this Department has been deferred pending a decision by the Board of Aldermen.

Very respectfully,

Wm. B. Wood

Commissioner of Public Works.

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New York Aug 24 1895

Col. Wm F Strong

Mayor City of New York.

I hereby place to your consideration a complaint handed to the Police com. by me.

There is a stand at no 86 Clinton St the house adjoining mine in front of which there is a Soda Water stand the fountain of which is an entire obstruction of my window every time an inspector calls he says that I complain on account of his being an opposition I beg to differ my cause is not opposition for anyone dealing with me will come to me and his patrons to him but ^{my} reply because my store is entirely hidden by his large stone fountain

Furthermore he claims he has an application pending for a permit in the hands of the Board of Alderman I have here the opportunity to state that the application is not legally filled out as he is going under the name of a citizen, whom I don't care to state as yet, he not being only a citizen but in the country but a few months

I can safely state every word as I have full proof and should there be cause to swear to it I am most willing, but sooner than take these means I wish to settle in gentle manly way

If you find cause to investigate I shall
most willing leave it all to your good judgement

Most respectfully

A. Schorr.

54 Clinton St.
City

P.S. Please answer at your earliest convenience
a.s.

ALFRED C. COWAN,
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW,
108 FULTON STREET.
ROOM 1311.

New York, August 25th

1895

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Hon.

William L Strong.

Dear Sir:- On behalf of the "Colored

Republican Association of the State of New York I have been requested to invite you to be present at the Conference which is appointed to be held at Adelphi Hall on the 29th Inst; in New York City cor of Broadway & 52d street. Hoping that that we will be honored with your presents and say a few words of welcome to the delegates.

I am sir

Your Obedient servant.

Alfred C. Cowan

Presd.

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State of New York

Executive Chamber

Albany, Aug. 26, 1895.

Dear Sir:

I take pleasure in informing you
that the Governor has appointed as Notary
Public for the County of New York
Mr. Isaac Frank of 70th street,
who was recommended by you.

Very respectfully,

Ashley W. Cole.

Private Secretary.

Hon. W. L. Strong

New York

N. Y.

Committee of Arrangements.

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of Administration.

OFFICE OF

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS

SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION

AMERICAN SOCIETY MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENTS

TO BE HELD IN

CINCINNATI, SEPTEMBER 11, 12 AND 13, 1895.

Cincinnati, O., Aug. 26, 1895.

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Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor of New York City.


Dear Sir:

Some time ago we sent an invitation to yourself, the Board of Public Works, Police and Fire Departments and City Council of your City, relative to the second annual meeting of the "American Society of Municipal Improvements" to be held in this City commencing September 11th. next. No favorable ~~was~~ response has been received from any one as yet. We are very anxious that your city should be represented by at least a half-dozen delegates, and the Committee will consider it a personal favor if you will take this matter in charge.

We have received favorable replies from over 40 cities throughout the country, and think it a matter of great importance that New York should be represented.

By complying with this request, and sending us the names of any official as well as the character of the department he may represent, who intends attending this convention, you will confer a favor upon our Committee.

Very truly yours,


Chairman.

V
New York Aug 26/95.

To the Hon. Wm L. Strong
Mayor New York
Dear Sir

Will you please
look after one of your
Justices of the Special
Sessions To day.

This was very near
a murder case, where
the prisoner, kicked a
woman in the abdomen
and got discharged.

To Day the case was
Donohue vs Reynolds.

One of the witness.

Point St Charles
August 23/1895

To the Mayor Strong
of the City of New York
Dear Sir

I take this
liberty of dropping you these
few lines if you be so kind
has to let me know if my
Husband - Mr James Franklin
Lot 654 in the village
of Wakefield Westchester
County of New York which
he bought a number
of years ago out of the
industrial home association
which he was a member
if it is recorded or registered
in the city hall of New York
has I have in title papers
and deventure. also
after the lot 654 in
the village of Wakefield W. C. Hill

in the lifetime of my husband
he left to the care of

M^{rs}. Deglise M^{rs}. Gauthier
there to look after it
he was to pay the taxes
so it seems I have to pay
all the taxes over again
after them sale of the
land I don't see what
I have the whole amount
she demands to pay over
again I would have it
sold before only the party
that I sent my deeds to
tell me that my lot 6 5/4
is not registered if you
be so kind has to find
for me has I am poor
widow that is all I have
to depend in my old
age when I sell it

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please to answer soon
this letter you are the
only party that I ^{can} send
this few times to for to
find ^{for} me I shall be
ever thankful for your
trouble my address
is down there

M^{rs}. Susan Rankin

No. 43. Knox street

Point St Charles

Montreal

please to excuse this
bad writing has I have
been sick my hands
is not very strong
has yet

The "Little-Mother's" Aid Association.

57 Third Avenue,
296 Monmouth Avenue,
New York, August-27, 1895.

To His Honor: Mayor Stewing:
My Friend:

Is there on record
a single case of loss of
life from obstructions on
fire-escapes?

I do not think there is one,
however.
There are several hundred
accidents recorded — mostly
fatal — of falls thro' the
ladder-openings; forty-two
since Jan. '95!

When you gave the order
four days ago, for the clearing
of all fire escapes, you did
not realize that you were
sending terror to the hearts
of hundreds of "Little Mothers"

and their broods, sole ^{or} ~~or~~ ^{during the day} ~~cupants~~ of noisy tenement
houses, nor know you were
shutting the only opening to
the sky and outer air;
nor comprehend what author-
ity the bullying policemen
received to exact fines
and make arrests, where
there was no consciousness
of violated law.

Yet these were the results
of that order. And nothing
more beneficial I think;
as these little balconies, long
considered a part of the
dwelling, are too necessary
to be readily relinquished.
As everything essential
to the comfort and happiness
of the children of the poor
receives the attention of
the Association of which
I am Director, we have
invented and potentiated

The "Little-Mother's" Aid Association.

57 Third Avenue.

New York, 1895.

a perfect remedy for the possible danger from obstructions and also for the frequent accidents from ladder openings.

It is a door easily attached to every fire-escape, covering the hole in the floor at an angle so steep no object can rest upon it, opening at a touch from below and only being easily lifted. This prevents placing boards or other obstructions over the ladder-opening and as completely prevents persons falling through it. There is nothing to

prevent the immediate
acceptance and use of
this simple contrivance,
but prejudice against
new ideas and the de-
liberate movement of all
corporate bodies.

The model is now
receiving the attention
of Mr. Conatoble and others.

A word from you ~~may~~
regarding it may hasten
its inspection and, for the
children's sake, I trust its
speedy acceptance.

Very sincerely yours,
Alma Goldie Johnson

Among the ills which beset the tenement-house population is one which seems to have escaped public attention or comment, although it urgently needs both consideration and a remedy. The tenement-house fire-escape serves a great many purposes besides the one for which it was originally intended. It is a refrigerator, window garden and nursery, particularly the latter, and, as the only breathing spot that these people have, it is no wonder that it is so used. Unfortunately, it is a most unsafe place for children to play, and falls through the ladder openings are constantly reported.

Mrs. Ella Connell Smith of the "Little Mothers" had her attention called to the matter through the work of the association, and during two years has collected a most appalling array of statistics which she presented yesterday morning at a private audience granted her by the president of the Board of Health.

There have been thirty accidents of this kind, she said, between the first of last January and the 17th of this month. For the last fifteen years the Bureau of Vital Statistics records 244 deaths from this cause alone, mostly children aged from two months to 9 years. The Tenement-House Commission noted with much feeling the occurrence of the deaths by fire during the six months of its existence, while during the same six months there were twenty-one fatal accidents by fire-escape which did not attract the public attention at all, except by brief notice in the papers at the time of occurrence.

All this could be prevented, Mrs. Smith urged, by providing proper coverings for the openings. It is done in other cities, she said, and why should it not be done in ours. The law forbidding encumbrances was passed ten years ago, when the city was much smaller, and ought to be altered to suit changed conditions. A proper covering for the openings would not be nearly so dangerous as the temporary coverings which the people cannot be prevented from using to save their children's lives. To illustrate, an instance was given of a fire that occurred recently in Little Italy, in a tenement containing thirty-five families, and in which the firemen found boards securely riveted over the ladder openings.

FIRE ESCAPES.

Life Saving devices are entitled to consideration before all others. The "Public Safety being the supreme law."

The "Balcony Fire Escape" in use in New York City was made by law obligatory - the object to save lives, but not intended or expected it would cause loss of life.

The ladder openings are death traps as statistics will show. Since January 1st by newspaper clippings there have been at least *42* accidents, mostly fatal; and for the past 15 years about 250 deaths, besides probably many falls through the ladder openings not causing death.

To date
Aug 24th
1895- If it were not that self preservation induces occupants of buildings, where the Balcony Fire Escape is used, to protect themselves by placing boards, &c., (contrary to law) over the dangerous ladder openings, the death rate no doubt, would be greater.

There can be found a safeguard for the ladder openings, and that it should have full consideration by the authorities and its use made compulsory seems apparent, *but at least use permitted*.

