



# THE MAIL AND EXPRESS,

(THE LEADING EVENING PAPER.)

PUBLISHER'S OFFICE,

203 BROADWAY,

New York, Dec. 5th, 1894.

To the Hon. W. L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

We, a majority of the licensed pawnbroker auctioneers of the said city of New York, hereby respectfully request, that you sanction our choice of THE MAIL AND EXPRESS, 203 Broadway, said city, for the publication of our Auction Sales from the date of your approval hereof.

*It is our wish to ~~very respectfully~~, advertise our Auction Sales in the Mail + Express instead of the Daily News, from the date of your approval hereof.*

*Very respectfully,*

*R. L. Burger 57 Bowery*  
*J. M. Alexander 98 Bowery*  
*Joseph Shogood 94*

SON,  
85 BOWERY.

NEW YORK,

Jan 5 1894

Dear Sirs,

It will be  
only too pleased to  
advertise in your journal  
if the same is approved  
as the legal Evening paper  
for our sales to appear in

Yours

S. M. Co.

Appropriate Mark  
+ Expenses for  
Printing.

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# THE MAIL AND EXPRESS,

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PUBLISHER'S OFFICE,

203 BROADWAY,

New York, Jan. 1st, 1895.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Sir:- THE MAIL AND EXPRESS hereby makes application to be named as one of the newspapers in which all city advertising shall be inserted, as provided by law.

I herewith enclose you a communication signed by a majority of the Licensed Pawn-broker Auctioneers of the City, requesting you to sanction their choice of THE MAIL AND EXPRESS for the publication of their Auction Sales.

Hoping for your favorable consideration in this matter,

I have to honor to remain,

Very respectfully yours,

*R. E. A. Don*

Publisher.

*per W. A. D.*

ROBERT FOSTER & SON,

(Successors to J. E. TUCKER.)

BLANK BOOK MANUFACTURERS,  
LITHOGRAPHERS AND PRINTERS,

34 CORTLANDT STREET.

TELEPHONE, 2631 CORTLANDT.

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201 Grove St

East Orange N.J.

New York

Jan'y 1<sup>st</sup> 1895

Hon. William L. Spring.

My dear Sir:-

I hope you will pardon my liberty in writing you, but my reasons for doing so, are that I should like to interview you at some time when you can grant me possibly ten minutes of your valuable time.

My purpose is to talk over the matter of the supplies, such as printing stationery and blank books for New York City.

I find by examining the Budget for 1895 that \$281,200 is to be expended for that purpose, of course this amount may be excessive or possibly inadequate for the wants of the various departments, however that is a matter which I should like very much to discuss with you, for this reason, I have made many efforts to get an order for supplies for the City and have failed each time, the reason

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New York, ..... 189

Of my failure I can fully explain.  
Please understand that I am not asking  
for any of the work that may be required  
by the City, but on the other hand I wish  
to proffer suggestions which may be  
of advantage from a financial  
standpoint.

Hoping you will kindly grant me  
an interview.

I remain

Very truly yours

William J. Foster

P.S.

Please address 201 Park St. East Orange N.J.  
as I have severed my connections with  
the above firm.

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Roughly speaking N.Y. 1. 1. 1845,

Mayor William L. Story,

Dear Sir,

My Brother William H. Russell,  
of 205 Front Street New York City Gunpowder  
Dealer took upon himself to remove the  
bodies of my Father's family from the Marble  
Cemetery in Second St near Second Avenue  
without the consent of his Brothers & Sisters  
thier being 7 seven of us. It being my Father's  
wish if the Cemetery were was taken away  
from thier to take the bodies to Bay  
Harbor Long Island as my Father has a plot  
at that place. My Mother before she  
Died in the year 1840 she gave the  
key of the vault, to my Sister Mary with  
instructions to let no one have it and my

Brother William burke in the vault stole the  
bodies without consulting his Brothers Sisters in  
the matter with the advice of the President  
of the Marble Cemetery Alexander Maitland  
who has his office in the Maryland Times  
Building on Paul Row in My City. For some  
time past I have tryed to have something done  
in the matter but have not been able. I have  
seen Mayor Gilroy & the Board of health & others  
but have not been able to do anything so far  
at the present times as you are now the  
Mayor's things will now be different. I hope in  
the affairs of My City I hope soon to hear from  
you soon on the subject. My father's property  
was settled up by order of the Supreme Court  
Jacob Shauls Lawyer of No 90 Nassau St My City  
being appointed trustee of said Estate. His Mother

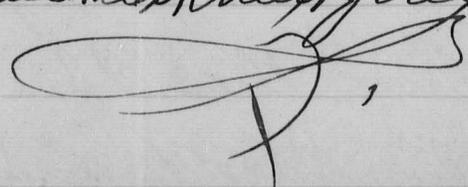
has a vault in the Marble Cemetery in New York  
as well. So you can see for yourself my Brother  
William burke in stole the bodies by order  
of Mr Alexander Maitland the President of  
said cemetery what I want is for them to undo  
the damage they have done & make them  
deliver the bodies over to their Brothers Sisters &  
have them taken & put where my father's Mother  
intended they should be put in their plot  
at Bay Harbor Long Island. There was 8 bodies  
stolen from the cemetery taken to Kensico  
Cemetery on the Harlem Rail Road near White  
Plains Westchester County when my father was  
alive. We lived at No 80 West 30 St My City. He  
Died in the year 1881. In April of that year,  
since then I have lived in all these counties at  
this place farming until my health give out.

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So hoping to hear from you you will do  
something for the wrong that has been done  
the Family? The Number of my Father's Vault in  
the Marble Cemetery is No 213 Charles S. Howell,  
I will mention I was the Plaintiff Myself in my  
Father's Property Mr Jacob Shraley was appointed  
Trustee having his office in the same place  
with my Lawyer Oliver Kempton in my suit  
My Father being out of his health & of un sound  
mind not able to manage his affairs, if you  
want will send you a list of the names of the  
Family my Brothers Sisters their places of living,  
Remain Mr Meyer & Yours Truly Respectfully,

Henry S. Howell,

114 William St. New York, N. Y.



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Pawson, Kansas

Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> 1895

To the Mayor  
New York City

Dear Sir

On account of severe drought our people  
have not raised any thing for two years and  
as their means of support have become exhausted  
they are bound to suffer during the winter unless  
they can obtain relief from those who are more  
fortunate. The Christian Endeavor Society  
have appointed a committee to see after the needy  
and we appeal to your City for help  
Clothing is very much needed and wraps  
those that are partly worn will be accepted  
any thing that brothers can make over for their  
little ones coats & shoes fur coats for men  
If you can do any thing for us you can

have the R R Company Carry it free  
by speaking to the Agent. Our Agent says  
that his road will carry any thing free.  
If you send any thing send to the  
Minister of the W E Church who will  
sign this paper with the Committee

E. E. Gundel Pastor W E Church

J. M. Pietline

J. Rogers

E. W. Peck

Wesley Wareham

Committee



Headquarters

# Washington Heights Progressive Association

S. W. Cor. 168th St.



& Amsterdam Ave.

NEW YORK, January 2d, 1895.

