

New York, Sept. 1st 1896.

To His Honor, W. L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York:

Dear Sir:-

On the evening of August 29th, while I was acting as Chairman of an open air meeting on Madison Square of the W.J. Bryan Club of Single Taxers, due notice of which had been sent to Police Headquarters, a police officer approached and handed me a letter from you to the President of the Police Board, which ran as follows:

MAYOR'S OFFICE.

August 27th 1896.

Hon. Theodore Roosevelt,

President, Police Board.

Dear Sir:-

Complaints have reached me of the gathering of a crowd nightly at the corner of Madison Avenue and Twenty-third Street, which assembles there to listen to harangues on single tax. The people who do the talking claim to have a permit from me allowing them to hold open air meetings.

I wish to inform you that I have issued no permits for any meetings of this character, and will not do so, and it seems to me that you should take steps to stop this gathering, especially in view of the fact that they often hold forth there until late in the night and very materially disturb the peace and quiet of the neighborhood.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) W. L. Strong,
Mayor.

The officer He informed me that upon this as a basis for action, we were instructed to cease holding our meetings successively in the same spot, and were peremptorily ordered to close at 10 o'clock. The latter order we obeyed.

On the evening of August 31st, after the notice to the police, we again held a meeting in the same place and at 10 o'clock Mr. Alex. C. Lassen, publisher of the Financial News, who was answering questions upon the money issue of the campaign, was ordered by the police officer in charge to desist. As Chairman of the meeting I arose, stated the facts in the case, put the question to the audience as to the orderly conduct of the meeting, receiving in reply a unanimous affirmative, many of whom were Republicans, and, repressing expression of opinion from the incensed assemblage, secured an orderly adjournment under protest.

I now, in behalf of the W. J. Bryan Club of Single Taxers in particular, and of Democratic Clubs in general, ask you by what right you ^{would} ~~refuse~~ in advance permits to hold political meetings of the kind interfered with, if such permits should ^{hereafter} be requested. Our Club has never made such a request, having been informed by the Police Department, that permits are not necessary for the orderly assembling of citizens to hear discussions upon the economic and political questions of the day; but if such permission is necessary, we ask why the representatives of the majority of our citizens ^a are to be denied ~~the~~ right granted to every wandering street preacher and fakir who requests it.

We furthermore deny that we "materially disturb the peace and quiet of the neighborhood", except it be of the ^{occupants} ~~occupants~~ of the Park benches. The residences on Madison Avenue opposite the Park have been closed during the summer, a ~~large~~ church backs the platform and all the offices save one suite of the remaining ^{building} ~~building~~ on the Avenue, the Metropolitan Life, are unlighted at night when the meetings are in progress. This exception is occupied by

the Republican National Committee, and a complaint from this organization would certainly be in bad taste. We must therefore conclude that your complainant was a malicious one, especially as he has reported to you what is a deliberate falsehood, viz: that we claim to hold a permit from you to conduct the meetings.

As to your slurs upon the upholders of a cause that numbers among its advocates our country's leading economists and statesmen, we can only state that it was largely due to the "harangues" of these very speakers in the self same place, as well as from cart-tails all over the City, that you were placed in your present position,- and the meetings were not closed at 10 o'clock ~~neither~~.

We request that you fully investigate the charges preferred against us, and upon the basis of such as are thereby proven make your recommendations to the Police Department. Until this is done, in all fairness, the present recommendations should be withdrawn.

Yours respectfully,

Marion M. Miller

For the W. J. Bryan Club of
Single Taxers.

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New York, Sept 1 1896

Hon. W L Strong

Mayor's office, City

Dear Sir:

If two seats (or standing room) on or adjacent
to the stand erected in Union Square, to review the
Exhibition of the Foremen this afternoon, are still within
your disposition, may I beg of you to favor me
with the same. I desire if possible to have the Companies,
and should like to select an invitation to Chief
Dwight, the head of the Chicago Department, who is
at present visiting the City.

Yours very Truly

Simon Brentano

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NEW YORK, Sept 1, 1896. 189

Mayor Strong,

City,

Dear Sir,

For several months past the new branch of the Salvation Army, known I believe as the Volunteers, have located themselves each evening opposite this Theatre near the corner of Broadway and 35th Street. During the summer months when the Theatre was closed I made no complaint in the matter but in justice to our business I am compelled to do so at this moment. They begin at just the hour the people are entering our Theatre and continue until after our business begins here, and are a decided nuisance. I respectfully ask that you have them seek another location for their services, and very greatly oblige.

Awaiting your reply, I am,

Respectfully yours,

W. D. Mann
MANAGER,

New York, Sept. 2. 1896

To the Hon. John Strong, Esq.
Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

There is a matter, which we would like to put before your Honor, for consideration. Some five years ago, the corner and neighborhood at G. St & Ave B was known as one of the "Toughest" corners in the whole neighborhood, being infested by loafers, drunkards and other people of that class, who are a menace to the peace and welfare of the residents. After several years of efforts, many trips to the station house, very many appeals to the captain, and officers of the precinct, we have at last been able to clear said corner and make it one of the most decent and quiet in the neighborhood, especially after sundown, when the old regime at the corner made itself most conspicuous.

But our peace has again departed and for nearly two months our corner has become a nuisance and from quarters, whither it was least expected.

Rev. Mr. Rose, who has charge of a Methodist Congregation on 10. St near Ave B. having a general permit for outdoor preaching, from your Honor, has selected this particular corner for his services. This permit being a general one, he is allowed to preach at any corner and at different ones every Sunday but he has selected this one, as being very quiet and intends to remain there. When appealed to, he simply refers to your Honors permit. The police will not interfere in account of said permit. He holds services for over an hour and draws there all kinds of characters, who raise a disturbance, despite the presence

of policemen when he, Rev Roe, has gone to his church, to
continue services, the street is in an uproar and con-
fusion, which is a perfect nuisance. Such are the con-
sequences, which your Honor certainly does not wish to ex-
ist.

We would therefore request of your Honor to state this nu-
isance in our vicinity (We do not expect you to revoke
the permit of the said Rev., but as he has a general
permit, let him preach at other corners and if possible
on different corners on different Sundays, so as not to confine
himself to one neighborhood. Again we beg of you, to
restrict his permit in such a way, that he cannot preach,
and let all his people preach at this corner of 9th St
& Ave B. He cannot go across Ave B. because Thompson's
Square, a Public Park, interferes; he cannot go across
9th St as a Lutheran church is at that corner.

Hoping for a kind consideration, by your Honor and
hoping for a favorable answer, we are, (properly holding, being
residents of 9th St & Ave B)

Yours very respectfully,
William R. McDonough Cor. Av B & 9th St
Leonard Petzger " " " " " "
Arthur J. Minckler " " " " " "
William H. Forker " " " " " "
Mrs L. Lervenson 603 E. 9th St
Phillipp F. Klopp 603 E. 9th St
John Grasmann 609 E. 9th St

J. Victor Orchard 603 East 9th St.
Charles Fintel 604 East 9th St

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New York Sept. 2^d 1890.
Hon. Wm L. Strong,
Mayor's Office,
City Hall.

Dear Sir-

The unfurling in many of our business thoroughfares of the American flag, with the muslin strip bearing the names of Mr. Kinley and Hobart attached, is the best evidence of the undying patriotism of the republicans of this City - they appeal more quickly to patriotic impulses than the gaudy and expensive painted red work banners, and to emphasize the political preferences of the business men of our city, should be strung from every store, bank and office building in the city - the effect could not be otherwise than beneficial to the cause of Mr. Kinley and Hobart - The cost of these American flag banners is but trifling, and wherever two firms

friendly to the election of the republican candidates, do business in opposite buildings, they should be induced to share the expense of the flag and fling it to the breeze. If half a dozen or a dozen of these flags could be kept flying on all prominent business blocks, it would create an enthusiasm that would ensure a majority for our standard bearing in this hide bound democratic city -

Will you not, as a leader in the dry goods trade take measures to ensure such action in the interest of a protective tariff and sound money? ~~and~~

Strong Republican

New York, September 2nd 1896.

Hon. W. L. Strong,

Presdt., Dry Goods Merchants Club,

The First Assembly District, the Dry Goods District, the richest district in America, if not in the world, seeing that it comprises Wall Street, the Treasury, Custom House, Clearing House and the wealthiest Banks in the United States, has put in nomination for Assembly ARTHUR PEZOLD, a young business man, of 143 Franklin Street, right in the heart of the District.

We, the Republicans of this district, know that the leader of Tammany Hall does not wish the present incumbent of the Assembly, Daniel E. Finn, in other words, he is forced on him from 14th Street. He would be an easy man to beat provided we had the necessary funds to do so. In this district for campaign funds last election, we received \$6.25 per district and Martin H. Healy, our leader, had to go down in his own pocket to make the amount \$10.00 to each district captain. What could be done with that amount?

We have entered early in the campaign, and if this suits your approval, and the business men connected with your movement, to assist this district financially, "for the good of the cause" Republican Electors and Assembly as there is a United States Senator to be elected by the next legislature.

Mr. Martin H. Healy and Mr. Arthur Pezold have decided on myself to act as Treasurer of the First Assembly District Merchants Campaign Club Fund, which will be used to the best advantage in educating the illiterate in the value of gold and silver and to uphold the credit of the United States.

Respectfully,

Daniel H. White,

American Bank Note Co.,

Trinity Place,

City.

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New York, September 3, 1896. 189

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor of the City and County of New York. :

Respected Sir:—

This will present for your kind consideration Captain Gibson in spiritual charge of the Corps located at #223 Bleeker st. this city. We cheerfully recommend her to you as worthy of the privilege of holding religious open air meetings, and very respectfully request that your Honor will grant her a permit for the same. :

Yours respectfully,

F. de Launay Booth Tucker

COMMANDER. J

New York City Sept 3^d 1876.

Hon Mayor Throg.
City Hall

Hon Sir:

After over 20 years service in the US Army.
In present Police Commissioner's appointment as
a Special Detachment on Special Charge of the
Chinese Theatre 5th Ave. In March last a riotous
fight occurred in said theatre, which I suppressed but
got so seriously injured, that I was compelled
to resign my place as a Special Officer. Being
now without work, a complete Invalid,
my family destitute, I request your Honor
help for my wife & little children. For myself
I see no other way but to leave this earth
not wishing to be any burden to anyone. When
your Honor receives this letter I am a
dead man. I am a soldier a Lieutenant

7th May 1848 I very respectfully request a
decision which I am entitled to.

As I belong to a good family, I also
very respectfully ask, that my relations in
Europe be notified of my death, so that
they may take care of my poor children
my relations are -

Count Frau von Blücher
77 Lindenstrasse Berlin

Countess M. von Blücher
Castle Hohenhausen - P.O. Blankenheim
Prussia -

Countess Marianne Blücher
Hohenhausen - Mecklenburg Schwerin
Germany.

May the Almighty God protect my poor
children.

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Georg von Blücher



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HISTORY DEPARTMENT.

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Hon. W. L. Strong,
City Hall, New York.

Dear Sir:

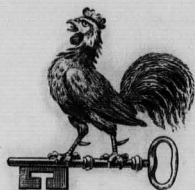
We purpose publishing a history of the Greater New York which we hope to make the standard work of its kind. Among other subjects which will appear in the book will be a chapter devoted to the History of Banking and Finance, giving a history of some of the great financial institutions of this city, its financial development and growth.