It is conceded that there are over one million people dwelling in buildings where Balcony Fire Escapes are used. Ought not the safety of so great a multitude be given consideration:

It is an evident fact to even the most casual observer, that in our City the use of the Fire Escape, as a breathing spot is becoming more and more general during each summer season. ~~This purpose~~ was not considered when these iron balconies were first made obligatory as a mode of egress in case of fire; but the increase of population threatens to out-grow many restrictions, and a new order of things needs new consideration, hence the many fatal accidents by falls through the ladder opening of Fire Escapes, already counting up into hundreds, prove that a menace to life and limb is the dangerous result from the growing use of the Fire Escape as a fresh air privilege. Self preservation in many cases has suggested the encumbrances, which make of the Fire Escape a danger, in times of Fire and a disfiguring feature of the average tenement - and ignorance of the law forbidding all such obstructions - creates a larger class of law breakers; Certainly over one million of people conceded to be living in the New York tenement houses, envired as they are by small, dark, illy ventilated rooms, can hardly be blamed for utilizing a ready means for comfort which the airy aspect of a balcony, Fire Escape though it be, invites during the "heated term", especially the mothers to whose babies the fresh air often means life itself. Now to remedy this danger to life and limb it is suggested that a simple form

of covering to the ladder opening of Fire Escapes be adopted - one which by affording secure foothold would protect the tenant, and by being instantly removable in case of fire, would be no obstruction to egress. Such a one would be an equal safe guard to the fireman, for as things now exist he frequently finds the ladder openings boarded over, causing dangerous delays. This risk he would never encounter were a proper cover allowed. By authorizing a suitable one free from objections to be placed on every fire escape on all family houses, a valuable object lesson could be taught, more readily showing the law forbidding encumbrances, while adding a benefit and safety to the large class of people most needing it, and to whom it would be working a great hardship, amounting almost to persecution, not to allow the privilege of such use as has been mentioned. Everything **now-a-days** tends to life saving device. A few years ago it was found necessary to have a law passed requiring hatch-ways to be guarded, and if the Fire Escape opening has grown into a public danger then the remedy is obvious - since "the public safety is the supreme law."

Port Richmond S. I. Aug 24th 1895

To His Honor

Wm L. Strong, Mayor of New York City.

In relation to the Third Avenue RR Corp^y.

Dear Sir

As an old New Yorker, & suffering now, (in mature years) the
Consequences of a series of exposures & villainous persecutions practised
upon me during an entire ^{10 years} business career as a 3rd Ave Stage
proprietor in your City, I would like at this time to raise my
feeble but Earnest protest (in view of that Company's ^{past} ingratitude
to the City) against any New, Extended, or gratuitous further favors
being lavished upon them by the Corporate Authorities of your City.

Very Respectfully Yours

John S. Mills

P.O. Address, Box 110.

N.B. I run stages for 10 years at a 3 Cent fare, and
made money! Carrying passengers nearly 4 miles =

My route, Extending from
Cth Ave & 42nd St to Sullivan ferry & from
Cth Ave & 42nd St to the Astor House.

But for One of their atrocities practiced upon me
I would now be running ^{over &} Cars upon the same route
at a 3 Cent fare! and about which matter I should
be pleased to call ^{on} you.

Mills

LAW OFFICE OF
EDGAR KETCHUM,
4 WILLIAM STREET,

NOTARY PUBLIC.

N. Y. COTTON EXCHANGE BUILDING.

TELEPHONE CALL, BROAD 183.

Bethlehem N. Y.
~~New York~~ Aug 28th 1895

Hon. Wm. L. Strong
Mayor

Dear Sir

As a resident of
"Woodly Crest" near Highbridge
and as an owner of a num-
ber of horses at the latter
place, I desire to protest
against the location of a
garbage dump at the
foot of Wolf Street as re-
commended by Commission
Warning.

As President of the High-
bridge Improvement Assoc=

ation I recently called upon
Comptroller Fitch with a
Committee of this associ-
ation to remonstrate against
this unnecessary injury
to property and the Com-
mittee understood that the
Comptroller was opposed
to locating the dump at
Wolf Street. I believe that he
is ~~now~~ out of town.

Being now in the White
Mountains I cannot call
personally, and therefore
take this means of pre-
senting my objections.

At Foxham or at 148th
or 150th Street a much more
suitable place could be
found for a dump.

Trusting that the Board

LAW OFFICE OF
EDGAR KETCHUM.
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N. Y. COTTON EXCHANGE BUILDING.

TELEPHONE CALL, BROAD 183.

New York, _____ 189

will not decide to au-
cture the construction
of a dump at the foot
of Bond Street

I remain

Very respectfully

Edgar Ketchum

The Oltamonte,

White Mountains.

F. Seymour, Manager.

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Bethlehem, N. H., Aug. 28th 1895

Hon. W^m. L. Strong,

My dear Sir;

As a resident and taxpayer of High Bridge, New York City, representing one hundred and fifty lots on Sedgwick Avenue and Wolf Street, I want to enter a most earnest protest against the establishment of a Dump at Wolf St. and the Harlem River. Our neighborhood is one for residences & the owners of property there are making every effort to improve and beautify that section of the 23rd Ward. One cart now takes all the ashes and garbage from that district, and it is manifestly unfair to inflict upon us a dump for the benefit of the whole east side district.

If Commissioner Waring wants a dump above the Harlem River, he could have one located either at 150th St. or at Fordham and neither location would injure property values as it would at High Bridge. When this matter was first referred to Comptroller Fitch, a Committee of our taxpayers waited upon him with a petition signed by over forty residents and taxpayers, protesting most strongly against it. As a large owner and taxpayer I want to raise my voice most strongly against such an outrageous and unnecessary imposition being placed upon us.

Want of health alone prevents me from being present at the next meeting of the Board of Estimate and opposing it by every means in my power.

I am very respectfully yrs.

Chas. Milton Brown.

Wednesday
August 28th
1895

Mayor Strong

Dear Sir
do you think one
Policeman sufficient
for Madison Square
when convenient
please walk through
and judge for yourself
by so doing oblige a
Resident who sees
more than one who
is always at his post
what could he do in
case of need these
times particularly.

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REPUBLICAN LEAGUE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

Office of the President
BINGHAMTON, N.Y.

August 28th, 1895.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor,

New York.

My Dear Mayor:--

The 8th Annual Convention of the Republican League of the State of New York opens in Stone Opera House, this City, on Wednesday evening Sept. 4th with a grand Mass meeting to be addressed by Hon. Galusha Grow, Hon. James H. Hoyt, Hon. Roswell G. Horr, Helen Varick Boswell, and other eminent speakers.

For the good of the Party and the increased usefulness of the Rep'n League, this Convention should be very largely attended. Will you please favor the League and aid the Republican Party by personally participating? We are especially desirous of having you present. Bring all the friends you can with you. Please urge the Republican Clubs in your vicinity to send full quota of representatives. Doubtless numerous Clubs will fail to send delegates, and in such cases Republicans present will be substituted as regular delegates.

The Broome Co. Rep'n League is preparing an elaborate entertainment for all the guests. Please let us hear from you by return mail saying you will surely come. How many will accompany you? If you desire will procure hotel accommodations. Awaiting an early reply, I am, with kind regards,

Very truly yours,



President.

Dic. G. E. G. (0)

Consulate of Japan,

P. O. Box
284.

No. 7 Warren Street,

New York City, N. Y., August 28th 1895

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

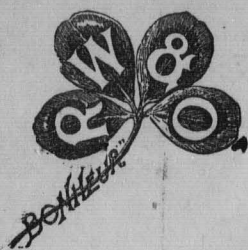
Sir.

I have the honor to inform you that I have been appointed His Imp. Japanese M^o Consul at this City and having received my Exequatur from His Excellency the President of the United States I have this day entered upon my official duties.

I have the honor to be, Sir.

Your obedient servant

Miyagawa Kyujiro
Consul for Japan.



ROME, WATERTOWN & OGDENSBURG RAILROAD.

N. Y. C. & H. R. R.R. CO., LESSEE.

Office of the General Passenger Agent.

THEO. BUTTERFIELD,
GEN'L PASSENGER AGENT,
SYRACUSE, N. Y.

August 29th, 1895

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
Mayor,
New York City.

Honorable Sir:

We run a very large excursion to New York, each year, via the New York Central & Hudson River R.R.

We have run these excursions each year, since 1886, and this will be our Tenth Annual Excursion.

It has been customary for His Honor, the Mayor of the City of New York, to extend the freedom of the City in a polite letter, more particularly extending to our people permission to visit any of the municipal establishments in the City, by showing their excursion tickets.

Our excursionists may not avail themselves of this privilege in any great numbers; but, at the same time, an open letter from the Mayor of New York is a very nice thing to circulate.

We hope to be able to send about three thousand people to your City from Northern New York and Canada.

I enclose one of our hand-bills, showing the plan of this excursion, on the inside page of which you will find a letter from Hon. Thomas F. Gilroy, and also I attach, on a separate sheet, letters from Mayor Gilroy, in 1895, and from Mayor Grant in 1892 and 1891.