To the Hon. Mayor WILLIAM L. STRONG, the Honorable Board of Aldermen, and the Honorable Board of Health of the City of New York.--Greeting:-

At a regular meeting of the Washington Heights Progressive Association, the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted--That--

WHEREAS-The Third Ave. R. R. Co., owning and operating the Cable Road on Amsterdam Avenue, between 125th and 185th Streets, and considering that they possess a monopoly of the Rail Road Facilities between Washington Heights and the lower sections of this City, and give to the public of this vicinity the most unsatisfactory service. And

WHEREAS-The dilapidated, unheated, and poorly lighted Cars run on this portion of their Road are a constant menace to the health and comfort of the residents of this section of the City, who are compelled to use them, in going to and from their homes. And

WHEREAS-In direct violation of the laws, governing such Corporations, the Cars are not run or operated with any due

regard to any schedule time, and the Employees of said R. R. Co., run said Cars on the down grades at a speed that is dangerous to the life and limb of the Public in crossing the Amsterdam Avenue, and who also continually refuse to stop for passengers to get on or off of the Cars of said Corporation, IT WAS

RESOLVED-That your Honorable Boards, be and are hereby requested, to take such prompt and positive action in accordance with the several laws and city ordinances, as will compel the Third Avenue R. R. Co. to furnish and operate on the Amsterdam Avenue Section of their Cable Road, north of 125th Street, a sufficient number of clean, well heated and properly lighted Cars, and that their Employees be compelled, to stop the Cars for passengers at all times, when so requested, and that on all down grades the Gripmen be not allowed to detach said Cars from the Cable nor run at a speed that will be dangerous to persons desiring to cross the tracks of said Rail Road. And it was further

RESOLVED-That the Committee on Transit and Rail Roads, of this Association, are empowered to take such further action, as in their judgment may seem just and proper to secure the prompt compliance with this request. It was further

RESOLVED-That a copy of these Resolutions be delivered to the Hon. Mayor WILLIAM L. STRONG, the Hon. Board of Aldermen, the Hon. Board of Health, the Third Avenue R. R. Co., and the Public Press of the City of New York.

A True Copy.

*John C. Koopman*

*John C. Klett*

*Christian Trinks* President,

} Secretaries.

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FROM THE  
WASHINGTON HEIGHTS  
PROGRESSIVE  
ASSOCIATION.

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OFFICE HOURS:

8 to 10 A. M.

7 to 9 P. M.

Office and Laboratory of  
DR. E. R. DUFFY,  
125 WEST 60TH STREET,  
NEW YORK.

Member of the  
K. of H.  
O. C. F.  
Home Circle.  
G. A. R.  
A. O. H.  
S. L. O. C. F.  
R. A. & N. V.  
I. O. R. Men.  
Vet. Zouaves.

Ex U.S. Surgeon

January 2<sup>d</sup> 1895  
Wm. L. Duffey  
Sir

I would most respectfully  
call your attention to the faulty and unhearty condition  
of Union Army in the annexed territories. I would also  
state that the attention of Commissioner Haggan has  
been repeatedly called to it, as the enclosed letter  
from Ex Mayor Gilroy will prove.

That the said Commissioner Haggan has been  
neglectful of his duty is apparent and is unfit  
for the position. Therefore I ask you in the name  
of Good Government to Remove the said  
Haggan from Office and give us a man who  
will perform his duty properly.

Very Respectfully  
Edward R. Duffy M.D.

✠ Rogers Chapel ✠

OF  
South Church 204 WEST 18TH ST.  
NEW YORK.

Ans'd Jan 5/95.  
J.R.

Jan 3<sup>d</sup>/95

You Wm L. Strong  
Mayor

Our ashes & fark  
- are have not been  
taken since Monday.

The same seems  
to be the case through  
the street.

Y<sup>r</sup> respectfully  
A. L. Lumbard

# RUFUS RITCH RANDALL,

Member of Northside Board of Trade,

Real Estate, Fire and Plate-Glass Insurance,

LOANS NEGOTIATED.

RENTING & COLLECTING.

NOTARY PUBLIC.

721 TREMONT AVE. (177TH ST.)

New York, Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1895

My dear Mayor:

The needs of the people of the  
23<sup>rd</sup> + 24<sup>th</sup> Wards are as follows: viz:  
Opening & grading etc. in our Streets & Avenues  
Laying Crotch + gas mains + sewers in same.  
Development of our great Parks + Parkways.  
do do do do Waterways.

Building of Municipal Building in Corona Park  
for Commissioners of Street Improvements of  
the 23 + 24<sup>th</sup> Wards. (this was authorized  
by act of Legislature cost \$100,000.)

Rapid Transit from 24<sup>th</sup> Ward to City Hall 30 minutes

Hope that during your  
term of office you will give these matters  
your special consideration should they  
come up before you officially

Yours sincerely  
Rufus R. Randall

To Mayor W. L. Strong  
New York City

alderman 24<sup>th</sup> Ward.

Cable  
Address  
"Satinurk."



Telephone  
"2630  
"Cortlandt"

NEW YORK. Jan. 3d, 1895. 189

Hon. W. L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir,-

In extending you well wishes for a prosperous and successful career as Mayor, I respectfully take the liberty at this early date of calling your attention to what appears to be unsatisfactory service and an imposition on the public. The Metropolitan Traction Co. or Broadway Railroad seems not alone to take possession of the City by making switches at every <sup>Street</sup> crossing, but in rainy and stormy weather (as well as at other times) insists upon the transfer of passengers who occupy comfortable seats, to cars that are crowded (at the 50th St. car-house) and switch same at their own convenience. The front doors of these cars are also opened indiscriminately, creating a draft and injuring the health of passengers. We hardly think it is the intention of the City to extend such franchises unless they are able to secure proper service for the public.

Trusting you will pardon this communication but anticipating under your administration that some relief will be extended to the residents on the West side, permit me to subscribe myself,

Very truly yours,

*I. Tanenbaum*  
120 N 86 St

METHODIST REVIEW,  
150 FIFTH AVENUE.



REV. W. V. KELLEY, D.D.,  
Editor.

REV. A. B. SANFORD, D.D.,  
Assistant Editor.

NEW YORK,

Jan. 3, 1894.

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

Dear Sir —

Since the Street Cleaning Department seems utterly to have collapsed, I wish to inform you personally that in the vicinity of 7th Ave. and 120 St. the ashes and garbage have not been collected since Wednesday, Dec. 26. I wish to complain especially for 2003 and 2005 7 Ave. In some other places in the neighborhood the ashes were collected about two days ago; but even that was for the first time since the storm. From observation and information I believe the same condition of affairs to exist in many other parts of Harlem. Once before since election the garbage was not collected in our vicinity for at least three days.

Respectfully,

Geo. B. Brown,

2005 7th Ave.

New York Jan 3, 1898,  
Major Strong

Dear Sir:

I desire to call your attention  
to a liquor store on the corner  
of East Broadway and Market  
St. under the management of  
a man named B. Pullen  
it is in reality used as an  
assignation house and has  
been used as such during  
the whole time the Lexow  
Committee was in session.

I have written to Capt. Grant  
in relation to this place but  
he didn't think it worth his  
while to notice my appeal

I now direct my appeal  
to you Mr Mayor as I  
think you mean to reform  
the government of this City.

It is a common thing  
to see a low set of degraded  
women openly soliciting  
men and bringing them  
in the side door of this  
saloon on Sundays.

This appeal to you Mr  
Mayor, I hope, will meet  
with your just condemna-  
tion and I hope it will  
be enough to blot this  
vile place out of existence.

Very respectfully  
yours J. K. R.

and one who hailed  
your election with  
Joy

## GENERAL — ALL COUNTIES.

[Fourteen folios.]

### LAWS OF NEW YORK.—By Authority.

[Every law, unless a different time shall be prescribed therein, shall not take effect until the twentieth day after it shall have become a law. Section 48, article II, chapter 8, General Laws.]

### Chap. 720.

AN ACT relative to guarantors and sureties.

APPROVED by the Governor May 17, 1893. Passed, three-fifths being present.