We would like to have you act as one of the editors for this special article so that when the article is completed and passed upon by you and one or two other prominent gentlemen in the financial world, we shall have the assurance that it will be beyond the criticism of those specially interested in this line of research. Will you, therefore, consent to look over the manuscript when it is completed and act in the capacity of a supervising editor of this special chapter? We will not ask you to devote any considerable time to this matter but simply to pass criticism on the article when it is finished.

The article will not be ready to submit to you for some little time.

Yours very truly,

ARKELL WEEKLY CO.



New York, September 4th, 1896.

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

Dear Mr. Mayor:-

Herewith I send you the Report on the Fifteenth Annual Reunion of the Old Time Telegraphers' Association, held at Broadway Central Hotel, September 11th, 12th and 13th of 1895, at which you honored us with your presence and your splendid words. Please accept this with my compliments.

Kindly advise me if you have stirred up that Irish Commissioner of Public Works to do something for the pavement of 127th Street, or will it be necessary for me to get up a petition to the Board of Aldermen to have the said Street between Seventh and Eighth Avenues asphalted? God forbid that I should go to the Aldermen if it can be done without it.

I see Ohio is in it for all it is worth this time. Ohio will have a front seat in the Celestial Regions and will have a big say as to what shall occur in Eternity. Thank God for everything. I am not from Ohio, and therefore, am not in it.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD. C. COCKEY.

225 West 127th Street.
A.M.B.

Kennebunk Beach, Me.,
Sept. 4, 1896.

Dear Colonel:

I have been in
Boston this week, and was at
the Mill yesterday. Everything
there is all right, tho' the water
is quite low on account of the
severe drought. We had heavy
rain for a short time yesterday
afternoon, and it rained here un-
til quite late in the evening; but
there was not enough to raise
the streams. The ground is very dry.

While there, the question of con-
tinuing the lectures and concerts
the coming winter came up for

settlement, as the time has come to
engage the speakers and enter-
tainments, if they are to be given.

I told Wilson I would confer with
you about it. The Course costs
\$400. - ten lectures & Concerts. It is
a custom inaugurated by Capt.
Bradlee some years before his
death, and continued by Miss
Bradlee - she paying the cost out
of her income. I think it is one
of the things the Captain would
have continued as long as he had
anything to do with the people there,
and that we are justified in follow-
ing it out under the will - "to do as
I would do, &c" - if you think best.

Please let me know your views. I did not get Miss
Bradlee's Certificate yesterday as I expected. Had a
long talk with Mr. Welch. He & Jo. P. B. Henshaw will
sign as Executors; but Sam. Henshaw says he does not
want to sign anything. Mr. Miles, Treas. of Safe Deposit
Co. said he would not favor anybody's eccentricities, and
that the young man must sign. Mr. Welch is to have it
settled, so that I can get the papers when he returns to
Boston next Wednesday or Thursday. Maine is going to
follow Vermont in good style. The State is wide awake, the
Repubs are at work in great earnest, while the Dems. are badly
split-up. It looks well. Hope you are all right.

With best wishes - Yours Truly, Wm. H. Hodgkins.

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Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor of New York.

Dear Sir:

I am instructed by the Executive Committee of the Civil Service Reform Association to express to you the Committee's cordial appreciation of your action in extending the application of the civil service rules to those positions under the city government enumerated in your order of June 1. The Committee feels that through this and other extensions made in the course of your administration, the civil service system in New York has been improved very materially and that little remains to be done, through executive action, to make the application of the merit principle complete.

I am directed also to ask, on behalf of the Association that you will, in pursuance of the authority conferred by Section 8 of the Civil Service Act (Chap. 354 of the laws of 1883), classify under the civil service rules the officers and employees of the uniformed force of the Department of Street Cleaning. It is our understanding that these officers and employees have been excepted from classification because of the failure of the act creating the Department of Street Cleaning to provide specifically for such

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classification. The Courts have held, however, that under Section 9, of Article V of the revised State Constitution, it is required that all appointive positions shall be classified, and that they shall be subject to competitive examination where practicable. It is held also, by implication, that in the case of a city department it is the duty of the Mayor to give the provisions of the aforesaid section effect.

The constitutional provision is as follows:

"Appointments and promotions in the civil service of the State, and of all the civil divisions thereof, including cities and villages, shall be made according to merit and fitness to be ascertained, so far as practicable, by examinations, which so far as practicable, shall be competitive....."

In the case of McClelland v. Roberts (148 N.Y.360) the Supreme Court held that:

"The civil service laws of the State are in harmony with the present Constitution; they are therefore of the same force and effect as if they had been passed after the present Constitution took effect, and can be used, as far as they go, to enforce its provisions."

In the same case the Court of Appeals held:

"It is evident from the language of the new provision of the Constitution, and from the debates in the convention which followed its introduction into that body, that it was framed and adopted with reference to existing laws, which were intended to give to it immediate practical operation. So that in adopting the new Constitution, the people, in their original capacity, decreed that thereafter all the departments of the government should be brought within the operation of existing laws on the subject of appointments..

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It was the intention to put all the new provisions of the Constitution into operation through the instrumentality of such laws as were then in force, so far as practicable."....., and further, that: "If the Legislature should repeal all the statutes and regulations on the subject of appointments in the civil service the mandate of the Constitution would still remain, and would so far execute itself as to require the Courts, in a proper case, to pronounce appointments made without compliance with its requirements illegal."

It is plain, therefore, that the provisions of Section 8 of Chapter 354 of the laws of 1883, which the Courts hold "is of the same effect as if it had been passed after the present Constitution took effect," apply to the Department of Street Cleaning, and that the duty is imposed upon the Mayor to classify the officers and employees of the uniformed force of that Department, under the general municipal civil service rules.

Such a classification, which would bring the civil service system in New York city much nearer completion, and which, we are informed, the Commissioner of Street Cleaning favors, would seem to be required absolutely by the constitutional provision above referred to.

Trusting that this subject may receive your favorable consideration, and with much respect, I am,

Yours very truly,

George McAneny
Secretary.

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Holland Sweden
Aug. 14th 1896.

To the Mayor of New York
City

Your Honor:

I will write this letter
to let you know how
I was treated by the
"Westcott Omnibus Line"
while in your city a
couple of weeks ago.
We arrived at the New
York Central station
on the New York Central
and Hudson river
railroad 9.30 p.m.
July 29th last, and
having a ticket on the
Westcott Omnibus line
We boarded one of that

Company's Omnibuses and
asked the driver to take
us to "The home for Scan-
dinavian immigrants
24 Greenwich str; but
instead of doing so
he put us off at Hotel
Denmark R. Strons
proprietor, 84 Green-
wich str. I told him
it was not the place
we wanted but he
insisted that it was
no other place and
put us off. — We had
no alternative but
to stop there — it being
past 11 p.m. and so
we made a bargain
with the Clerk recei-
ving

us. — And when we
were ready to leave
on the morning of Aug.
~~1st~~ They charged us
twice the amount
bargained about. —
I did not want to
pay more than the
bargain called for and
put up that money.
took my grip and
started to leave; then
the proprietor jumped
on me grabbing my
coat collar and gave
me a severe shaking
saying he would call
a Policeman; when
I got loose I went
for a Policeman and
found the one on the

beat around there, he follow-
ed me to the Hotel:- I told
him the trouble and asked
if I can take my satchel
when having paid what
the bargain called for; but
he said: "you got to get
a decree from the Court
or else pay what he
want." I was to go on
the Steamer "Queania"
in about an hour and
consequently had no time
for the Court, I had
to pay the Exhorbitant
Charge.

Yours very
Respectfully
C. Hindmark

address:

Orgelfabriken
Mellerud
Sweden

CITY OF NEW YORK.
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

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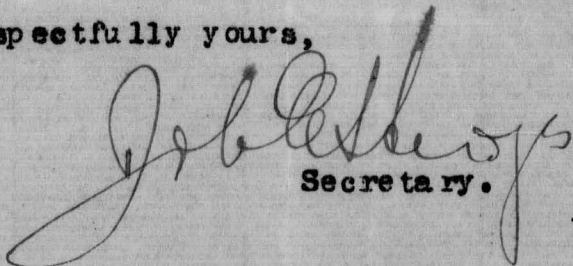
Westcott Express Co.,

New York.

Gentlemen:-

The Mayor directs me to enclose to you for attention and report direct to complainant, copy of which report kindly forward to this office, the within communication from C.F.Lindenark, Esq., Argelfabriken, Mellerud, Sweden, concerning alleged misconduct of one of your stage drivers.

Very respectfully yours,


Secretary.

Westcott Express Company,

14 PARK PLACE,

Telephone, 1296 Cortlandt.

New York, Sept. 5th., 1896

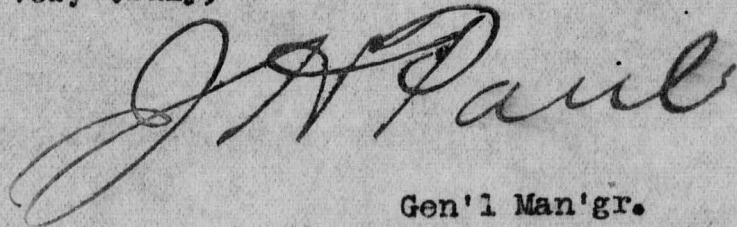
Sec'y to the Mayor.,

City Hall., N. Y. City.

Dear Sir :-

Returning the enclosed papers will say that I have had a careful search made of all our work on the date in question but fail to find that we carried these parties at all. I also sent down to 84 Greenwich Street and they do not seem to have any record of these parties. It is my candid opinion that this party is mistaken. I do not think he used our conveyance at all. If he did we certainly would have a record of it.

Yours very truly,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. W. Paul".

Gen'l Man'gr.

THE BOOKSELLER AND NEWSMAN,

49 WEST TWENTY-FOURTH STREET,
NEW YORK.

New York, 9/5 1896

Hon. William L. Strong

Dear Sir

On request of many newsdealers, I will kindly ask you to refrain from placing your signature, to the bill passed by the Board of Aldermen, at their last meeting, regarding news-stands, under the stairs of the elevated road.

The news-trade is unanimous in expressing the desire, that you do not approve of any bill, until the "rights of the property owner is affixed." In short, no bill will meet the entire approval, of the news-trade, unless the property owner, nearest to the elevated road, has a voice in the granting of the permit.

I think this will meet your approval also, Mr. Mayor. May we ask this kind favor of you.

Very Respectfully
John J. Daly

Editor

The Bookseller and Newsman

19 West 38 Street
New York City
7 Sept. '96

From ~~com~~ L. Strong:

My dear Mayor Strong:

It was with sincere and grateful appreciation of your kind endorsement of Dr. Thurman's letter in my behalf, that I read the notice of my appointment to the position of Mercantile Inspector.