R. W. & O. R. R. MILEAGE.

Route	Miles
Finger Falls to Massena Springs	300.6
Lewiston Junction to Lewiston	3.6
Bochester, Windsor Beach & Ontario Beach	93.3
Syracuse to Plattsburgh	37.4
Richmond to Bona	41.1
Waterbury Junction to Ogdensburg	24.2
De Kalb Junction to Ogdensburg	18.3
Syracuse to Oswego	36.9
Utica to Claydon (109 mi.) to Ogdensburg	134.0
Carthage, Watertown & Schenectady	29.6
Claydon to Theresa Junction	15.9
Total Rail Lines	65.5
Strm 1/4 Ferry Lines controlled by this Co.	84.0
Total	149.5

Great Highway and Favorite Route for Fashionable Pleasure Travel

Hon. WLS2

We have had similar letters each year, since 1886, and have never had the pleasure of publishing a letter from a Republican Mayor of New York, although the letter from Mayor Hewitt, in 1888, was a very nice letter indeed.

These excursions are of great benefit to the City of New York, as our people go down there on their annual outing, or holiday, and also to do their shopping, and leave a great deal of money in the City. It is estimated they leave as high as \$250,000. in the City of New York, during the ten days of their stay.

If my request meets with your favorable consideration, I will be glad to receive a letter from you, and also expect to receive your kind permission to publish it in about 200 of the principal newspapers in Northern New York and Canada, and also in our advertising matter, which is something like 100,000 circulars.

This privilege has been granted by all of your predecessors since 1886, and I presume you will deem it of enough interest to the City of New York, to comply with my request.

I shall be glad to hear from you at your early convenience.

Very truly,

Theo. Pittenfield
General Passenger Agent.

MAYOR GRANT'S LETTER.

The following letter from His Honor, the Mayor of New York City, to the Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg Railroad Company, extending a cordial welcome to the people of Northern New York, will be read with interest by all persons intending to participate in the grand New York excursion for 1891:—

CITY OF NEW YORK, }
Office of the Mayor, Sept. 3rd, 1891. }
Theodore Butterfield, Esq., G. P. A., Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg Railroad, Oswego, N. Y.:

DEAR SIR—The Mayor directs me to say that he will be pleased to extend to the visitors to New York on your annual excursion all the courtesies of the city within his power, and that the public buildings will be open to them until four o'clock on the days that they are here.

The Mayor wishes to congratulate you on the custom that you have established of bringing so many thousands of people from the northern part of the State to this city, hereby strengthening the good feeling and acquaintanceship between the various sections of the State.

Respectfully,
W. McM. SPEER, Secretary.

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CITY OF NEW YORK, }
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, }
September 6th, 1892. }
Theodore Butterfield, Esq., G. P. A., Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg R. R., Syracuse, N. Y.:

DEAR SIR—I have the honor, by direction of the Mayor, to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 3rd instant, notifying him of the continuance of the Annual Grand Excursions from Northern New York to this City.

The visitors will receive the usual welcome to the Metropolis and the Mayor will extend all the courtesies of the city within his power. Visitors to the public buildings will be admitted until four o'clock.

The Mayor desires to renew his assurance that he is convinced of the mutual benefit and advantage of such excursions, in bringing the residents and business interests of the various parts of the State into closer relations.

Respectfully,
WILLIS HOLLY, Secretary.

Mayor Gilroy's Letter.

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CITY OF NEW YORK, }
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, }
September 9th 1893. }
Theodore Butterfield Esq., General Passenger Agent, Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg R. R., Syracuse N. Y.

DEAR SIR—Your announcement of the annual excursion, which brings the people of Northern New York down to this city in thousands every fall, is just at hand.

It gratifies me, as an indication of the continued prosperity and progressiveness of our fellow citizens in an important part of our great Commonwealth. It is also gratifying as showing an intelligent public appreciation of the metropolis of the State and Nation as a centre of interest from the stand-points of business, science and art.

The public buildings will be open as usual to the visitors until 4 p. m., and a general welcome to this city is hereby extended to them.

Yours very respectfully,
THOS. F. GILROY, Mayor.

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CITY OF NEW YORK, }
Office of the Mayor, Sept. 3rd, 1891. }
Theodore Butterfield, Esq., G. P. A., Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg Railroad, Oswego, N. Y.:

DEAR SIR—The Mayor directs me to say that he will be pleased to extend to the visitors to New York on your annual excursion all the courtesies of the city within his power, and that the public buildings will be open to them until four o'clock on the days that they are here.

The Mayor wishes to congratulate you on the custom that you have established of bringing so many thousands of people from the northern part of the State to this city, hereby strengthening the good feeling and acquaintanceship between the various sections of the State.

Respectfully,
W. McM. SPEER, *Secretary.*

MAYOR GRANT'S LETTER.

The following letter from His Honor, the Mayor of New York City, to the Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg Railroad Company, extending a cordial welcome to the people of Northern New York, will be read with interest by all persons intending to participate in the grand New York Excursion of 1892:

CITY OF NEW YORK, }
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, }
September 6th, 1892. }
Theodore Butterfield, Esq., G. P. A., Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg R. R., Syracuse, N. Y.:

DEAR SIR—I have the honor, by direction of the Mayor, to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 3rd instant, notifying him of the continuance of the Annual Grand Excursions from Northern New York to this City.

The visitors will receive the usual welcome to the Metropolis and the Mayor will extend all the courtesies of the city within his power. Visitors to the public buildings will be admitted until four o'clock.

The Mayor desires to renew his assurance that he is convinced of the mutual benefit and advantage of such excursions, in bringing the residents and business interests of the various parts of the State into closer relations.

Respectfully,
WILLIS HOLLY, *Secretary.*

Mayor Gilroy's Letter.

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CITY OF NEW YORK, }
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, }
September 9th 1893. }
Theodore Butterfield, Esq., General Passenger Agent, Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg R. R., Syracuse N. Y.

DEAR SIR—Your announcement of the annual excursion, which brings the people of Northern New York down to this city in thousands every fall, is just at hand.

It gratifies me, as an indication of the continued prosperity and progressiveness of our fellow citizens in an important part of our great Commonwealth. It is also gratifying as showing an intelligent public appreciation of the metropolis of the State and Nation as a centre of interest from the standpoints of business, science and art.

The public buildings will be open as usual to the visitors until 4 p. m., and a general welcome to this city is hereby extended to them.

Yours very respectfully,
THOS. F. GILROY, *Mayor.*

TO NEW YORK WITHOUT CHANGE, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1894.

A NEW YORK EXCURSION TRAIN PASSING THE HIGHLANDS.

From Kingston, Brockville and Prescott, Ont., the Round-Trip Rate is \$7.50.

Procure Tickets early and avoid the great crowds on the day of the Excursion.

A star (*) denotes Special Trains do not stop.

Stations marked * show Regular Trains.

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THROUGH TICKETS for the Excursion, Accommodations in Sleeping Cars and Drawing-Room Cars and all information relating to the Excursion can be obtained of the above agents of the R., W. & O. R. R. Co., and also of the following City Agents of R., W. & O. R. R. Co.: GEO. W. BRASH, Ogdensburg, N. Y.; CORNWALL BROS., Alexandria Bay, N. Y.; T. C. CHITTENDEN, Watertown, N. Y.; J. F. CHAPMAN, Gananoque, Ont.; F. A. FOLGER, Kingston, Ont.; ALEX. WELLS, Prescott, Ont.; T. J. B. HARDING, Brockville, Ont. For information not attainable at the Ticket Offices correspond with

