

Capestone (Guadeloupe) le 10^e juillet 1897

C

A Monsieur le Maire et cher Collègue,

New-York

Monsieur le Maire,

Il est à être ignoré-vous encore qu'une épouvantable catastrophe vient d'accabler la Guadeloupe si malheureuse déjà. - C'est au moment où la misère nous étroit de toutes parts, où notre budget est en déficit qu'un terrible tremblement de terre vient ruiner nos dernières espérances et augmenter encore notre détresse.

Peu de communes ont souffert comme la Capestone (Guadeloupe): nos bâtiments municipaux sont tous démembrés, les murailles de nos maisons légères. Notre vieille église a été particulièrement endommagée: la moindre secousse nouvelle peut amener sa ruine, et nous sommes forcés de la laisser constamment fermée.

Devant des dégâts matériels aussi considérables, je n'hésite pas, comme maire de la localité, de tendre la main à toutes les nations amies. La municipalité de la commune de la Capestone (Guadeloupe) a confiance dans la municipalité de la ville de New-York d'Amérique. Bien des lieues nous séparent, mais dans vos pratiques betteres à l'unisson des cœurs charitables et froids, nous devons partager les peines comme les joies, et raffermir davantage, de jour en jour, ces liens de solidarité

qui existent entre la France et l'Amérique.

Nous espérons donc, Monsieur le Maire et cher collègue, que vous ne resterez pas muet à notre appel et que si petite que soit la somme que vous nous adresserez, vous ne manquerez pas de nous la faire avoir. Elle apportera un soulagement et un commencement de bien être dans notre malheureuse situation.

Et permettez-nous de vous envoyer d'avance tous nos remerciements avec l'expression de nos sentiments les plus sympathiques.

Pour la population de la Cepestere (Gpe) et pour la municipalité Cepestérienne.



Le Maire
A. Cécily

MAYOR STRONG NO EXPERIMENT.

Discussing the Mayoralty situation the World says: "This is not a good time for experiments."

True, it is not, and for that reason, though it is willing, as every lover of New York should be, to abide cheerfully by the anti-Tammany voters' choice for a candidate, The Press believes that their nomination should go to William L. Strong.

Mayor Strong knows the business of municipal administration from A to Z. He has learned it in the splendid school of experience. He has devoted his official reflections to discovering what would be best for New York, and his energy and ability to giving it what it most needed. He has been unselfish in his acts, and where he has made mistakes he has profited sufficiently by them to guard against new pitfalls. He has done more practical, lasting work for good government than any other citizen of Greater New York.

Mayor Strong, renominated and re-

elected, would be no experiment. He would not be even a test case. He would be a guarantee. He would give us in the next four years what he has given New York since January 1, 1895—an honest municipal government, with the city's business affairs administered for the people of New York and for nobody else under the sun.

While The Press believes that there are numerous citizens who would prove good Mayors of Greater New York, it is our opinion that the wisest and best nomination that could be made would be William L. Strong. He won in 1894. He would win again in 1897, and after he won this year we should know absolutely the sort of administration he would give Greater New York.

William H. Hume,
Frederic T. Hume.

Offices of
Wm. H. Hume & Son.
Architects.

Lincoln Building, and 3 Union Square.

New York, July 2^d 1897

Hon^{ble} Wm L Strong

Mayor City of New York

My dear sir

I enclose a clipping from this morning's Press, which expresses exactly my sentiments, and I believe also those of a majority of our best citizens.

It will indeed be a fortunate thing for our city, should events so shape themselves as to insure your reelection to the office you now honor.

Very truly yours
Wm H Hume

50 EAST 59TH STREET.
NEW YORK.

July 2nd, 1897

Dear Mr. Mayor:-

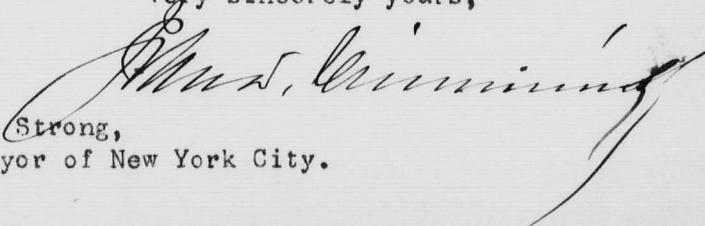
My son, Thomas Crimmins, a student of Harvard University, I am about to send to Germany with a tutor, principally for the purpose of studying the German language. I would consider it a favor if you would kindly write ^{for} him a letter to be in his possession during his travels through Germany, stating that he is a son of a citizen of our City. Some years ago I obtained a letter of this character from Mayor Grace for a student, and he informed me that he found it very useful, particularly in going into strange towns where recognition is sometimes required. My son is a little over seventeen years of age, and a good boy.

I presume that you have written such letters before, to which your name and the Seal of the City have been affixed. These little matters count for a great deal in Europe; anything bearing a formal character.

I trust you will find this request not out of the way, and my only reason for disturbing you this very warm weather is my anxiety that my boy should be as comfortable as possible while travelling.

With assurance of my most profound respect,
I am,

Very sincerely yours,



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



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No. 94 READE STREET,

New York, July 2. 1897

Hon. W. L. Strong
Mayor. New York City

Dear Sir

I have been requested, by Messrs.
Chas. Scribner Sons, to make a photo-
graph of the portrait of "Gov.
Hunt" which hangs in the Govern-
or's room of the City Hall.

Will you kindly give me a permit
to do so? and greatly oblige

Yours truly
E. Bierstadt



City of Charleston

Executive Department, July 3 1897

Hon Wm L Strong
Mayor New York City N.Y.

Dear Sir

Will you kindly send me by return mail a copy of your rules & regulations governing your street cars, both trolley and cable. Especially do we want to know whether they are required to stop for passengers, before crossing an intersecting street, or after crossing an intersecting street.

I enclose stamps for a reply & will be much obliged for your prompt attention.

Yours respectfully
J. Edgar Smyth
Mayor

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES.

THE NEW YORK CITY TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES,

BLACKWELL'S ISLAND.

LOUISE D'ARCHE,
SUPERINTENDENT.

NEW YORK, July 5th, 1897.

Dear Mr Burrows,

I could not possibly think the Mayor's suggestion, conveyed to me in your favor of July 3rd. an "unwarranted interference" with my management, for I am very glad indeed to have the Mayor think of us at all, and to know the Mayor is interested in us individually or collectively as a School.

I think his attendance at our Commencement June 5th, and the kind words he was then pleased to say to us an evidence of his kind feeling towards us, and I hope at some future day when the right time comes, that he will show a further interest in our welfare.

Will you please tell him for me that Miss Howe received a permit for a two weeks' vacation on June 28th, and that I had the pleasure of anticipating his wishes by a few days,

Very truly yours,

Louise D'Arche.

ROBERT MACLAY,
President.

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Vice President.

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Second Vice President.

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234 FIFTH AVENUE,
CORNER 27TH STREET.

NEW YORK July 6th, 1897.

Bion L. Burrows, Esq., Secretary,
City Hall,
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your favor of the 3rd instant, we beg to say that the accrued interest to July 1st, 1897, on the deposit made by the Mayor with us on November 14th, 1895, account of the Third Avenue R. R. Company, is \$4,087.69.

You will recall that \$50,000. was paid on July 11th, 1896, on account of the \$250,000. originally deposited.

Yours very truly,

Fred L. Eldridge

New York,

July 16th 1897

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
Dear Sir,

I had the honour not long ago of
bringing you the subjoined letter of introduction
from Judge Ernest Hall, & of being very
delightfully received by you. I now try to ask
if you will not further favour me by making a
personal matter to President Mc Kinley of my
aspiration to the Assistant Commissionership-
General to the Paris Exposition of 1900, & write
him urging my qualifications for the position, to
say nothing of the fact that I am working for
it with the knowledge & goodwill of ^{United States} Senator Platt.
Any further information about me will be readily
given you by Messrs. Seth Low, North East Harbor, Me.,
for he too knows & approves of my aspiration.

If you thought that it were good for me to become
acquainted with Mr Anson G. McCook, would it be
asking too much of you to give me a card to him?
I should highly value the same.

With the assurance of my esteem, I try to remain

very respectfully yours,

J. D. Woodward.

Narrick, New York

July 6 - 1897

My Dear Sir:

I send the enclosed
\$50 for the suffering poor of
your city. Please place it where
you may think it will do the most
good. If a record is made of
such matters let this be credited
to - "Sado"

Yours very truly

B. H. Truodell

Hon Wm Strong
Mayor of New York

GREATER N.Y. TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION.

At a regular meeting held this 7th day of July 1897 at our rooms at Florence Building, the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

W H E R E A S we are all owners of real estate, in the City of New York, and we directly by the payment of our taxes, water rates and assessments largely contribute to the support of the City Government, and the Officials connected with the different departments We consider, that Public officials at the head of the various departments should be residents of our City, and not from other States or Cities, who in no way, are beneficial to our interest, and as we are informed that the Street Cleaning Commissioner is from Rhode Island, one of the Dock Commissioners from Pittsburg Pennsylvania, one of the Fire Commissioners from San Francisco, Cal., one of the Police Commissioners from Yonkers, a Commissioner of Public Works from Philadelphia, Superintendent of Buildings from Philadelphia, Supervisor of the City Records from Albany, Principals ~~xxxx~~ of our High schools from the States of Missouri, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts, all appointed under the reform administration now existing in the City of New York, we consider it our duty, to object to the intrusion of outsiders into public officers in this City and participation in the public Treasury towards which we pay, and we Condemn in the strongest terms, the actions and proceedings of the Mayor in appointing these people to office, Contrary to the sentiment of our Cities and we firmly believe, that it should have been the duty of the Mayor to have appointed good, honest and competent men in the various departments from residents of New York City, and not bestow personal favoritism endowd with large salaries to people from other States, and WE PROTEST, against this system of Carpet bagging inaugurated by our Reform administration.

