

# DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,

NO. 220 FOURTH AVENUE,  
S.W. CORNER 18<sup>TH</sup> ST.



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*New York,* July 1, 1897. *189*  
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Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

Further replying to your letter of the 23rd ultimo, requesting report on premises foot of East Houston Street, known as the Apollo Circus, in re granting of license to give vocal and instrumental concerts, examination of the premises and records of this Department indicate that no proper application for the work done has ever been made to this Department, and that same does not conform to the law.

Therefore, until the law has been complied with, I cannot recommend the granting of license.

Yours respectfully,

*Stevenson Constable*  
Sup't of B'ldgs.

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July 1, 1897

THE STATE OF NEW YORK

**DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,**

**NO. 220 FOURTH AVENUE,**  
S.W. CORNER 18<sup>TH</sup> ST.



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*New York,* July 2/97. 189  
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Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

Further replying to your letter of the 29th ultimo, requesting report on premises located at No. 460 East 57th Street, in re granting of license to give vocal and instrumental concerts, etc., examination of the premises and records of this Department indicate that no proper application for the work done has ever been made to this Department, and that same does not conform to the law.

Therefore, until the law has been complied with, I cannot recommend the granting of license.

Yours respectfully,

*Stevenson Constable*  
Sup't. of B'ldgs.

(Dic.S.C.)

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**DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,**

**NO. 220 FOURTH AVENUE,  
S.W. CORNER 18<sup>TH</sup> ST.,**



S.A.U.

*New York,* July 6th, 1897

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

Dear Sir:--

Herewith please find a Synopsis of the Operations  
of this Department for the Week ending July 3rd, 1897.

*Stevenson Constable*  
Superintendent of Buildings.

**DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,**

**NO. 220 FOURTH AVENUE,**  
S.W. CORNER 18TH ST.,



S.A.U.

*New York,* July 6th, 1897.

Synopsis of Operations for the Week ending July 3rd, 1897.

Plans filed for New Buildings - Main Office	25
Estimated Cost	\$2,145,500.
Plans filed for New Buildings - Branch Office	24
Estimated Cost	\$186,850.
Plans filed for Alterations - Main Office	30
Estimated Cost	\$101,300.
Plans filed for Alterations - Branch Office	7
Estimated Cost	\$5,430.
Buildings reported as unsafe	78
Buildings reported for additional means of escape	31
Other violations of law reported	231
Unsafe Building notices issued	151
Fire escape           "           "	42
Violation           "           "	688
Unsafe Building Cases forwarded for prosecution	1
Fire escape           "           "           "           "	3
Violation           "           "           "           "	48
Iron & Steel inspections made	5,465
Complaints lodged with the Department	128

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**DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,**

**NO. 220 FOURTH AVENUE,  
S.W. CORNER 18TH ST.,**



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*New York,* July 8th, 1897

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

Dear Sir:-

Will you please have made for me a complete list of all places of amusement in the City of New York, with name of proprietor and lessee, operating under a theatre license; also all places operating under music hall or concert hall license with privilege to sell ales, wines, beers, &c., which have been licensed up to date.

Yours respectfully,

*Stevenson Constable*  
Sup't. of B'ldgs.

(Dic.S.C.)

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# DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,

NO 220 FOURTH AVENUE,  
S.W. CORNER 18<sup>TH</sup> ST.,



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*New York,*

July 12th, 1897

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

Dear Sir:-

I submit herewith a Synopsis of the Operations of this Department for the Week ending July 10, 1897.

Respectfully,

*Stevenson Constable*  
Sup't. of B'ldgs.

(Dic. W. H. C.)

# DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,

NO 220 FOURTH AVENUE,  
S.W. CORNER 18<sup>TH</sup> ST.,



HJH

*New York,* July 12th, 1897.

## Operations for the Week ending July 10, 1897.

Plans filed for New Buildings - Main Office -	24
Estimated Cost	\$459,500
Plans filed for New Buildings - Branch Office -	23
Estimated Cost	\$171,500
Plans filed for Alterations - Main Office -	29
Estimated Cost	\$54,225
Plans filed for Alterations - Branch Office -	8
Estimated Cost	\$17,450
Buildings reported as Unsafe	58
"    "    for additional means of escape	14
Other Violations of Law reported	176
Unsafe Building notices issued	124
Fire Escape "    "	23
Violation "    "	412
Unsafe Building cases forwarded for prosecution	1
Fire Escape "    "    "    "	9
Violation "    "    "    "	73
Iron and Steel Inspections made	3,587
Complaints lodged with the Department	103

**DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,**

**NO 220 FOURTH AVENUE,**  
S.W. CORNER 18<sup>TH</sup> ST.



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*New York,* July 13th, 1897<sup>89</sup>

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Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

The inspectors of this Department have reported to me in regard to premises, known as the Melrose Lyceum, Corner of Third and Westchester Avenues, that this building is in a dilapidated condition and is unsafe to use for the assemblage of any number of persons. I do not know that any application has been made to you for a license for this place, but anticipating any such application, I beg to state that no certificate permitting the use of these premises can be issued by this Department.

Yours respectfully,

*Stevenson Constable*  
Sup't of B'ldgs

(Dic. S. C.)

B. L. Burrows, Esq.,

Private Secretary.

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# DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,

NO. 220 FOURTH AVENUE,  
S.W. CORNER 18TH ST.,

STEVENSON CONSTABLE,  
SUPERINTENDENT.

New York, July 14th, 1897.

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

Dear Sir:-

In compliance with the provisions of Section 49, Chapter 410 Laws of 1882 and Chapter 275, Laws of 1892. I have the honor herewith to submit my report of the operations of this Department for the Quarter ending June 30, 1897.

Respectfully,

*Stevenson Constable*  
Supt. of Bldgs.

(Dict. W.H.C.)

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# DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,

NO 220 FOURTH AVENUE,  
S.W. CORNER 18TH ST.,



EA.

*New York,* July 14th, 1897  
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Hon. Wm. L. Strong,  
Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 13th inst. requesting report on premises located at #1285 Broadway, known as the Manhattan Theatre, formerly the Standard Theatre, application having been made for license to give legitimate theatrical performances.

The matter will be given immediate attention and report sent you as soon as possible.

Yours respectfully,

*Stevenson Constable*  
Sup't. of B'ldgs.

(Dic.R.O'B.)

B.L. Burrows, Esq.,  
Private Secretary.

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**DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,**

**NO 220 FOURTH AVENUE,  
S.W. CORNER 18<sup>TH</sup> ST.,**



EA.

*New York, July 14th, 1897*

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

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 13th inst. enclosing list of all theatres and music halls operating under license in the City of New York.

Thanking you for the same, I am,

Yours respectfully,

*Stevenson Constable*  
Sup't. of B'ldgs.

(Dic. R. O' B.)

B. L. Burrows, Esq.,  
Private Secretary.

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# DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,

NO. 220 FOURTH AVENUE,  
S.W. CORNER 18TH ST.,

STEVENSON CONSTABLE  
SUPERINTENDENT

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*New York,* July 19th, 1897

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

Dear Sir:

Herewith please find abstract of the operations of this  
Department for the week ending July 17th, 1897.

Yours respectfully,

*Stevenson Constable*  
Sup't of Buildings.