*The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows :*

Section 1. Whenever a bond, recognizance, obligation, stipulation, undertaking or anything in the nature of either of the same, is by law municipal or otherwise, or the rules, regulations, orders, custom, practice or discretion, of any board, body, organization, office or officer, local, municipal or otherwise, allowed, required or permitted to be executed, made, taken, given, tendered, accepted, filed or recorded, for the security or protection of or by, or for any person, persons, corporation, body, officer, interest, municipality, or other association or organization whatsoever, in any and all capacities whatsoever, conditioned for the doing or not doing of anything, or for any conditions which may be provided for, in said bond recognizance, obligation, stipulation, undertaking or anything in the nature of either of the same, specified, any and all corporations, associations, organizations, heads of departments, persons, officers, bodies, public officers and authorities, state, departmental, county, town, municipal or local, and any and all bodies, boards, courts, officers, judges, authorities, public or private, and municipalities, or the clerks or other officers or associates thereof, now or hereafter required or permitted to accept or approve the sufficiency of any such bond, recognizance, obligation, stipulation, undertaking or anything in the nature of either of the same, may, in the discretion of such corporations, associations, organizations, heads of departments, body, board, person, officer, court, judge, municipality or public officer,—state, departmental, county, town, municipi-

pal or local, or other authority, public or private, or the clerks, or other officers or associates thereof, accept such bond, recognizance, obligation, stipulation, undertaking, or other thing required in the nature of either of the same, and approve the same whenever the same is executed, or the conditions thereof are guaranteed, solely, by a corporation incorporated under the laws of this state and authorized under its charter to execute the same or to guarantee the fidelity of persons holding places of public or private trust, and to guarantee the performance of contracts other than insurance policies, and to execute or guarantee bonds and undertakings required or permitted in all actions or proceedings or by law allowed; and whenever any such bond, recognizance, obligation, stipulation, undertaking or other thing in the nature of either of the same, is so required or permitted to be executed, made, given, taken, tendered, accepted, filed or recorded, with one surety or with one or more sureties, the execution of the same, or the guaranteeing of the performance of the conditions thereof, shall be sufficient when executed or guaranteed solely by such company so authorized and shall be accepted and taken and approved, as in all respects a full and complete compliance with every requirement of every law, ordinance, order, by-law, custom, practice, rule, or regulation, or other authority whatsoever, that such bond, undertaking, recognizance, obligation, stipulation, or anything in the nature of either of the same, shall be executed, entered into, joined in, made, tendered, given, filed, recorded, or guaranteed by one surety, or by one or more sureties, or that such sureties shall be residents or householders or freeholders or possess any other qualifications; and any and all corporations, associations, organizations, heads of departments, courts, persons, officers, bodies, judges, boards and municipalities, and any and all public officers and authorities,—state, departmental, county, town, municipal, or local, or authority, public or private, or the clerks or other officers or associates thereof, whose duty it may or shall hereafter be to pass upon, accept, report on or approve the sufficiency of any such bond, recognizance, obligation, stipulation, undertaking or anything in the nature of either of the same, may accept the same when entered into, joined in, made, tendered, given, filed, recorded, executed or guaranteed solely by such a company or corporation, and all such corporations so incorporated under the laws of this state and so authorized under its charter are hereby vested with full power and authority

to execute or guarantee any and all such bonds, recognizances, stipulations or undertakings, or other thing in the nature of either of the same, whether given under the laws of this state, or of the United States, or of any state or country.

§ 2. It is further provided that the guarantee of any such company shall not be accepted by heads of departments or others, as provided in section one of this act, whenever its liabilities shall have been ascertained in the manner provided in section three of this act, to exceed its assets.

§ 3. Whenever the liabilities of any such company shall exceed its assets, the superintendent of the insurance department shall require the deficiency to be paid up within sixty days, and if it is not so paid up, then he shall issue a certificate showing the extent of such deficiency, and he shall publish the same once a week for three weeks in the state paper, and thenceforth and until such deficiency is paid up such company shall not do business under the provisions of this act. And in estimating the condition of any such company under the provisions of this act, the superintendent and such heads of the departments, courts, judges, boards, municipalities and public officers shall allow as assets only such as are authorized under existing laws at the time, and shall charge as liabilities in addition to the capital stock all outstanding indebtedness of the company, and a premium reserve equal to fifty per centum of the premiums charged by said company, on all risks then in force. Nothing herein contained shall apply to bonds given in criminal cases.

§ 4. The supreme court in the judicial department which includes the county in which the principal place of business of any such company shall be located, may, at any time, and as frequently as said court shall deem requisite, require such company to file with the clerk of said county a sworn statement of its condition, and may also require such company, through one or more of its officers, to submit to an examination as to its solvency under the rules prescribed by section three of this act by a referee appointed by and under the direction of said court. Such statement and examination when filed with said clerk or a certified copy thereof, when filed with any other clerk of the supreme court, or with any other court, or with any of the persons, bodies or officers mentioned in the first section of this act, shall be received and considered as given in justification upon any and all bonds and undertakings or other

instruments executed or guaranteed by such company, which shall thereafter be presented to any of the said persons, bodies or officers for approval. Any such person, body or officer may, in his discretion, if he or it deems such justification sufficient, approve and accept such bond, or undertaking or other instrument, without further justification, or he or it may direct such further justification through the officers of such company as he shall deem requisite, either limited to any particular matter relating to the condition of such company, or generally.

§ 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATE OF NEW YORK, }  
Office of the Secretary of State, } ss.:

I have compared the preceding with the original law on file in this office, and do hereby certify that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original law.

FRANK RICE,  
*Secretary of State.*



W. L. TRENHOLM, President.  
DAVID B. SICKELS, 2d Vice President.

Wm. E. KEYES, Secretary.  
HENRY C. WILLCOX, Solicitor.

CORTLANDT S. VAN RENSSELAER, Attorney.  
SAMUEL S. PERRY, Attorney.



*Cash Capital \$2,000,000.*

Dictated by W. E. K.  
**American Surety Company,**  
OF NEW YORK.

*Please address all correspondence  
to  
Law Department.*

*160 Broadway,  
New York,* January 4, 1895. *189*

Secretary,  
Job E. Hedges, Esq., Mayor's Office, City.

Dear Sir:--

In my official communication to Mayor Strong, dated January 3rd, 1895, asking him to accept this Company as sole surety on Auctioneers' Bonds, etc., I omitted to enclose a copy of Act 720, which I send herewith.

Will you kindly bring it to his attention if he has any doubt as to his power to accept this Company on the bonds referred to.

Yours truly,

American Surety Company,  
by-

*W. E. Keyes*  
Secretary.

L.B.

CITY OF NEW YORK.  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

January 4th, 1895.

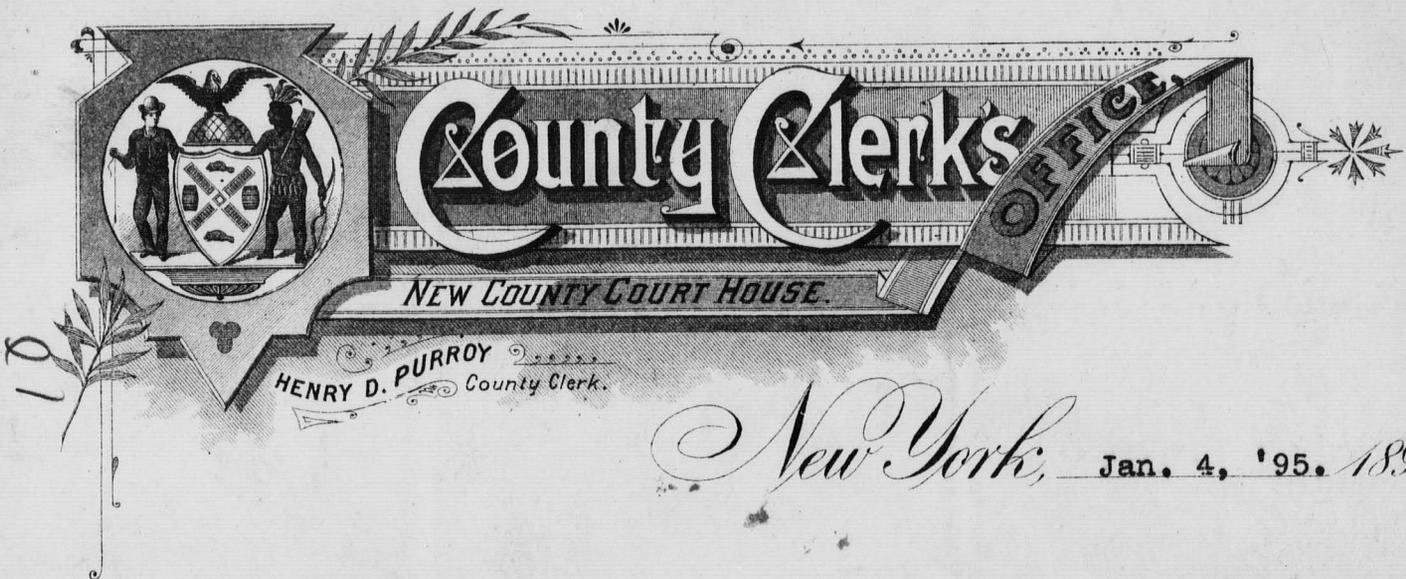
Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor.