J. Rubenstein President.

B. W. H. H. H. Secretary.

A. J. CLINTON, President.
T. J. GAINES, Secretary.

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WM. BURNS, Asst Secretary.
GEO. H. DAYTON, Gen'l Agent.



No. 71 Wall Street, New York.

July 7th, 1897.

(Copy for His Honor, The Mayor of New York.)

General C. H. T. Collis,
Commissioner of Public Works,
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

The undersigned property owners and tenants beg to call your attention to the present condition of the pavement of Wall Street, between Hanover and Pearl Streets; particularly to the undisturbed accumulations of broken pavement, concrete, dirt, and refuse, resulting in damage to office furniture, books and stationery, and continued complaints from customers and users of buildings facing this thoroughfare.

We would respectfully request that this matter have the immediate attention of your Department.

A copy of this communication has been forwarded to the Mayor, with an earnest request that he may co-operate towards securing this relief.

As the street has to be entirely repaved, it is the unanimous desire that the new pavement should be of asphalt, the



No. 71 Wall Street, New York.

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Gen. C.H.T. Collis,

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noise from the present block pavement being a continuous disturbance and disquiet.

(signed) Eagle Fire Co., owners of 71 Wall Street,
by Thos. J. Gaines, Sec'y.

- " Wm. C. Sturges, Prest. Seaman's Bank for Savings.
- " Brown Brothers & Co., 59 Wall Street.
- " Johnson & Higgins, 69 Wall Street.
- " Westchester Fire Ins. Co., owners of 66 Wall Street,
per Geo. R. Crawford, President
- " New York Fire Ins. Co., owners of 72 Wall Street,
per Chas. A. Hull, V.P. & Secy.
- " Rutgers Fire Ins. Co., 58 Wall Street,
Geo. W. Quackenboss, Agent.
- " Central Trust Co. of New York, G. Sherman, V. P.
- " Whitehead, Dexter & Osborn, 71 Wall Street.
- " J. Lawrence McKeever, " " "
- " Thames & Mersey Marine Ins. Co. Ltd.,
by A. J. MacDonald, Agt. & Atty.
- " Samuel . Hammond, (Watches etc.)
- " National City Bank, James Stillman, Prest.

Hoadly, Lauterbach & Johnson,
Attorneys at Law.

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JOHN VERNOU BOUVIER, JR.

Farmers' Loan & Trust Co. Building,

22 WILLIAM ST., NEW YORK CITY.

CABLE ADDRESS, RHYTHMUS, N. Y.

July 8th 1897.

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Hon. John . Jerolomon,

Acting Mayor,

City Hall, New York City.

Dear Sir:-

We are requested by the Third Avenue Railroad Company to present to you the enclosed draft upon the special fund to its credit upon deposit with the Knickerbocker Trust Company.

The original fund was \$250,000, paid to the Mayor on November 14th 1895 under the terms of sale a copy of which is herewith enclosed, \$50,000. of which was repaid in July 1896.

We also herewith enclose the certificate of the Commissioner of Public Works required by the provision of the terms of sale under which this draft is made as well as the opinion of the Corporation Counsel advising the Commissioner of Public Works that the money should be refunded to the Company.

Yours respectfully,



Attorneys for The Third Ave RR Co.

Enclosures

RICHARD SMITH, PRESIDENT,
 JAMES M. DOHERTY,
 GEO. MORTIMER ROE,

Board of Supervisors

LOUIS KROHN, VICE-PRESIDENT,
 LOUIS WERNER,
 JOHN ZUMSTEIN,
 F. A. ARMSTRONG, SECRETARY.

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Cincinnati, July 8th 1897

Hon. William S. Strong
 Mayor of City of New York

Dear sir:

I see by The New York Sun of yesterday that The Metropolitan Street Railroad of New York is assessed for taxation in the sum of \$14,493,946. Will you kindly cause to be furnished to me the basis of this assessment. My reason for asking this information is that The Cincinnati Street Railroad Co. which owns all the railroads in this city is now before the Board of Supervisors, of which I am President, on the question of taxation. This company owns and operates 200 miles of road measured by single track. Of these 15 miles are operated by cable and the remainder by electricity. It has also three incline planes operated by steam. The remainder of the system is operated by electricity, the overhead system. It has 1000 cars and five stations for generating electricity. It values its tracks at an average of \$2000. per mile and its cars at an average of \$500. each while the machinery in its power houses including poles, wires and appliances for the distribution of electricity, including motors attached to the cars, at \$200,000. It has a capital stock outstanding of \$75,000,000 on which it pays regularly a dividend

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of 5%. The stock is selling in the market at 114. It has no bonded debt of any considerable amount. It makes a return for taxation on personal property of \$840,000. This is subject to revision and increase by the Board of Supervisors. It has real estate amounting to about \$400,000 including buildings but its entire return amounts to less than 7% of its stock. I give these particulars in order that the information I desire may be the better understood. An early reply will greatly oblige

Yours respectfully

Richard Smith

CITY OF NEW YORK.
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

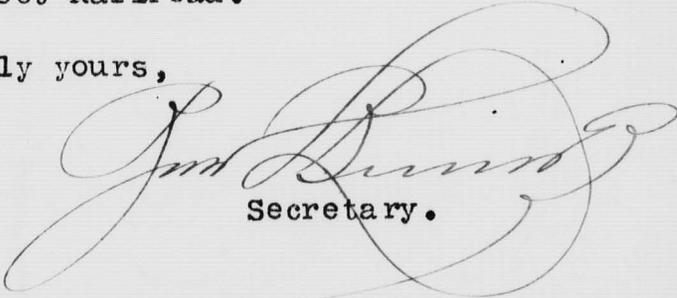
July 10th, 1897.

Hon. Edward P. Barker,
President of Tax Board,
New York.

Dear Sir:-

The Mayor directs me to enclose to you for your usual courteous attention, the within communication from Mr. Richard Smith, President of the Board of Supervisors, Cincinnati, O, concerning the basis of taxation of the Metropolitan Street Railroad.

Very truly yours,


Secretary.

*Noted
July 12/97*

Washington Greene Co Tenn

July 12th 1897

Mayor of New York Dear Sir
if you will hand the enclosed
report to some real estate
Agent if will be much obliged
and he affects a sale or lease if will
pay you will save your trouble
and will give the man that makes
a sale 5 percent on sale it is
one of the finest pieces of property
in America and if not able
to develop it it ought to be developed
it is too heavy a body of good ore
to let by there if would like to
have a partner that could
raise six thousand dollars
so as to develop it

yours truly
J B Finnington

A partial report of the Pennington Iron property.

This property is located in Lee County, Va., 12 miles west of Big Stone Gap Furnace on south side of Wallen's Ridge, on head waters of Wallen's Creek, and lies between South Atlantic & Ohio R. R. and Louisville & Nashville R. R., two to three miles from each R. R., easy graded to Rail Road, well watered, very well timbered, tips south with the slope of ridge, and is self draining.

From openings made, shows four layers of oar.

Top vein three feet thick and three layers underneath each 21 feet thick. The layers are divided by a thin green rock.

The oar is a soft red oar said to be a mixture of red fossel and specular, and is fine grained light striping, and can be mined at a small cost. There is no finer location for making iron than at this point, coaking coal and limestone are near by. This land lies very smooth to mine and run R. R. all over. Titles are good.

This tract contains 1500 acres, more or less and is for sale. I will sell any part of it or will lease a part of it.

A tram road can be built at small cost into the property.

The oar is about 50 per cent iron. Years ago people of Lee County used iron made of this oar, made by forge; it makes a fine grained iron, it is hard, tough and springy.

This oar was worked for a number of years. Old men says it makes the best iron they ever used.

For further particulars write me

J. B. Pennington,

MOSHEIM, TENN.

Legation of the United States
St. Petersburg.

July 13, 1897.

His Honor,
The Mayor of New York.

Sir:-

At the request of His Excellency Mr. Koulomzine, of the Imperial Ministry of the Court of Russia, I beg to introduce to you Baron Georges Wyneken, attached to the Ministry, and who is instructed by Mr. Koulomzine to study our educational system. I respectfully request your official courtesies in aid of Baron George's Mission.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Clifton R. Breckinridge.

RAILROAD STATION
AND EXPRESS,
SYOSSET.

POST OFFICE AND TELEGRAPH,
COLD SPRING HARBOR,
LONG ISLAND.

acxgd

July 14th 1897

Hon. N. L. Strong.

Dear Sir:

I have been thinking over your note, and have decided that I will if you desire it continue to act as School Inspector for the 22nd District. My work is not satisfactory to myself, and it is not possible for me to give more time to it than I have been giving. The last thing that I should wish

to do, however, is to shirk any
public duty, and at your request
I can do no less than withdraw
my resignation

Truly yours

Louise Hakeman Tiffany

7/16/97.

Honorable William Strong,
Mayor New York City.

May it please your Honor,—

At the last regular meeting of
the "Society for the Betterment of the
Human Species" of this ^(New York) city held
on Wednesday, July 14, it was resolved
to petition your Honor to cause to be
brought before the Corporation a propo-
sition that free theatres, and concert-halls
for the poor be opened at once
under direction of the city government.

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The society believes that the best way
to make a man better is to give
him full opportunity to become better.
Every man must have amusement,
and if good wholesome ennobling
amusements are placed beyond the
reach of the poorer classes by reason
of the expense, ~~they~~ ^{he} will have
recourse to the less innocent
~~but~~ and coarser forms of amusement
which come within ~~their~~ ^{his} limited means,
such as grog shops, and gambling dens.

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We believe that the establishment of
free theaters and concert-halls under
the censorship of the Board of Education
where would be enacted ~~such~~ plays
of an innocent character such
as "Uncle Tom's Cabin," "The Orphans,"
"Old Homestead," which point a moral
without preaching it, would be of
untold benefit to that class of people
for whom church services have no attraction.