(Dict. W.H.C.)

(Enc.)

# DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,

NO. 220 FOURTH AVENUE,  
S.W. CORNER 18<sup>TH</sup> ST.,



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*New York,* July 19th, 1897

## OPERATIONS FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 17th, 1897.

Plans filed for New Buildings, Main Office,	25
Estimated Cost, \$2,830,300	
"    "    "    "    "    Branch Office,	12
Estimated Cost, \$ 173,300	
"    "    "    Alterations, Main Office,	40
Estimated Cost, \$ 201,956	
"    "    "    "    "    Branch Office	11
Estimated Cost, \$ 7,625	
Buildings reported as Unsafe	61
"    "    for additional means of escape	10
Other Violations of Law reported	204
Unsafe Building Notices issued	152
Fire Escape    "    "	22
Violation    "    "	505
Violation cases forwarded for prosecution	365
Iron and Steel Inspections made	4,565
Complaints Lodged with the Department	76

**DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,**

**NO. 220 FOURTH AVENUE,  
S.W. CORNER 18TH ST.,**



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*New York,* July 21, 1897<sup>9</sup>

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Hon. John Jeroloman,

Acting Mayor.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of the 21st inst received and noted.

The matter will receive immediate attention

Yours respectfully,

*Stevenson Constable*  
Sup't of B'ldgs.

(Dic. S. C.)

**DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,**

**NO. 220 FOURTH AVENUE,**  
S.W. CORNER 18<sup>TH</sup> ST.



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*New York,* July 22nd, 1897.

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Hon. John Jeroloman,

Acting Mayor, City Hall, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

Answering your favor of the 21st inst, I beg to enclose herewith opinion of Mr. Dahlgren, formerly Attorney to this Department, opinion of Acting Corporation Counsel Turner, and letter of Mr. Mayer, the present Attorney to the Department to the Counsel to the Corporation.

The last letter has not yet been passed upon by the Counsel to the Corporation. The above named enclosures will no doubt give you the information desired. If you wish any further information in regard to the subject matter, I shall be pleased to forward same to you if I have it.

Yours respectfully,

*Stevenson Constable*  
Sup't of B'ldgs.

(Dic. S. C.)  
(Enc. 3)

# DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,

NO. 220 FOURTH AVENUE,  
S.W. CORNER 18TH ST.,



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*New York,* July 26th, 1897

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

Dear Sir:--

Herewith please find a synopsis of the operations  
of this Department for the Week ending July 24th, 1897.

Respectfully,

*Stevenson Constable*  
Superintendent of Buildings.

# DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,

NO 220 FOURTH AVENUE,  
S.W. CORNER 18TH ST.



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*New York,* July 26th, 189*9*

## SYNOPSIS OF OPERATIONS FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 24th, 1897.

Plans filed for New Buildings - Main Office	5
Estimated Cost	\$575,000.00
Plans filed for New Buildings - Branch Office	28
Estimated Cost	\$194,000.00
Plans filed for Alterations - Main Office	21
Estimated Cost	\$73,200.00
Plans filed for Alterations - Branch Office	11
Estimated Cost	\$7,560.00
Buildings reported as unsafe	76
"        "        for additional means of escape	16
Other violations of law reported	167
Unsafe Building notices issued	180
Fire Escape        "        "	29
Violation        "        "	471
Unsafe Cases forwarded for prosecution	2
Violation        "        "        "	115
Iron & Steel inspections made	5,806
Complaints lodged with the Department	64

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**DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,**

**NO. 220 FOURTH AVENUE,**  
S.W. CORNER 18<sup>TH</sup> ST.

STEVENSON CONSTABLE,  
SUPERINTENDENT.

EA.

*New York,* July 28th, 1897

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

Dear Sir:-

In answer to your telephonic message of the 26th inst. in re building Madison Avenue and 65th Street, bay window extending three feet beyond building line, would say there has been no approval of said window granted by this Department.

The Bureau of Incumbrances, Department of Public Works, under the law have authority to remove all incumbrances beyond the building line. Whether the Board of Aldermen have granted any permit for the construction of this conservatory or bay window to project beyond the building line I cannot say, but I can find none on file in this Department.

Yours respectfully,

*Stevenson Constable*  
Sup't. of B'ldgs.

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**DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,****NO. 220 FOURTH AVENUE,  
S.W. CORNER 18<sup>TH</sup> ST.,**

EA.

*New York,* July 28th, 1897/89

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

Dear Sir:-

With reference to your communication of the 13th inst. requesting report on premises located at #1285 Broadway, known as the Manhattan Theatre, formerly the Standard Theatre, application having been made for license to give theatrical performances, I would state that upon examination I cannot yet certify approving of issuance of license for this place until requirements of this Department have been complied with.

Yours respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stevenson Constable".  
Sup't. of B'ldgs.

(Dic.R.O'B.)

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July 20th, 1897

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New York, July 30, 1897.

Hon. Stevenson Constable,  
Superintendent Department of Buildings-

Sir:-

In May 1896, application was made on the part of the owner of the Hotel, Number 777 Sixth Avenue, on the North-west corner of 44th Street and 6th Avenue, to the owners of property within two hundred feet of the nearest entrance, for a consent that a "liquor tax certificate" be granted to proposed tenant.

Instead of consenting, every owner applied to, made a protest against the granting of such certificate, which was filed with the Deputy Commissioner of Excise.

On the third day of June, 1896, the door on the North side of Forty-fourth Street, was bricked up with one thickness of brick, leaving the doors, stoop and railing.

There were entrances on Sixth Avenue, and the entrance on the Westerly end of the building bricked up.

An application was made to your office to ascertain if you had granted a permit for the alteration, and if the change was legal, if premises were to be again occupied as a Hotel, and were informed that no permit had been granted.

A tenant was procured who applied for a license, which was granted; we took proceedings to have same vacated, but were defeated.

Your department took no action whatever in the premises, the Hotel continued to do business until the 7th day of July, 1897, when the bricks were removed, the doors swung again on their hinges, and signs were painted on outside of storm doors- "Hotel Entrance."

We have now been informed that the door was re-opened

under your orders. We would be pleased to be informed if this is the fact, and if so, why the door was allowed to be closed, against our protest for over a year, the people enabled to procure a license and then door ordered opened.

We remain,

Respectfully yours,

For property owners.

Joshua C. Sanders  
119 W. 44th St  
President of 44th Street Property  
owners association

Wm. H. Martin Secy of  
112 St 44th St.  
The above attractions

Stephen B. Brauer  
115 West 44th St



# DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,

NO 220 FOURTH AVENUE,  
S.W. CORNER 18TH ST.,

STEVENSON CONSTABLE,  
SUPERINTENDENT.

S.A.U.

New York, Aug. 2nd, 1897

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

Dear Sir:--

Herewith please find a synopsis of the operations  
of this Department for the Week ending July 31st, 1897.

Respectfully,

*Stevenson Constable*  
Superintendent of Buildings.

# DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,

NO 220 FOURTH AVENUE,  
S.W. CORNER 18TH ST.,



S.A.U.