Dear sir:

I hereby tender my resignation as Assistant Warrant  
Clerk in the Office of the Mayor, the same to take effect upon  
the appointment of my successor.

Respectfully,

*John J. Regan*



Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to yours of the 2nd inst., in relation to communication from R. Werner, of Cincinnati, Ohio, concerning information regarding Mr. William Fayhe, I beg to inform you that the records of this office do not show that the said William Fayhe has been Mayor of this City at any time during the past forty years, nor is this office in a position to give any information about him.

Respectfully,

*Henry D. Purroy*  
County Clerk.

CITY OF NEW YORK.  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

January 4th, 1895.

Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor.

Dear sir:

I hereby tender my resignation as Warrant and Bond  
Clerk in the Office of the Mayor, the same to take effect upon  
the appointment of my successor.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James H. Magle". The signature is written in dark ink and features a large, decorative initial "J" that loops around the first few letters of the name. The name "Magle" is written in a fluid, connected style.

Edward Wells Jr.  
Avery D. Andrews.

Hiram Barney  
Edward Wells  
Counsel.

Wells <sup>and</sup> Andrews,  
Attorneys & Counselors at Law.  
Trinity Building 111 Broadway,  
New York

Telephone Connection.

Dec. 31, 1894.

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

Dear Sir:-

Much has been said and written recently, in connection with the reorganization of the Police Department of this City, as to the desirability of a reconstruction by military men upon a military basis: in other words of instilling into our police force that spirit of military discipline and military honor which in our Army, as in all others, has been the secret of true success.

As a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, as an ex-officer of the regular Army of over ten years service, including three years at Army Headquarters in Washington as aide-de-camp to Major General Schofield, commanding the Army, and now as a lawyer and citizen of New York, I have taken a deep interest in this matter, and have decided views which may be of some value.

In the interests of good government, I should be pleased to call upon you, and to offer you such assistance as may be in my power.

Edward Wells Jr.  
Every D. Andrews.

Hiram Barney  
Edward Wells  
Counsel.

Wells <sup>and</sup> Andrews,  
Attorneys & Counselors at Law,  
Trinity Building 111 Broadway,  
New York

Telephone Connection.

Hon. W. L. Strong. (2)

If this matter interests you, and as a guarantee of good faith, I beg to refer to any or all of the following well known gentlemen: General J. M. Schofield, Washington; General A. McD. McCook, Denver: General Nelson A. Miles, New York and all other prominent officers of the regular Army: Col. John J. McCook, 120 Broadway: General Louis Fitzgerald, Commanding 1st Brigade, N.G. S. N. Y., upon whose staff I am now serving as Engineer: Mr. Frederick Taylor, 84 Broadway: Col. S. H. Olin, 32 Nassau Street: Hon. John Bigelow: Judge Roger A. Pryor : General Geo. M. Dodge: General Wager Suayne and many others.

With my best compliments, I beg to remain,

Yours truly,

A. D. Andrews

Edward Wells Jr.  
Avery D. Andrews.

1030

Hiram Barney  
Edward Wells  
Counsel.

*Wells and Andrews,*  
*Attorneys & Counselors at Law,*  
*Trinity Building 111 Broadway,*  
*New York*

Telephone Connection.

Jan. 4, 1895.

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

Dear Sir:-

Pursuant to the invitation contained in your letter of the 2nd instant, I beg to submit herewith a brief memorandum relative to the reorganization of the Police Department of this city.

In making these few suggestions I have been impressed with the opinion that the police force of this city should be governed upon principles closely analogous to those of a military command. Discipline must be maintained, and a sense of personal honor and esprit de corps established, all of which is now painfully wanting.

I believe that the present condition of the Department is due to two evils, viz:

1. A defective system of administration.
2. A corrupt personnel.

Our laws to-day commit the "government, administration, disposition and discipline" of the police to a board of four commissioners, who are also authorized to "make, adopt and enforce rules, orders and regulations." (Consolidation Act, Sec. 250.)

*Edward Wells Jr.  
Amory D. Andrews.*

*Hiram Barney  
Edward Wells  
Counsel.*

*Wells <sup>and</sup> Andrews,  
Attorneys & Counselors at Law,  
Trinity Building 111 Broadway,  
New York*

*Telephone Connections.*

Hon. W. L. Strong. -2-

The Superintendent, the highest police officer, has by law, no more authority or responsibility than a patrolman. There is absolutely no division or separation of duty or responsibility, the authority of the Board being not only supreme in all matters, but exclusive of all other authority.

This suggests a first and most important evil. Boards or Commissions, consisting of a number of persons have become of frequent use for governmental purposes in recent years, but in some cases, as in the Police Department, they have encroached too far upon the proper functions of a single executive.

"Command" and the enforcement of discipline, have never yet in the world's history, been successfully exercised by any authority other than a single executive. It is as impossible for a board of four commissioners, particularly when each member is a strong partisan, to command our police force, as it would be for them to command an army in the field, or to control an executive department of our State or Federal government.

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There is however, a wide and important field of work in the Police Department for a Board of three or five persons, in matters of a semi-judicial, fiscal and deliberative nature. Let the Board retain its exclusive control over appointments, promotions, retirements and dismissals. Let them direct the financial affairs of the department, and regulate all matters relating to organization and equipment of the force; let them continue to make all needful rules and regulations, but place the duty and responsibility of command upon the Superintendent, and hold him strictly accountable therefor.

This much can be accomplished at once without further legislation, if the Police Board be so disposed. It would permit the enforcement of strict discipline, and remove one evil which has been fostered under the present system by a weak and corrupt administration.

In my opinion, the most perfect system of reorganization would be that of a single Police Commissioner, with a superintend-

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ent under him in command, and a separate auxiliary board of a semi-judicial nature, consisting of three or five members, whose duties would be confined to the examination of candidates for appointment and promotion, and to the trying of charges preferred by the Commissioner, for breaches of discipline.

Objection may be made to this system upon the ground that it is too complex and divided in its nature. It is however, identically the system upon which our Army has always been governed: and certainly the results of three great wars endorse the system. We have a single Secretary of War at the head of the department, a general in command, with courts martial and examining boards to assist in matters of a judicial or deliberative nature. The identical system prevails at the United States Military Academy at West Point, where the highest discipline and the highest standard of personal honor is maintained.

A modification of this system consisting of a non-partisan board of three or five members, and a Superintendent, with the duty and responsibility of command, would be a vast improvement up-

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on the present system.

The first and most important duty of the Board is to carefully, critically, yet with a strong arm, remove from the present force, all men of whatsoever rank, whose records are besmirched. It has been suggested that this duty be confided to a separate commission; but the Police Board proper, if duly reorganized, could do this work as well.

There are several minor changes which can be accomplished at once without legislation. Of these I would suggest the abolition of the present inspection districts. They are too large for the purposes of command, and constitute a useless and unnecessary step between the Captain and the Superintendent.

Make the precinct the unit of administration, and make all orders and reports direct from the Captain to the Superintendent.

Relieve the inspectors from their nominal command of the present inspection districts, and attach them to the staff of the Superintendent, as inspectors in fact as well as in name. Every

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military or other large organization has competent officers of high rank whose duties are to critically examine and inspect the conduct character, habits and efficiency of their organization, and to report abuses to the proper authority. Their duties are most important and confidential, and with several efficient inspectors, zealous in the performance of their duties as such, the corrupt practices which have recently been exposed, could never have existed.

In conclusion I beg to say, that I believe it possible, with the aid of proper legislation, and diligent, impartial and intelligent effort upon the part of the authorities, to evolve from the present wreck and build up, during your term of office as Mayor a police force of which this city may be justly proud, and second to none in the world. We have plenty of American brains, energy and money, a sure guarantee of success if properly administered.