The free theatre movement would
be merely an extension of the free
band concert and free lecture move-

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ments which have proven so successful
in this city.

We would suggest that the
cost for renting or building of
required premises and the ~~fee~~ amount
paid for salaries be defrayed one-
half by appropriation from city's funds
and the other half by public subscrip-
tion.

Showed this proposition to favorably
acted upon by the Board of Aldermen. The
"Society for the Betterment of the Human
Species" pledges itself to starting a subscrip-
tion list with a sum of \$25⁰⁰.

Hoping this proposition will meet with your Honor's
favorable consideration, I have the honor to be, Sir,

Respectfully yours,

Chauncy Montgomery - M'Jorony
Pres. S. B. H. S., 878 Driggs Ave., Bklyn.

THE MUNICIPAL ART SOCIETY OF NEW YORK,
215 WEST 57TH STREET.

EDW. HAMILTON BELL, SECRETARY,
424 FIFTH AVENUE.

New York, July 16th, 1897.

Hon. John Jeroloman,
Acting Mayor of New York,
City Hall,
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

I hear from Charles T. Barney, Esq., President of the Municipal Art Society and Bruce Price, Esq., Architect of the Hunt Memorial, that the final decision in the matter of advising the Park Board to accept or reject the Hunt Memorial lies in your hands. I would therefore, respectfully beg, that you will, at your earliest convenience, make this decision and notify the proper authorities in order that, should it be favorable, we may proceed with the work without delay. By so doing you will be conferring an inestimable favor upon the Hunt Memorial Committee, and upon,

Yours respectfully,


Secretary.

HUNT MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.

New York, July 17th., 1897.

Hon. W. L. Strong,

Dear Sir:-

I want to introduce to you Mr. Chas. C. Main, hoping that it may be of some benefit to him, possibly in connection with the Central Nat'l. Bank with which you are connected.

Mr. Main as he will tell you has been with the Third Nat'l Bank, now in process of liquidation, and he feels that his work and efficiency with that Bank was of such character as will make him a valuable adjunct in any other similiar institution and especially in the collection department.

Mr. Main has a most excellent reputation as his appearance will indicate and he and his family are especially near in social ties to friends of mine and they felt that I might use my acquaintance with you to his advantage in asking for him such a hearing as would persuade you that he would make a most valuable man for the Bank.

He is represented to me as controlling something of possible value to the collection department in any Bank institution. Of course not being a banker myself I am unable to pass judgment upon this, I simply bespeak for him such consideration and hearing on your part as you may be able to give him.

Yours truly,

Thos. F. Newworth

GORHAM MFG CO.
· · New York · ·

BROADWAY & 19th ST.

July 19th, 1897.

Hon. John Jeroloman,
Acting Mayor of the Art Committee,
City Hall, New York.

Dear Sir:-

We have a contract to cast in bronze the equestrian statue of Bolivar for New York City from the model of the sculptor Tourini.

The model is completely finished and ready to go in the bronze foundry. We would be very glad if at an early day your Committee would inspect this model in order that you may see the same before it is cast in bronze and to pass upon the same.

We remain,

Yours very respectfully,

Gorham Mfg. Co.
E. H. Robinson
V. P. N.

A.H.

ROBERT P. PORTER,

160 BROADWAY,
NEW YORK.

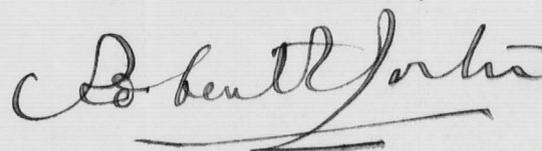
July 19, 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
Mayor's Office,
New York,

My dear Mr Mayor:

It was very kind of you to acknowledge the receipt of my Philadelphia Inquirer clipping. I think you have handled all these questions with great ability and strength. I am satisfied that in the main your views are right and in the best interests of the city, and I know they are always patriotic. I hope after January, if our friends permit you to take a rest from public duties at that time, you will give your attention and experience to these great questions. If you do, the community will be benefited.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert P. Porter". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed closing "Very truly yours,". The signature is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

FRANK A. EMERSON,
PRESIDENT.

CHASE A. WITZEL,
VICE-PRESIDENT.

HOWARD H. BURGESS,
CLERK.

City of Cleveland,
COUNCIL CHAMBER.

W. R. HOPKINS,
MEMBER SEVENTH DISTRICT,
47 Jones Avenue.

July 21, 1897.

William L. Strong, Mayor,

New York City.

My dear Sir:-

I am compiling information relative to street railway franchises in the principal cities of this country, and am especially desirous of all the information you can, without undue inconvenience, give me in regard to those now existing or pending in your city.

Answers to the following questions will be of special value:

- 1.- For what periods do existing franchises run?
- 2.- What kind of motive power, horse, cable, or electricity?
- 3.- What compensation, if any, did the city receive for these franchises when granted?
- 4.- What returns does the city receive from them by way of percentage of receipts, or otherwise?
- 5.- What returns does the city receive by way of car license fees?
- 6.- What are the conditions as to rates of fare?
- 7.- What are the conditions as to transfers?
- 8.- What are the conditions as to ~~xxxxxxx~~ paving?
- 9.- What additional services, - as sprinkling between tracks, etc., - are the companies required to perform?
- 10.- Has the city reserved any right to regulate fares, transfers, compensation, etc., at any time or times?

If you have any at hand, copies of existing or proposed franchises would be of the greatest value; also any other information which you deem important. Your answers will confer a very great favor upon the writer, and may result in benefit to this city in dealing with the franchise problem here.

With much respect, I beg to remain,

Very truly yours,

W. R. Hopkins



Office of the City Clerk.

ROOM 4 CITY AND COUNTY HALL.

MARK S. HUBBELL,
City Clerk.

CHAS. F. SUSDRF,
Deputy City Clerk.

Buffalo, N. Y. JULY 21, 1897 189

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

Dear Sir:-

Will you kindly inform me ,at your earliest convenience, what multiplier is or has been used in calculating the population of your City, by allowing a certain per capita representation for every name in the directory, and what is the estimate of your population, at present, based upon such calculation? A Committee of the Common Council of Buffalo has this matter under consideration and is likely to act upon it at an early date, in connection with certain local matters.

Respectfully yours,

Mark S. Hubbell
City Clerk.

NATIONAL SCULPTURE SOCIETY,

37 WEST 22D STREET.

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119 West 52d Street.

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307 East 17th Street.

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436 West 22d Street.

BARR FERREE, Secretary.
112 Wall Street.

NEW YORK,

July 23

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Mr. Brian L. Burrows
Sec.

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday referring to a communication from the Gorham Mfg Co. asking his Honor the acting Mayor to have the Art Commission examine and report upon the model for an Equestrian Statue of General Simon Bolivar intended for Central Park. The representative of the Gorham Co. seems to be under the impression that the model is here in the city, or at least nearby. I believe it is still in the sculptors studio on Staten Island.

If you will kindly convey to his Honor the following statement he may feel disposed to defer action in the matter. But if, after reading this, he still wishes time to report upon the model I will do so with pleasure.

About a year ago the Park Board received through the Venezuelan Minister an offer from his Government to substitute another and presumably a better

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Equestrian Statue of General Bolivar for the one
now standing in Central Park - this communication
was, as usual - referred to the National Sculpture Society
for its opinion on the artistic merits of the work.
The Society acknowledging the receipt of this paper
informed the Park Board that in the absence of any
model or design of the work ~~they~~ it could make
no recommendation or report upon the proposed work
Within the past ten days another letter from
the Park Board informed the N. S. S. that the model for
the Bolivar statue was now ready for inspection at
the studio of the sculptor on Statue Island. The Sculpture
Society has already appointed a Committee of sculptors
to examine this model and a report to the Park
Board will be made early next week. at this
season of the year it is difficult to get any number
of gentlemen together for meetings.
Now as this matter was first before the Park
Board and is still under consideration by it - I
would respectfully suggest that the Municipal Art
Commission take no action in the matter until
after the Park Board has reached a conclusion; especially

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as the Commission has had no report from any
authoritative source to ~~consider~~ this matter. The
mere fact that a Manufacturing Co. is anxious to
commence work on the bronze casting has little
to do with the functions of the Municipal art-
Commission.

Very truly yours
J. A. Ward

МОСКОВСКАГО
ГОРОДСКАГО ГОЛОВЫ.

July 25th дня 1897 г.

№ 605.

M O S C O W .

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The Mayor of the city

N E W Y O R K -

Dear Sir,

The Municipality of Moscow being in need of the study of some questions referring to water works , and especially to the new methods of filtration of water from open sources destined for water works , charges Mr. Simin - Chief Engineer of Moscow water works - with the study of the principal American water works . I therefore take the liberty of humbly requesting you to aid Mr. Simin in his studies .

Yours respectfully

Mayor

V. V. Galitzky

No. 7 Guion St. Yonkers N.Y. July 25 '97
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Hon: Mayor of New York City

The Subject of transportation of the people of N.Y. City has a phase which the people have not had an object lesson presented to them publicly, and which has proved itself to be sufficiently able to answer a good purpose, requiring no outlay for road beds or other expense except the introduction of the method itself which is simply the motive power affixed to my Improved Reaction Engine.

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There is no use telling you it is a matter of the
utmost importance for all future time, to adopt a method
which can not only serve the present condition of N.Y. but
for its future greatness.

Further particular will be cheerfully
given if desired. which I hope will be the case.

I enclose circulars illustrating the Motor engine.