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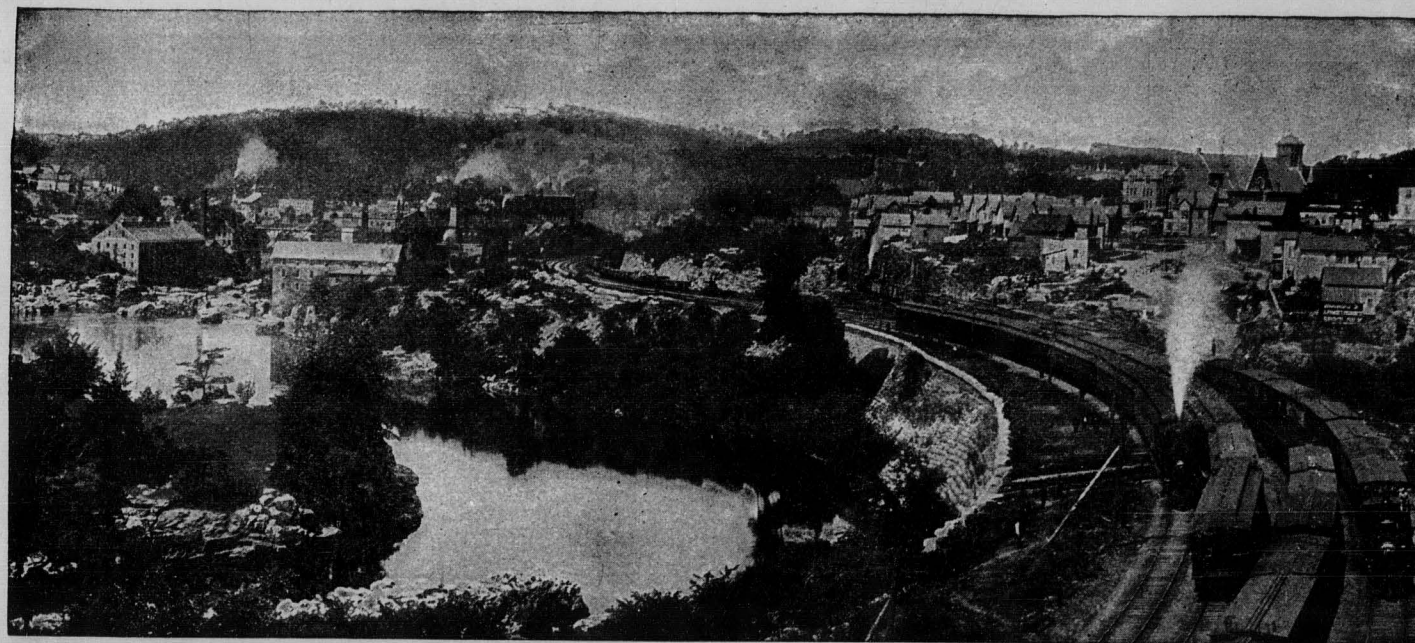
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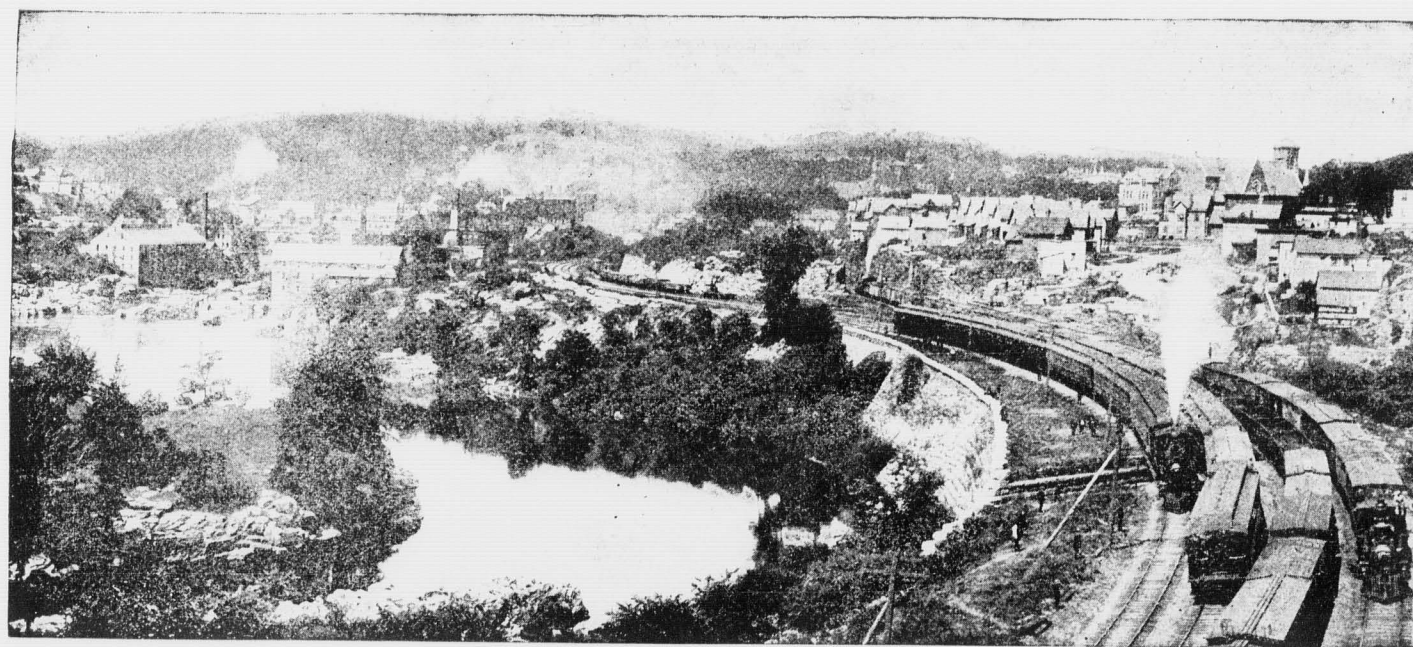
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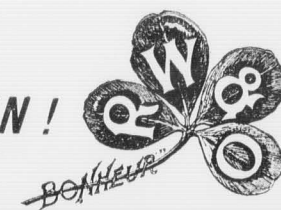
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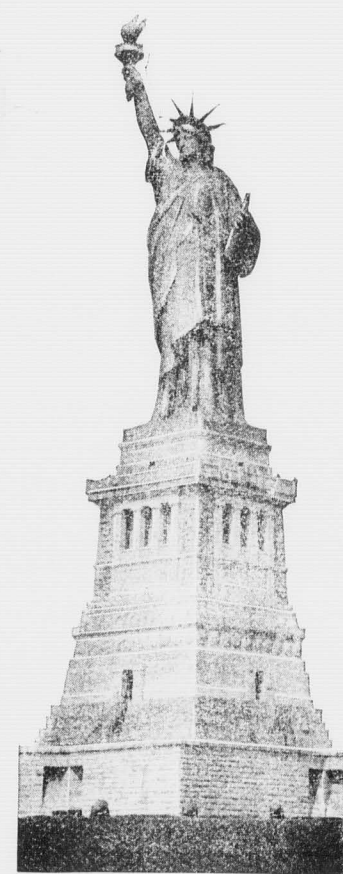
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The Ninth Annual Excursion, 1894.

GREAT SUCCESS of the previous New York Excursions has made the Annual New York Excursion the leading event of the year, in its line, and it is now regarded as an annual outing or holiday for the residents of Northern New York. More than 21,000 people have patronized these annual New York Excursions, and every one has been pleased and satisfied. The annual New York Excursion is patronized by the best people, and the fact that the same ones go each year attests its merited popularity.

Route of the Special Solid Trains.

From Massena Springs, Ogdensburg, Morristown, Clayton and Philadelphia and intermediate stations is via R., W. & O. R. R. to Utica; from Cape Vincent, Watertown, Ransomville, Windsor Beach and intermediate stations, via R., W. & O. R. R. to Rome; from other stations to Syracuse, Rome to Utica, as per time-table on next page; thence via the "great four-track" New York Central & Hudson River R. R.

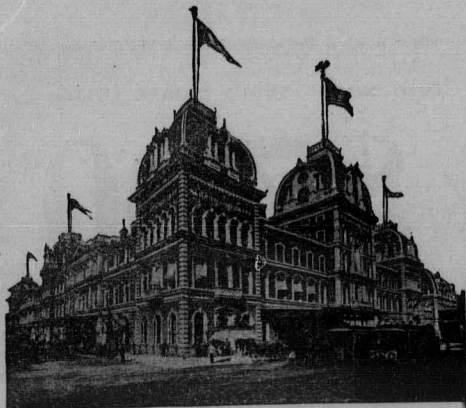
All trains will run into the Grand Central Station, the only railroad depot in the city of New York, and the largest and finest passenger station in America. Passengers can take the elevated railway trains or street cars without leaving the station, thereby reaching any part of the city in a few minutes.

The Scenery.

The scenery along the line is picturesque and beautiful. The route traverses the historical Mohawk Valley, among the foot hills of the Adirondacks and passes along the east bank of the Hudson River, in full view of the Catskill Mountains and all historical places along the Hudson River. It is a journey the scenery of which never tires one, and is especially attractive in October, as the great river is then teeming with commerce, and nature is resplendent with the gorgeous tints which Autumn throws over the bosage of mountain or hillside and valley.

Conditions of Tickets.

Tickets are good going only on Tuesday, October 2d. Tickets are good for return passage on trains leaving Grand Central Station 10.40 A. M., and 9.15 P. M., if via Utica or Rome; also on trains leaving New York 9.30 A. M., 10.40 A. M., or 9.15 P. M., if via Syracuse; but must be used for return passage on or before October 12th, subject to the following conditions: **READ YOUR TICKETS.** All tickets **must be exchanged** for return passage, at Grand Central Station ticket office not earlier than one hour nor later than fifteen minutes before departure of trains on which passengers will return from New York.



GRAND CENTRAL STATION.

Special Day Coaches.

Parties of forty and upwards taking the train at the same station can have a special day coach reserved for their exclusive use from starting

point to New York City; but all such parties must notify the ticket agent of the Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg R. R., on or before September 29th, stating how many coaches will be required. All day trains and all night trains will have comfortable first-class coaches attached, which will run through to Grand Central Station, New York City, without change.

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COACHES.