Summarizing briefly I suggest the following changes:-

1. Establish a single Police Commissioner, with an auxiliary Board for examinations and trials only: or make the present board of three or five members.

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2. Give the Superintendent the command of the Police force, and hold him strictly accountable therefor.

3. Establish a bureau of elections separate and apart from the Police Department.

4. Abolish the present inspection districts, and attach the inspectors to the staff of the Superintendent.

5. Make the precinct the sole unit of administration, with responsibility direct from the Captain to the Superintendent.

These suggestions have been made as the result of military training and service at West Point, in the Regular Army and in the War Department, and close observation of the Police Department of this city. If I can be of service to you at any time in this connection, please command me.

With my best compliments, I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

*A. D. Andrews*

Washington. 31<sup>st</sup> of Dec 94.

Turkish Legation.

To the Mayor of New-York.

Sir,

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His Imperial Majesty  
the Sultan, my August Sovereign,  
has subscribed, as I advised at  
the time, to the fund for the relief

of the sufferers from the North  
West Fire, for the sum of three  
hundred Turkish pounds.

The equivalent of this  
amount, I now have the pleasure  
of transmitting to you through  
Messrs. Halli Brothers of New York.

Confirming the feelings of  
friendship that His Imperial  
Majesty entertains toward all  
Americans, I request, Sir,

Yours very truly

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Enclosure  
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Ralli Brothers. 39

13 & 15 Old Slip,

In reply to yours of New York January 2<sup>d</sup> 1895

To His Honor,

The Mayor of New York,  
City

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the  
Enclosed letter from His Excellency,  
A. Mavroyeni Bey, Turkish Minister  
at Washington, D.C., we take pleasure,  
in sending you herewith our check  
for 1370.25, being the currency equiv-  
alent of three hundred (300£) Turkish  
Liras, the amount subscribed by His  
Majesty, the Sultan of Turkey, to the  
"Fund for the late Sufferers from the North  
Western Forest Fire".

May we trouble you to send us  
Receipt for the above amount, in order

that we may transmit same to the  
Legation at Washington,

We are, dear Sir,

Yours very respectfully,

J. J. Ralli Bros.

~~J. J. Ralli Bros.~~

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## **THE SULTAN'S GIFT OF \$1,350**

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**Just Turned Over to Mayor Strong, Who  
Cannot Put It to Its Intended Use.**

Ralli Bros. of 13-15 Old slip sent to Mayor Strong yesterday \$1,350, being the contribution of the Sultan of Turkey to the fund for the relief of the sufferers by the Wisconsin and Michigan fires of last summer. Mayor Gilroy received several months ago an official communication from Mavroyeni Bey, the Turkish Minister, announcing the contribution. The subscription was made in Turkish pounds, but did not accompany the letter of Mavroyeni Bey. Since the subscription was made Mayor Gilroy received notice that the Mayor's fund was not needed, and the various sums have been returned to the several subscribers, including \$500 sent to Henry Irving, who was the first to cable aid.

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Washington. 3<sup>d</sup> of June 1895.

Turkish Legation.

To

The Mayor of New-York.

Sir,

Concerning my remittance  
through Messrs. Ralli Brothers,  
of N<sup>o</sup> 1350, representing the  
subscriptions of His Imperial Majesty

the Sultan & the Fund is  
Java of the sufferers from the  
Forest Fires of North West, I  
read this morning the enclosed  
clipping from the "N. York Sun".

As this is a matter of  
some importance, I beg you to be

so kind as to communicate to me  
by reply your decision on this  
matter.

I remain Sir,

Yours very truly

Harrold

Turkish Lika.

Ralli Brothers,

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13 & 15 Old Slip,

In reply to yours of

New York, Jan'y 4<sup>th</sup> 1895

Rec<sup>d</sup> from Col. W. L. Strong, Mayor  
of New York, our check for  
\$1320. <sup>25</sup>/<sub>100</sub>, amt. of returned sub-  
scription from His Ex. A. Marrysum  
Vey, British Minister to U. S. for  
North West, Fine Island,

RALLI BROTHERS.

J. W. Church  
CROD.

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D. S. C. - N. Y. C.

New York Jan 4<sup>th</sup> 95

Mr Mayor

Is there no Law to stop the Trucks  
and other Waggon nuisance that lumbers up  
our Cross Town <sup>Streets</sup> and is not only an eyesore  
but an inducement to depraved men to stand  
up against and expose themselves before decent  
Homes. This is about the condition of affairs in 24<sup>th</sup> St  
between 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue where one Boarding  
Stable alone, at nights and Sundays especially  
covers the block with fully a dozen Yeechels of  
different kinds with the above results.  
Surely this is serious enough to come under the  
Reform Cure,

Yours Respectfully  
R. Clark

137 W 24<sup>th</sup> St  
City

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D. S. C. - N. Y. C.

New York Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 95

Mr Mayor

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93 WASHINGTON ST., CHICAGO, ILL.

New York, Jan 4 1895

Ans'd. Jan. 5/95. U.K.

Hon W. B. Strong  
Mayor

Dear Sir:

When you have had time to dispose of the accumulation of business incident to the commencement of your official duties, will you kindly endeavor to correct neglect occurring in the Dept. of Street Cleaning - If citizens are careless about any sanitary matter, even of trifling importance, the Board of Health inflicts penalties: or if they throw ashes in the street they are fined - Yet the Board of Health allows garbage to accumulate for a week or more without compelling the Dept of Street Cleaning to remove it; and ashes are not removed - For a week or more no removals of refuse have been made in my neighborhood in 133<sup>rd</sup> St. Harlem - This evil ought to be remedied at once. Some course ought to be pursued to protect the rights of citizens, that they may not be subjected to these annoyances every time we have a snow storm. Will you kindly see that this nuisance is abated?

Yours truly

B. W. Minions  
79 Nassau St + 156 W 133<sup>rd</sup> St

D  
1 Grandale Place  
Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> 95

To his Honor  
Mayor Strong

Dear Sir Early in the  
beginning of the present  
School Term the Principal  
(Mrs Denis) of the Primary  
Dept. School No 90 sent my  
two youngest children  
Home I appealed to Her,  
the "Board of Education"  
the "Ward Trustees" "Senator  
Butts" also to the N.Y.  
World without any  
result

Result Finally I appeal to your Hon. Hopes  
for redress as all my Family's progress have  
been retarded in the Primary Dept. under  
Mr. Lewis' superintendency for the past (13) thirteen  
years.

Yours most respectfully  
Wm. W. Linnell

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Brooklyn Jan'y 5<sup>th</sup> 1895

Hon Mayor Strong

Sir: I am the inventor  
of the Siphone Watermain and Elevated  
Railway - a system of rapid tran-  
sit that will secure the following  
sources of revenue - Water Docks and  
wharfage besides that from traffic -  
and advance the commerce - man-  
ufactures and trade of the City - I  
have appealed, in vain to both R. F.  
R. Commission - if you will grant  
me an opportunity I will convince  
you that my system has more merit  
than any system that has been  
proposed to meet the require-  
ments of the City -

Very Respectfully  
your Obedt. Servant  
Matthew Richardson  
116. Prospect. Street

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D. S. C. · N. Y. C.

325 West 14<sup>th</sup> Street. JAN 8 9 37 AM 1895

Dear Mr. D.

I think it is  
an outrageous shame  
to allow the rail-  
road Company to  
pile the snow &  
dirt as they do  
in front of the  
residences in West  
14<sup>th</sup> St. Making it  
impossible to clean  
out our gutters or  
hardly able to reach

The cars - in James  
book st they pile  
the snow up so that  
parties can scarcely  
do business

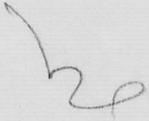
Citizens have  
rights as well as  
the Companies - they  
pay more taxes in  
proportion & have  
a harder struggle  
to make both ends  
meet in these times

with in a reasonable  
time either they or  
the city should  
make our streets  
passable

Owning property  
both in 14th St  
between 8 & 9th as  
& James st  
between Greenwich  
& Washington I  
know of what I  
complain

Yours  
Geo. E. Hoe

New York, Jan. 5th 1895.