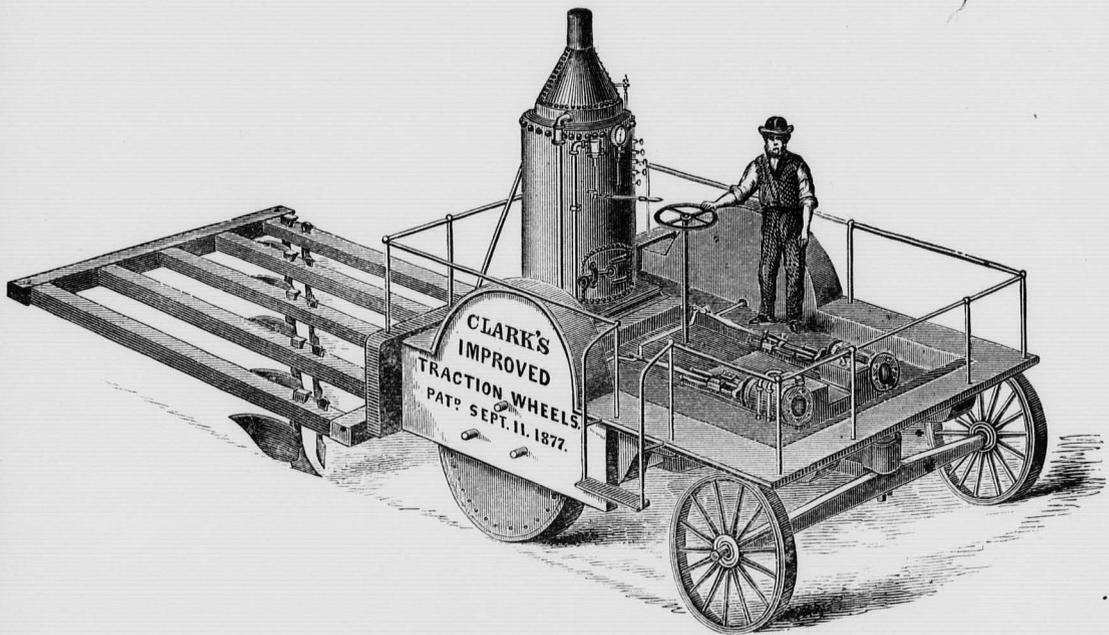
Investigation solicited Yours truly

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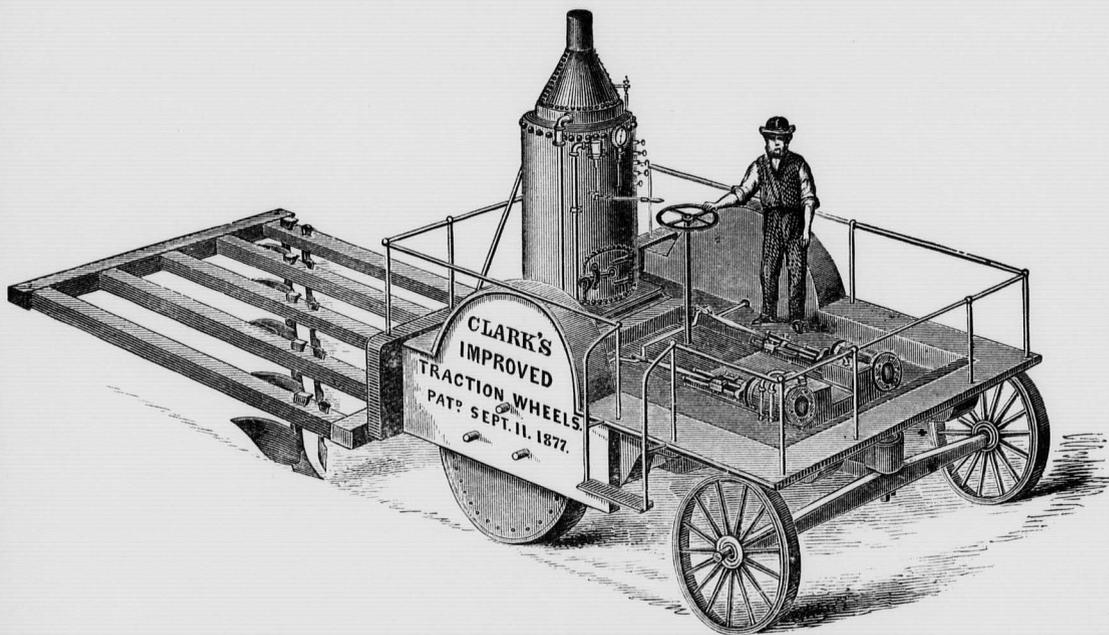
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United States Department of Agriculture,
Office of the Secretary,
Washington, D. C.

JULY 26, 1897.

To the Mayor of the City of

New York
N.Y.

DEAR SIR:

In view of inquiries recently addressed to this Department regarding the agricultural value of street sweepings, garbage and sewage, I have authorized Dr. H. W. Wiley, Chief Chemist of this Department, to undertake an investigation of the extent of the use of these materials as fertilizers in this country, the results that have attended their use, and the best methods of applying them to the soil. I submit herewith letters and inquiry blanks, which are intended for the officials in charge of the collection and removal of these materials in your city. I shall be grateful if you will forward these letters to the proper officials, with the request that the questions be answered as fully as convenient, and that the blanks be returned in the franked envelopes inclosed, and thus greatly assist us in this important investigation. It is hoped that this investigation will result in the accumulation and distribution of information that will be of great value both to the urban and the rural population of this country.

Thanking you in advance, I am,

Respectfully,

James Wilson

Secretary.

Inclosures.

OYSTER BAY,
LONG ISLAND, N. Y.

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July 28/97

SAGAMORE HILL

July 27th

Dear Mayor Strong,

In the your

absence I asked the

Acting Mayor to go

down with me on the

torpedo boat to see the

Naval Militia (I wished

him for his own sake

also); I am happy to

say he will come.
Now I hear you
will be back?
Can't you come
too? If so, I shall
call for you at
the training ship
New Hampshire,
foot of East 28th St.,
at 9, a.m. Friday.
I hope you enjoyed

your holiday; I do wish I could
see you, for there is much I
should like to talk over with
you.

Faithfully yours

Theodore Roosevelt

573 Broome St
New York July 28-97

Acting Mayor Jeroloman Dear Sir

I notice by the morning paper that the Hon. Board of Aldermen has passed a new code of "Rules of the Road" in which is incorporated a law forbidding carrying children under five years of age on bicycles.

I wish to protest against this feature of the proposed Rules - I claim that it is contrary to the letter & spirit of the "Liberty Bill" to discriminate against the "Whal", and if in the judgment of our city fathers it is dangerous to carry children on bicycles - then in order to prohibit the practice all vehicles must be included in the law.

Yours respectfully

A C Smith
573 Broome St
City



FRANK D. PAVEY.
FIFTEENTH DISTRICT.

State of New York,
Senate Chamber.

Albany, July 29th, 1897.

#32 Nassau Street New York.

Hon. John Jeroloman,
City Hall.

Dear Sir:-

At the last meeting of the Board of Aldermen a resolution was passed appointing Mr. Earnest G. Freeman a City Surveyor. You will recall that I spoke to you about the matter. Mr. Freeman is Assistant Engineer on the construction work of the new East River Bridge. The Commissioners desire very much to see him appointed as he has made their surveys, and they may want to use them in condemnation proceedings. If you will examine the letters which have been written for him I think you will feel that it is entirely proper for you to approve of his appointment. I hope it can be approved at an early day.

Yours very truly,

Frank D. Pavey

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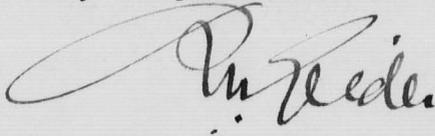
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Mr. B.L. Burrows,
Mayor's Office,
New York City.

Dear Sir,

Will you kindly inform the
Acting Mayor that I have attended to
his request of July 19th, concerning
the communication from Mr. J. Wilford
Garner, on the question of tenement
house legislation.

Very respectfully yours,



HOPE CHAPEL,
JOHN B. DEVINS, PASTOR.
339 EAST 4TH ST.
NEW YORK.

July 29, 1897.

My dear Sir:-

As I shall be unable to attend the conference with the tenants and former owners of the Small Parks property on the East Side, please permit me as Secretary of the Committee which located these parks to protest against any extended delay in regard to the destruction of the buildings. If the sale which has already been postponed a week, should take place next Monday and the purchaser have the right to tear down the buildings one week later, it would seem to be fair to all for these reasons:

The special law vesting the title of the property in the city was passed last winter without opposition; no protest was made at the public hearing given by you; the Governor was not appealed to although it was known that this bill would hasten the demolition of the old buildings; the law was made operative a month after becoming a law, a month nearly after it had your approval. On May 22, it was known that one month from that day the property would change hands. On June 22, every family should have been out without further notice.

Instead, the refore, of the limited notice of which complaint is made, there has practically been a notice extending over more

than three months.

The truth is that it was not believed that this park proceeding would be any more rapid than those which ran over nine years in the case of the Mulberry Bend Park and twelve years in the case of the Corlears Hook Park. The health of the city, the reputation of the present Administration, justice to those who are to live in the neighborhood after these buildings are destroyed demand that the buildings should be removed and the ground made into playgrounds, parks and a bath house site before December 31, 1897.

Very respectfully,

The Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor of New York.

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Hon W. L. Strong,

P r e s e n t .

My dear Mr Mayor:

First of all, allow me to congratulate you upon your escape from the burning hotel. A fire in the usual run of summer hotels is a thing much to be dreaded, and you were very fortunate to get out uninjured.

Next I want to speak to you upon a subject in which I am personally very much interested, which is the following:

I understand that there is to be an architect appointed by the Commission for the new East River Bridge, and I wish to enlist your personal interest in Mr Albert F. D'Oench, who is a thoroughly competent man in all branches of his profession. To show you the esteem in which I hold him I have only to say that I had him appointed Superintendent of Buildings during my Mayoralty term, an office which he filled with satisfactory results to all parties. You may remember that I spoke of him to you for this same office at the beginning of your term, but at the time Mr D'Oench did not care to give up his practice, nor does he now, but the appointment on the Bridge Commission would not make this necessary. I might also say that he is in charge of the work on the building for the Grace Institute, and in fact, enjoys my full confidence and esteem. It would be a favor to me if you would exercise your influence in his behalf, and at the same time, the Commission would secure a man of undoubted ability and reputation.