It is my most sincere wish to sustain the kind words of commendation that

were written for me, among
all of which none are
more highly appreciated
than your honored endorse-
ment, for which believe
me ever to be

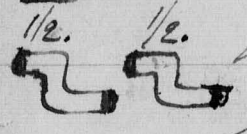
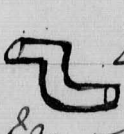
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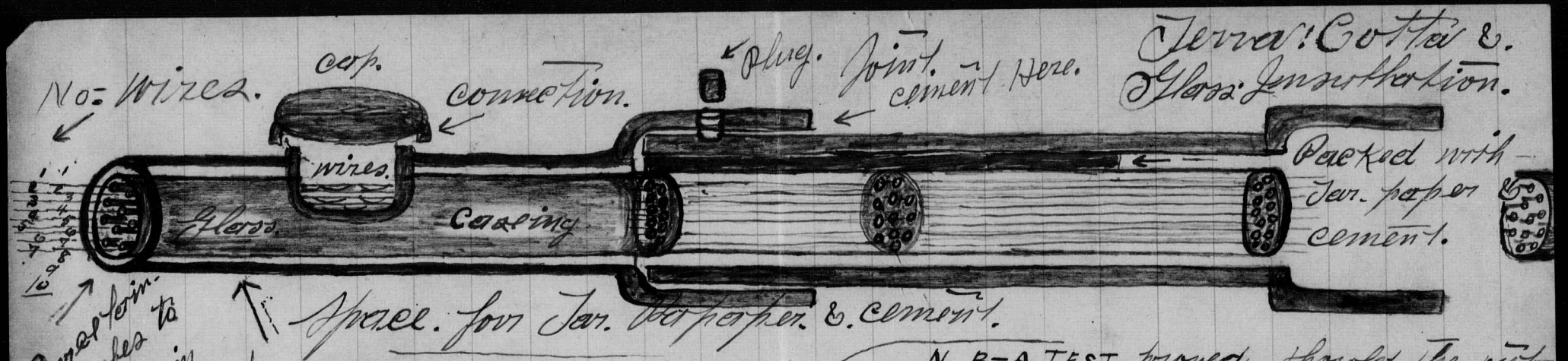
Caroline E. Whiteher

Brownsville, PA. Sept. 7. 1896. Hon. Mayor.
New-York City.

Dear Sir: I beg to ask this
kindness: of your hands. it is for your Honor. to
open & see the contents. & when you have time. to think
of the desired End which I would like to accomplish.
to get Copyrights. to Consider the Claims & facts
which have been proven: for this: invention. viz. a
under-ground. insulated Line. for. Wires. both.
Telephone. & Electric. its so much. Cheaper than
the present methods. & will I believe Answer the Quer-
ies & doubts of your City Electricians. I was deter-
red to protect it by PATS. Now I shall not go
into details. but merely submit a rude Sketch
to give the idea. to those who. after seeing Sketch. will
admit its practicability. so I will be recd. & will
ing to show Model. to your worthy friends. &
Copyrights. & more etc. all in reason. to get a
more Explicit. Description to them. — N. B.
The idea calls for. — practically speaking. the

use of thin Iron. Casing. & Tubing to be used
for Connections. to-viz- residences & Offices. &
all Small. Pres. Line Insulated Connections.
away from the Marine. You ask how are these
service Lines- Insulated. not to broke. The Glass. &
Porcelain tubing. or Wire Carriers. I explain
by saying. 1. say 4- inch pipe of iron. is used.
then the glass casing is .3 inches in DIAM. so
the 1. inch vacuum. Hence. is filled between the
iron & glass. ^{viz} by a Mixture of. Perpet. & a
Cement of. Mortar Paris. so if Iron Pipe-rears
or blow-out. full. it won't broke the inside materi-
als. these Couplings - IRON. - are cut into
 ^{1/2.} ^{1/2.} Then the glass.  L. is covered by these
iron fittings. & soldered over the glass
allowing free use of the iron threads. so its
water proof & hard to break. My. Dummy-
Mottle is in Washington D.C. I would rather
show it than talk. In fact the PAT. issues
Certs for. Iron. Casing. as well as Terra. Cotta.
Marine. but where. Cheapness of Cost is account
the Terra. Cotta. owners. & don't resist. I am a
poor Sketcher. I hope You will kindly. be that
I recd. answer. by some. one. and also. This Sket-
ch paper. Stamp. enclosed. Truly. C. A. Carmack
Box. 138.

N. B. Mr. Strong. I shall
never forget. Your aid. if it
is proferred me. it is not a
Easy thing - for a man - to
se Hospital. when he has no
Means - Your City has
plenty of men - Like W. E.
Whitney - to form Co's. -
Yours P. A. Caniney



Porous to be held in place by cheap filerment + soap - plaster - Paris

Space for Terra-paper & cement.

N. B. - A. TEST. proved - should the outside line get broken - the inside is safe & water proof.

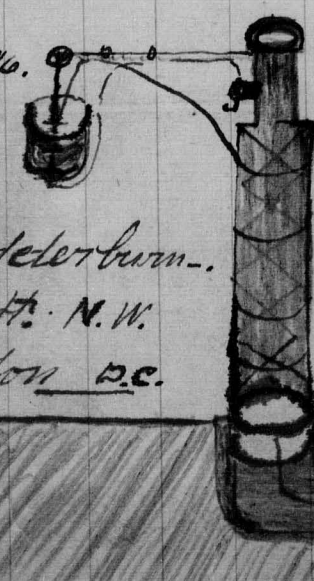


Shows Porcelain Tubes run through Terra-Cotta rings then inserted into glass-casing - & cemented.

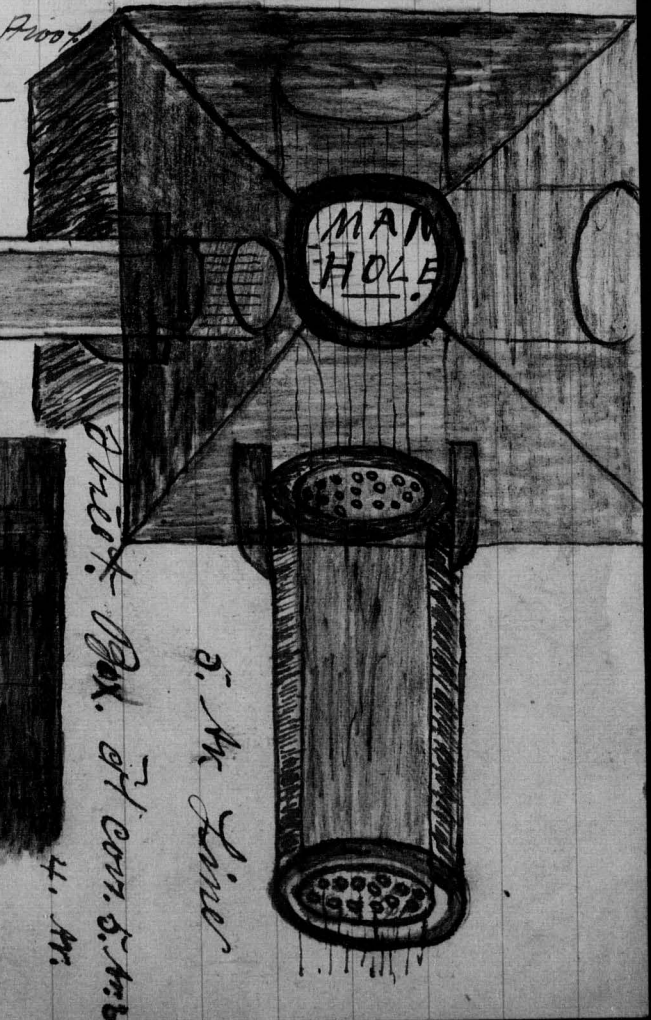
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John. Meeteeteeburn..
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Question.

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Interpretation.

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Conceding that the system is valid under the laws and constitutions of the States and of the United States.

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F. E. COMPTON,

GEO. B. NELSON.

Madison, Wis. Sept. 7 1896.

Mayor W. L. Strong

New York,

Honorable Sir.

Sometime since, we wrote your city clerk for a few items of information which are very important to us. Possibly ~~our~~ our letter was missent, or overlooked, for we have heard from all the ~~fi~~ fifty cities except New York. The information we asked for ~~waxwas~~ was,

- 1.---- The vote for mayor in your city since 1880.
- 2.----Vote for President in 1880 --1884---1888 --1892.
- Names of Heads of Departments since 1880.
- 4----Expenditures of your city since 1880.

An answer to our inquires would be considered a great favor. It is impossible to get the desired data from any other source than the ~~ex~~ cities themselves, or we would not ask this favor. If the information is not at hand would you please hand ~~msx~~ our inquires to some one ~~you~~ think would look them up. Hoping to hear from you soon I am,

Yours very respectfully,

F. E. Compton,

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City Mayor,

Dear Sir:-

We are making an investigation of the government of our cities and would ask that you kindly assist us by answering the following questions.

1. Do you believe that the present tendency to centralize power and responsibility in the Mayor, marks an improvement in municipal government? Answer:

2. Do you believe that better appointments will be made to the positions of chief officers of the city and heads of departments, where the Mayor has the absolute power and sole responsibility of appointment and removal, than where his appointments must be confirmed by the council? Ans.

3. By granting the Mayor full power of appointment and removal, would not greater harmony and unity exist among the several departments? Ans.

4. Do you believe that the general character of the council would be improved by taking from it all executive and administrative powers, (the abuse of which has brought the position of alderman into disrepute,) thereby leaving to that body only important legislative functions? Ans.

5. Is there a tendency on the part of the council to interfere in the appointments of the Mayor where that body has the power of confirmation? Answer:

6. Do you favor the plan outlined in the question printed above, for the appointment and removal of subordinates? Answer:

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7. In your opinion should the power to let contracts and to purchase materials and supplies be lodged in the administrative officers or in the city council? Answer:

8. In the matter of improvements, construction and management of public works and property, would you favor giving the power to the Mayor and officers or boards appointed by him, rather than to the council or boards appointed by them, or elected by the people? Answer:

9. Would you favor giving the power of granting liquor licenses to an excise board appointed by the Mayor, their action subject to confirmation by the council, rather than to the council or a board appointed by that body? Answer:

10. Do you favor the plan whereby franchises are sold by the Mayor or a board appointed by him, their action subject to confirmation by the common council? Answer:

11. Do you favor the plan outlined in the question regarding estimates?

12. Have you during your term of office made use of the veto power, and if so about how many times, and what sum was thereby saved to the city or would have been, had such vetoes been sustained? Answer:

13. In general do you favor the system outlined in the question, rather than a system giving large powers to the council? Answer:

In addition to your answers to the above questions we will be pleased be greatly pleased to have your views more at length. In return for your kindness we will take pleasure in sending you a copy of the printed debate.

Very truly yours,

#635 State Street.

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Col. William L. Strong,

Mayor the City of New York.

My dear Colonel:-

Would respectfully ask permission to fire a National salute of thirteen guns on the battery stationed at Earle Cliff, Washington Heights, on Wednesday September the 16th, that date being the 120th anniversary of the Battle of Harlem Heights.

Please mail permit to Hotel Normandie, Bdwy. & 38th St.

Yours very truly,

Ferdinand Earle

111 Broadway N.Y. Sept. 8th
1896

Hon. Wm.L.Strong.

Mayor.

Sir:

I observe the report of the Alderman in regard to the stands under the Elevated Rail-road stairs. The papers say that an annual fee of ten dollars has been fixed for each permission.

If this is true, I beg to call your attention to the fact that the leases of these stands will be another set of political plums for the first corrupt government which gets in power.

The leases of most of those stands are worth nearer ten dollars a week than ten dollars a year; and there appears no good reason why the tax-payers, when they have anything to lease, should not get the fair rental of their property, the same as other owners would.

For these reasons I venture to suggest and to hope that you will veto the ordinance, whereby I believe you will obtain the support in that measure of all good citizens.

I am, Sir, with respect, yours faithfully,



New York Sept. 8. 1896

To the Hon. Wm L. String:-

Mayor of the City of New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

Last Sunday, when the Rev Rose, who has been preaching at our corner, (9. East 13th St) did not appear at the accustomed time to hold an open air service, we were aware, that he had been seen by you and this nuisance effectually suppressed. - We were glad to see, that you had been so kind to aid us in our just cause. We were very much pleased with the kindness you showed in giving us a hearing in the matter last Friday. -

In behalf of all our neighbors and on our behalf, we herewith wish to tender our sincerest thanks for your kindness and the trouble you have taken to aid us.