*New York,* Aug. 2nd, 1897

## Synopsis of Operations for the Week ending July 31st, 1897.

Plans filed for New Buildings - Main Office	39
Estimated Cost	\$1,210,500.00
Plans filed for New Buildings - Branch Office	50
Estimated Cost	\$348,300.00
Plans filed for Alterations - Main Office	28
Estimated Cost	\$287,000.00
Plans filed for Alterations - Branch Office	9
Estimated Cost	\$6,650.00
Buildings reported as unsafe	47
Buildings reported for additional means of escape	16
Other violations of law reported	181
Unsafe Building Notices issued	86
Fire Escape           "       "	28
Violation           "       "	374
Unsafe Buildings Cases forwarded for prosecution	2
Fire Escape           "       "       "       "	4
Violation           "       "       "       "	244
Iron & Steel inspections made	5,246
Complaints lodged with the Department	86

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# DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,

NO 220 FOURTH AVENUE,  
S.W. CORNER 18<sup>TH</sup> ST.,



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*New York,* Aug. 3rd, 189<sup>7</sup>  
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Hon. Wm. L. Strong,  
Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of the 2nd inst. in regard to the Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, to take place in Buffalo the week beginning August 23rd, is received.

The matter will be given attention.

Yours respectfully,

*Stevenson Constable*  
Sup't. of B'ldgs.

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Examination made July 23rd, 1897, at the building known as  
THE OLYMPIA THEATRE, etc. EAST SIDE OF BROADWAY  
Between 44th & 45th Sts., N.Y. City,

upon the following points:

1. ✓ There are still wooden shelves in the dressing-rooms. **Violation.**
2. The gallery columns have wooden bases. Not held in violation.
3. There are now no wooden partitions under either Music Hall or Theatre stage.
4. ✓ The flanges of floor beams under main floor have not been fire-proofed, as required by law. **Violation.**
5. All openings through the proscenium wall between the Music Hall auditorium and stage are now provided with fire-proof doors.
6. All rooms now existing under the Music Hall Stage are lawful and provided with lawful doors.
7. There is now no carpenter-shop on the fly-galleries of the Music Hall stage, and scenery is stored there in small quantities.
8. ✓ The courts are now open to roof garden, but are covered with a light wire screen. **Violation.**
9. ✓ The parapet walls do not comply with the law or conditions of Board approval July 20. **Violation.**
10. There are now no dressing-rooms or work-shop existing unlawfully under the stage of the theatre..
11. ✓ The opening under the Theatre stage leading to the space underneath the auditorium still requires a fire-proof door. **Violation.**
12. There is no scenery on the fly-galleries of the Theatre, but a small stack of scenery has been placed on top of the dressing-rooms, which is not objectionable.
13. Dressing-rooms now have full access to fire-escapes.
14. The door-way leading from the space underneath the Music Hall stage to the boiler-room is now provided with a fire-proof door.

15. Two tiers of wooden boxes with wooden stairs erected in centre of the westerly wall by elevator. Not approved by Department. In violation. Denied by Board of Examiners on July 20th, 1897. Is a legal question.
16. Two rustic balconies with wooden stairs have been also built on westerly side. Not approved by Department. In violation. Denied by Board of Examiners on July 20th, 1897. Is a legal question.
17. On the easterly side of roof, north and south of stage, projecting from the wall, rustic work constructed of wood covered with plaster; wooden stairs, balconies, bridges, rock work, etc. Not approved. In violation. Denied by Board of Examiners on July 20th, 1897. Is a legal question.
18. ✓ The opening between Roof Garden and rigging loft of Music Hall stage still requires a fire-proof door. Violation.
19. Floor of roof garden covered over with wooden floor, contrary to law. Allowed by Board of Examiners on application July 20th, 1897.
20. ✓ Constructing additional floor centre part of building, under cafe and dressing rooms without filing plans or having permit from this Department. In violation.

# DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,

NO. 220 FOURTH AVENUE,  
S.W. CORNER 18TH ST.,

STEVENSON CONSTABLE,  
SUPERINTENDENT.

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New York, July 26th, 1897. 89

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Hon. John Jeroloman,

Acting Mayor, City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find my report upon the Olympia Theatre,  
East Side of Broadway, between 44th and 45th Streets, in accordance  
with examination made in your presence on the morning of July 23rd  
last.

Yours respectfully,

*Stevenson Constable*  
Sup't of B'ldgs.

(Dic S. C.)  
(Enc.)

Examination made August 2nd, 1897, at the building known as  
THE OLYMPIA THEATRE, etc. EAST SIDE OF BROADWAY,  
Between 44th & 45th Sts. N.Y.City.

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There are still wooden shelves in dressing rooms. In violation.

The lower flanges of floor beams under main floors in cellar have not been fireproofed as required by law. Violation.

All rooms now existing under the Music Hall Stage are not now provided with legal doors. In violation.

The courts opening through roof garden, for exit in case of fire, and for the relief of smoke from below, have been opened through, but are covered in part with light screen wire. Dangerous and in violation.

The railing of the parapet walls has not been put up in accordance with any plans filed here in this Department or approved by the Department, in accordance with the Board of Examiners' approval.

The opening under the theatre stage leading to the space underneath the auditorium still requires fireproof door. In violation.

A Two tiers of wooden boxes with wooden stairs erected in centre of the westerly wall by elevator. Not approved by Department. In violation. Denied by Board of Examiners on July 20th, 1897. Is a legal question.

B Two rustic balconies with wooden stairs have been also built on westerly side. Not approved by Department. In violation. Denied by Board of Examiners on July 20th, 1897. Is a legal question.

C On the easterly side of roof, north and south of stage, projecting from the wall, rustic work constructed of wood covered with plaster; wooden stairs, balconies, bridges, rock work, etc. Not approved. In violation. Denied by Board of Examiners on July 20th, 1897. Is a legal question.

In re Items A, B, and C, in my opinion as these are inflammable materials and the balance of building fire-proof, and as this Roof Garden is all closed in with glass roof, the risk and danger is considerably increased.

Constructing additional floor in centre part of building under cafe and dressing room and over 40 feet X 70 feet, without filing plans or having permits from this Department. In violation. Plans have been filed on date of this examination, and are now being examined.

**DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,**

**NO. 220 FOURTH AVENUE,**  
S.W. CORNER 18<sup>TH</sup> ST.,

STEVENSON CONSTABLE,  
SUPERINTENDENT.

EA.

*New York,* August 4th, 1897

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

Dear Sir:-

In answer to your communication of July 21st in re Hammerstein's Music Hall, etc., East side of Broadway between 44th and 45th Streets, I directed another examination of same to be made on August 2nd, (in accordance with Sections 499 and 500, as amended by the Laws of 1892) and would respectfully refer you to copy of previous examination of July 23rd, 1897, forwarded to Hon. John Jeroloman, then Acting Mayor, and herewith enclose latest report made August 2nd, 1897.

Yours respectfully,

*Stevenson Constable*  
Sup't. of B'ldgs.

(Dic.S.C.)

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July 27th, 1897.

Honorable Board of Estimate & Apportionment,  
Gentlemen:-

Owing to a number of legislative enactments making many changes in the laws and rules and regulations, and imposing additional duties upon this Department, also requiring changes in the construction of fire-escapes, etc. and as this Department has no printed forms or copies covering these changes, and no funds for carrying out these purposes, also as a series of tests have been made by this Department, connected with the Ireland and Madison Avenue disasters, and a series of tests of the so-called fireproof materials, which are of very great importance to the Department and the public, I would respectfully request a transfer of the sum of Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars from the balance now standing to the credit of this Department for "1078 Madison Avenue, Contingencies and Emergencies Account" to be used for the printing, etc. necessary for the above purposes.