Yours very truly,

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Hon W. L. Strong,
Mayor's Office, City.

My dear Mr Mayor:

Many thanks for your prompt and courteous attention to my recommendation of Mr D'Oench. I am sure if he has your personal support he will receive the appointment, always providing the Commission decides to appoint an architect.

Yours very truly,

W. R. Grace

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NEW YORK,

July 30/97

Hon Wm L Strong
Mayor

My dear Sir

I see that Col Grant has
resigned, As I am well posted
regarding Police dept requirements
you may put me down as an
applicant for the appointment you
will possibly remember, I canvassed
that dept for you during your
campaign and received a letter
from Gen Mc Ark thanking me
for my services

Yours truly
Marvin F Wood

1965 Madison Avenue.

August 1st 1897

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

Dear Sir:—

I read in the Public Printer an attack upon Mrs Mary Quimby whom I have known for twenty years and the Chief Hospital on Randall's Island since 1859.

It gave me great satisfaction when she was placed in charge of the Island four years ago. Then, as now, I believe she is the most desirable person I ever knew to care for the unfortunates there. The class of Children sent to that Island are there no other Charitable Institution will admit. They are the feeble minded, Paralytics, Epileptics and those with

contagious diseases, In my opinion
These poor specimens of Humanity - The
refuse of the social Fabric could have no
better care taken than Mrs Dumpley.
She is a large woman - big brain, and
the biggest heart ever a woman carried -
over-flowing with kindness, sympathy, and
affection for these, the most unfortunate -
helpless specimens of Human beings. I
am prompted to make this intrusion by
a deep sense of injustice perpetrated
upon this noble woman who has made
the care of this class of Human wails
her life work in which she has been
more successful than any one I ever
knew -

Yours Obedt servt
Whitman G. White M.D.

1087 BOSTON AVENUE.

New York May 24. 1894.

Hon. W^m L. Strong.

Mayor &c.

My dear Col. Strong. It affords me
real pleasure to present to you
Prof. Benj. Dwyer Woodward
of Columbia University, one of
President Lou's ablest and most
accomplished aids in that great
Institution.

Professor Woodward has al-
lowed his name to be presented
to the President for appointment
as director of the U. S. Exhibit at
the Paris Exposition in 1900. ^{and}
I assure you it would be an honor
to the Country to be represented by

one so thoroughly fitted in every way for the place.

In addition to his high education and great ability as an organizer, he is an accomplished scholar and linguist, in French German and Italian.

It is quite possible that you may be able to aid him with your advice and influence. I am quite sure, when you know him you will be anxious to do so.

Very truly yours
Ernest Hall

New York,

August 27 1897

Hon. Wm. S. Strong,
Dear Sir,

I had the pleasure a few weeks ago of coming to you with the enclosed letter of introduction from the Hon. Ernest Hall, in which he asks in my behalf for your advice & influence. Owing to my interest in the U. S. Commission to the Paris Exposition of 1900, I was recently approached by the Hon. Mr. P. Hardy of Chicago whom I endorsed for the special commissionership to which he has just been named. Mayor Hardy in turn is pressing my appointment for the full commission, & in this connection he writes me that the President has decided to appoint on the same one applicant from the Middle States. I have the goodwill of Senator T. C. Platt who has authorized the Hon. B. B. Odell, Jr. to secure for me the support of the N. Y. Delegation to Congress, but I want your endorsement as well, Sir, as the Mayor of my own city. You will

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be interested in knowing that as a candidate from the Middle States, my appointment has been asked already of the President by the Hon. Chas. F. Darwick, Mayor of Philadelphia. - I am planning this campaign of mine with the knowledge & goodwill of the President of my University, the Hon. Seth Low, who has invited me to refer to him in the matter.

While seeking your endorsement I should return it an additional compliment to meet through you the Hon. A. S. McCook.

Trusting that you will be inclined to favor me with advice & influence, thereby securing the representation of the State of New York on this Commission, I beg to remain,

Respectfully yours,
J. D. Woodward.

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National Irrigation Congress

SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

AT LINCOLN, NEBRASKA, SEPT. 28, 29 AND 30, 1897.

OFFICE OF E. R. MOSES, Chairman.

Great Bend, Kansas, August 2, 1897

To The Mayor of New York.
 New York City N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find copy of "Call for the Sixth Annual Session of the National Irrigation Congress." Will you please appoint the delegates to the congress to which your ~~state~~ is entitled as set forth in the call, and send their names and addresses to the secretary of the executive committee. If you have not time to attend to this matter, please have your secretary or some one else who will look after this very important matter, attend to it.

To open and secure Arid America for settlement means homes for seventy millions of people where there are now only six millions in a district comprising in area one-half of the United States. To devise means and to enact proper laws for the protection of the forests of this region means a saving of millions of dollars that now annually go up in fire and smoke through rapine and plunder. To conserve the flood-waters of the Mississippi and its tributaries, and of the other large rivers of Arid America means an annual saving to the Government of more than five millions of dollars, and to the inhabitants of the flooded districts of more than three times as many millions of dollars, besides opening homes for thousands by the use of these conserved waters. To devise just and equitable laws for the control and distribution of water and on the apportionment of the land in arid districts. These, and many other questions of interest that should command the earnest support of all, North, South, and East, as well as the West, will come before the Congress for careful attention and consideration.

You are cordially invited to be present, and to take part in the proceedings. If you cannot come, send a representative. If you have any suggestions to offer that in your estimation will add to the interest of the Congress and make it a greater success, please write me.

Please mail us paper having such notice.

Thanking you in advance for the favors asked, I am

Very Truly Yours,

E. R. MOSES, Chairman,
 Ex. Com. Nat'l Irrigation Congress.

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Washington

SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

NATIONAL IRRIGATION CONGRESS,

WILL BE HELD AT

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA, SEPTEMBER 28th, 29th, and 30th, 1897.

OFFICIAL CALL FOR SIXTH NATIONAL IRRIGATION CONGRESS.

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES :

Agreeable to the instructions of the Fifth Irrigation Congress, the Sixth Annual Session of the National Irrigation Congress will be held in the city of LINCOLN, NEBRASKA, SEPTEMBER 28th, 29th AND 30th, 1897.

The basis of representation in this body will be as follows :

1. All members of the National Executive Committee.
2. All members of State and Territorial Irrigation Commissions.
3. Five delegates at large, to be appointed by their respective Governors, for each of the following States and Territories: Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.
4. Three delegates at large for each State and Territory not heretofore enumerated, to be appointed by the Governors of said States and Territories; or, in the case of the District of Columbia, by the President.
5. One delegate each from regularly organized Irrigation, Agricultural and Horticultural Societies, and Societies of Engineers, Irrigation Companies, Agricultural Colleges, and commercial bodies, such as Boards of Trade, Commercial Clubs, Chambers of Commerce, etc.
6. Duly accredited representatives of any foreign nation or colony, each member of the United States Senate and House of Representatives, and each Governor of a State or Territory will be admitted as honorary members.

NATIONAL SCOPE OF THE MOVEMENT.

The questions for discussion in the National Irrigation Congress are of vital interest not only to the people of arid and semi-arid America, but to every section of our common country. Each succeeding session has been marked by an increasing interest, intelligence of discussion and broadening of plans looking to the reclamation of the arid West and to the establishment of independent means of livelihood for the millions who are yet homeless in a land of unparalleled resources, with a possible destiny beyond the most extravagant dreams of the optimist. Problems of both national and state legislation are to be considered.

THE HIGHEST ORDER OF TALENT.

The papers and discussions will emanate from authorities of distinction, who have attained their eminence by practical work, laborious study and philosophic research. Subjects will be assigned with reference to the capabilities of the authors to deal with them in the most thorough manner possible under the time limit necessarily imposed by the program committee. Every effort possible will be exerted to make this session the greatest in results of any convention in the history of the movement.

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THE CONVENTION CITY.

The city of Lincoln, the historic capital of Nebraska, with a thrifty and progressive population of 55,000, is making liberal preparation for the royal reception of the thousands who will attend the Congress. The amplest hotel accommodations, at the lowest prices, will be available to all, and the local itinerary will include attractive sight seeing excursions, visits to state institutions, official receptions and trips to the interior of the state where many of the greatest canals and irrigation works will be inspected and their practical results exhibited.

TRANSPORTATION.

Railroad rates will not exceed a single fare for the round trip from all points between Chicago and the Pacific Ocean and probably from any place in the United States to the city of the Congress. Details of transportation and ticket limitations will be announced later either by this committee or the railroad officials.

LISTS OF DELEGATES.

The Governors of the various States and Territories and all appointing agencies under the call, are especially requested to advise the secretary of the executive committee of the names and addresses of the appointees and correspondence relating to all matters antecedent and preliminary to the Congress will receive prompt attention at the hands of the secretary or the chairman.

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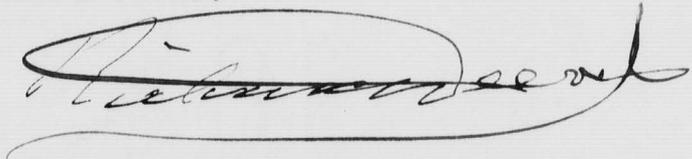
New York August 2, 1897.