Yours very gratefully

William R. M. Donough

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Hon. William L. Strong. New York.

My Dear Sir:

Some months ago I came to the conclusion that it was for my good to try and get ahead for and by myself in this business. For a while I did a commission business, but that was a losing way, and, being assured by certain parties that I could be secured credit much easier, concluded to accept their advice, and became incorporated recently.

I have so far a number of very good, paying orders, to be filled, on which there is a profit of several hundred dollars.

These parties were to have furnished, or had furnished, money, but it has not been forthcoming, and their way of securing credit has not been practicable enough to have the lumber shipped from the west.

My business is one that does not carry stock, but ships on orders secured in advance, and the capital is thus in bank instead of stock. Have now four orders awaiting filling, the cost of which is 1100. or 1200. and on which there will be a profit of 350. dollars. My expenses are very light, and the prospects of business are very good.

My dear Sir, I ask you if you cannot in some way help me to fill these orders. Only want to get started, for there is in this, as in most businesses, a profit, and I can accumulate a surplus, and certainly expect to do it. Have never adopted such a method of asking help

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as this, but I feel that, with your long experience and banking connection, you can help me considerably, and any method you could suggest would be gladly accepted, and any conditions imposed only too gladly lived up to, for I am anxious to have my orders filled, and surely do not expect to expend one penny of what might be advanced.

My dear Sir, will you not help me.

It can be done with most perfect safety.

Pardon, please, this great liberty, which I acknowledge and my 28 years of American life make me fully aware of, for I was born here.

Very respectfully yours

James H. Purte.

WADE IS A CORKER.

How a Bright Little Lad Answered Some Very
Hard Questions.

Master Wade Cochran paid the REVIEW a pleasant call today. He is only 4 years and 8 months of age but proved himself a veritable walking encyclopedia. Being asked questions on various deep subjects and historical events beginning with the most ancient times, he answered all with marvellous accuracy and astonished all the persons in the office by giving correct figures in the population of every state, country, city and town in the world which he was asked.

Wade also replied correctly and quickly to every Biblical question propounded him and told full particulars of events from Genesis to Revelations. For more than an hour he had an interested audience in the editorial sanctum. He knew the population of Alliance, Leetonis, Beloit, Constantinople, Oshkosh, and every place on the face of the earth which the newspaper reporters could recall. This youthful wonder travels in the side show of the New Great Syndicate Shows now located in Alliance. His father, John Cochran of Chicago, accompanies the lad. There are three other children in the family, all equally bright. Mrs Cochran is at their summer home in Mt Vernon, Illinois.

9-8-96

Mt Vernon

Ill

Mr Strong

Dear Sir

you will please excuse the
liberty I take in thus
Presuming to write to you
and can only offer a mother's
love as my excuse in so
doing you have heard and
Perhaps may have met the
famous little Gertie

Bochran who is known in
the Theatrical world as the
Baby mental wonder as she
has played Jersey City Buffalo
Rochester in fact nearly if
not quite all Eastern cities.

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Excepting of course your own
great city Perhaps you don't
just understand her line
of work So shall give you a
brief Description of the same
she gives the capitals of all
nations on Earth the Population
of all the large cities the Pop
of States also of the whole
US and of the whole world
Combined names the President
Either Backwards or forwards
giving the dates of their
inaugurations naming the vice
Presidents the amt of their
Salary ect she gives the gate
Receipts the amt from all
Sources the total Expenditures

and the amt of clear gain of
 the world's fair gives the date
 of all great battles how long
 they lasted and the No of Union
 Soldiers killed in each Respective
 Respective Battle tells all about
 the oceans mountains seas
 Gulfs Rivers in fact giving a
 correct ans to any and ^{of} Geographical
 questions Propounded also
 gives the national debts from
 Washington to Cleveland
 ans any and all Biblical
 questions commencing with the
 creation of the world the birth
 of Christ Moses naming the
 12 apostles also ans hundreds
 of all Difficult questions

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too numerous to mention
you Perhaps have wondered
many times since commencing
to Read this letter why I am
telling all this to you namely
this because I know you to be
a noble Generous Man energetic
and fully awake to the interests
of the Greatest City on the
face of the earth My little
ones a boy 6 yrs old and the
little girl before mentioned
who is 7 have created a veritable
Sensation in cities from the
atlantic to the Pacific Coast
but strangely enough have
been unable to Play in any
owing to a law existing there

5.

Called the Gareg low now I
think the Humane Society
a noble work and doing
a great deal of good
in keeping children off
the stage that do dancing
or acrobatic work or any
thing that would be injurious
to them but this work my
children do is a god given
work a noble inspiring act
suitable for Church Entertainments
as well as the stage an act
that will please any Refined
or intelligent audiences
at any time or Place and
one which I think would
be very much appreciated

by the People of the great
Metropolis could they be further
fortunate enough to appear in
that city those children are
always welcomed in Chicago
Boston and other places
where they will not allow
a child to do a song and
dance turn and the humane
society says their work does
not inquire them in the
least and as for getting an
education is concerned they
are learning more than they
ever could at school now I
would like very much for
my children to mark N.Y.
City some time this winter

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and if you could and feel
so disposed to give me a
Special Permit for one or
both of them to Play for
Pony Pastor or at some first
class place of amusement
it will be very much appreciated
I assure you if you think it
would be better to interview
some of the officers of K Society
Personally I will bring my
Boy and let them see his work
as soon as he comes in as he
is at present in W Va now
if you will assist me shall
appreciate it very much and
shall anxiously await your
Reply Resp Mrs J N Cochran

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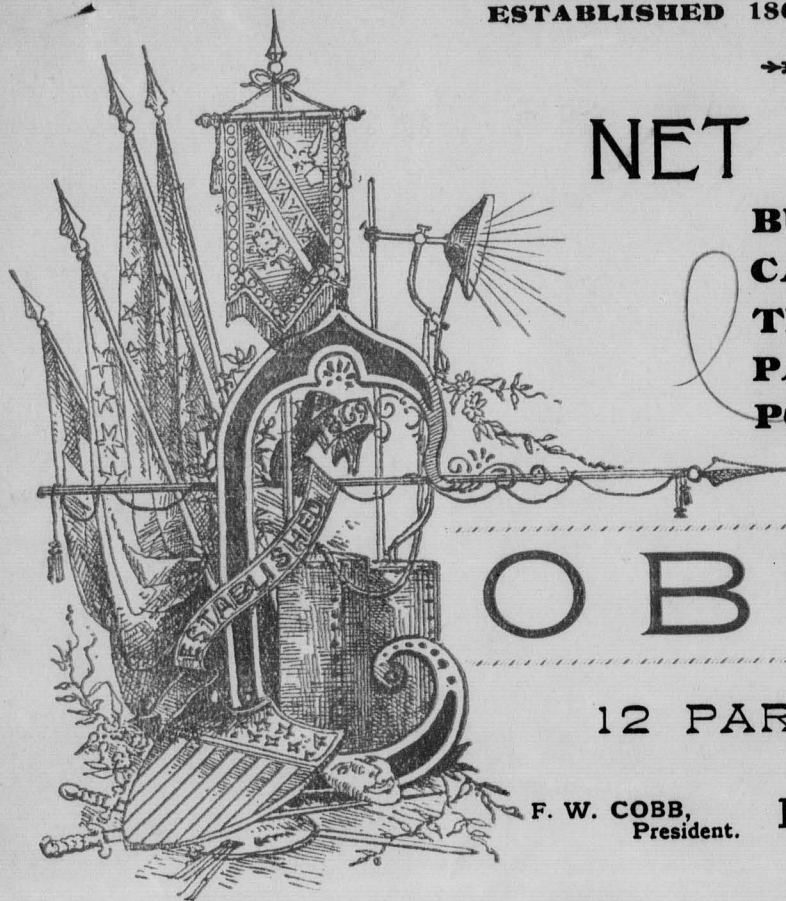
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Mayor New York City

Dear Sir

About July 1st we made written application for a permit to hang a Bann across Park Pl. for campaign purposes. You referred us to the Board of Alderman as per your letter July 3- Through the kindness of the Vice President of the board Mr John L. Windolph they passed a resolution granting the permission. We were advised to go ahead and put up the Bann (By the Alderman) But during your absence on your vacation, the Acting Mayor

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Mr. Jacobson, Vetoed the measure
and we were notified by the bureau
of incumbrance to remove the
Banner. There are two Banners
now hanging on Park Pl. (Competitor)
which we take for granted that
have permits. And we would
respectfully ask your Honor to grant
the same privilege to us we are
one of the oldest concerns in this
line of business and have much with
a large pecuniary loss as our
business is manufacturing Banners
Very Respectfully
F. W. Cobb & Co.

EDITOR'S OFFICE.



THE MORNING ADVERTISER.
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New York, September 9, 1896.

Dear Sir:

As a prominent employer of labor, with large capital invested and a long business experience, you must have thought, more or less, upon the present business and political situation and have some ideas as to what is needed to restore confidence, revive trade, strengthen credit, keep labor employed and, generally, to bring back "good times." As a special favor to THE MORNING ADVERTISER, will you kindly present these ideas in a signed statement not to exceed five hundred words in length and embracing your opinion as to how a man ought to vote in the coming national election in order to help restore "good times"? In short, what is the "duty of the hour"?

A recent photograph of yourself could be used effectively in connection with this statement.

Thanking you in advance,

Very truly,

F. W. HAWTHORNE,

Editor.

To

Hon. Jm L. Strong
Mayor's Office
New York

Brattleboro, Vermont,

September 10, 1896.

Hon. W. L. Strong,

My dear Mr. Strong,

I hope I am not giving you too much trouble by asking you to do me the favor of directing an answer - to be sent to me here- of the following questions; as I suppose your records show the facts.

1. How many bills came before you, from the legislature, for approval or disapproval?
2. What was the date of the first reception of such a bill?
3. How many bills did you approve?
4. How many did you disapprove?
5. How many of those you disapproved finally became laws?

Asking pardon for giving you this trouble, I am
with great respect,

Yours very truly,

Doeman B. Eaton

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par M. le Maire de New-York

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M. le Maire de New-York demande à M. le Préfet de la Seine quelques renseignements concernant les Bains - mais sans préciser s'il s'agit de bains appartenant ou non à des particuliers. S'il s'agit des premiers d'ailleurs, c'est-à-dire appartenant à des particuliers nous avons ne pas pouvoir répondre aux questions posées. Nous savons seulement qu'il en existe à Paris environ 200, répartis dans les 20 arrondissements. Ces établissements sont accessibles au public en toute saison. Ils ne délivrent d'ailleurs que des bains chauds en baignoires. On y donne également des douches chaudes ou froides. Le plus généralement, notamment dans la périphérie ils sont attenants à des lavoirs.

Le prix des bains et des douches est au reste assez élevé. Il nous est

impossible, on le comprendra, de donner le prix d'installation ou d'entretien de ces bains, la statistique des fréquentations, les recettes et les dépenses, etc... dont le contrôle ne rentre pas dans les attributions du service de l'Assainissement.

Dans la catégorie des Bains appartenant aux particuliers il faut également mentionner les Etablissements de Bains froids en rivière installés sur la Seine et ouverts seulement en été et les piscines situées rue Chateaudun, rue Rochechouart et Boulevard de la Gare. Nous n'avons aucun renseignement sur les frais de construction ou d'entretien de ces bains ou piscines ni sur leur fréquentation annuelle.