Yours respectfully,

(SIGNED) STEVENSON CONSTABLE,

Sup't. of B'ldgs.

(Dic.S.C.)  
(Enc.)

Chapter	567	of the Laws of 1895, amending the Tenement House Act.
"	803	" 1896, in relation to plumbing & drainage.
"	936	" 1896, in relation to planking floors.
"	321	" 1897, regulating the height of fireproof dwelling-houses.
"	557	" 1897, amending Section 484 of the Consolidation Act, in relation to the height of non-fireproof buildings.
"	672	" 1897, in relation to certain window guards, etc. in tenement houses.
"	724	" 1897, in relation to the erection of coverings, etc. for the protection of pedestrians.

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COPY.

July 27th, 1897.

Honorable Board of Estimate & Apportionment,

Gentlemen:-

As I have been fortunate enough to collect large quantities of materials from the buildings in which various accidents have occurred and which enter into construction, and as various new materials are coming into use in construction, which have never been thoroughly tested, and as the Department now has a proper machine for said work, and as much of the information heretofore used by the Department was never verified, and has been found to be incorrect, regarding the strength of materials, etc. I would respectfully request a transfer of One Thousand (\$1000) Dollars from the balance to the credit of this Department, "Ireland Building", "Contingencies and Emergencies Account" for the purpose of making such tests and carrying out the necessary work in connection therewith.

Yours respectfully,

(SIGNED) STEVENSON CONSTABLE,

Sup't. of B'ldgs.

(Dic.S.C.)

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COPY.

July 28th, 1897.

Honorable Board of Estimate & Apportionment,

Gentlemen:-

I would respectfully request a transfer of Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars from the "Ireland fund" balance, "Contingencies and Emergencies Account", to be used in the rental of a proper place for the Department testing machine, appliances, apparatus and materials for testing, all of which I have allowed to be stored and used in the yard and basement of the building at 22 East 16th Street up to this time, as there is a great deal of very important work which must be done.

This is especially important owing to the fact that we have collected a large amount of material from the different buildings where accidents have occurred and these tests should be made before the first of the year, so that proper laws and regulations can be compiled to aid in preventing their future occurrence.

Yours respectfully,

(SIGNED) STEVENSON CONSTABLE,

Sup't. of B'ldgs.

(Dic.S.C.)

P.S.-

Through an error, the amount of transfer requested was omitted in letter sent you yesterday.

S.C.



**DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,****NO 220 FOURTH AVENUE,  
S.W. CORNER 18<sup>TH</sup> ST.,**

EA.

*New York,* August 4th, 1897

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find copies of letters forwarded on July 27th, to the Honorable Board of Estimate and Apportionment requesting transfers of parts of certain sums now standing to the credit of this Department.

As the entire amounts will not be needed, I have respectfully requested the transfers for specific purposes which are absolutely necessary for the welfare of the Department, the enforcement of laws and the prevention of accident.

Yours respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Stevenson Constable".  
Sup't. of B'ldgs.

(Dic.S.C.)

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**DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,**

**NO 220 FOURTH AVENUE,**  
S.W. CORNER 18<sup>TH</sup> ST.,



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*New York* Aug. 9th, 1897. 189

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

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of yours of August 7th, enclosing complaint from J. Johns, Esq., #965 Third Avenue, in re Thalia Theatre. The same will be examined at once and report forwarded you, as you direct.

Yours respectfully,

*Stevenson Constable*  
Sup't of Buildings.

(Diet. S.C.)

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**DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,****NO. 220 FOURTH AVENUE,  
S.W. CORNER 18TH ST.,***STEVENSON CONSTABLE  
SUPERINTENDENT.*

S.A.U.

*New York,* Aug. 9th, 1897  
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Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:--

Herewith please find a synopsis of the operations  
of this Department for the week ending Aug. 7th, 1897.

Respectfully,

*Stevenson Constable*  
Superintendent of Buildings.

Dic. W.H.C.

# DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,

NO. 220 FOURTH AVENUE,

S.W. CORNER 18<sup>TH</sup> ST.



S.A.U.

*New York,* Aug. 9th, 1897

## ABSTRACT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUG. 9th, 1897.

Plans filed for New Buildings - Main Office	14
Estimated Cost	\$569,000.00
Plans filed for New Buildings - Branch Office	23
Estimated Cost	\$132,750.00
Plans filed for Alterations - Main Office	25
Estimated Cost	\$168,550.00
Plans filed for Alterations - Branch Office	15
Estimated Cost	\$12,950.00
Buildings reported as unsafe	37
Buildings reported for additional means of escape	11
Other violations of law reported	120
Unsafe Building notices issued	108
Fire escape           "           "	16
Violation           "           "	308
Unsafe Buildings cases forwarded for prosecution	1
Violation           "           "           "           "	74
Iron & Steel inspections made	6,694
Complaints lodged with the Department	87

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**DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,****NO. 220 FOURTH AVENUE,  
S.W. CORNER 18<sup>TH</sup> ST.,***STEVENSON CONSTABLE,  
SUPERINTENDENT.*

EA.

*New York,* August 12th, 1897

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

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 11th inst. requesting report on premises located at 31st Street and Third Avenue, known as the Third Avenue Theatre, application having been made for a license to give theatrical performances.

The matter will be given immediate attention and report sent you as soon as possible.

Yours respectfully,

(Dic.R.Q'B.)

*Stevenson Constable*  
Sup't. of B'ldgs.

Dept. of Bridges.

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August 1897

# DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,

NO 220 FOURTH AVENUE,  
S.W. CORNER 18<sup>TH</sup> ST.



EA.

*New York,* August 12th, 1897  
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Hon. Wm. L. Strong,  
Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

Further replying to your communication of the 13th inst. in re application for license to give theatrical performances at premises located at #1285 Broadway, known as the Manhattan Theatre, formerly the Standard Theatre, I would state that upon examination I find that all the requirements of this Department have been complied with at this date, and license can therefore be granted.

Yours respectfully,

*Stevenson Constable*  
Sup't. of B'ldgs.

(Dic.R.O'B.)

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**DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,**

**NO. 220 FOURTH AVENUE,**  
S.W. CORNER 18TH ST.,



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*New York,* August 12th, 1897

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Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

In answer to yours of August 10th, in re building San Reno, (Corner 72nd St. & Lexington Ave.) being altered and an extra story being put on, would say I have had papers in the Department examined, and find that said building stands as Alteration Plan #351 of 1897, Buchman & Deisler, Architects, 11 East 59th St. Said building is located on the N.W. Cor. Lexington Ave. and 72nd Street, owned by Mrs. S. Levison, 159 East 72nd Street, has been twice before the Board of Examiners of this Department and the addition of another story approved by them, and the method of construction shown on plans in this Department also approved by said Board. I have sent to have special practical examination of building made and will advise you further upon receipt of report.

You may feel assured that I will stop any work that I can find not in accordance with the law and safe construction. It is for this very reason that I cannot be swerved from my duty that I am disliked by so many of the speculative and careless builders who heretofore used to build as they saw fit, without regard to the law or the Department.