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SLEEPING
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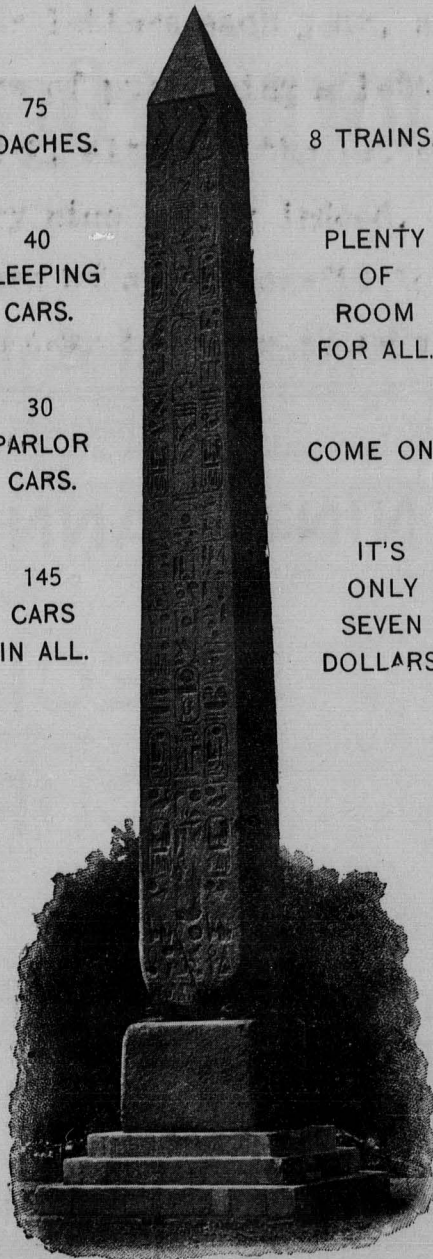
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8 TRAINS.

PLENTY
OF
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EGYPTIAN OBELISK IN CENTRAL PARK.

Mayor Gilroy's Welcome.

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CITY OF NEW YORK,
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, September 20, 1894.
Theodore Butterfield, Esq., General Passenger Agent, Rome,
Watertown & Ogdensburg R. R., Syracuse, N. Y.

Dear Sir,—I am glad to learn that the custom of arranging an annual excursion from your section of the State to the Metropolis will be continued this year. New York always particularly welcomes such a party of visitors made up of our fellow citizens of the Empire State.

There are reciprocal advantages to the custom but at this time the City is the greater party in interest. These visits of inspection by our keenly intelligent Northern New York brethren will disarm any effort to misrepresent the city to them. In knowing New York City as it is they will be deaf to attempted detraction founded on misstatements of facts. The city's fondest son or firmest friend can ask for it no fairer fame than for it to be known as it is to-day. It is a city worthy of the summit of a century of the greatest progress that the world has ever known.

Our public buildings will be open as usual to the visitors, and they will be made welcome. Yours very truly,
THOS. F. GILROY, MAYOR.

Time-Table, Tuesday, October 2d.

Special day trains and special night trains leave Massena Springs, Norwood, Ogdensburg, Morristown, Clayton, Cape Vincent, Watertown, Ransomville, Windsor Beach, Oswego and intermediate stations named on time-table, and run through to Grand Central Station, New York.

All trains will stop fifteen minutes at N. Y. C. & H. R. R. R. dining hall, at Utica for refreshments; night trains will arrive at New York 9.30, 9.35 and 9.45 A. M., and will stop at Poughkeepsie about 7.00 A. M., allowing ample time for breakfast at N. Y. C. & H. R. R. R. restaurant. Trains going via Rome run through to Utica without change of conductors or trainmen. Passengers *must not* leave train at Rome.

Remember, that the excursion will run from R., W. & O. stations by eight mammoth special solid trains, which will run on special schedule time through without change to Grand Central Station, New York, assuring punctual service and a comfortable trip.

One hundred and forty-five cars have been assigned to this excursion, including forty Wagner Sleeping Cars and thirty Wagner Drawing-room Cars.

Accommodations have been provided for comfortably carrying seven thousand people.

Wagner Palace Cars

Will be attached to all special trains and will run through without change from R., W. & O. stations to Grand Central Station, New York. Sleeping cars will run on night trains. Price for double berth to New York City from any station on the R., W. & O. R. R. will be \$2.00; a section, \$4.00; stateroom, \$7.00. A double berth will accommodate two persons. Drawing-room cars will be run on day trains, price for chairs \$1.50 each.

WAGNER PALACE DRAWING-ROOM CARS, running on day trains, will start from Ogdensburg, Morristown, Norwood, Potsdam, Canton, Clayton, Cape Vincent, Watertown, Carthage, Windsor Beach and Oswego.

WAGNER PALACE SLEEPING CARS, running on night trains, will start from Ogdensburg, Morristown, Norwood, Potsdam, Canton, Gouverneur, Clayton, Cape Vincent, Watertown, Ransomville, Windsor Beach and Oswego.

By this arrangement Palace Cars will pass all stations through which special trains are run. Agents at principal stations, as well as at stations from which palace cars start, will be furnished with diagrams of cars and palace car tickets. Unsupplied agents will apply to nearest agent that has diagrams and palace car tickets, or send money direct to General Passenger Agent, who will forward palace car tickets, reading from any station named in special time-table for this excursion. Passengers desiring accommodations in Wagner Palace Cars must leave their names and amount due for the desired accommodations on or before September 29th, with R., W. & O. R. R. ticket agent at station at which they will take the train for New York.

Attractions.

A trip to New York, the commercial metropolis of the United States, and the largest city of the Western hemisphere, is always popular, and October is the loveliest month of the year in New York. The weather is at this time more charming than at any other season of the year. The city is at its best, all New York people having returned to the city from their summer homes. An extended description of the many attractions of this great city is unnecessary. The theatres are now fully equipped for the season. The municipal buildings are open to our excursionists week-days until 4 P. M.

Central Park is most attractive now, and at no other time can the beautiful foliage be seen to such advantage. The drives and promenades are enlivened by people representing the wealth and fashion of the great metropolis.

The numerous additions to the Metropolitan Museum of Art will make a visit to that place very interesting. The numerous attractions of the Zoological Gardens can be viewed better than at any other time.

Arnoux, Ritch & Woodford.

Cable address,
Ledom.

18 Wall Street.

WILLIAM H. ARNOUX,
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New York, Aug 29th 1896-

My dear Mr. Mayor:

Enclosed please find
copy of proceedings at dinner,
from "Brooklyn Eagle."

Brooklyn is now ready to
be taken in.

Faithfully yours.

Stash. Woodford.

His Honor

William L. Strong, Mayor.

New York.

Enclosure.

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REPUBLICAN LEAGUE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
Office of the President
BINGHAMTON, N.Y.

8/30/95.

Hon. W. L. Strong,

Mayor,

New York City.

My dear Sir:--

Your esteemed favor of the 29th inst. is received, and I very much regret to learn that you believe it impossible to be with us on the occasion of the Convention of the Rep'n League of the State of New York, occurring in this City Sept. 4th and 5th next. I really hope you may yet see your way clear to re-consider and be present on this occasion, as the Convention promises to be an interesting event, not only for members of the League, but for every Republican having at heart the interests of the Party and the grand principles it represents.

Assuring you of my appreciation for your kind expressions and good wishes in behalf of the League, I am, with regards

Yours truly,



President.

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N.Y. Tribune

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World Building, N.Y., Aug. 30th 189

Mr. Jos. A. Garvey
421 E 52nd St.

City:

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find
the medal awarded you by the V.L.S.C.
for your heroic conduct in saving
the life of John Laszlo from drowning
in the East River off 51st July 23rd 95.
This medal of honor is only awarded
to those whose heroism is worthy
of emulation, and is a state record of
which any one man may well feel
proud:

Yours Very Truly
J. Wesley Jones
Pres. V.L.S.C.

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Grand Opera House

EIGHTH AVENUE & 23RD STREET.

AUGUSTUS PITOU, LESSEE AND MANAGER.

New York, Aug 31ST 1895

My dear Mr Burroughs

Will you kindly have the
license for the Grand Opera House trans-
ferred to my name - License No 28 -
drawn in favor of S D Singleton - dated Aug
1ST 1895 -

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Yours truly
Augustus Pitou

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26 Albany St

New York August 31st / 1895.Hon Mayor Strong
City of New York

My Dear Sir I humbly
beg leave to call your attention to & appeal to
you as one of the Trustees of Sailors Snug Harbor,
for my re-admission to that institution, from
which I was removed (as an insane inmate) on
or about Dec 27th 1894. ^{Provisionally to that date having been} by truck & device transported
to an Asylum in N.Y. & from which Institution
(the Lunatic Asylum) I was discharged on signing
a paper forfeiting any further claims on the pri-
-vileges of the Harbor. This was all brought
about by enmity of Governor Black of the
Harbor. who has been my enemy from his
assuming the duties of Governor - all of which
I can briefly explain -

May I hope for your good kind offices? -

Very Respectfully
William Sterling

Thomas Greenleaf

74 Wall

Chamblain of Sackett's River, Harbor

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AARON KAHN,
Attorney and Counsellor at Law,
Office 59 William Street,
(Between Cedar and Pine Streets.)

3RD FLOOR, ROOM 8.

ASCEND BY ELEVATOR.

New York, Aug 31st 1895

Mayor Strong.
Sir:

I presented the
facts of the Conspiracy of the
honoruall Club in which
they obtained from me \$23,000
by trick & device to Judge Simas
he referred it to Judge Kutchick
of the Yorkville Police Court,
as the ~~Club~~ honoruall Club
is within the jurisdiction of the
Court House

Yours truly
Aaron Kahn
"



D. M. PYLE,
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OFFICE OF THE

SHERIFF OF KERN CO.