Les Etablissements de bains appartenant à des Administrations publiques sont actuellement, seulement, au nombre de deux. Ce sont deux piscines municipales situées, l'une rue Rouvet N°1, l'autre Place Hébert.

Elles consistent essentiellement en deux grands bassins en maçonnerie, autour desquels sont groupées les cabines de déshabillage. Ces piscines ont été construites par le Service des Eaux qui pourrait fournir utilement les renseignements intéressants M. le Maire de New-York.

Nous avons eu à intervenir cependant à la Piscine de la Place Hébert pour y installer à la demande de M. Blondeau,

Conseiller Municipal, des baignoires dont la description ci-après permettra de répondre au questionnaire de M. le Maire de New-York.

Cette installation comporte:

Une salle d'attente,

Une lingerie où les arrivants se munissent suivant une cession de 0.10 du linge qui leur est nécessaire,

Un cabinet d'aisances et des urinoirs,

Une salle de chaufferie avec appareils de distribution d'eau chaude et froide,

et enfin, une salle de douches contenant 32 cabines doubles, une pour la douche, l'autre où le baigneur se déshabille.

Les déshabillants sont en bois de pitch-pin; les parois des cabines de douches sont en fer avec revêtement en opaline. L'Administration a apporté le plus grand confort dans l'installation de ces douches. La propreté n'est pas seulement de luxe mais de première nécessité.

Les dépenses de toutes natures comprenant également la distribution de l'eau chaude ou froide, le chauffage de la salle de bains, l'évacuation des eaux usées, se sont élevés à 34.800^f.

L'installation est trop récente, elle remonte seulement au 1^{er} Mai 1896, pour que l'entretien annuel puisse être évalué. Cependant il y a lieu de compter comme dépenses fixes par an:

Frais de personnel

Frais de combustible

Entretien proprement dit

(Mémoire)

Ces bains douches nous paraissent
devoir rendre les meilleurs services. Ils
sont très appréciés du public si l'on en
juge par la fréquentation relevée depuis
leur mise en service, savoir:


Mois de Mai 1896	{	Bains douches	361	{	8.490
		Douches et piscines	8129		

Mois de juin 1896	{	Bains douches	852	{	19.912
		Douches et piscines	19.060		

Ce qui fait un total pour deux mois seulement de ... 28.402 entrées

Paris, le 8 Juillet 1896

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DIRECTION
DES
AFFAIRES MUNICIPALES

Division

BUREAU DU TRAVAIL

ET DES

Établissements Sanitaires

et Charitables

au sujet de renseignements
demandés par la Municipalité
de New York sur les Piscines
Municipales

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Préfecture du Département de la Seine

Note

Par note du 18 courant, Monsieur le Chef du Cabinet a demandé au soussigné, en vue d'une réponse à certaines questions posées par la Municipalité de New York, de compléter en ce qui concerne les dépenses de personnel et de combustible, les indications qui lui ont été déjà adressées par le service de l'assainissement sur les piscines de Paris, et d'y ajouter, autant que possible, des renseignements sur les W.C. et urinoirs.

La Ville de Paris ne possède actuellement que 2 piscines municipales, l'une située place Hébert, l'autre rue Rouvet.

La piscine Hébert est alimentée par des eaux provenant d'un puits artésien de 600 mètres environ de profondeur et ayant à leur sortie

environ

Monsieur le Chef du Cabinet de M. le Préfet

environ + 29° cent. Elle possède un bassin de natation d'une contenance de 780 m³ dont l'eau se maintient sans qu'il soit besoin de la réchauffer, à une température oscillant de 25 à 28°, suivant les variations de température de l'air ambiant.

Mais pour entrer dans le bassin, tout baigneur doit, au préalable, passer dans une cabine de douches où il reçoit une aspersion d'eau à la température de 32 à 33° cent. A l'heure actuelle le chauffage de cette eau est obtenu par une locomobile, servant de chaudière provisoire, en attendant une installation définitive qui est à l'étude; cet appareil, de la force de 10 chevaux chauffe l'eau d'un réservoir de 4 m³ environ situé à 3 m au dessus des pompes de douches pour fournir ainsi une pression suffisante; la consommation du charbon s'est élevée pour le mois de juillet, à environ 133 kg par jour.

Le personnel se compose de

1 surveillant, 2000^f par an et logé

2 maîtres nageurs à 1500^f chacun par an

3 garçons pour le service des cabines à 1500^f chacun par an

1 chauffeur mécanicien, en même temps concierger

de

de l'établissement qui est payé 1800^f par an et logé.

En ce qui concerne la piscine Rouvet, qui n'est ouverte que pendant la saison chaude et qui est alimentée par une prise d'eau faite au canal de l'Ouray, il n'y a aucun appareil de chauffage puisque ce sont des bains froids; les douches elles-mêmes sont froides.

Le personnel se compose de :

1 surveillant à 1800^f par an et logé;

2 maîtres nageurs à 600^f par an.

En ce qui concerne les w.c. et urinoirs, les renseignements demandés par la Municipalité de New York peuvent être fournis par les services techniques de la Direction des Travaux qui doit posséder, d'ailleurs, tous les documents imprimés parus sur la question.

Ci joint les 2 pièces communiquées.

Paris, le 22 août 1896

P^r le Directeur des Affaires Municipales
Le Chef du Bureau du Travail
ET DES
Etablissements Sanitaires et Charitables

Millefontaine

CABINET
DE L'INSPECTEUR GÉNÉRAL
des Ponts et Chaussées
DIRECTEUR ADMINISTRATIF
des Travaux de Paris

SECRÉTARIAT

Paris, le 10 Septembre 1896

Note
pour Monsieur le Chef du Cabinet.

En réponse à une demande
de renseignements adressée à M. le
Préfet par la Municipalité de
New-York relativement aux
Water-Closets et aux urinoirs que
possède la Ville de Paris, le
surnuméraire a l'honneur de trans-
mettre à Monsieur le Chef du
Cabinet quatre dessins représentant
les types de chalets de nécessité grand
et petit modèle et les types de deux
urinoirs lumineux, l'un à 2
salles et l'autre à 3 salles.

LE DIRECTEUR ADMINISTRATIF
DES TRAVAUX DE PARIS

Pour le Directeur et par autorisation
Le Chef du Bureau des Eaux, Canaux et Arrosage.

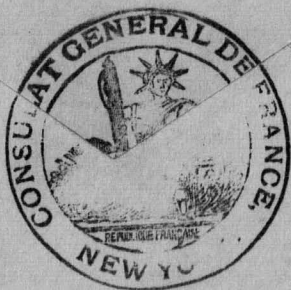
CONSULAT GÉNÉRAL
DE FRANCE A NEW YORK.

* Honorable

* Mayor Strong,

* City Hall,

* New-York City



New York
Sept. 11, 1896.

Mayor Strong:—
Dear Sir:—

I want to call
your attention to your
ward detective in 104th
St. Station house he
allows the liquor stores
to sell liquor on Sundays

a thief with stolen
goods if the goods is
valuable it makes it
much better for the thief
if you send a detect-
ive of your own that
you can trust it will
not take him long to
find out the conduct
of the police and the
ward detectives or hold
out some inducements
in the newspapers and
guarantee the saloon
keepers protection that
will tell you if they
paid money to the ward

and he gets so much
from each saloon keep-
er and the captain
104th St. gets his
share of it. Now
the ward detective
name is Perkins
or Perkins now if
you guarantee that
my name will not
be broken I will give
you valuable informa-
tion. The police is
worse now than ever
they were and tyranism
is something terrible
in fact it is gone so
far that if they meet

detective. How may I
strong I know you are
a just man and I hope
you will investigate
what I have said. I hoped
will hear from you
through the newspapers

Got your letter & will be ^{sent 10}
willing to speak on Tuesday
at my friend's Men's Meeting
I speak at Bridgeport Conn. the
night before but will be in
New York Sunday
Edw. L. King Hance Porter

Ritch, Woodford, Bovee & Wallace

18 Wall Street,

New York, Sept: 11th - 1896

My dear Mr. Mayor:

I accept with pleasure
your invitation to attend
opening meeting of Dry-
Goods Club on Tuesday
next, the fifteenth in-
stant at twelve o'clock
noon.

Sincerely,

Hon.

W. L. May.

Marsh. W. Woodford.

FIFTY-FOURTH CONGRESS.

LEMUEL E. QUIGG, N. Y., Chairman.

Robert R. Hitt, Ill. Rufus E. Lester, Ga.

William Alden Smith, Mich. Henry C. Miner, N. Y.

Richmond Pearson, N. C. William A. Jones, Va.

Committee on
Expenditures in the State Department,
House of Representatives U. S.

Washington, D. C.,
210 West 70th St.,

New York September 11, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,

New York.

My dear Mr. Mayor:-

I shall be present at the Wholesale
Dry Goods Republican Club on Tuesday next in accordance
with your request. You may call on me to speak or not
just as seems desirable at the time.

Faithfully yours,

Lemuel E. Quigg.

Hôtel Continental

3, Rue Castiglione

PARIS



TÉLÉGRAMMES:

CONTENTAL-PARIS

Paris to Sept 11th 1896

My dear Mr Mayor

I am happy
to tell you that I sail
for home on the Teutonic
Sept 23rd & while I cannot

say I am as good as
new - yet I am fully
able to take up my work
in the various lines & do
my full share -

While in Berlin I had
quite a chat with Ex
Mayor Schieren about
Brooklyn matter -

Let me congratulate
you on the handsome
manner in which you re-
sented our city - on the
occasion of the visit of
Li Shung Chang - All
the English papers are
inclined to believe that
Mr. Kinsley & Hobart are some

I am skeptical - but they
wonder what will happen
then - can we find any
laws that will help us
in the future.

With great anxiety to
get home ~~and~~ the good
cause in whatever way I
can I am

Yours truly
J. Deaver Page

CHARLES J. HARDY,
COUNSELLOR AT LAW.

TEMPLE COURT,
No. 5 BEEKMAN STREET.
TELEPHONE, No. 2557 CORTLANDT.

NEW YORK, Sept. 12/96. 189

Hon. Wm. E. Strong, Mayor,
City Hall, City.

Dear Sir:-

I acknowledge receipt of your favor of 11th. inst. inclosing a copy of Mr. Constable's answer to you in reference to the charges against him made by certain builders and architects and which were intrusted to me for submission to you.

As I explained to you when I first saw you in reference to this matter, I have been acting entirely as an attorney without personal interest in the matter and without personal knowledge of the facts involved. What the people I represent may do in the matter is of course for them to decide.

I am, however, particularly interested in the charge made by Mr. Constable that seven of the names appended to the petition presented were forged. I cannot believe that the people for whom I have been acting would seek to impose either upon you or upon me by forging signatures to the charges; and in justice to Mr. Constable, to your Honor and to myself I shall immediately and of my own accord investigate this portion of Mr. Constable's answer.

On this point Mr. Constable refers to a copy of the letter received by him as appended to his communication to you. I was not favored with a copy of that letter. May I ask the favor of being

CHARLES J. HARDY,

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TEMPLE COURT,

NO. 5 BEEKMAN STREET.

TELEPHONE, NO. 2557 CORTLANDT.

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(W.E.S.)