My dear Mayor Strong:--

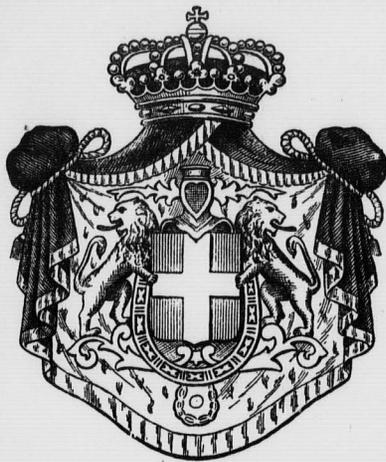
I am satisfied that you have made an ideal choice of a successor to Col. Grant on the Police Board. I have known Col. Smith for about twenty-five years, and know him to be a very estimable man. I am satisfied that his education and training have thoroughly equipped him for the position to which you have appointed him; and if he does not prove a success as a Police Commissioner, the fault will not be his, but will lie in the conditions by which he will be surrounded.

The City of New York, as well as yourself, is to be congratulated on this appointment. It is not often that a man is so thoroughly well fitted for the position to which he is appointed, as Col. Smith is for this position.

Yours truly,



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



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New York Aug. 3rd, 1897

To His Honor
Mayor Strong,
City.

Hon. Sir:

I have the great pleasure
of announcing to your Honor that the
Italian United Societies, at their late
meeting unanimously elected you
Special Honorary President
of the Italian National Festival Sept. 20th.

Your Honor is also humbly
requested to attend the big parade to be
reviewed, as in last year, at noon of said
day, at 59th St. and 8th Ave., where will
be present His Excellency Baron Fava,
Ambassador of Italy at Washington,
the Italian Consul General Chev. Bran-
chi and many other Foreign Consuls.

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Your presence will be greatly appreciated and will give the Festival the utmost importance.

Hoping your Honor will accept the invitation, I beg to express my feelings of true devotion.

Very respectfully yours,

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Louis C. Sugary

President,

147 Bleeker St

Norfolk Colquhoun Co Ga.

Aug 3^d 1871

To the Hon. Mayor of New York City
New York

Dear Sir

I beg your indulgence for just
a little of your time

I am one of the
heirs to estate of Thomas Edwards of
New York City and write to ask
you to give me the names of
some of New York's most prominent
lawyers in Civil Cases. We want to get
the matter settled as soon as possible
I am aware of the fact that this
is more your duty but ^{to me} know anyone
else to write to I would very much
appreciate the fact if you would kindly
furnish or cause to be furnished the
desired information

Most Respectfully

B. F. Edwards

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✓ *New York,* Aug. 3rd. 1897

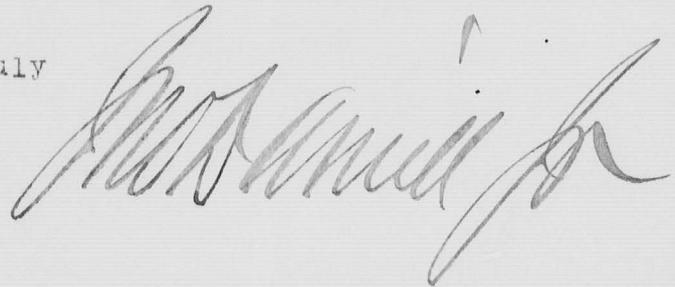
Hon. Wm. L. Strong;

Mayor New York City:

My dear Sir:-

The appointment of Col. Geo. Moore Smith (whom I have known for a great many years) to the position of Police Commissioner, is, without doubt, the best that could have been made, you are to be congratulated on your choice.

Yours very truly

A large, stylized handwritten signature in cursive script, likely belonging to John Daniell & Sons, written in dark ink.

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August 3rd, 1897

Hon. William L. Strong,

City Hall, City.

My Dear Mr. Strong:-

I want to express my appreciation of the appointment of Col. Smith as Police Commissioner. I am sure he is a man of the grade whom all good citizens wish to see at the head of the Police Board. I also hope that he will be able to improve the condition and order of the force, and that the embarrassments, which I know you have felt and regretted as much as anyone, may be removed.

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated----

James B. Reynolds.
Chairman.

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New York, Aug 23. 1897

Mr Wm S Strong

My dear Sir

Of your many admirable appointments none are more commendable than that of Col. Smith. I have known him for many years and know his sterling worth. His qualifications admirable fit him for the position. He is a man of strong individuality firm and unflinching in what he conceives to be his duty. Just and honorable with all men, a kind hearted Christian gentleman. I am sure he will be found on the right side at all times and that he will fill the position satisfactorily. It gives me much pleasure to add my testimony to his worth yours very Respy
Wallis J. Roberts.

Aug 4, 1897.

Honorable W^m L. Strong,

Mayor, N.Y.C.

Honorable Sir, - In reference to the plan for free theatres for the poor under municipal management about which I spoke to your Honor yesterday, I beg leave to submit a brief memorandum to facilitate your Honor's consideration of the matter:

① The free theatre is intended to be merely an extension of the free library, free lecture, free band concert, + free recreation ^{free} movement.

② As these latter ~~in~~ institutions reach only the middle classes and upper lower classes we believe the city would be justified in establishing an institution which will be within the ^{reach}

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Comprehension and appreciation of the lowest stratum of the lower class of citizens.

③ It is believed that the best way to tend to the decrease of crime, and thus tend to render the lives and property of the wealthier classes safer, is to induce the poorest classes to remain away from the filthy saloon, from the card table, & from off the streets at night time, where these people acquire vicious habits & inclinations.

④ It is believed that the free theatre would not only furnish this needed inducement but would be the means of inculcating the people (when the proper plays are presented) with the principle that "murder will out," & that "Honesty is the best policy."

⑤ There are no practical obstacles in the way, as theatre managers have assured us that they would loan the city their building free of

^{3/}Charge at regular intervals, and assurance has also been given that professional and amateur talent could also be secured free of charge for the purpose of presenting these moral plays.

⑥ Among the most responsible people who have so far approved of the plan are several aldermen, the newspapers, school commissioners, labor leaders, & prominent Roman Catholic & Protestant clergymen.

⑦ All that remains to be done to have the free theatre plan in experimental operation is for Your Honor to approve of the plan, & appoint a committee (of say six, composed of an alderman, a school commissioner, a Roman Catholic & a Protestant clergyman, a theatre manager, & a private citizen) who would secure needed theatres, select plays, the talent to

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produce them, & look to the proper distribution of tickets of admission.

(8) Should your Honor see fit to appoint a committee I take the liberty to mention a few names of people who have endorsed the plan, & who might be willing to act as committeemen if called for by your Honor to do so: Aldermen Joelman & Goodman; School Commissioners Emil Beneville; Wm Hammerstein (of Olympia); Rev. Madison C. Peters, Reformed Bloomingdale Church; Rev. Dr. McIlwain, New England Congregational Church; Rev. Father Deshon, Superior of Paulist Fathers; Rev. Father Thos. Moch, pastor St. Peter's Church, 60th St. + 9th av.

Should your Honor so desire it, I would be very glad to act as committeeman myself, being necessarily as originator of plan, thoroughly conversant with the matter. Hoping the proposition may meet your Honor's favor, I have the honor to be,

Your Honor's obedient servant,

(C. Montgomery - W. Loren, pres't, Society for Betterment of Human Species.

Residence,
878 Driggs Av.

RICHARD HOWLAND HUNT,
ARCHITECT,
28 EAST 21ST STREET,

NEW YORK

August 4th. 1897

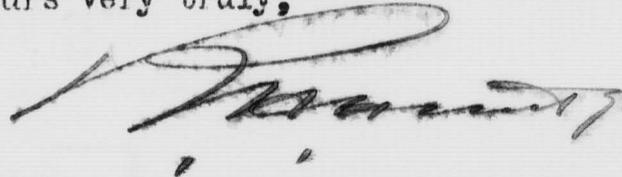
Honorable William L. Strong, Mayor,
City Hall, New York City.

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a communication from your Secretary, requesting my presence at your office on Thursday, August 5th, between the hours of 12, and 2.

It will afford me great pleasure to call on you, as requested.

Yours very truly,



Atlanta Laundry,

144 East 53d Street,

Near Lexington Ave.

BLACK BROS., Proprietors.

New York, Aug 2 1897

Hon Wm C. Strong
Mayor N.Y. City
Dear Sir

We would call your attention to the way a dispossession case has been handled by the clerks office of the court in 57th St. near 3rd Ave. We had in our employ an engineer whom we discharged two weeks ago and who occupied as tenant one of the floors in our building. As he refused to pay rent we were forced to bring suit to have him dispossessed and an order was issued by the court dispossessing him July 31. We were informed the warrant would be put in the Marshalls hands and we would be in possession July 31. We have been informed ^{later} that the tenant called at the Clerks office and fixed matters so that the warrant would not be executed until today Monday Aug 2.

As we had a tenant ready to occupy

Atlanta Laundry,

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Near Lexington Ave.

BLACK BROS., Proprietors.

New York,

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the floor to day we have been put to a pecuniary loss owing to the delay

We believe that the warrant should have been executed Saturday and that it was purposely held back at the Clerks office

Yours very truly
Black Bros.

SEVENTH
JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT,

57th Street, bet. 3rd and Lexington Aves.

PATRICK McDAVITT, Clerk.
THOMAS P. McQUADE, Asst. Clerk.

New York, August 4, 1897

Benj L. Burrows Esq.

Dear Sir:

In reply to yours of 2nd inst I would state, that the dispossess proceedings in case of Black agst Irving, came before the Court in the usual way, and the Judge granted a stay until July 31st. On the said 31st day of July, warrant was issued to which the papers on file in this office will bear proof.

Yours truly
Patrick McDavitt
Clerk.



Mark Aronson
-LADIES SUITS- *the the the*

- 520 AND 522 BROADWAY NEW YORK

New York, August 4, 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong, Mayor of N.Y. and I hope Greater New York.

Dear Sir:--

I see by the N.Y. papers, which are not always correct, that you hesitate about signing the new bill for road use, on account of its allowing Bicycles on the sidewalks. Now Mr. Mayor a Cyclist hates to walk and he or she, will only do so, when compelled, by bad roads or damaged wheel. Surely Mr. Mayor you would not ask a lady to push her wheel through a muddy street which must be so, or she could ride on it. I agree with you in not allowing them to stop and talk and block the sidewalks. I hope you will sign the Bill as I think it will protect Life and Limb.