Yours respectfully,

*Stevenson Constable*  
Sup't. of B'ldgs.

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# DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,

NO. 220 FOURTH AVENUE,  
S.W. CORNER 18TH ST.,



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*New York,* August 14, 1897/89

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Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor, City of New York.

Dear Sir:

Referring again to your letter of the 8th inst. in re Thalia Theatre complaint made by J. Johns, Esq., in answer to whose letter I responded, stating that examination of said theatre would immediately be made, said letter to Mr. Johns has been returned, as no one by that name resides at the address given on his letter.

From report on examination of the theatre, would state that the theatre has been in use since 1845; was constructed according to the system in vogue at that time, and that the owners have complied with all the requirements of the Building Department as far as practicable under the circumstances up to the present time. There is nothing in the law which will allow me to condemn an old theatre, as long as the building is safe and has sufficient exits and means of escape. The building is now undergoing renovating preparatory to opening. By report of examination I can find no reason for complaint as to the strength of the structure or insufficient fire escapes, or that same are not in proper condition.

This complaint is probably like many others,-- made by some one who has a grudge against those interested in the theatre or connected therewith, and who has but little knowledge of the building laws upon the subject.

Yours respectfully,

*Stevenson Constable*  
Sup't of Buildings.

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**DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,**

**NO. 220 FOURTH AVENUE,  
S.W. CORNER 18<sup>TH</sup> ST.**



S.A.U.

*New York,* Aug. 16th, 1897

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

Dear Sir:--

Herewith please find a Synopsis of the Operations of  
this Department for the Week ending Aug. 14th, 1897.

Respectfully,

*Stevenson Constable*  
Superintendent of Buildings.

# DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,

NO 220 FOURTH AVENUE,  
S.W. CORNER 18<sup>TH</sup> ST.



S.A.U.

*New York,* Aug. 16th, 1897

## SYNOPSIS OF OPERATIONS FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUG. 14th, 1897.

Plans filed for New Buildings - Main Office	41
Estimated Cost	\$1,223,500.00
Plans filed for New Buildings - Branch Office	28
Estimated Cost	\$200,400.00
Plans filed for Alterations - Main Office	25
Estimated Cost	\$107,000.00
Plans filed for Alterations - Branch Office	12
Estimated Cost	\$7,300.00
Buildings reported as unsafe	53
Buildings reported for additional means of escape	9
Other violations of law reported	154
Unsafe Building notices issued	104
Fire Escape           "           "	11
Violation           "           "	376
Unsafe Building cases forwarded for prosecution	5
Fire escape           "           "           "           "	4
Violation           "           "           "           "	1
Complaints lodged with the Department	63
Iron & Steel inspections made	7,055

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**DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,****NO 220 FOURTH AVENUE,  
S.W. CORNER 18<sup>TH</sup> ST.,***STEVENSON CONSTABLE  
SUPERINTENDENT.*

B.deY.

*New York,* August 17th, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

I have received the communications to you of the New York Advertising Sign Company, to certain bulletin boards maintained by Mr. La Tour, and also from Mr. Joshua C. Sanders, concerning the St. Charles Hotel, and have replied to both of these communications, as suggested by you. I beg to enclose copies of replies.

If any further information or data is desired, I shall be very glad to furnish it.

I have the honor to remain,

Very respectfully,

*Stevenson Constable*  
Sup't. of B'ldgs.

B.deY.

August 17th, 7.

Joshua C. Sanders, Esq.,

President of West 44th Street Property Owners' Association,  
119 West 44th Street, City.

Dear Sir:-

The Mayor has referred to me your communication to him of the 10th inst., affecting the premises known as the St. Charles Hotel, with copies of letters, and has requested me to communicate my reply to you.

The door referred to in your communication was reported to me by one of my inspectors at the time that it was bricked up, and although a violation was filed for the bricking up of this door I found that I was unable to sustain it, and the violation was dismissed by me in August of last year.

You will find upon a careful reading of the Building Acts that there is nothing to prohibit the bricking up of an opening in any wall so long as the work has been properly done.

On September 17th, of last year, I received a letter from you calling my attention to this door, and I replied to it on the 18th, saying that it would receive my attention. It did receive my attention, and I found that I could do nothing in the matter.

In May of this year, I received an anonymous communication from a citizen, in which he complained that there were not sufficient means of egress in case of fire in that building, and like all other complaints, this received my attention. Since that time the building has been ex-

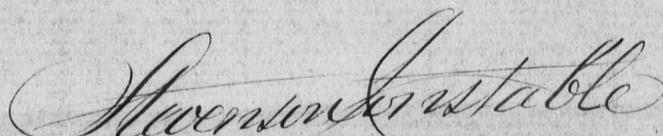
2. J.C.S. Esq.

amined on several occasions, and in June I felt satisfied that there were not sufficient means of egress in case of fire. Therefore, on July 2nd, 1897, I issued a notice, directed to the owner, in which I required him to erect certain fire escape balconies, and in addition thereto, to open the 44th Street door. He evidently has partly complied with that notice.

The statement contained in your letter to the Mayor that the closing up of such entrances was a violation of the rules and regulations of this Department, is incorrect. This entire matter, so far as I am concerned, is a very simple one. The owners of that building did in the first place what they had a perfect right to do. And if it injured you or the owners of property in that vicinity, it is another instance of the laws defects. Just as soon as I became convinced that the laws which I am charged to enforce were not being complied with, and that there were not sufficient means of egress in case of fire in that building, I insisted upon certain things being done, and if by the doing of those things you feel yourself aggrieved, I can only say that my duty ends when I procure for the occupants of that hotel sufficient means of egress in case of fire.

I have the honor to remain,

Yours truly,

  
Sup't. of B'ldgs.

B.deY.

August 17th, 7.

New York Advertising Sign Company,  
16-18 Park Place, City.

Gentlemen:-

Your letter to the Honorable William L. Strong, Mayor, dated the 13th inst., with enclosures, has been referred to me by his Honor for reply.

In answer thereto I beg to say that if Mr. LaFour, or anybody else, boasts of any pull with this Department, he states what is absolutely untrue.

You are as familiar with the sign and fence question as I am, and you know perfectly well the various schemes resorted to by all advertising sign people to evade the Statute. The sign and fence laws are not so clear as to allow of only one interpretation, and I have been compelled to establish one uniform rule which has been and is being followed in all fence and sign cases. Mr. LaFour receives no more consideration at my hands than you do, and he has been compelled on several occasions to cut down his fences to meet the requirements of the Statute. In order to settle this fence question so far as possible, I have begun several actions against sign and fence concerns, one of which will be tried in the Fall, and upon the trial of which I hope to procure an interpretation of the Statute.

The difficulty with complaints like yours is that you are simply attempting to use this Department to satisfy some personal animus between

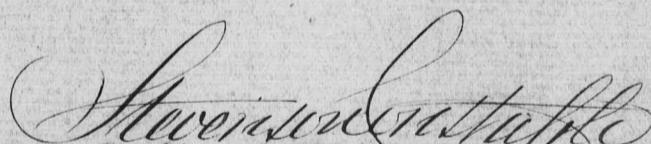
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you and Mr. LaTour, and so far as I am concerned I do not intend to allow this Department to be used for that purpose. It seems rather queer to me that in view of the fact that there are at least a half dozen other concerns in the same business as yourself, all of whom are or should be just as anxious to keep Mr. LaTour within the legal limits, that you should be the only one who finds Mr. LaTour fences so far in excess of the legal height.