H. L. BORGWARDT, JR., SHERIFF.

Telephone No. 21, Sheriff's Office.
Telephone No. 52, Sheriff's Residence.

Bakersfield, Cal. Aug 11 1895

Mayor Strong
Sir

Will you kindly see that the
enclosed letter is forwarded to L D Pelobury
Warden of Blackwell Island N.Y. or to
the place his family may now be at
as it is important he should get it,
as soon as possible and oblige

Yours Respectfully
Harry Williams
Sheriff's Office
Bakersfield Kern Co
Cal

H.B.

Please let me know if he is still Warden
and the address of Home & Hummel Attys
at law. if you will be so kind

H.W.

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P.O. Box 10,
Richfield Springs, N.Y.
Aug in '95.

Dear Mr. Hedges:

I regret exceedingly to annoy

Mr. Strong, about such a trifle but he has
a scrapbook of mine which I should be glad

to get and sincerely hope has not gone

astray; He wrote me last week that he

would look the matter up and that he thought

the book was in his town house all ready

for expressing.

But I have heard nothing

from it; and did I not need it, for reference, should

not allude to it again. When you see a convenient season,

ask him about it and believe me

Sincerely yours
John Paul Hancock

Through a clipping from
New York Times I can
where I a Dr L D Miller
of Bradyville Tenn
had written you to
know if there had been
a suit or a compromise
in regard to Edwards
estate & that a lady had
written him that such
was the case and
that she would file
his claim for \$1000 which
is a trust of his and
should have been
investigated before you

gave it for publication. Looking spending money
in, here no idea of and doing nothing to
the harm you have amount to any thing
done which I will own the papers were worth
state. I ask you to regard thread bare concerning
this as in perfect confidence until a smile would
and rely upon your be the result of the very
honour as a gentleman mention of the name
that it is so. I am finding that I was the
the nearest heir of this nearest heir living of
estate being a great-grand went on to New York last
daughter of the said Feb - determined to do
R. Edwards, when it was something towards getting
first - known by the a settlement - I was at the
heirs, that - that lease made to the City - had of the best Hotels in
expired they held a the City where they can
meeting employed lawyers testify that I was delayed
and I from that time with - Ellis daily from
on they have done nothing supposed here all over
but - race to New York the Country asking me
and every other City - to do this and do that
in the United States for them if it had not

been for the news papers
mentioning the fact of
my presence there I do
not doubt I should
have had some trouble
in regard to the extra
mail. I recollect thinking
perhaps that I was
using the mail for
unlawful purposes -
I did not notice them
at first - but in self
defense I at last replied
to a firm they were all
begging me to put in
their claims for them
in the meantime I
was going from Court
to Court - trying to find
the records and other
valuable documents at
length - I have them all
and now what I say

be - you is for - your
case alone until you
find you can speak
If I get a compromise
it will be by the kind
ness and affliction of
rich and powerful friends
there who have money
and influence to do a
great deal also my two
Uncles Chief Justice
Fuller of Supreme Court
and Congressman Marsh
of Ill - are at - my back
to advise and assist me
I have been exceedingly
careful not to allow any
one to know any thing
until it was necessary as
they would have perceived
every thing it has been
kept from the papers
to avoid all this and

and also I have been
tracked and watched
by three imposters from
Montare Ca — they have
sent among many slips
around to some of the
credulous here saying
that they had all the
papers necessary and to
send on money and as
soon as they received all
required they would get
the money they were in New
York during my stay —
there I called on my wife
to ask advice in regard
to them but failed to see
you, this filing claims I
will say this Miller and
this annoyed me terribly
about it finally I write
yes I will file your
claim or your papers
for \$100 I do not propose
doing any thing at a
great expense and here

New York May.. 29-95-

To The Honorable Mayor
of New York City

Dear Sir I have
to appeal to you to give me
even Justice in the Complaints
I have made to The Board of
Health in Reference to no pressure
of Water in my Bath Tubs all
this Month of August. I am
in Charge of 102. 4th av. N.Y. City
for the last 35 years it is
a Restaurant and Mechanics
Boardinghouse of good Standing
it is very evident in my
own eyes that the officials of
The Board of Health is in
with the pretended owner
which is Fred Foster of the
Foster Building He says he
bought it on the 18th of May
last and ever since that date
the water has been taken
from the Bath Tubs

Respectfully yours

Martin L. Lanning

4th av 102 N.Y. City

good government

New York

Sept. 2nd 1895

Mr Mayors Secretary
The Board of Health has
ordered The Work down
one month ago on my
complaint. But let

Mr Potters Plumber
do the work and he dunks
us out of the cold water in
the Bath tub ever since the
3rd Day of August. The Board
of Health should have examined
the work and if they don't do
it. The Mayor has a
right to step in there and
make them do their work
in a sanitary way as the
law calls for. So my Council tells
me

Yours respectfully

Martin Delany

4th cr. 102

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Detroit, Mich., Sept. 3rd, 1895.

To the Honorable Mayor,


Dear Sir:-

You are probably aware that we have a unique and original mayor in Detroit, celebrated for originating the "Pingree potato scheme" and three-cent street-car fares, and for opposing corporation monopolies. He has recently produced a book entitled "Facts and Opinions," of which we are the publishers. We shall take pleasure in mailing you an advance copy and shall be pleased to have your opinion of the work at an early date.

Yours very truly,

F. B. Dickerson Co.

This Letter is From

 Please write your name and
Address on these lines.

Name

P. O.

County

State:

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F. B. DICKERSON CO.,

DETROIT,

MICH.

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To educate the public conscience and
 to secure a more generous support
 for all movements which make for
 the public welfare....

Chicago, Sept. 3, 1895.

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Mayor Strong,

New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir:--We ask your careful consideration of the enclosed Call. We propose to give it the widest possible publication, after it has received the signatures of a number of representative men. Many endorsements are already received, and we wish to add yours.

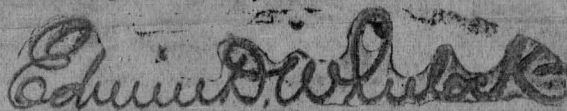
Dr. J. H. Barrows, President World's Congress of Religions, says, "No summons since the Civil War has meant more for America and the World."

Dr. C. H. Payne, Cor. Sec. of the Board of Education of the M. E. Church, says, "In my judgment the greatest monument of modern times."

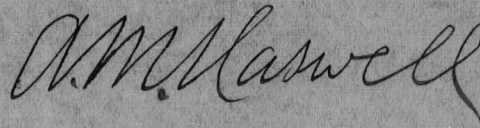
Our efforts to unite the Christian forces against unrighteousness on a non-partisan, non-sectarian basis, meet the heartiest approval of Christians generally. We know of your practical interest in all such efforts, and we invoke your aid in stimulating the people of God to action.

Please write us a brief letter for publication, giving us your signature in such a manner, that we may have it electrotyped, and a fac-simile thereof appended to the published Call.

Cordially Yours,



Pres.



Sec.

To the People of God Everywhere:

The world belongs to Jesus Christ. "Whether they be thrones or dominions... all things were made by Him and for Him." Satan is a usurper. What belongs to Jesus Christ should be yielded to Him.

In a marked sense, this country is His, since it was taken possession of in His name by its first discoverers and settlers.

Government is an ordinance of God. Our history shows that God has chosen this government in an especial manner to fulfill His great purposes. But since He works through human means, these divine intentions must be wrought out by Christian men and women. If the prayer, "*Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven,*" is ever answered, the people of God must do a two-fold work; as in Nehemiah iv. 16-18, where trowel in one hand, and sword in the other, they simultaneously rebuilt the walls of the holy city, and fought the enemy.

To-day, wickedness is in power, whoever is in place; and encouraged by the apathy of Christian sentiment, heaps obstacle on obstacle in the way of the coming Kingdom. The saloon, the gambling den and the brothel (Satanic trinity) ruin our youth of both sexes in body and in soul. The Lord's day is made a time of needless but enforced toil to thousands, while its sacredness is often practically denied by its friends. The missionaries of the cross, sped on their way by the prayers and gifts of the church, are followed by the agencies of hell, which, under the sanction of Christian civilization, degrade the heathen to depths unknown in their own worst estate. Votes are bought, sold and intimidated. Offices are treated as political "spoils" rather than as public trusts. Legislation is transformed into a brokerage. Social wrongs fester unmedicated, in full public view.

Shall these things continue? Shall Christian apathy be the chief ally of the Philistines of sin? The forces of evil are organized, aggressive, insolent, triumphant. Is it not time to marshall the hosts of righteousness in battle array?

We live under a government of the majority. But the majority is composed of Christians—if not of actual church members, at least of those who are adherents of the church. Therefore, we are responsible for the evils mentioned above. However we may differ as to creed, ritual and polity, we can all agree as to the need of united action to correct those evils. We can co-operate without surrendering our denominational names or our political preferences. The only question is one of methods.