Respectfully,

Edna H. Sherman

New York Athletic Club.

To Mayor Strong

Bless your Honor for
not signing away more rights
to the crazy Bicyclists.

Pedestrians have no right
to live any more on N. Y. streets.

I am a teacher and must
pass East and West constantly.
Madison Ave is so infested that
I often have to wait several
minutes watching for a chance
to run across without collision with
those swarms of silent, swift lights.
Eight Avenue the same.

When the large Plaza along
Broadway between 4³/₄ and 4⁷/₈
will be asphalted now, they
will make it impossible for any one
to walk across unless you will

Kindly protect us with some rules. The crossings there are already very dangerous because of the many lines of cars meeting there.

At 65th Street and Columbus Ave, is an other place made impossible by the swarms of Bicyclists constantly running in all directions.

If they run into you they make no excuse but say angrily: "I rang my bell why didn't you get out of the way!" As if Pedestrians were under contract to watch and jump and dodge and worry every minute when hearing bells before or behind - besides having the strain on their mind to look out for cars and trucks and carriages of all descriptions.

Another nuisance is the streetcrossing. I am told that the large flagstones are laid on streetcrossings, especially for pedestrians, and that the cars

should stop a head of them so as not to block the way of people passing. But that rule is absolutely over ridden. The cars always stop on the crossing, so that you have either to wait, or to walk down in the mud and go around them, I have spoken to police men about this. "Yes, that is so, they say and then they smile and shrug their shoulders, and let them go as before. Another nuisance is the noise in the Parks. In other cities the Parks are resting places, where peddlers, bootblacks, newspaper boys and beggars are not allowed. Here they run over you, they speak to you, they pester you, worse than on the streets because they have a better chance "to get at you." Please Mayor Strong help us to some little comfort and peace

in this daily turmoil and
give a thought to these
complaints.

Respectfully

Marie Licol

223. West 45th St.

Aug. 4th

OFFICE OF

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309 Broadway,

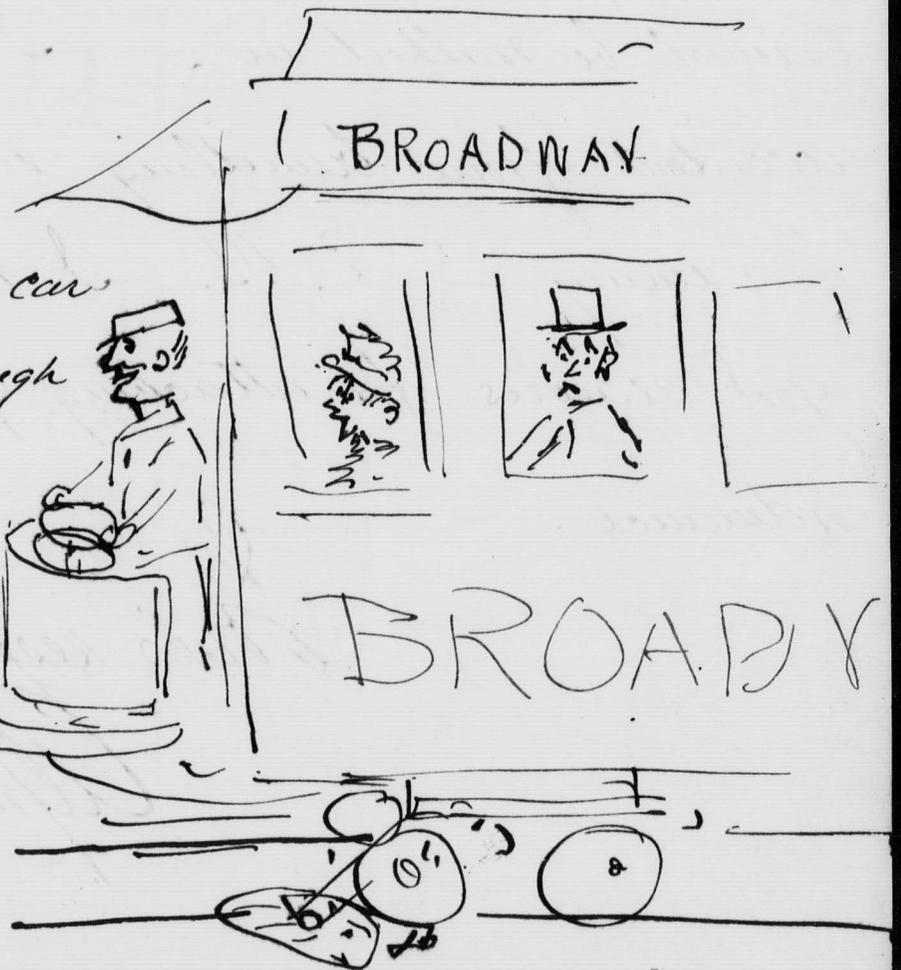
GEO. P. SLADE, Treasurer

New York, August 4 1897

Hon^{ble} W. L. Strong
Mayor.

Dear Sir.

Do not the Cable car
motor men have fun enough
without having a chance
at poor bicyclists
trundling their
wheels. If
you don't sign

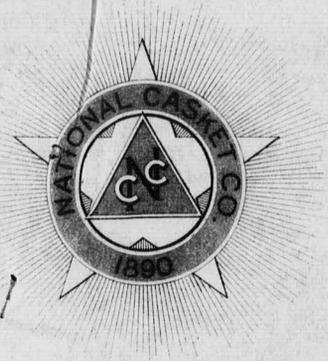


the new ordinance
won't the streets be like this. You may not ride
or trundle a wheel but there are others. "Chamsey"

for instance must sometimes want to trundle as well
as scorch. — As a reader myself I know it is unwise
to ride down town & yet I frequently bring my wheel
down to go to Staten Island Jersey City &c. & the streets
cannot be walked in. I have never seen an
accident from trundling but walking in the streets,
how many — ? !!! I trust you will see the
good reasons for attaching your name to the new
ordnance.

Yours respectfully

Alfred A. Kirkup



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Aug. 4th, 1897. 18

Hon. Wm. L. Strong, Mayor,

New York City.

Dear Sir:-

It appears by articles published in our evening and morning papers that objections are made to the new Road Rules, and principally on account of wheelmen being permitted to push their wheels upon the sidewalks. I write this not wholly in my own behalf, but on the part of all bicyclists. It appears to me only fair that riders should be permitted to push their wheels on the sidewalk, as they do not then take up so much room as baby-carriages, nor do they impede the walk as scissor-grinders, Hebrew peddlers, news-boys, bootblacks, and foreigners that don't keep to the right, and as a rule wheelmen are careful and do not run their wheels against people. It is a positive injury to wheelmen to say they shall not push their wheels on the sidewalk. Frequently the streets become so wet that you are obliged to dismount, and often the street is dirty, and in many places being repaired, so that it is absolutely necessary to use the walk. For example take 5th Av. in its present condition, also some of the cross streets leading from 11th Av. to Riverside Drive, where the hills are steep and the road unimproved.

As a Citizen, I ask your Honor not to object to this clause of the rules, but to see that wheelmen have fair play. They are tax-payers, and while the writer has no sympathy for those that scorch or incommode the traffic of the street unnecessarily, yet a person on a wheel takes up much less room and space on the street than a hansom, buggy or phaeton, and is far more cleanly than horse vehicles, and the rubber tires do positively no injury whatever to roads or walks.

Trusting that your Honor will see your way clear to sign the Road Rules, as they are not as favorable to bicyclists even as they should be, for example in the parks if persons are permitted to go upon the grass, bicyclists should be permitted to take their wheels also with them, as they do positively no injury, I am,

Yours very respectfully,

S. L. Dobbin.

R. W. TURNER,
STATIONER,
349 4TH AVENUE.

New York, Aug 4th 1897

Hon. Frank Strong

Dear Sir,

If you have any doubt of the trend of public opinion in reference to your decision in regard to the proper place for "wheels" in motion, the subscriber, - an humble citizen, who has sold and is still dealing in bicycles, is ready to affirm, without bias, that right thinking citizens will uphold your verdict.

Only yesterday ^{was} I observed on Twenty Fifth Street near Fourth Avenue - three wheelmen on the sidewalk, so distributed, that it was almost impossible for a pedestrian to pass without coming in contact with dirty wheels or almost as dirty wheelmen. Yours sincerely R. W. Turner

*Friend and Sympathetically,
Comrade,*
~~Commander and Comrades:~~

New York, Aug. 5th, 1897.

Miss Masie Greene, Pres. of W. S. Hancock W. R. C., No. 160, is a candidate in the Evening Journal bicycle contest involving a silver \$500 wheel and a thirty-day trip abroad. Miss Greene was nominated, without her knowledge, by Grand Army friends who had no idea that the contest would assume the proportions that it has. Having accepted the nomination, she cannot retire, nor would it be becoming that she should, for, aside from the value of the unique testimonial to the contestant, no little honor and distinction will be reflected upon the order accomplishing her success.

For this occasion Miss Greene is a typical candidate of the G. A. R. Her father is a member of our order; her mother an officer and active worker in the Relief Corps, and herself a conspicuous and zealous member.

We have arranged to obtain coupons at the rate of \$5.50 per thousand. All we ask is an appropriation; we will do all the work and see that acknowledgements and credits are properly given. If you cannot see your way to the extent asked, may we hope that individually and collectively you will do all that you can by furnishing ballots or the equivalent?

An early answer is respectfully solicited, as a vast amount of labor must be performed during the ensuing two weeks. Remittances to Sergt. John W. England (Commander, W. S. Hancock Post, No. 259), Kingsbridge, N. Y. Information cheerfully furnished by

Yours in F. C. & L.,

L. F. Whitbeck
W. S. Hancock Post 259 GAR

Chairman of Committee,

Room 321, No. 150 Nassau Street .