Every complaint which I have received from you has received immediate attention, and where fences or signs have been found above the legal height and it has been possible to compel their reduction in size, it has been done, and I can only reiterate what I have said above - that was there any such condition of affairs as that of which you speak that I should certainly have received complaints from some of the other advertising concerns of this city.

I beg to remain,

Very truly yours,

  
Sup't. of B'ldgs.

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US M. MAYER,

No. 220 Fourth Avenue,

NEW YORK CITY.

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**DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,**

**NO 220 FOURTH AVENUE,**  
S.W. CORNER 18<sup>TH</sup> ST.

STEVENSON CONSTABLE,  
SUPERINTENDENT.

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*New York,* Aug. 18th, 1897, 189  
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Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor, City of New York:

Dear Sir:

I have received notice from the Civil Service Commission, stating that complaint has been made, that certain persons appointed as Confidential Examiners in this Department have been detailed to perform duties which are classified as subject to competitive examination.

As these parties are all occupying confidential positions, such as the Civil Service Board allowed me under the necessities and peculiarities of this Department, being a technical one, of appointing such men as D'Orville, (whom you personally recommended) who are thoroughly competent and reliable, and who, as Your Honor knows, are capable of filling such positions, you can see the gross injustice and risk that any change from the complete system that I now have in this Department it would cause.

Having advised Civil Service in regard to this matter, I simply desire to call your attention to the same.

Yours very respectfully,

*Stevenson Constable*  
Sup't of Buildings.

(Dict. S.C.)

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NEW YORK ADVERTISING SIGN CO.

16 and 18 Park Place.

DISPLAY                      ADVERTISING.

Bulletins on Ferries, Railroads, Elevated Railways,  
Trolley Lines, Drives and Places of Public Travel.  
Signs of every description.

New York, Aug. 18th, 1897.

Stevenson Constable, Esq.

Supt. of Buildings.

Dear Sir:-

We have your esteemed favor of 17th inst.

In spite of your declaration that our complaints have had attention LaTour's fences remain above the legal height in locations where we have boards the legal height.

The reason other concerns do not complain about this matter is that LaTour does not compete with them. Our Bulletin system is the only one that he hurts as we have boards on the same streets and often right opposite his. We have no fight on with LaTour; we simply want his boards made the same height as ours, which is purely a business matter with us.

It should not make any difference to you what our motive is or who makes the complaint. The fact remains that LaTour's fences are too high and are kept so in violation of the law, and you cannot evade the question by finding fault with our motives.

We shall furnish the Mayor with a list of fences that are illegal, if it is necessary for us to swear to the facts we shall do so. But we do not propose to drop the matter until the right is done, and your intimation that our complaint is without foundation in fact is disproved.

Yours truly,

(Signed) N. Y. ADV. SIGN CO.  
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Aug. 19th, 1897.

New York Advertising Sign Company,  
#16-18 Park Place, City.

Gentlemen:

Your favor of the 18th inst. to hand and contents noted. In re of La Tour's signs, &c., the fact remains, as I stated in my last letter to you, that he has received no more consideration than you or any other sign people have received. I have laid down a general rule affecting fences and signs, and this rule has been followed in all cases; and if you will send your Attorney to this Department, he can examine the records and he may be able to aid me in securing a different decision on the present law; or if not, the text for a better one.

You are at perfect liberty to lodge any complaint that you may see fit with the Mayor, and I stand ready at any time to meet any charges that may be preferred against me.

Very truly yours,

Sup't of Buildings.

(Dict. S.C.)

# DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,

NO 220 FOURTH AVENUE,  
S.W. CORNER 18TH ST.,



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*New York,* August 19th, 1897.  
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Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to enclose to you herewith a copy of letter which I have this day received from the New York Advertising Sign Company; also my reply thereto.

As these people have complained to you of my conduct, I feel that it is my duty to keep you informed of what is being done in the matter.

I have the honor to remain,  
Very respectfully,

*Stevenson Constable*  
Sup't. of B'ldgs.



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**DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,**

**NO. 220 FOURTH AVENUE,**

S.W. CORNER 18TH ST.,



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*New York,* Aug. 19th, 1898, 9  
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Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor, City of New York.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 18th inst., requesting report on premises located on Eighth Avenue near 27th Street, known as the Old Huber Museum, application having been made for a license to give vocal and instrumental concerts.

The matter will be given immediate attention and report sent you as soon as possible.

Yours respectfully,

*Stevenson Constable*  
Sup't of Buildings.

(Dict. R.O.'B.)

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Aug. 18th, 1897

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**DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,**

**NO. 220 FOURTH AVENUE,**  
S.W. CORNER 18<sup>TH</sup> ST.,



BW

*New York,* August 23, 1897.

*M.*

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

As in that portion of the city, bounded by Pitt, Houston, Sheriff and Stanton Streets in the Eleventh Ward, and bounded by Hester, Essex, Canal, East Broadway, Jefferson, Division, Suffolk and Norfolk Streets, in the Seventh, Tenth and Thirteenth Wards, there are over 190 buildings on lands which have been recently acquired by the city for small parks, on condition that the tenants shall have twenty days in which to move and that the purchasers shall then have twenty days to take down said structures, and as many of said buildings are now in old and dilapidated condition and require constant attention by reason of the children in the neighborhood running in and about same and removing wood-work and material from the lower portions of said buildings, thereby increasing the danger and risk of portions of same falling upon said children and others, and as the same conditions arise and apply to the various other sections of the city acquired or about to be acquired by the city for parks, street widening and other public purposes, I would respectfully suggest that Your Honor instruct the Police Department to delegate certain officers to be constantly on duty until the said properties have been razed to the ground, to prevent the removal of the material or trespassing by unauthorized persons.

Yours respectfully,

*Stevenson Constable*  
Sup't of B'ldgs.

(Dic.S.C.)

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August 23

**DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,**

**NO. 220 FOURTH AVENUE,**  
S.W. CORNER 18<sup>TH</sup> ST.,

STEVENSON CONSTABLE,  
SUPERINTENDENT.

BW

*New York,* August 23, 1897

*m.*

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

As I have collected in the museum and testing room of this Department numerous samples of materials, soils, etc. used in building construction, a large number of models, plans and data and information which would be of very great value to the public and to those interested in building, but which, owing to the limited space and interference with the business of the Department could not be examined here; as it would clearly illustrate to the public the benefit of handling a department of construction and safety such as this is, as it has been done under your administration where business and practical methods were used in distinction to careless and political methods, and while I have not the means at my disposal, a number of prominent gentlemen in the city are willing to supply the necessary means to have an exhibit of the Building Department at the American Institute Fair to be held in September at Madison Square Garden, I therefore write to ask you whether in your judgment it would not be an excellent move and whether you would have any objection to the same.