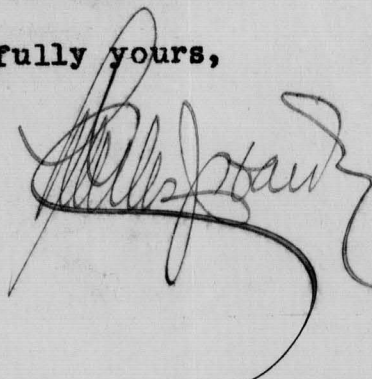
NEW YORK, _____ 189

furnished with a copy of it?

In respect to that portion of your letter to me stating that copies of Mr. Constable's communication to you had been handed to the Press, I beg to state that in my judgment it was but fair to Mr. Constable that his reply to you should be so published in view of the publication of the charges against him; but I was not directly responsible for the publication of the charges against him, as the submission of the charges to you and their publication occurred while I was absent from the City on my vacation.

Thanking you for the curtesy of your letter of the 11th. containing a copy of Mr. Constable's reply, I am

Very respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Charles J. Hardy', with a large, sweeping flourish at the bottom.

"Although the Herald Square Theatre is scarcely a year old it is to be credited with the production of the best two American plays that have been produced in many seasons—"Pudd'nhead Wilson" and "The Heart of Maryland."—N. Y. SUN.

CHAS. E. EVANS, - PROPRIETOR.

DAVID BELASCO'S
THE HEART OF
MARYLAND.

COR. BROADWAY AND 35TH STREET.
In preparation, DeKoven & Smith's New Comic Opera,
THE MANDARIN.

HERALD SQUARE THEATRE

"It has often been said that the situation of this house at the Northwest corner of Broadway and 35th Street, was the best in the City."—N. Y. TRIBUNE.

"This, the latest addition to the long list of amusement houses, combines all of the most recent improvements."—N. Y. HERALD.

W. D. MANN, - - - - MANAGER.

MARK TWAIN'S
PUDD'NHEAD WILSON.
DRAMATIZED BY FRANK MAYO.

Cable Address, MANDARIN.

NEW YORK, Sept 12'96 189

Mr. B. F. Burrows,

The Mayor's office, City Hall,

Dear Mr. Burrows,

As you will perhaps remember, some days ago I wrote a letter to Mayor Strong, complaining of the Volunteers (Salvation Army) holding services directly opposite the entrance to our Theatre, and you were kind enough to advise me the same would be attended to. This is to call your attention again to the fact they are still holding these meetings here and are a decided nuisance. As we begin our season on Monday week next I pray that you take the matter up and have them removed before that time, and very greatly oblige,

Yours truly,

W. D. Mann
MANAGER.

OFFICE OF

THE SUNNY HOUR,

\$1.00 PER YEAR.

238 W. 22nd Street,

New York, Sept 14 1896

To His Honor, The Mayor of New York:
I write to ask if something
cannot be done to make the
lives of the unfortunate push cart
fruit ^{or vegetable} peddlers a little more bearable.
As a general rule they do not speak
our language nor ^{understand} our laws, and if they
violate the laws they do not know it.
They are arrested and put in prison.
Often from Saturday until Monday
awaiting trial, and their little stock
of goods is nearly always stolen
or spoiled. That loss in addition
to a fine and the anxiety of themselves
and their families make them feel
that they are being persecuted.

How can they be good citizens if they cannot earn honest livelihood. They are sober and work hard for small profit, and even that is taken from them by the present system. Knowing that for the last seven years - ever since I was twelve years old I have tried to help them ⁱⁿ what ever way I could, they come to me to beg me to write to your Honor and say that they are all anxious to sign a petition for help, in whatever way seems most feasible, and I think there would be between five and six hundred signatures.

I know that your Honor will be glad to do whatever lies in your power for these most unfortunate men. The petition and signatures will be at your disposal at any time.

I am most respectfully Yours
 Jello L. A. Perry. 238 W. 22^d

*J. A. Henry Flemer
V. Hugo Koehler*

*Flemer & Koehler,
Architects,
Main Office 55 Broadway,
New York*

*Telephone Connection.
Office Hours 2 to 4 P. M.*

September 14, 1896.

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

Honored Sir:-

In answer to your Honor's favor of date the 11th inst. respecting a Petition from the architects of this City in behalf of the Superintendent of Buildings, we beg to request that the hearing you have granted us for to-day be postponed to the same date and time as the hearing given the Superintendent on the matter of the appropriation for his Department, which we believe is set down for next week.

I ask your indulgence for not calling in person to make the above request, but a conference at this office is taking up my entire day.

Respectfully submitted,

V. Hugo Koehler

Board of Port Wardens

NO 1 BROADWAY - ROOM 148.



New York Sep 14 1894

Wm E. Hedges Esq
Secretary
Dear Sir

I would like
very much to have a
copy of the Old New York
City records now in the
course of publication

— If you will kindly
intercede with the Mayor
to have my name placed
among those to receive
copies I will deem
it a great favor

Yours very truly
Robert B. Miller

THE CIVIL-SERVICE REFORM ASSOCIATION,

OFFICE, 54 WILLIAM ST.

Everett P. Wheeler,
Chairman.

S. P. Avery.
Silas W. Burt.
Edward Cary.
Charles Collins.
Horace E. Deming.
Richard Watson Gilder.
Alfred Bishop Mason.
Jacob F. Miller.
S. H. Ordway.
E. Randolph Robinson.
Anson Phelps Stokes.
Seth S. Terry.
Wm. H. Thomson.
Chas. W. Watson.

Executive Committee.

CARL SCHURZ, *President.*

GEORGE MCANENY, *Secretary.*

WM. JAY SCHIEFFELIN, *Treasurer.*

Sept. 15 1896.

New York, 189

Hon. W. L. Strong,
Mayor of the City of New York,
City Hall.

Dear Sir:

I have duly received the favor of your secretary, stating that you will consider the proposed classification under civil service rules of employees of the uniformed force of the Street Cleaning Department, after the return of Colonel Waring from Europe.

I would request, respectfully, on behalf of the Executive Committee of our Association, that the classification be extended also to the employees of the Bureau of Street Openings in the Law Department. Besides the assistants to the Corporation Counsel assigned to this Bureau, there are employed 13 computers, 1 searcher, 1 chief clerk and bookkeeper, 1 journal clerk, 2 ordinary clerks, 4 stenographers, and a force of laborers averaging 50 in number. None of these employees, we are informed, are at present classified. The arguments contained in our letter of September 4, regarding the power and duty of the Mayor to classify the Street Cleaning employees, seem to us to apply with equal force to the employees of this Bureau.

Trusting that this matter may receive your favorable consideration, I am

Yours very truly,

Geo. McAneny
Secretary.

CITY OF NEW YORK.
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

September 15th, 1896.

S. Levin, Esq.,

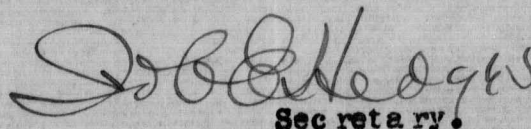
#75 Norfolk St., New York.

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of yesterday is at hand. There is no law compelling you to call upon me at the City Hall at any time. It is a matter entirely of your own volition. The letter files of this office and of the Department of Public Works are filled with complaints made by you, all of a similar nature.

It would seem to me that if your object is to abate what you claim to be a nuisance and dangerous to health, you would not be unwilling to occasionally express in person what you so frequently reiterate in writing.

Very respectfully yours,


Secretary.

Hoadly, Lauterbach & Johnson,
Attorneys at Law.

GEORGE HOADLY,
EDWARD LAUTERBACH, EDGAR M. JOHNSON,
WILLIAM N. COHEN, LOUIS ADLER,
FERDINAND R. MINRATH, WILLIAM H. PAGE, JR.
JOHN VERNOU BOUVIER, JR.

Farmers' Loan & Trust Co. Building,
22 WILLIAM ST., NEW YORK CITY.

CABLE ADDRESS, RHYTHMUS, N. Y.

E.L.--G.

September 15th, 1896.

Job. C. Hedges, Esq.,

Secretary of the Mayor,

New York City.

My dear Mr. Hedges:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your communication referring to me the letter of Mr. J. C. Reiff, relative to the running of cars on Amsterdam Avenue. I will at once have the complaint inquired into and if the grievance really exists will cause it to be remedied.

Yours Very truly,

Edward Lauterbach

The Equitable Life Assurance Society
of the United States.

120 Broadway, New York, Sept. 16th, 1896

Vice-President's Office.

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

My dear Sir:-

Taking the interest that I do in the administration of the City affairs under your general direction, I feel impelled to say to you how gratified the residents of East 64th Street, between Fifth Avenue and Madison Avenue, have been at the prompt and efficient steps recently taken by the Department of Public Works, at their request, in regard to a sewer in that street. It is so frequently the case that requests to remedy supposed evils are ignored or postponed by public departments, that the action of Gen. Collis in the present case has elicited very much commendation. We all became a little worried in that region on account of an apparent stoppage in the sewer. One or two of us called Gen. Collis's attention to the matter two or three days ago, and the experts of the department have already investigated it, and are now I am told in process of curing the difficulty.

Very truly yours,

James W Alexander

N. B. Gen. Collis's Street lamps excite great admiration.

(Jm)

MANUFACTURERS
AND
COMMISSION . . .
AGENTS. . . .

Hats and Straw Goods.

Bill & Caldwell,

SALESROOMS:

7 Washington Place.

7048706 Broadway
New York, Sept 16 1898

HATS—STIFF.

Orange Valley Hat Works,
Danbury Hat Works,
Weantonaug Hat Co., Conn.,
De Leon, Paris, France.

HATS—SOFT.

Orange Valley Hat Works,
Eastern Hat Works.

CRUSHERS.

Newark Hat Co.

STRAWS.

Vyso, Son & Co., London and Paris.
Preedy & Co., London,
Manhattan Straw Works,
De Leon, Paris, France.

Hon. Mr. Strong

Dear Sir

The Hat Trade

desires me to thank you for
your kind country in opening
their Campaign work

A copy of your address
goes into the hands of every
one of our wage earners

The best commendation that
could be given you is what

one of the foreman (in our largest
factory employing 1800 hands) said
after the conclusion of your address

"That man is Sincere and
talks correct to the heads
masonry"

Again thanking you

Very truly

Alexander Caldwell

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G. S. No. 6,
85th ST. & MADISON AVE.

September 17th

My dear Mayor Strong,

Please accept

my heartfelt thanks and
those of all the teachers
and pupils in this de-
partment for your kind-
ness in having asphalt
pavement laid in front
of our school. It has
lightened our work so much.

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I am sure you would
have been delighted if
you had heard the en-
thusiastic way in which
one of the teachers exclaimed,
"Why, Miss Blake, I haven't
heard a wagon since
school commenced!"

Again thanking you,
I am,

Most cordially yours,
Katherine D. Blake.

F. B. THURBER,

143 CHAMBERS ST.,

NEW YORK.

P. O. BOX 2251.

TELEPHONE 575 FRANKLIN.

New York, September 17th., 1896.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor's Office,

Dear sir:

I enclose for your information copy of the call for the meeting and enclosure which has been sent to members of the grocery and kindred trades, and I will call at your office at 2:45 o'clock Friday and accompany you to the Mercantile Exchange. Mr. G. Waldo Smith, President of the Wholesale Grocers' Association will preside, and we will arrange that you be introduced early so that you will have ample time to say what you have to say and catch your train. We do not anticipate a large meeting as it was called simply for the purpose of effecting an organization and getting a committee appointed to collect money for the National Committee. General Porter told me that 23 different trades were thus at work, and I think if you could tell the grocers what the dry goods men have done, it would be a good object lesson for us to work toward. Our plan is to appoint a good sized finance committee which will be representative of all the various subdivisions of the food product trade and then have them quietly canvass the entire food product interest in all its branches. We do not intend to ask for any subscriptions at the meeting, but simply to provide the machinery for getting them. General Porter remarked to me that business men looked upon insurance from fire as a necessity and there was no reason why they should not be willing to spend some money for insurance against other disasters.