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

Sir:-

Within the last ten days I have addressed two communications to the Commissioner of the Board of Public Works, calling his attention to the condition of the sidewalk adjoining the Garfield Flat 340 W. 56th St., but no notice was taken of either communication.

The sidewalk referred to is in a very dangerous condition, and it is very perilous for pedestrians to pass over.

The flag stones have been taken up, the lamp post taken down, and the accumulation of the rain, snow and slush have made the walk well nigh impassible;

and the danger is the greater at night because of the place being left in darkness.

The owner of the property seems to think that he can violate the city ordinances with impunity by reason of some "pull" he has with the authorities that are in command. In his violation of the law he is not molested; he is not called to account for his infringement of the city ordinances; and in the meantime, should an accident occur on account of the above infraction, the City would be sued for damages.

Now I would respectfully call your attention to the above, and sincerely hope you will have the proper remedy applied.

Yours Resp'y,

*Adolph Gossling*  
334 W 56<sup>th</sup> St.

I. J. GEERY,  
Real Estate and Insurance,  
388 Amsterdam Avenue,  
Bet, 78th and 79th Streets.  
Loans on Bond and Mortgage.

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

Honble W L Strong  
City Hall N York  
Sir

I most respectfully would  
ask if the Fireman have any right to  
block the street cars unnecessarily,  
Yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock  
I was riding on a 10<sup>th</sup> ave car down trip  
and the car in which I rode was detained  
10 or 15 minutes by Hook & Ladder truck  
(No 22) in front of their house Amsterdam  
ave & 9<sup>th</sup> St which the men were  
washing the truck with the hose (on the  
RR track) notwithstanding that they had  
ample room between the track & curb.  
and I was told by a gentleman on the  
same car that it was a frequent occurrence

Respectfully  
I J Geery

*Jan 8 1895*

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Chief of Dep't.

Rec'd H'd Qrs. Fire Dept.

JAN 8 

Wilmington Jan 6<sup>th</sup> 1895

Mr Strong Dear sir

as I saw your intentions  
of Doing Justice in the papers  
I write to you hoping you  
will investigate my case  
for I am being kept from  
recovering my estates that  
was on file in the Surgat  
Court also my fathers will  
that I found in the Court  
house in the Registers office  
the 21 day of July. 1891  
it being signed thus  
my run J. J. risbie of  
english bath giving all to his  
son of New York setting a small  
portion to my mother and sisters  
and brother giving one part of  
their name

of each one of the family  
also giving the boundaries  
of property the first piece  
was bounded between 58 St  
and Central park  
now the Will has been kept  
from me ever since I found it  
it was made in April 1868  
and kept a secret from me  
untill I found it by chance  
While I was investigating  
Miner R. Frisbie's will and signature

Now my uncle Edward  
Frisbie made a last Will in  
the year <sup>1848</sup> and recorded it  
in volume 90 this Will has  
been forged since 1868  
by some one and the alder volume  
hidden for the site Will  
provided for the Widow giving  
her the house on Brooklan  
height also 2 lots on

Clinton avenue Brooklan.  
the forged Will now on  
file ignores the Widow  
and is of no value for  
Deator tested his father's will  
after he ceast to be the heir  
and the right heirs are  
his brothers and sisters  
Children them that are  
living at the time of division  
also we have the property that  
the Widow held her lifetime  
or whilst she remained his  
Widow. now I have never  
cesed to try and recover  
the property I have been  
bluffed or swindled so I  
have not succeeded yet  
the reason why is I am  
to ~~pro~~ to forse my rights  
so I plea to you for protection  
in the name of the laws of  
the stat of N.Y. and U.S. courts

Please do what you can  
for me and you will  
be amply rewarded from  
the estate

yours with respect  
hoping to hear from you  
by return mail. yours

Harvey J. Frisbie

516 Newcastle Avenue

Wilmington

Delaware

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Dr. Adolph Rupp

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406 West 34th Street

New York,

January 6, 1895

To His Honor

Wm. L. Murray

Mayor of the City  
of New York

Sir: The story I have to tell might be spun out to a great length. I will try to be as brief as possible. It is a story of official obtuseness and perversity, to characterize it mildly.

One day last June, 1894, I returned home and found a gang of men

ripping up the sidewalk  
in front of my house  
and in front of the  
houses of my neighbors.  
This is on 34<sup>th</sup> St. <sup>(south side)</sup> between  
9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue.  
I asked the men who  
authorized them to do  
what they were at, and  
they referred me to "the  
Boss" who did not  
happen to be around.  
I finally found out  
that an Inspector, a Mr  
Henry Shiver, was around  
somewhere. At last I  
found him, I asked

him by what right - the  
walk was being ripped  
up? He was impatient  
and in hurrying away  
from me he told me  
to go to the Dept of  
Public Works and find  
out.

I then went to the 20<sup>th</sup>  
Precinct Police Station  
and asked for the Captain.  
The Captain not being in.  
I asked the sergeant in  
charge whether they had  
been notified that the  
sidewalk (above mention-  
ed) was to be ripped  
up? He said no.

I then met several of Alderman Frank Rogers' friends, and they told me that the Alderman was dumbfounded by the proceedings of the men and had threatened "to break their bloody heads" if they touched a stone in front of his house (the Alderman lives on this block)

Next day I went to the Dept of Public Works and saw Mr Wm Dean Superintendent for Street Improvements. Mr Dean profes-

ed great ignorance in many ways. He did not know who had complained of the condition of the sidewalk etc — This was a simple lie, I intimated as much to him, and later developments proved him and others to have lied.

I then wrote to Mayor Gilroy, concluding my letter to him as follows:  
 "It would be folly to hold you responsible for such arbitrary and tyrannous ~~conduct~~ <sup>conduct</sup> as this that I have called to your attention;

but it is not absurd to call your attention to the mean degradation the housewearer of N.Y. City is reduced by one of the Departments of this City etc etc. The Mayor sent a reply in due time (June 16/94), stating that my communication had been "referred for a special and prompt report to the Department of Public Works" After that followed complaints from me as to the character of the work that was being done (illegal in my opinion & that of others); and replies from Com. M. T.

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daly which prove the Com-  
missioner to be an ad-  
vocate for the incorp-  
tence and dishonesty of  
his subalterns. Besides I  
rec'd three or four more  
polite inconsequential com-  
munications from his  
Honour Mayor Gibney.

I broke off my correspond-  
ence with Com. Daly by  
telling him that it was a  
deplorable fact that justice  
could not be got at his  
hands, and that he forced  
one to seek a Court of Law  
where he would be condemned,

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I was told by neighbors  
that my correspondence  
must have had some ef-  
fect for the Mayor him-  
self had been alarmed  
and walked the block—  
this I cannot corroborate.

Now Your Honor— My side-  
walk was in more than  
<sup>an</sup> ordinary good condition  
Two wks before it was  
cupped up I had had it  
over hauled by a mason  
and can show the bill  
for the same.

2<sup>d</sup>ly None of us rec'd any  
notice whatever that our

walks were defective

3<sup>rdly</sup> None of us rec<sup>d</sup> any notice that we must have them repaired with - in any specified time

4<sup>thly</sup> The walk as relaid is batchwork and is bad and ugly, lilly, and the hard bed of the original walk is gone, and that of the present one is now in many places defective and the stones undermined.

5<sup>thly</sup> My walk had for

the most part large and smooth flags — now they are rough, unevenly laid, badly joined, and the walk is badly graded.

6thly, the plan that Mr Dean showed me had only two very minor defects, and now there are a dozen as bad, no indeed, worse, in the walk in front of my house.

This same abuse has

been practiced in other parts of the city. It should be looked into, and the thieving abuse corrected.

I have a patient who was <sup>was</sup> treated in the same way. He saved his walk by doing what I and others and you would not design to do. He hustled around to Senator Plunkett who gave him a letter to somebody which somebody gave a letter to my Patient - and this letter seen by the Inspector made my patients' walk satis

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- factory to his (the inspectors)  
judgment. But others who  
had not a pull with  
the Senator, had their  
wallets pulled up and  
dollars from their  
pockets.