Any force of the Department necessary to act in the matter have volunteered their services, and therefore it would be no expense to the city, and the benefit to be derived therefrom would be very far

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**NO 220 FOURTH AVENUE,**  
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*SUPERINTENDENT.*

*New York,* \_\_\_\_\_ *189*  
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reaching, as it would enable us to illustrate practically many of the new forms of construction, weaknesses of old forms, qualities of materials, etc. and to illustrate the great improvements in sanitary conditions, tenement house construction, etc

Yours respectfully,

*Stevenson Constable*  
Sup't of B'ldgs

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# DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,

NO 220 FOURTH AVENUE,  
S.W. CORNER 18<sup>TH</sup> ST.

STEVENSON CONSTABLE  
SUPERINTENDENT.

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New York, Aug. 23, 1897  
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Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:--

Herewith please find a synopsis of the operations of  
this Department for the Week ending Aug. 21, 1897.

Respectfully,

*Stevenson Constable*  
Superintendent of Buildings.

Dic. W.H.C.

# DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,

NO 220 FOURTH AVENUE,  
S.W. CORNER 18TH ST.,



S.A.U.

*New York,* Aug. 23, 1897

## SYNOPSIS OF OPERATIONS FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUG. 21, 1897.

Plans filed for New Buildings - Main office	27
Estimated Cost	\$745,550.00
Plans filed for New Buildings - Branch Office	29
Estimated Cost	\$239,850.00
Plans filed for Alterations - Main Office	26
Estimated Cost	\$136,125.00
Plans filed for Alterations - Branch Office	4
Estimated Cost	\$4,600.00
Buildings reported as unsafe	54
Buildings reported for additional means of escape	15
Other violations of law reported	126
Unsafe Building notices issued	101
Fire escape           "           "	24
Violation           "           "	299
Unsafe Building Cases forwarded for prosecution	2
Fire escape           "           "           "	2
Violation           "           "           "	144
Iron & Steel inspections made	7,878
Complaints lodged with the Department	41

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**DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,**

**NO 220 FOURTH AVENUE,**  
S.W. CORNER 18<sup>TH</sup> ST.,



SED

*New York* Aug. 26th, 1897/189

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

Dear Sir:

Allow me to acknowledge yours of August 24th, favorable to the proposed display of this Department at the American Institute Fair, providing no expense to the City is incurred.

In regard to any statements with reference to delay in the prompt passing of plans for buildings in this Department, I desire to say that such statements are made by persons who by their failure to present proper and legal applications to this Department, bring about the delay themselves. Upon the receipt of information as to any specific case where delay is complained of, I shall take pleasure in reporting the reasons therefor. The average time consumed by this Department in passing upon a plan is much more rapid than it has ever been before, and this statement is verified by the records of the Department.

Yours respectfully,

*Stevenson Constable*  
Sup't of Buildings.

(Dict. S.C.)

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Aug. 26th, 1897

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# DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,

NO. 220 FOURTH AVENUE,  
S.W. CORNER 18<sup>TH</sup> ST.



BW

*New York,* August 26, 1897

*M.*

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

Further replying to your letter of the 18th instant, in reference to old Huber's Museum, Eighth Avenue near Twenty-seventh Street, as there are several violations of the law in this Department that have not been complied with, I have again notified H. V. Lee that as soon as the same are removed or in course of removal, license can be granted.

Yours respectfully,

*Stevenson Constable*  
Sup't of B'ldgs.

(Dic.S.C.)

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**DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,****NO 220 FOURTH AVENUE,  
S.W. CORNER 18<sup>TH</sup> ST.,***STEVENSON CONSTABLE,  
SUPERINTENDENT.*

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*New York, August 27th, 1889.*

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

In answer to your letter of the 11th inst, desiring report in re the granting of theatrical license to Mr. Hammerstein, covering premises 31st Street and Third Avenue, (Third Avenue Theatre) would say that examination now shows that said license could be granted, with the understanding that he complete at once such matters as still remain unfinished.

This in confirmation of telephone message of even date.

Yours respectfully,

*Stevenson Constable*  
Sup't of B'ldgs.

(Dic.S.C.)

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August 20th 1904

**DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,****NO. 220 FOURTH AVENUE,  
S.W. CORNER 18<sup>TH</sup> ST.,***STEVENSON CONSTABLE,  
SUPERINTENDENT.*

BW

*New York, August 27th, 1897**M*

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

In answer to your letter of the 18th inst, desiring report in re the granting of concert hall license to H. V. Lee, covering premises 351 Eighth Ave., would say that examination now shows that said license could be granted, with the understanding that he complete at once such matters as still remain unfinished.

This in confirmation of telephone message of even date.

Yours respectfully,

*Stevenson Constable*  
Sup't of B'ldgs.

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**DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,****NO 220 FOURTH AVENUE,  
S.W. CORNER 18<sup>TH</sup> ST.,***STEVENSON CONSTABLE,  
SUPERINTENDENT.*

SB

*New York,* Aug. 28th, 1897.

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

Dear Sir :-

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 27th inst., requesting report on premises located at 142nd Street and Third Avenue, and known as the Metropolis Theatre, application having been made for permission to give theatrical performances.

The matter will be given immediate attention and report sent to you as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

(Dic.S.C.)

*Stevenson Constable*  
Superintendent of Buildings.

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Aug. 28th, 1887

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✓ **DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,**

**NO 220 FOURTH AVENUE,**  
S.W. CORNER 18<sup>TH</sup> ST.

STEVENSON CONSTABLE,  
SUPERINTENDENT.

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*New York* Aug. 28th, 1897. *189*  
*M.*

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

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 27th inst., requesting report on premises located at #46-48 Bowery, and known as the Thalia Theatre, application having been made for permission to give theatrical performances.

The matter will be given immediate attention and report sent you as soon as possible.

Yours respectfully,

*Stevenson Constable*  
Sup't of Buildings.

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# DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,

NO 220 FOURTH AVENUE,  
S.W. CORNER 18<sup>TH</sup> ST.,

STEVENSON CONSTABLE  
SUPERINTENDENT.

EA.

New York, Aug. 30th, 1897

*Mr.*

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

Dear Sir:-

In answer to your letter of the 27th inst. desiring report in re the granting of theatrical license, covering premises 142nd Street and Third Avenue, known as the Metropolis Theatre, would say that examination now shows that said license could be granted, with the understanding that such matters as still remain unfinished be completed at once.

This in confirmation of telephone message of even date.

Yours respectfully,

*Stevenson Constable*  
Sup't. of B'ldgs.

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**DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,**

**NO 220 FOURTH AVENUE,  
S.W. CORNER 18TH ST.**



S.A.U.

*New York,* Aug. 30th, 1897

*M.*

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

Dear Sir:--

Herewith please find a synopsis of the operations  
of this Department for the Week ending August 28th, 1897.

Respectfully,

*Stevenson Constable*  
Superintendent of Buildings.

Dic. W.H.C.

**DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,**

**NO 220 FOURTH AVENUE,**  
S.W. CORNER 18<sup>TH</sup> ST.,



S.A.U.

*New York,* Aug. 30th, 1897SYNOPSIS OF OPERATIONS FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUG. 28th, 1897.