Yours truly,

*Some of the signers of the
Call are democrats and as you
will see it is called on a nonpartizan basis.*

F. B. Thurber

New York September 10th, 1896.

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

Sir:-

The sidewalks in front of the premises Nos. 1 & 2 Norfolk Streets and 180 & 182 Division Streets are obstructed and incumbered in violation of law and ordinance with all kinds of furniture and fixtures, piled up one on top of the other, blocking the entire walk, impossible to pass by without being injured, endangering the life of the near by residents, a great number of children were injured already, some escaping with broken legs, every day lots of heavy counters tables, shelvings, desks and ice-boxes fell down on the street where children are playing, it is a great danger to the Community at large and a menace to the City.

This is the 3rd complaint we lay down before your honor and it seems, that your honor dont pay particulary attention to it, where, not alone the law and ordinance is violated, but it dangers the life and health of the near by residents and passing individuals, as the dangerous obstructions faces us at any moment day and night, the obstructions of aforesaid premises becoming larger daily and more dangerous, as if there was no law and ordinance existing in the reformed City of New York, to protect life and health of the near by residents and passing individuals of the Community at large.

The reports given by the Commissioners office of Public Works are untruth and they are shamefully to be read, they

only favoring the owner of aforesaid obstructed sidewalks to violate the law and ordinance and endangering life and health, as the owner himself must openly "that nothing in the world could be done to him by obstructing the sidewalks, as he can and able to fix every one in any public office of the City of New York".

We as citizens and taxpayers direct or indirect apply and pray to your honor again, as the Executive of the City of New York in regard to these laws and ordinances and ask your honor to inspect the aforesaid dangerous obstructed sidewalks personally, and convince yourself that the obstructions are not only a violation of law and ordinance but a great danger to the life and health of the Community at large, and be convinced that the reports given by the Commissioners office of Public Works are untruth, their reports are only fakes; and for the sake of humanity and safety we ask your honor again to order all of the dangerous obstructions to be removed at once, if your honor feels and believe in enforcing the law and ordinances in the above case particularly; Where it is dangerous and a menace to the City. otherwise we will be compelled to lay this particular matter before the Grand Jury, and charge the entire case and ask the Jury for advise how to protect life and health and to compell somebody to enforce the laws and ordinances of the great city of New York for the sake and safety of humanity

Respectfully yours,

American Citizens.

S. Levin
#75 Norfolk str
Abraham Bouligny
5 Norfolk str

Michael M. Reshan
1884 Division

Meyer Pinkus 5 Norfolk street

Martha Switowsky 7 Norfolk

A. Berus 5 Norfolk street

Jacob Klein 156 Forsyth St

Samuel Liebman 7 Sherris St

Joe Jacobs 5 Norfolk st

Louis Holland 35 Allen st

M. Serthen 244 Cherry st.

Michael Ginzburg 116 Division St

New York September 14th 1896.

HON. JOB E. HEDGERS,

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 14th inst., suggesting that I call upon you at your office in City Hall, in relation to the complaint, signed by me and others, I beg to state: That I do not see any necessary reason for me to call and consult you personally in this matter, as the complaint given by us is lawfully and truthfully made, and we only ask the Mayor as the Executive of the City of New York to inspect this place personally and convince himself that this complaint is made upon a principle and that the sidewalks of the obstructed premises are a violation of the laws and ordinances and endangers the life of the community at large as well as the near by residents, and it is also a menace to the City, and to order them to be removed in accordance to the laws of the City of New York, and be convinced that the complaints made by us are lawful and just.

But, if the law compels me to call upon you and explain it, I certainly will.

I remain yours, *J. Lewis*

STATE, CITY AND COUNTY)

) 88:

OF NEW YORK

Samuel Levin, being duly sworn, deposes and says

that I am a resident of the City and County of New York;

I reside at No.75 Norfolk Street in the said City; that

I signed the statement dated September 10th, 1896, ad-

addressed to the Mayor of the City of New York, in which

I charge certain obstructions upon the streets as being

unremoved and there contrary to ordinance; that I know

Benjamin Smush who occupies the premises No.102 Nor-

Folk and Nos. 180 and 182 Division Streets, where those

streets cross; that I have sought repeatedly, in conjunc-

tion with others, to have the incumbrances upon the

street at this point removed, according to the wording

of the ordinance, and find it impossible to have this.

accomplished; that the said Benjamin Smueah has openly

and repeatedly said that "Nothing in the world could be

done to him for obstructing the sidewalk, as he could

and was able to fix everyone in any public office in the

City of New York."

Sworn to before me this

17th day of September, A.D., 1896.

BEFORE HONORABLE WILLIAM L. STRONG, THE
MAYOR OF NEW YORK CITY.

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IN THE MATTER OF CERTAIN CHARGES AND :
COMPLAINTS DATED 10TH SEPTEMBER 1896, AND :
REFERRED TO SAID HON. WM. L. STRONG, :
MAYOR OF NEW YORK, AND MADE BY SAMUEL LEVIN :
MICHAEL M. KESHEN & MEYER PINCUS IN CONJUNCTION: VERIFIED ANSWER OF
WITH OTHERS IN ANNEXED EXHIBIT B. AND REFERRED BENJAMIN SMUSCH
TO ⁱⁿ ANNEXED EXHIBIT A. :: AND KATIE SMUSCH
AGAINST : HIS WIFE TO SAID
BENJAMIN SMUSCH OF 180 DIVISION STREET : CHARGES.-
NEW YORK. :
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City and County of New York ss;

BENJAMIN SMUSCH AND KATIE SMUSCH his wife, being
severally and duly sworn do severally say as follows:

And first we the said Benjamin Smusch and Katie
Smusch say that we know and are acquainted with the said complaints
~~and charges~~ and charges contained in Exhibit B. and with the con-
tents of Exhibit A which are both hereby made parts hereof.

And we the said Benjamin Smusch and Katie Smusch
his wife respectively answer on oath the said communications Ex-
hibit A and B ^{as} follows :- We have a small second hand furniture
business in which we the said Benjamin Smusch and Katie Smusch his
wife diligently and laboriously work to make an honest living for
ourselves and for our children and we have been able for some time
past by constant industry to make a living and we have incurred
the displeasure and jealousy of our near neighbor and competitor
in our trade, said M.M. Keshen, & of some other persons engaged in
our trade or business and of certain other persons and in conse-

quence of such jealousy those persons and their friends have been in the habit for a considerable time past of making and causing to be made complaints all of which are ^{either} absolutely untrue, or based only upon the slenderest possible grounds, against us for the purpose of prejudicing us and injuring us in our said business of furniture dealers it is manifestly impossible for us to attend to same without carrying the furniture and other household articles and things in the course of business occasionally to and fro across the sidewalk in front of our business premises and the goods purchased by us at the auction sales have got to be unloaded in front of our said premises and transferred from the express wagons into our place of business and subsequently when sold have got to be reloaded in front of our said place of business upon wagons or other vehicles and delivered or transferred to the purchasers thereof and in course of ~~the said~~ loading and unloading of the said furniture, it is unavoidable, that the said goods pass across or over the sidewalk at the point where our said business is located and it is also unavoidable where there are considerable quantities of goods and furniture being so transferred that for some short time they should to some slight extent and for short periods of time impede or incumber the sidewalk. But we positively say that we habitually exercise as much care and diligence as we possibly can so as to carry on our business without unnecessarily incumbering the sidewalk and in the best way that it is possible for us to do so, in order not to unnecessarily impede or incumber the sidewalk at the said point where we both carry on our said business. But we say that the said Samuel Levin and other persons who are personally and bitterly hostile to us and jealous of us in our said business constantly watch such slight and unavoidable opportunities as may occasionally occur in manner aforesaid not withstanding our constant care and diligence and they complain that we incumber the sidewalk in order to get us into trouble by declaring

that we and our said business so incumber the sidewalks and obstruct the sidewalks all of which said charges are utterly and entirely in substance false and untrue and merely the result of jealousy on the part of the said M.M.Keshen and other persons, of us in our said business, they or their friends being engaged in the same business; as we are & said charges have only in fact the slight color hereinbefore stated to support them.

And further we say that for the purpose of prejudicing us and injuring us some of the said persons who are similarly maliciously disposed against us have heretofore uttered against us and each of us certain vicious slanders.

And further for the purpose of defending said Katie Smusch against certain slanders, she has been obliged within the last six months at considerable expense to institute legal proceedings against the wife of said Meyer Pincus one of said ~~xxxxxx~~ complainants for damages for and in respect of such slanders so uttered and circulated within the said period against ^{said} Katie Smusch and the said legal proceedings, or action at law for said damages for slander are now actually pending.

We further say that the said damaging statements contained in Exhibit B injurious to us the said Benjamin Smusch and the said Katie Smusch and which are referred to in the letter of the 17th instant Exhibit A annexed hereto are utterly and entirely false slanderous and libellous in substance and in fact and constitute a false and malicious libel upon the said Benjamin Smusch.

And I the said Benjamin Smusch for myself say that the said libel upon me set forth in the said Exhibit B and referred to in letter of the 17th instant Exhibit A is one of a long ser-

to in letter of the 17th instant Exhibit A is one of a long series of false slanderous or libellous statements made concerning me and wickedly, viciously, maliciously, by the said persons or some of them because they are hostile to and jealous of me without any just cause, and in consequence of said jealousy are endeavoring to injure me in said business among other ways in manner appearing in the said Exhibits A and B and in other respects indicated in this affidavit now made in answer to the said charges contained in the said Exhibits A and B and I intend to institute proceedings for libel against said libellers named in Exhibit B.

And further I the said Benjamin Smusch for myself say that I never stated at any time, or in any place or under any circumstances or to any person "that nothing in the world could be done to me for obstructing the sidewalks, or that ~~for instance~~ I am able to fix every one in any public office in the City of New York." nor did I make any statement of any kind which could be construed into anything of the kind so charged against me, and the whole of the ^{charge of said} said Samuel Levin and others contained in the said letter of the 17th September marked Exhibit A and in Exhibit B is absolutely, utterly, and unqualifiedly false and untrue in every respect.

And I the said Katie Smusch, the wife of the said Benjamin Smusch for myself say that the said statements so attributed to my husband by the said Samuel Levin and repeated in the said letter of the 17th instant were never used by my husband to my knowledge and same were alleged against him for the purpose of ^{said} injuring him and me in our business, and the said allegations of

the said Samuel Levin and others marked Exhibit B constitute malicious and defamatory libel against my said husband for the purpose of injuring him and myself in our said business.

And further we the said Benjamin Smusch and Katie Smusch hereby severally solemnly swear and declare our honest sincere and conscientious belief that the ~~present~~ present City administration of the Honorable William L. Strong is a perfectly just, honest and upright administration of municipal affairs and that the integrity of his Honor the Mayor is entirely and absolutely above suspicion.

Sworn to this 18th day of

September 1896 by said

Benjamin Smusch and

Katie Smusch severally

severally before me

Nathan Cohen (57)

Notary Public, N.Y. Co.,

Benjamin Smusch

*Katie her + Smusch
mark*

BEFORE HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG
THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

IN THE MATTER OF CHARGES
PREFERRED BEFORE THE MAYOR, BY
SAMUEL LEVIN AND OTHERS,
AGAINST
BENJAMIN SMUSCH.