I think you ought to know  
of these happenings.

If you cannot help us  
to justice — we must  
find it without your help.

With the Greatest Respect I Am  
Yours Very Truly

Adolph Rupp M. D.

136 W 32<sup>nd</sup>

New York July 6 1895.

To W. A. Strong

Mayor.

Dear Sir.

Never before in this city has there been such chaos in the Street cleaning department.

Overcrowding garbage standing for more than a week. threatens us with an appalling epidemic of disease.

The absence of Col. King from his duties demands either his immediate presence or his his immediate removal.

Respectfully Yours  
C. E. Kirk



CITY HALL.



AUG. HERRMANN, Pres.  
JOHN FREY.  
GEO. T. STERRITT.  
JOHN B. WASHBURN.



A. P. BUTTERFIELD, Clerk.

January 7 1895

W. L. Gillis, Esq.  
Secretary to the Mayor.  
New York City

Dear Sir: I again beg to intrude upon you with several questions relative to the water works of your city. Please have the questions contained on enclosed form answered, and return same to this office. I desire to thank you for the information kindly furnished by you, and will be pleased to return the courtesy.

Very Respectfully Yours  
A. P. Butterfield  
Clerk

Beamte des General-Comites:

Edmund Ottendorfer, Präsident.  
Carl Schurz, 1. Vice-Präs.  
James Speyer, 2. "  
Hubert Gillis, 3. "  
Percival Knauth, Schatzmeister.  
John B. Paines, 1. Prot. Secr.  
Joseph Winter, 2. "  
Ferd. F. Griesel, 1. Corr. Secr.  
Carl L. Lewenstein, 2. "  
A. Schmittberger, Serg.-at-Arms.

Deutsch-Amerikanischer Reform-Bund,

Theodore Sutro.

(GERMAN AMERICAN REFORM UNION.)

300 W 48 St.

TERRACE GARDEN, 58th St., near 3d Ave.

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Arthur von Briesen, Vice-Präsident.  
Theodore Sutro, 1. Sekretär.  
Germann Rosenthal, 2. Sekretär.

Beamte des Campaign-Comites:

F. D. Dettmann, Vorsitzender.  
Fritz Girtler, Sekretär.

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New York, Jan 8 1895

To the Mayor of the City of New York.  
Honored Sir,

As Chairman of the German American Reform 18 Assembly district I take the liberty of addressing you in behalf of my organization. We would like to send a committee of three to wait on you at your earliest convenience. Would you kindly let me know the date and time it would be convenient for your honored self to receive this committee.

Very Respect  
Fred Krafft.  
300 W 48 St.  
City

Headquarters.  
300 W 48 St.

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

January 8/95

Hon<sup>ble</sup> W<sup>m</sup> L. Strong,  
Mayor of the City  
of New York.

Dear Sir:

The bearer of this  
M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> L. Cole is an  
old acquaintance of  
mine. He desires to  
have a word with you  
about the paper known

os. "The Irish American"  
Any Courtesy shown him, will be highly  
Appreciated by Very truly & sincerely Yours  
John Broome

LAW OFFICES  
OF  
FRANKLIN COUGH  
1010 MAIN STREET,

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PEEKSKILL, N. Y. Jan. 8 1895

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

My dear Sir.

One of the great abuses and burdens upon the taxpayers of New York is the great number of attendants upon the Courts. One third of the present number can do all of the work required of them.

Yours very truly,  
F. Cough

REV. E. C. STUBENVOLL,

PELLA, WIS.

Received  
by Stubenvoll  
Jan 5/95

Pella, Wis., Jan. 3 1895

Dear Sir!

My brother arrived New York two weeks ago at castle garden.

He who, as I have heard, captured by swindlers and now wait's for his trial.

He as I have heard is in the house of Detention, Mulberry Str. New York and would like to come to me. Please help him to be free and come.

The trial can take place in a short time and I would like to have my brother with me.

Truly  
Yours  
E. Stubenvoll

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Jan 8.

Left for Racine, Wis

Jan 10. 1895

John

337 W. 20<sup>th</sup> St.

Jan. 8/94.

To the Mayor etc. (3)

I, as a citizen,  
wish to notify you that  
the sidewalk in 17<sup>th</sup> St.  
between 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Avenues,  
is in a condition dangerous  
to life; on account of  
the leaders of some of  
the houses discharging  
on the sidewalk instead  
of into the sewer. I was  
almost killed last night

by falling on the ice  
on the uptown side of  
17<sup>th</sup> St. between 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>  
Avenue.

Yours Respectfully

Francis Green  
337 W. 20 Street

Witness:-

Thomas B. Nintone  
204 W. 17 Street

MAYOR'S OFFICE  
COMPLAINT No. 29

New York, N. Y., January 8th, 1895.

Hon. W. R. Strong, Mayor,  
City Hall, City.

Dear Sir:- Never during the five years in which I have lived at #369 West 23d St., near 9th Avenue, has that section of the city been in such a beastly, filthy condition as this Winter.

When the streets were under the charge of Tom Brennan, street cleaning commissioner, they were as Wilton carpets compared to the disgusting and offensive condition the street is in now. Piles of decaying refuse cover the reeking snow piles, and as a former attache of the Health Department in this city while I was still practising medicine, I must beg of you in the interest of general good health that you will insist upon a force of street cleaners being put on that part of 23d street and having it put into such a condition as to relieve us from the absolute certainty of an epidemic of disease.

I beg to remain,

Yours Respectfully,

Dictated.

*Edmund S. Morgan*  
per R.P.M.



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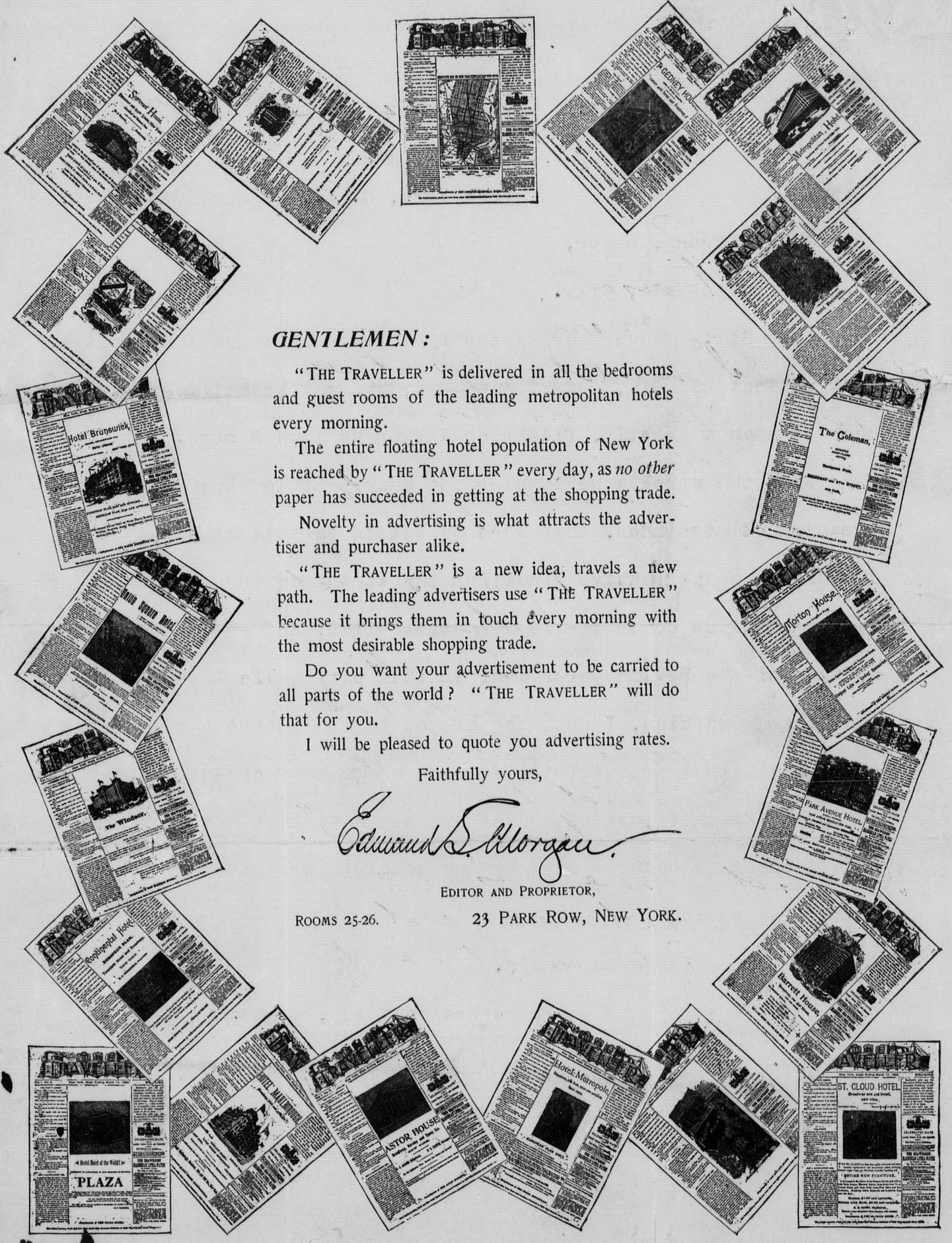
Faithfully yours,