A practical and adequate organization has been recently called into existence in Chicago, called the NATIONAL CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP LEAGUE, which has already abundantly vindicated its reason for being. Its avowed three-fold object is:

1. To reveal Jesus Christ as the Saviour of the nation as well as of the individual.

2. To make Christian principles operative in public affairs.

3. To unite the followers of Christ in consistent, harmonious and aggressive action, not as church members, but as Christian citizens, for the following purposes, viz.:

- (1.) To prevent, by personal effort, the nomination and election of corrupt candidates and the enactment of corrupt laws in city, state and nation.

- (2.) To secure fidelity on the part of officers intrusted with the execution of the laws.

- (3.) To exterminate the saloon as the greatest enemy of Christ and humanity.

- (4.) To preserve the Sabbath.

- (5.) To purify and elevate the elective franchise.

- (6.) To promote the study of social wrongs and the application of effective remedies.

- (7.) In general, to seek the reign of whatsoever things are true, honest, just, pure, lovely and of good report.

We do not wish for a union of church and state. Nor do we seek to govern the state through the church. But we do propose to identify Christian citizens with public affairs and thus infuse into industries, policies and administrations, the spirit of Jesus Christ.

With the conviction that the time has come for a great forward movement, and that God will utilize the LEAGUE to prepare the way of His Kingdom, we urge all Christians to take instant steps toward the organization of local leagues, and their affiliation with the central body. The details of organization and plans for work may be learned by addressing the NATIONAL CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP LEAGUE, 153 La Salle Street, Chicago.

This is not a mere call for civic reform—it is vastly more. A double work needs to be done, formative and reformatory. The young must be educated in civics. We must stop raising boodlers and drunkards. The present generation of voters must be united for Christian government. Nor is it enough merely to sweep and garnish the house—it must be filled with good tenants. We must not only correct the evils of the day, but prevent other evils by making Christian principles the ruling motive in public affairs.

To this necessary and sacred work we summon all, of whatever creed, party, nationality, or sex, who acknowledge God as supreme over all, and desire to see His will done upon earth.

THE LOTOS CLUB,
NEW YORK.

Sept 4. 1895

Mayor Strong

I am with you
heart and soul
in your reform
work, and recog-
nize that among
other blessings
you have given us
a good Comptroller
in Titus, a good

Street Commissioner
in Waring, a good
Official in Rose-
velt; but there is
one crying abuse
that you ought to
remedy though
your aids in gov-
ernment, the very
birth in New
York I remember
one admirable

act of the late Wm.
I need; it was that
heavily laden
trucks were not al-
lowed on 5th ave,
being stopped un-
less more than dis-
tinction by the
police. Inspectors
reported delayed
work of filling in
and grading of
replaced paving

stones, and such
a condition as
has existed for some
days in 5th or
would not have
been permitted.

Yours truly
Charles Dalton

HOMER FOOT,
REAL ESTATE AND LOANS,
23 PARK ROW.

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New York, Sept. 5th, 1895

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
City Hall, N. Y. City.

Dear Sir:-

I would most respectfully call your attention to the continual annoyance that property owners along Park Row, from Ann Street to Beekman Street, are subjected to from the "fakir" nuisance. We have been long sufferers from this, and it would seem that this thoroughfare, one of the greatest in the City, should be protected, and that some restriction should be placed upon the selling of all sorts of "truck" along its sidewalks. It would be the greatest benefit to property along here, if the use of Park Row for such sidewalk business, could be entirely stopped. I have continually complained to the Police, but the present ordinance affecting this question, does not seem to meet the demands of the situation, and as a result the Police are necessarily handicapped. The sidewalks are badly crowded at all most all times, and pick-pockets have abundant opportunity to do a thriving business along this thoroughfare, as a result of over-crowding by people who are simply loitering to see what is offered by a street "fakir".

I am very sure that you will find that the views herein expressed, are also held by owners of property in this section, and I most respectfully request that if you can in any way help us, you will do so.

Very truly yours,

Homer Foot agent
Estate of Erastus Brooks.

Charles Truax, President & Manager

J. C. Greene, M.D. Vice Pres. & Treas.

E. E. Palmer, Secretary



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Chicago, Sept. 5, 1895. 189

City Mayor,

New York City, N. Y.

Honorable Sir:--

We ask as a favor that you furnish us on the enclosed postal card the name and address of the Health Officer of your city.

We are prepared to make your Health Department a proposition to supply them with Liquid Vaccine Virus, put up in hermetically sealed glass tubes, in such a manner that it will keep indefinitely. In addition to this, it is absolutely free from micro-organisms or dangerous disease germs, thus removing the one argument that remains against vaccination.

Hoping you will comply with our request at your earliest convenience,

We remain,

Very truly yours,

Chas. Truax, Greene & Co.

Charles Truax, Pres.

A Fluid Vaccine Virus, Free From Micro-Organisms

SOLD ONLY IN HERMETICALLY SEALED GLASS TUBES

WILL KEEP INDEFINITELY

Dear Sir—We have completed arrangements with Dr. H. Welcker, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for the sale and distribution of his Fluid Vaccine. After a careful investigation we believe we can offer you the only Vaccine Virus in the market, that is free from Micro-organisms; one in which asepsis is secured by absolute cleanliness and perfect surroundings.

As it is sold only in hermetically sealed glass tubes, it is not possible for contamination to occur. Possessing a fluid nature, adapted to sustain the life of Vaccine Microbes, its activity remains unimpaired for a great length of time. In effectiveness it is perfect. In primary vaccinations, with proper care, it is absolutely certain in its action; while in secondary vaccinations the operator will secure success in at least eighty per cent of cases. It has been used successfully by hundreds of practitioners, to any one of which we take pleasure in referring. We believe we are safe in asserting that no vaccine ever placed upon the market has been successful in so large a percentage of cases as this preparation of Dr. Welcker's.

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Dr. Gustav Futterer (Professor of Physical Diagnosis, Chicago Polyclinic) (see Chicago Medical Reporter, June, 1895,) made a detailed examination of 75 Vaccine Points purchased in original packages from various sources, and kept free from contamination until examined. Every one of the 75 Points were found to contain disease germs of a saprophytic or pathogenic nature. Staphylococcus aureus and Staphylococcus albus were found in over 70 per cent, while streptococcus of erysipelas was present in about 14 per cent. This record is sufficient to condemn the Vaccine Points ordinarily found in the market; and we believe the medical profession at large will gladly avail themselves of an opportunity of securing lymph, the asepsis of which is perfect, and the consequent risk of vaccination reduced to a minimum.

After a careful investigation and repeated trials, Dr. Welcker's Fluid Vaccine has been adopted by the Chicago and St. Louis Boards of Health, the members of which fully endorse its merits.

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10 Tubes in package.....\$1.00
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Charles Truax, Greene & Co.

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CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
CITY OF ROCHESTER, N. Y.

J. Y. McCLINTOCK, City Engineer.
W. J. STEWART, First Ass't.

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ROCHESTER, N. Y., September 5th, 1895.

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

Dear Sir:-

I want to present to the commission, who are preparing a general law to govern the cities of the second class in this state, at the next legislature, the question of having the area around the large cities properly mapped and the streets established so that as the cities develop, and new streets are laid out, they will not be accepted as public streets unless they conform to such general plan.

As I understand it, the vicinity of New York has been so treated, and I will be greatly obliged to you, if you will furnish me with any information upon the subject.

Very respectfully yours,

J. Y. McClintock

City Engineer.

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D. JONES & SONS,
MANUFACTURERS OF SHIRTS,
12-14 WALKER STREET,

CHICAGO OFFICE,
211 JACKSON STREET.

NEW YORK. Sept. 6/95.

Mayor W. L. Strong.

Dear Sir:-

Will you kindly grant permit to bearer for a Shipping
and Receiving Office to be placed inside our stoop line. The di-
mensions are 6ft. 5in. high, 3ft. 8in. deep and 2ft. 10 in. wide.

By granting this request you will greatly oblige,

Yours very respectfully,

W. Jones & Son

P.S.

It is very important that we receive this permit to
facilitate our shipping and receiving goods.
Our stoop line measures 4ft. 9in. deep which places
office 13in. inside of the stoop line.

Headquarters of the WASHINGTON HEIGHTS PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION, S. W. Cor. of 168th St. and Amsterdam Ave., New York City.

September 6th, 1895.

To the

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG, Mayor,

--GREETING--

WHEREAS-- The Hon. Board of Aldermen have again granted the Franchise to occupy the Boulevard and Kingsbridge Road north of 125th St. to the 3rd Ave. R. R. Co. against the publicly expressed wishes of the Property owners, Business men and Residents of Washington Heights and the upper West Side; and

WHEREAS-- The granting of this Franchise to the 3rd Ave. R. R. Co. will place that corporation in entire control of all possible future railroad facilities, for the entire upper West Side, and thus deprive the great West Side population of our City from securing a continuous surface railroad accommodation through the West Side from the South Ferry to the City line for one fare of 5¢; and

WHEREAS-- The promised Money Consideration and the possible facilities offered by the 3rd Ave. R. R. Co. are insufficient and inadequate--compared to the Benefits and Revenue which will result to the City Treasury, and to the comforts and welfare of the General Public of the West Side by the granting of this Franchise to the Metropolitan Traction Co., with its immense system of transfers throughout the whole of our City; and

WHEREAS-- This Association considers this action of the majority of the Board of Aldermen the greatest injustice ever perpetrated by City officials upon a Confiding Public, and a direct violation and disregard of the will and wishes of the majority of the People of the City of New York--

We Herewith Petition and Pray your Honor, to VETO said resolution, which grants this Franchise to the 3rd Ave. R. R. Co., and thereby protect the interests of the City at large, uphold the will of the majority of the People and Preserve to the Public of the West Side the future possibility of securing direct and continuous railroad facilities along the West Side of our City from South Ferry to Yonkers, without change of cars and for one fare of 5 cents.