Verified Answer.

W. LANE O'NEILL

Branch Office, 415 Grand St
New York City.

Hoadly, Lauterbach & Johnson,
Attorneys at Law.

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CABLE ADDRESS, RHYTHMUS, N. Y.

K.L.-H.

September 18, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of New York City,

Dear Sir:

The letter recently forwarded me by you, with respect to the complaints against the Third Avenue Railroad Company service, has been carefully considered by the President, who informs me that he has this day transmitted to you a letter, which he trusts will be a satisfactory answer to the complaints of Mr. Reiff.

Yours respectfully,

Edward Lauterbach

West Side Taxpayers' Association,

260⁷ WEST 35th STREET,

New York, Sept. 19th 1896

Hon. William L. Strong
Mayor City of New York

Dear Sir!

The above association would respectfully call your attention to the appalling condition of 8th Avenue, brought about by the East River Gas Co's excavations for laying mains. It does not require to single out any specific place; an inspection will prove the total disregard of this corporation towards the public's convenience.

It is to you Sir, in whose hands solely ~~lays~~ the power to put a stop to this nuisance, that we appeal for a speedy remedy. It is not alone, that the traffic is interfered with, but also the health of the people living along the line of 8th Ave is endangered.

Respectfully G. Scholer M.D.
Pres't

E. Kunzli
Secy

No 602 East 9. St

New York Sept 21. 1876

To the Hon. Am. Society:-

Mayor of the City of New York:-

Dear Sir:-

I have been at your office to-day, but seeing, what you were very busy, I did not wish to encroach upon your valuable time. As I have heard, what the Rev Mr Rose intends calling upon you to-morrow and I cannot come on account of a funeral, I must put the matter in writing. -

Last night, after our service was over, some of my members came and complained to me, that they were disturbed in their devotions by an open air service going on in Tompkins Square, near 9. St & Ave B. I went into the park and investigated and was told, that a Rev Rose, had been conducting services there, having a permit from Col. A. Anger of the Park Board.

If you will remember, this Rev Rose formerly was at our corner (9 St & Ave B) and after the residents objected to your Honor, was requested by you to preach at other places. He thereupon as it seems, to circumvent your request, gets a permit to preach in the park and then gets as near as possible, without getting on the side.

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walk opposite. It certainly appears as if he was deter-
mined to remain here, spite all objections that
may be raised against his doing. Tompkins Square
is very large and there are so many corners and
walks in it, that he is able to preach without
disturbing the worship of a resident congregation.

Mr. Henry, who was with me to see your
house at the time, was much surprised and
says, it seems, that Rev. Mr. Rose is finding
means to stay here, in the face of your wish,
that he not molest us at this corner. -

Should you therefore be so kind and again state
to the Rev. Rose, what he is now again at a point,
upon which he again confers with our neighborhood.
Probably he thinks he is beyond your jurisdiction,
as he is strictly stated, he was upon grounds, which
were beyond your control. There are not the exact
words he used, but that was the meaning he
intended to convey, when I spoke to him in the
outer office.

Thanking you for your kind attention and thanking
you for the personal kindnesses shown,

I am yours very truly,

Rev. O. W. Garrison

Peter Street Society Church.

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Hon. Wm. A. Strong, Mayer,

New York City, N.Y.

My dearest Mayer:-

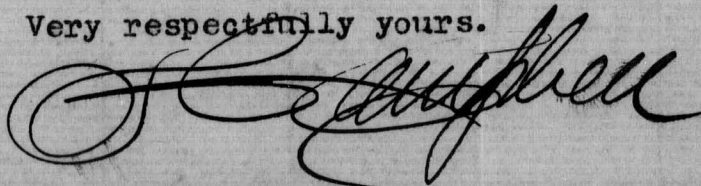
I observe in the News Dispatch, that Commissioner Ford of the Fire Department died since my leaving New York.

I am here for a few days on important business. I would very earnestly ask you, before making an appointment in Ford's place, to look into the facts developed in the Smith trial. The Fire Alarm Telegraph Bureau, has been for years a nest of rottenness. There has been more than \$200 000 stolen from the city in the construction of the underground Cable System.

These are grave assertions, but I can establish them to your satisfaction. I will be home in a few days and will call on you.

Your administration should have the credit of unearthing these frauds and cleaning up the rascality. I write you this, simply in your and the public's interest. I have no interest of my own in the premises. I know it is your intent to give a clean business administration to New York City. I have ever so declared in public and private and I want to help you to do it.

Very respectfully yours.



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Hon. William Strong.

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for addressing you this letter. I have been
a Methodist Clergyman for 24 years. My
last two churches being in this city. I have
been a sufferer for years with Rheumatism
and Kidney troubles. Three months ago I
began using the Aetna Lithia Water and it
has had a most wonderful beneficial effect. To
day I am entirely free from my long and
painful trouble. I am personally acquainted
with Col. R. H. Woodrum President of the Virginia
Mineral Springs Co. In conversation with him
to day I mentioned your name remembering
how you had been ill from almost the same
trouble with which I have suffered. Col. Woodrum
told me to day that I might have a case of the
Aetna Lithia Water to send Mayor Strong if I
desired to do so. Will you accept it from me.
Just a note on a postal will be sufficient.
I will gladly send it to any address you may give.
As a specific for indigestion there is nothing like it in this
world. Pardon me, but may I not hope to hear
from you. I have no connection whatever with the company.
Yours Truly Rev J. R. Stratton
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using a water
than I wish to
continue using
for the coming 6
months. after
that time if
I am not compla-
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Sulphate of Magnesian.	Carbonate of Iron.
Sulphate of Calcium.	Nitrate of Magnesium.
Sulphate of Sodium.	Nitrate of Ammonium.
Carbonate of Magnesium.	

Total Solid, 35.63 grains per U. S. gallon.

PROF. I. D. HIRD, M. A.,
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WASHINGTON. D. C.

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DEAR SIR:—

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Yours Very Truly,

J. C. RAWN.

TO THE VA. MINERAL SPRINGS CO.

Roanoke, Va.

GENTLEMEN:—

This is to certify that for years I was an intense sufferer from dyspepsia and tried some of the most prominent Physicians in our vicinity who could give me no relief but advised that I use your Aetna Lithia Water, which I did, and was greatly benefited thereby. I consider that it saved my life, and cannot sufficiently express my appreciation of its value.

Respectfully,

Mrs. F. J. POWELL.

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New York, September 22nd, 1896.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:--

We are preparing, for our October number, a symposium on the subject of Municipal Franchises. It is our purpose to collect and publish together the ideas of the Mayors of principal cities on this important subject. We would be pleased to have you give us a brief contribution for the symposium, in which you state what revenue, if any, your city derives from street railway, lighting, water, telephone and other companies using the public streets; and also give your ideas on the possibilities of municipal revenues in return for franchise rights. This is a matter of great importance and interest to all officials and taxpayers interested in the cause of improved city government, and we trust you will contribute your views to the symposium.

Yours truly,

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Sept. 18th, 1896.

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

Dear Sir:

On next Tuesday, Sept. 22nd, we will have Gen. Horace Porter to speak before the Commercial Travelers' Sound Money League at 12.30 P. M. I write to ask if you will kindly accept an invitation to preside on that occasion. We expect to have present one of the most beloved sons of the nation, but are not at present in position to use his name, although we think he will accept our invitation to attend. Thanking you for your past courtesies, and hoping we are not asking too much of you, I have the honor to be,

Yours sincerely,



Chairman,

Fifth Avenue Hotel.

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New-York Sept 22^d 1896.

My dear Sir. The Commercial Travellers are not insensible of the honor you paid them to-day in attending the rally of their Sound Money League. We feel that much of the success of our noon day meetings is due to the masterly way you launched us on the Sound Money sea of Politics, and I am sure that any time the Commercial Travellers can be of service to you, they will only be too glad to respond.

Very truly yours
J. H. Black
President

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To His Honor,

The Mayor of New York,

Dear Sir,-

In the Massachusetts Statutes Ch. 53, Sec. 15, it states
"The mayor and aldermen of a city may adopt rules and orders not
inconsistent with law for the regulation and control of persons
who frequent the streets and public places therein, playing on
hand-organs or other musical instruments, beating drums, blowing
trumpets etc.-with penalties for the violation thereof, not exceed-
ing \$20. for each offence."

I have not yet found anything in regard to this matter in the
New York State Statutes but presume you have a city ordinance
covering it. If so, will you kindly send me a copy of the same,
and greatly oblige,

Yours respectfully,

A. S. Taylor.



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SOCIETA' ITALIANE UNITE

A beneficio dell'Istituto Italiano e della Societa' Italiana di Beneficenza.

New York, Sept. 23rd 1896.

*To His Honor
Mayor Strong,
City.*

Sir:

*The General Committee of
the Italian United Societies, through
me begs to return to your Honor
the best thanks for the great
importance you gave by your
presence to the big parade of
the day before yester.*

*With the expression of
my deep devotion, I remain,*

*Yours very respectfully,
The President,*

L. V. Fugazy

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EXPORT DEPARTMENT.

Honorable Wm. L. Strong, Mayor.

City Hall, City.

Dear Sir:-

The New York Protective Railway Supply & Metal Association has this day extended an invitation to the Commercial Travelers Club, the Dry Goods Republican Club and the Jewelers Mc. Kinley & Hobart Club to visit Liberty St. at 12 o'clock noon on the 1st day of October on formal opening of the club room of this Organization which represents all the machinery and metal industries of New York City. It is of great importance that the business men in this section of the City are stirred up and all are anxious to have this take place, and to that end we would appreciate it very much if you would exert your influence to get the Dry Goods Club to visit us and also favor us with your own presence, and any public speakers that are to preside at any of these clubs at that time can be assigned to Liberty St. headquarters and it will give a great stir to the Campaign in this section of the City. The press will be in attendance and we shall give it strongest publicity. Knowing that you take a deep interest in such affairs, we trust that you will exert your influence in our

behalf. The hole affair can be taken care of in about two hours time.

With much respect, we remain

Yours very truly,

New York Protective Railway Supply & Metal Ass'n.

Lewis S. Silva

Chairman.

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BY *Lewis S. Silva* MGR.
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(COPY.)

Sept. 23, 1896.

Lewis S. Silva, Esq., Manager, &c.,

91 Liberty St., New York City.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 22nd inst. is received, and contents noted. We do not think it would be wise to attempt to transfer either our speakers or our audience from our headquarters at 350 Broadway to your headquarters in Liberty St. at noon on October 1. It would hardly be fair to our Club to make such a radical change in our daily programme as would practically involve the abandonment of one of our noonday meetings.

We, however, wish your Club a very successful opening, and regret that we cannot attend, for the reasons above set forth.

Yours very truly,

Arthur Jacobs.

Secretary.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG, PRESIDENT.
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HEADQUARTERS
WHOLESALE DRY GOODS REPUBLICAN CLUB,
350 BROADWAY, COR. LEONARD STREET,

NEW YORK, Sept. 23, 1896

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

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 22nd inst was duly received, enclosing letter from Mr. Lewis S. Silva, which is herewith returned, as we thought you might wish to answer it.

The Club has also received a letter of similar tenor - a copy of the answer to which is also enclosed herein, and we trust will meet your approval.

If this gentleman's ability to run a political club is equal to his nerve in making such an extraordinary request, we predict for him a great success as a political campaigner.

Yours truly,

Andrew Jacobs,

SECRETARY.