To
Hon. Wm. L. Strong
Mayor,

(over)

My Dear Mayas:"

A tribute from you, however trifling, would be highly appreciated your friends, and, I can well assure you, by the worthy lady who is our candidate.

Yours, Sincerely,
L. F. Whitbeck.

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DR. C. A. HERTER,
819 MADISON AVE.

NEW YORK, Aug. 5 1897

Dear Mr. Orr:

Mr. Farnestock has sent me the contents of Mr. Croft's reply to Mr. Bliss' request that my nomination be confirmed by the Commission. Mr. Croft states that I am fully qualified for the place but that I already hold a position at the City Hospital. He objects further that the place was mortgaged to me by the Medicine Board. This is not the truth. I know nothing of the desire of the Board to give me the nomination until a month ago, several days after the resignation of

J. Dana. I did not seek the
Nominations. Now that it has
been proposed I feel like
making as stout a fight for
Confirmation as I know how.

I send you a copy of my
note to Mr. Fahnestock which
contains what I believe to be
a true statement of the
situation without prejudice
on my part.

Most sincerely yours

Carter

Birch Island Camp,

Wawbeek P. O., N. Y.

Aug. 5. 1897.

My dear Mr. Fahnestock:

Your letter giving me the information contained in the letter of President Croft to Secretary Bliss has just reached me and I wish to thank you again for the pains you have taken in this matter in my behalf. I had hoped, when you showed me the very great friendliness of writing to Secretary Bliss in my behalf, that you would not be troubled further in this matter. I think it only just to myself that I should speak of certain objections which President Croft has raised to my appointment in the hope that you may bring my view of the case and that of the Board which nominated me, to the notice of Secretary Bliss.

President Croft mentions that I am now upon the visiting staff of the City Hospital and Curator to the Hospital. President Croft knows that it is a provision of his Department that a physician cannot occupy a position at the City and at the Bellevue Hospital at the same time, and that I would of course resign the former position upon being appointed to the latter. There is no real reason why my having served the City as visiting physician to the City Hospital should operate as a disqualification for Bellevue Hospital.

President Croft states that the present vacancy was mortgaged to me, but this is not the case. Dr. Lambert, a member of the staff has personally desired my appointment, but he is merely one of a number, and he made no effort to commit other members of the staff to my support until the vacancy actually occurred, so that there was in no sense a mortgage on the position. I consider the statement of President Croft a misrepresentation of the facts of the case which is likely to harm my cause.

According to the by-laws of the Hospital, the Medical Board has the right to nominate a successor - more than one nomination is not necessary. Dr. Nammack, a capable physician of New York who is active in political circles, sought a nomination from the Medical Board, but this was refused him, I am told, simply because the Board considered me a more eligible candidate from a professional point of view. The Medical Board also knew that if Dr. Nammack's name went in with mine, his name would be surely confirmed, owing to political considerations. Therefore the Medical Board acted on its privilege to send in one name only.

The Board of Commissioners have a right to reorganize the Hospital and to alter this by-law, but it does not seem right for them to ignore this by-law while a vacancy exists.

I regret to say that the question is wholly one of politics. I prize a nomination by the Medical Board of the Fourth Division

of Bellevue Hospital as a high professional honor. There are no reasons, except wholly irrelevant political reasons, why my nomination should not be confirmed without delay, as in the case of former candidates.

You can understand how much of a disappointment it would be to me to lose the improved opportunities for work which Bellevue offers a physician. If there is a valid professional reason why I should lose them, I shall accept that reason philosophically, I trust. What I cannot bring myself to accept without aversion, is the prospect of being turned down by the Commissioners for reasons of a wholly unprofessional character.

Mr. Alexander Orr has been so good as to actively interest the Mayor in this matter, and I hope that with Secretary Bliss' help we may at least discover a valid reason for the opposition of the Commissioners. I may request Dr. Alexander Lambert to give you this letter in order that he may answer any questions you may care to ask.

Hoping that I may be able to justify your continued interest in my somewhat troublesome cause, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Frederic
Christman Hata

Fort Wadsworth, S. I.,

August 5th 1897

Hon. ^{Mr.} S. Strong
 Mayor of N.Y. City

Dear Sir

For the past month we have been advertising by means of the Stereopticon. during the M^r. Kenley campaign, we used this method of promoting the political candidates for the different County Offices; at present we have a screen erected in front of the Atlantic Hotel - South Beach where we produce written advertisements or Photographs whichever may be desired. These Ads are read by 200,000 people weekly; all inhabitants of the Greater New York; and it is our intention during the coming campaign to visit the different Towns and promote the different candidates for Mayor of Greater New York. we have received a three months "Ad" from Mayor Gleason and if you contemplate entering the race. we offer to advertise it for three months from August 6th until

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Mayor Wm. L. Strong,

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Dear Sir:-

In the more or less memorable words of David B. Hill, "I am a Democrat", but at the same time am one of a good many democrats, who appreciate your administration and which a good many of us believe has been a good business administration; but Mr. Mayor you are wrong, quite wrong when you oppose the clause in the ordinance regulating vehicles upon the public streets, which allows bicycles to be trundled on the sidewalk when necessary for the owner to do so.

A bicycle is not as objectionable on the sidewalk as the wheel-barrow or baby carriage or the thousands of boxes which completely block the ^{sidewalk} streets in the wholesale down-town district.

You can do much worse than to allow that clause to stand as it is. You will kindly pardon my suggestion.

With much respect,

Yours respectfully,

W. J. Morgan

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JERE. PANGBURN, JR., SECRETARY,
608 GREENWICH STREET.

New York, August 6, 1897.

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

Dear Sir:-

The Law of April 3rd relating to the conduct of the Coal Trade, perfect as it is, is not self enforcing. Unless some active, intelligent and sufficiently powerful influence be continually behind it, it must remain inactive and useless.

Experience has shown that individuals acting independently, cannot or will not perform a work of this kind. Only by a combination of those sympathizing with the movement and working harmoniously together, can the desired end be secured. And in this present case, only through the efforts of our Association composed of dealers interested in the moral betterment of the trade, thoroughly conversant with the situation which they seek to remedy and in entire sympathy with the objects sought to be gained by the Law, can its enforcement be attained.

In making this broad statement, we are well within the limits of truth. It can be set down as a fact that if our Association does not do this work now, it will not be done. If through any cause or combination of causes, our Association should now abandon its undertaking, a new generation of dealers must appear before it will again be attempted.

In doing this work, we have asked from the City no pecuniary aid whatever. The money necessary and the time necessary we will provide. We have not sought excessive powers; we have not asked special privileges. The Law in all its provisions will bear as impartially

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upon us as upon others and while we regard the intelligent selection of scales under the Law as essential to the complete success of our undertaking, we have not sought arbitrarily to dictate the appointments of such scales. We have hoped, however, that we might be able to present such arguments and advance such reasons to your Honor as would indicate the wisdom of designating only such scales as under our plan might seem necessary and such scales as would by location and other circumstances be in harmony with our general scheme.

In selecting these scales, reference has been had particularly to their geographical position. Inasmuch as our Association is to bear all the expenses attendant upon the enforcement of the Law, it follows that the selection of more scales than are required for its efficient execution would be a hardship upon us, entailing upon us unnecessary expense, interfering with the harmonious working of our plans and upsetting our calculations generally.

In view of the foregoing circumstances, this Association has learned with surprise and with regret of the appointment by your office of the scale of Edward Elliott at 37th St. & First Ave. This appointment was made independently of any suggestion on our part and we regret to say, evidently without due consideration.

For, among the scales already designated by your Honor was the scale of Jeremiah Skidmore's Sons at 36th St. & First Ave. This firm is one of the very oldest in the City, has a reputation unsurpassed by any merchant in any line of business and the selection of their scale reflected honor upon our Association and credit upon yourself.

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The scale recently appointed at 37th St & First Ave. is within one block of the scale of Jeremiah Skidmore's Sons. It needs no argument to show that this scale is thus entirely superfluous and useless, and, moreover, not within the spirit of the Law which requires scales to be designated in such convenience in number and locality as shall be deemed necessary. Its existence therefore, among the scales designated means nothing more nor less than additional expense thrown upon this Association and an additional impediment in the way of its success without a single compensating advantage.

For obvious reasons, we hesitate to draw a comparison between the owners of these two scales as regards their attitude towards this present ~~TAX~~ reform movement and other reform movements which have been instituted. What the motive was which led to the solicitation of this appointment can be best inferred by those familiar with the history of the coal trade for the last two or three years.

In conclusion, we beg to say that the indiscriminate selection of scales will work great hardship upon this Association. If such selection cannot be made in intelligent conformity to some general plan or scheme evolved from a careful analysis of the situation, the success of our efforts will be in serious question.

We believe that few outside of our trade are aware of the magnitude of the task we have undertaken. While we are willing to do this work unaided by the City, is it too much to hope that the City will throw no unnecessary obstacles in our way. And as long as we shall pursue a

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course consistent with the original purposes of our Organization, may
we not hope for the sympathetic co-operation of your Office?

Yours very respectfully,

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President,

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

Acting under your advice I called on Mr Moss President of the board of Police Commissioners and learned from him that he could do nothing in the matter relating to the Italian parade &C., in front of my place of business no's 118, 120 & 122 Baxter St., also corner of Canal & Baxter St., N.Y. on the 7th of August on account of its being permitted by a resolution of the board of aldermen, which seems to be final, whether good or bad.

I would respectfully call your attention to the fact that these people are to have another parade of the same order on Aug. 16th., and we are liable to go through the same trouble. I think the business people in this neighborhood are having more than their share of this nuisance, and you, in your position as Mayor should be able to do something to help a suffering community, not for the nuisance which is at hand, but from that which we continually have.

Very Truly Yours

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