Respectfully submitted.

THE WASHINGTON HEIGHTS PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION.

Christian Trinks President.

Secretaries

John C. Klett.
John C. Koopman.

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Petition to ~~the~~
Hon. Mayor
William L. Strong
From The

WASHINGTON HEIGHTS PROGRESSIVE
ASSOCIATION.

September 6, 1895.

C. M.

NEW YORK ATHLETIC CLUB



104 WEST 55TH STREET.

NEW YORK, Sept. 7th. 1895. 189.....

Hon. Mayor Strong,

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Dear Sir:-

I take pleasure in advising you that the Athletic Committee has selected you to act as one of the Reception Committee on the occasion of the International Games between the New York Athletic Club and the London Athletic Club, Sept. 21st, 1895, at Manhattan Field at 2.30 o'clock P.M. Will you kindly and promptly signify your acceptance of the same?

Yours respectfully,

B. C. Williams,

Chairman Athletic Committee.

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How to Decline



MAYOR'S OFFICE

MANOR HALL.

Yonkers, N.Y. Sept. 7, 1895.

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

My dear Mayor :-

I am in receipt this morning of letter enclosed and
I should like very much to help the lady to the position she asks for.

I have known her a long time and believe her to be AI in every respect. She is also the sole support of a widowed mother and although I know that the public funds is no charitable organization yet still if you could in any way give me a hint and a kindly push by your help methinks we both would be doing a good service. Do you think you can help me? I am my dear Mayor,

Very respectfully and Cordially yours,

Mary Lane

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"The Castleton"

Ocean Ave.

Atlantic City N.J.

Sept. 7. 1895.

To Mayor William L. Strong.

Dear Sir.

I beg to call
your notice to the following. I have
just finished a National Ode con-
sisting of seven verses of seven lines
each - entitled "A Song of Liberty"
which I would like to have re-
cited at the placing of the Old
Liberty Bell in Penna. State Build-
ing Oct. 15th, at Atlanta.

I have already submitted my lines
for criticism before competent
judges. I have treated the Ode,

I trust, in a broad American
way - with no tinge of sectionalism
in it - & have taken up the birth,
development & supremacy of Our
Flag & Nation in an orderly manner.

Will you kindly give me a "boost"
with the authorities at Atlanta, I
will give the lines to J. Walter to show
you in the near future - so you may
judge for yourself of their tone.

Hoping to hear a line from
you, I am yours sincerely,

Francis E. Furmint Schroeder.

P.S. My ad. is either here or
in Lancaster J. E. S.

MILLIONS INVOLVED.

Robert Edwards' Heirs Claim Valuable New York Property.

New York special: Mrs. W. T. Leachman, of Louisville, Ky., is here to press her claims as one of the heirs to Robert Edwards' estate, which it is claimed, is worth from \$500,000,000 to \$1,000,000,000. There are twenty-four heirs, of which Chief Justice Fuller, of the United States Supreme Court, is one. The claims rest on the fact that Robert Edwards, by grants from King George I, acquired eighty-six acres of land fronting on the Battery and extending upon what is now Broadway. The heirs say the town of Aberdeen, Ohio, also belongs to the estate and that over 1,000 acres of land along the Hudson River and a great part of Jersey City and Troy, N. Y., belong to it. In 1770 Robert Edwards leased his land to the English Government and soon after died. His nephew and namesake succeeded to the estate. This second Robert Edwards, during the revolutionary war, made a second lease of the New York property to the English government for ninety-nine years. The heirs claim the property should revert to them, as the leases have expired.

This article may interest readers of THE ENQUIRER. As there are several families of Edwards' in Oconto and vicinity.

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Oconto Wis

September 8th 1895

To the Mayor of New York City

Dear Sir will you be so kind as to answer a few questions for me. do you know any thing about a controversy between the City of New York and the heirs of Robert Edwards in regard to the title to some land which lays along Broadway and Wall street. I have been writing to a Mrs. W. F. Leachman of Louisville K.Y. who claims she is one of the heirs and she claims to have a blue to this property and she wanted me to send her 100 dollars to have my claim filed. But I did not feel safe in sending the money until I knew every thing was all right. now she claims the City of New York is defendant in this case. Now if you can give me any information about this you will be well paid. my father is one of the heirs to this estate. Please inform me as to the truth of this matter. is there any chance of our getting any thing out of this property if there is I am led to go a head. Please answer this and
Oblige George. W. Edwards Box 6

Oconto, Oconto Co
Wis

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—OFFICE OF—
THE HERALD.

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M'KENZIE, TENN., Sept. 9, 1895

Mayor Strong
New York City.

Dear Sir:—

I learn that the ^{suit in case of the} estate of Robert Edwards has or about to ^{be} compromised with your city for about half its value, which is estimated at \$2,500,000,000, the whole estate.

I should be pleased to know whether the above statements are facts and whether there is likely to be a settlement of ^{the} case soon or at all.

I am some what interested ⁱⁿ the matter as a descendant of the ~~the~~ Robert Edwards.

I trust you will be so kind as to answer ~~me~~ by an early mail.

Very truly,
J. B. McFall.

SPANISH-AMERICAN LIGHT & POWER CO. CONSOLIDATED.
UNITED GAS COMPANIES OF HAVANA, CUBA.
15 WALL STREET, NEW YORK.

W. S. JOHNSTON, PRESIDENT.
R. A. C. SMITH, VICE-PRES'T AND TREAS.

New York, Sept. 9, 1895. 5
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Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

My dear Mr. Mayor:-

Don Joaquin Escasena, First Lieutenant of the Civil Guard of Havana, Cuba, is in this city on a mission to study the telephone and telegraphic systems employed in connection with the police service here.

I would be much pleased and obliged if you could further the above officers' mission by issuing an open letter or permit in his behalf enabling him to more thoroughly look into the said systems in use in the Police Department.

Hoping this will not be considered an intrusion, and thanking you in advance for your courtesy,

I remain,

Your Obedient Servant,

R. A. C. Smith
per W. S. Johnston

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National Association of
Commissioners and Inspectors of Buildings

OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Office of the Secretary.

Minneapolis, Minn. Sept 10th 1895

To the Honorable Mayor of the City of *New York. N. Y.*

Dear Sir: The Sixth Annual Convention of the National Association of Commissioners and Inspectors of Buildings of the United States of America, will be held in the city of Baltimore, Md., Oct. 15, 1895. It being of the utmost importance that every city in the Union be represented, the officers of the National Association extend a hearty and cordial greeting to the Mayor and earnestly request that you authorize the attendance at the next convention of the Inspector or Commissioner of Buildings of your city. Questions and discussions of great importance will come up at this convention, which will undoubtedly be of great benefit to all cities throughout the land.

The rapid advancement in the construction of all classes of buildings, egress, fire-proofing, fire-escapes, etc., are commanding the attention of insurance men, architects, builders and inspectors of buildings everywhere, and we earnestly hope that your city will be represented.

An answer to the above request will be greatly appreciated by the officers of the Association.

All communications and answers to be addressed to the Secretary.

JOHN M. HAZEN, Sec'y,

Minneapolis, Minn.

JOHN S. DAMRELL, Pres.,

Boston Mass.

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CITY OF NEW YORK.
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.

New York, September 10th. 1895.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of New York.

Dear Sir:-

I will be unable to attend the meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment this A. M., owing to the fact that I am the complainant and witness in the libel case against Cassidy, which you may have noticed in the paper is now going on.

You will be kind enough to excuse me and oblige.

very truly yours,

John Broderick

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Mayor Strong Esq:

Dear Sir:-

You will please excuse me for intruding upon your time, but I am in need of information which I believe you can give me without putting yourself to a great deal of trouble and will be a great accommodation to me. It is this. I am informed by Hon John W. Witham Attorney-at-law, Everett, Washington. that there is a Rathbun estate in New York City, unclaimed. and that a certain Rathbun, who is in the Government employ, whose first name he did not know had informed him that the estate is there and that that it belongs to my family, and could be so established. Just what shape it is in he did not know. He wished me to give it my attention.

Now can you inform me if you know of any Rathbun estate as above mentioned? If there is such an estate there I will come and look after the matter. Any information you may be able to give will be gratefully received. Hoping to hear from you if you know of any Rathbun in the employ of the Government, also, please give me his full name and so confer a great favor upon a Methodist preacher.

Yours very truly.

J. F. Rathbun