Plans filed for New Buildings - Main Office	29
Estimated Cost	\$905,000.
Plans filed for New Buildings - Branch Office	17
Estimated Cost	\$142,650.
Plans filed for Alterations - Main Office	28
Estimated Cost	\$128,900.
Plans filed for Alterations - Branch Office	15
Estimated Cost	\$13,250.
Buildings reported as unsafe	66
Buildings reported for additional means of escape	8
Other violations of law reported	134
Unsafe Building notices issued	132
Fire escape           "       "	15
Violation.           "       "	364
Unsafe Building cases forwarded for prosecution	1
Fire escape           "       "       "	8
Violation           "       "       "	106
Iron & Steel inspections made	7,392
Complaints lodged with the Department	80

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**DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,****NO. 220 FOURTH AVENUE,  
S.W. CORNER 18<sup>TH</sup> ST.,**

EA.

*New York,* Sept. 3rd, 1897  
M.

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

Dear Sir:-

In answer to your letter of the 27th ultimo, desiring report in re the granting of theatrical license covering premises No. 46-48 Bowery, known as the Thalia Theatre, would say that examination now shows that said license could be granted, with the understanding that such matters as still remain unfinished be completed at once.

This in confirmation of telephone message of even date.

Yours respectfully,

*Stevenson Constable*  
Sup't. of B'ldgs.

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DEAR SIR:-  
MAYOR OF  
HON. WILLIAM STRONG

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# DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,

NO. 220 FOURTH AVENUE,  
S.W. CORNER 18TH ST.,



S.A.U.

*New York,* Sept. 7th, 1897

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

Dear Sir:--

Herewith please find a synopsis of the operations  
of this Department for the Week ending Sept. 4th, 1897.

Respectfully,

*Stevenson Constable*  
Superintendent of Buildings.

Dic. W.H.C.

**DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,**

**NO 220 FOURTH AVENUE,**  
S.W. CORNER 18<sup>TH</sup> ST.,



S.A.U.

*New York,* Sept. 7th, 1897

SYNOPSIS OF OPERATIONS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPT. 4th, 1897.

Plans filed for New Buildings - Main Office	37
Estimated Cost	\$1,525,100.00
Plans filed for New Buildings - Branch Office	51
Estimated Cost	315,955.00
Plans filed for Alterations - Main Office	19
Estimated Cost	73,150.00
Plans filed for Alterations - Branch Office	19
Estimated Cost	23,800.00
Buildings reported as unsafe	32
Buildings reported for additional means of escape	19
Other violations of law reported	174
Unsafe Building notices issued	105
Fire escape           "       "	31
Violation           "       "	386
Unsafe Building cases forwarded for prosecution	1
Violation           "       "       "	81
Iron and steel inspections made	6,342
Complaints lodged with the department	74

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**DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,**

**NO. 220 FOURTH AVENUE,  
S.W. CORNER 18TH ST.,**



S.A.U.

*New York,* Sept. 13th, 1897.

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

Dear Sir:--

Herewith please find a synopsis of the operations  
of this Department for the week ending September 11th, 1897.

Respectfully,

*Stevenson Constable*  
Superintendent of Buildings.

Dic. W.H.C.

**DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,**

**NO 220 FOURTH AVENUE,**  
S.W. CORNER 18<sup>TH</sup> ST.,



S. A. U.

*New York,* Sept. 13th, 1897

SYNOPSIS OF OPERATIONS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPT. 11th, 1897.

Plans filed for new buildings - Main Office	20
Estimated Cost	\$762,500.
Plans filed for new buildings - Branch Office	36
Estimated cost	\$329,800.
Plans filed for alterations - Main Office	17
Estimated cost	\$359,580.
Plans filed for alterations - Branch Office	14
Estimated Cost	\$12,718.
Buildings reported as unsafe	47
Buildings reported for additional means of escape	14
Other violations of law reported	98
Unsafe building notices issued	105
Fire escape           "       "	23
Violation           "       "	312
Unsafe building cases forwarded for prosecution	1
Violation           "       "       "	56
Iron & steel inspections made	6,814
Complaints lodged with the Department	42

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**DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,****NO. 220 FOURTH AVENUE,  
S.W. CORNER 18TH ST.,***STEVENSON CONSTABLE  
SUPERINTENDENT.*

EA.

*New York, Sept. 15th, 189*  
*M.*

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

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 14th inst. requesting report on premises located at St. Nicholas Avenue and 124th Street, formerly known as the Belmont Riding Academy, application having been made for permission to give vocal and instrumental concerts.

The matter will be given immediate attention and report sent to you as soon as possible.

Yours respectfully,

*Stevenson Constable*  
Sup't. of B'ldgs.

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**DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,**

**NO 220 FOURTH AVENUE,**  
S.W. CORNER 18<sup>TH</sup> ST.,

STEVENSON CONSTABLE,  
SUPERINTENDENT.

EA.

*New York,* Sept. 20th, 1897

*Mr*

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

Dear Sir:-

In regard to letter signed by Mr. Burrows relative to premises known as the Belmont Riding Academy, I beg to say that I have had an examination made of the same and that until the applicants file plans showing what is proposed to be done in order to change the building from its present use to a concert hall, it will not be possible for me to pass on the application.

The law requires me to give you a certificate to the effect that the requirements of the law have been complied with. I cannot do this until the proposed alterations are made.

Yours respectfully,

(D.C.S.C.)

*Stevenson Constable*  
Sup't. of B'ldgs.

**DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,**

**NO. 220 FOURTH AVENUE,**  
S.W. CORNER 18<sup>TH</sup> ST.,

STEVENSON CONSTABLE,  
SUPERINTENDENT.

EA.

*New York,* Sept. 20th, 1897

*M.*

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

In regard to application for license to give vocal and instrumental concerts at premises St. Nicholas Avenue and 124th Street, formerly known as the Belmont Riding Academy, will you please advise me of the names and addresses of the parties applying for said license, in order that I may advise them in regard to filing plans, etc. for the proposed work. There is no information on record here as to who these persons are.

Yours respectfully,

*Stevenson Constable*  
Sup't. of B'ldgs.

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**DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,**

**NO 220 FOURTH AVENUE,**  
S.W. CORNER 18<sup>TH</sup> ST.



S.A.U.

*New York,* Sept. 20, 1897  
*M.*

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

Dear Sir:--

Herewith please find a synopsis of the operations  
of this Department for the week ending Sept. 18th, 1897.

Respectfully,

*Stevenson Constable*  
Superintendent of Buildings.

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# DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS,

No 220 FOURTH AVENUE,  
S.W. CORNER 18<sup>TH</sup> ST.,



S.A.U.

*New York,* Sept. 20, 1897

## SYNOPSIS OF OPERATIONS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPT. 18th, 1897.

Plans filed for New Buildings - Main Office	18
Estimated Cost	\$591,000.
Plans filed for New Building - Branch Office	41
Estimated Cost	\$296,200.
Plans filed for Alterations - Main Office	16
Estimated Cost	\$23,850.
Plans filed for Alterations - Branch Office	20
Estimated Cost	\$12,275.
Buildings reported as unsafe	56
Buildings reported for additional means of escape	29
Other violations of law reported	169
Unsafe Building Notices issued	103
Fire escape " "	35
Violation " "	371
Unsafe Building cases forwarded for prosecution	1
Fire escape " " "	9
Violation " " "	134
Iron & steel inspections made	7,894
Complaints lodged with the Department	67