*Edmund S. Morgan*

EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR,

ROOMS 25-26.

23 PARK ROW, NEW YORK.



FROM  
CLAYTON E. RICH & CO.,  
COTTON EXCHANGE BUILDING,  
ROOM 287

To Hon W. H. Strang  
Mayor.

New York, May 17 1895

Dear Sir,  
Replying to your favor of the 7<sup>th</sup> asking for the  
locality of the Section from which the garbage had  
not been removed, see my complaint dated May 6<sup>th</sup>.

I would say, that generally my observation would  
indicate all that Section north of 125<sup>th</sup> on the  
West side. But the particular and definite  
complaint relates to the Street on which I live  
Admit, 132<sup>nd</sup> between 8<sup>th</sup> + 5<sup>th</sup> avenues.

Yesterday however the carts collected from this  
Street, the first time for this year.

Being to recall the remarks made by me  
"in error" regarding Col Wainy.

I remain Sir, Your Obedient Servant,  
J. W. H. Strang

132 West 132<sup>nd</sup> St.

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

To the Mayor  
of the city  
of New York

Dear sir!

I beg to hand a  
complaint in regards to  
the Grammar School on 86<sup>th</sup> St  
first Ave. About four years I am  
living in this district 610<sup>th</sup> & 83<sup>rd</sup> St.  
and have often tried to have my  
son enter the ga school, but  
always in vain. Now dear sir  
I am a citizen since fifteen  
years and would not like to be  
put aside in order to favor  
people which are only a few  
years in this country. You  
would greatly oblige me  
if by paying attention

to this  
and command to thank  
yours very respectfully  
J. W. Hiebs  
610 E 83<sup>rd</sup> St.

CITY OF NEW YORK.  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>, 1895. 21

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

Dear Sir:

I herewith tender my  
resignation as Stenographer in the  
office of the Mayor, the same  
to take effect immediately.

Respectfully  
David J. Connor

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*Chas. Bulkley Hubbell,*  
*Counselor at Law,*  
*United Bank Building,*  
*2 Wall Street, New York. January 9th, 1895*

Hon. William L. Strong,  
M a y o r, &c.,

Dear Mr. Mayor:--

The convention of the delegates from all the grammar schools of the City, representing the Anti-Cigarette Leagues, will be held at Grammar School No. 69, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The school is located at 125 West 54th Street, west of Sixth Avenue.

It is the first convention of public school boys ever held in the country, and I feel certain that your presence will give a great impetus to the efforts that the school boys are making themselves in the direction of better equipping themselves to discharge the duties of citizenship.

I am, dear sir, with great respect,

Yours very truly,  
*Chas. Bulkley Hubbell*

11 Pine Street,  
January 9th, 1895.

Hon. W. L. Strong, Mayor,

Dear Sir:-

I find the following in your message.

"The best results of administration can only be attained when every taxpayer is fully alive to his rights and obligations and is ready to insist upon the one and meet the other."

I send the following in discharge of the obligation above referred to. It is a brief sketch of

MY EXPERIENCE IN THE TAX OFFICE.

Four or five years ago I had occasion for a client to examine the processes by which so many tax payers escaped taxation upon their personalty. In the case of the Elevated Railroads, I found that just before the day for their return, they claimed to invest about \$12,000,000.00 in Government Bonds. It was done in a way which I knew from my experience in the Treasury, was impossible, which if adopted would have put up the price of the bonds two or three times the amount of the tax. I spoke of the transaction as a fraud. A reporter for one of the Newspapers called on me and

asked if I could set the exemption aside. I said "Yes certainly, if the City desires to have it done." He published a series of articles calling on the authorities to take action, and finally I was called on by the counsel to the corporation, and retained to expose the fraud. All I asked to have the tax office do, was to decline to accept the return of the Manhattan Company; require the officers to submit themselves to examination on oath, and give me notice.

This was done, I appeared on the day fixed. I very soon found that the commissioners regarded me as an intruder, and that I should get little assistance from them. But having undertaken the work I determined to go through with it. I proved by the officers that a day or two before the day of return they made contracts with several bankers to buy blocks of these bonds; to borrow the money to pay for them and to sell them back at the end of a week; all at a cost of one-eighth of one per cent. Not a bond was delivered or changed hands.

On this evidence the commissioners were compelled to disallow the exemption and at that time I had subjected to taxation Twelve million dollars, which had always theretofore escaped.

I was then informed that my services were no longer required. I supposed of course that I should continue in the case until there was a final judgment. But I was not wanted. I was clearly regarded as an outsider who was interfering with arrange-

ments made by others. The case was appealed by the Company, and what came of it I do not know. I suppose it was given up in their subsequent compromises with the Company.

I had to sue the City to collect my fee. It was resisted strenuously and lawyers were called to swear that the services were worth not more than \$250 or \$500. A Tammany Judge charged furiously against me, but the jury returned a verdict for the full amount claimed. The Judge threatened to set the verdict aside, but finally left the question to the General Term. I decided that in such a case I could not fight the tax office,- the Judges and Tammany Hall. I was heartily sick of the whole business and to end it, I compromised the judgment which I had recovered against the City of over \$7,000.00 for \$3,500. and washed my hands of the whole business.

At the time I made such investigations as an outsider could, I found many cases in which I was confident that personal estate to very large amounts, escaped all taxation, with the knowledge of the commissioners, in fraud of the Statute, and solely because the owners had an arrangement with "the organization". But "the organization" had it in their power to make me very uncomfortable in an attempt to expose one fraud, and although that attempt was successful, I never made another.

*L. B. Whitteudon*

40 First place,  
Brooklyn, Jan. 9, 1898.  
Mayor Strong,  
New York City.

Dear sir:

I deem it appropriate to communicate to you some authentic account of the recent trial of charges against Police Justice Patrick Dover of your city which I had the honor of conducting in behalf of resident taxpayers. These proceedings have settled the practice and methods for the removal of police justices, and, altho barren of immediate results they are important in their bearing on future issues, especially as the new constitution fixes these magistrates in office unless removed for cause and after trial.

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The charges presented and tried were 1<sup>st</sup> negligence in office 2<sup>nd</sup> breach of the peace by assault on Morris Zekulsky; 3<sup>rd</sup> offering bribes to influence the election of 1893. The failure to sustain them was due to the unwillingness of witnesses to testify to the truth of the charges. No effort to get at the truth was spared on my part. The newspaper reports were generally prejudiced and untrue.

Other charges which were not tried seem to be more easily provable, from conversations had by me with witnesses. These are, inducing Charles Harris to register 17 times in 1892 and refusing to entertain complaint of electioneering at the polls in 1893 against Wm Lally, who was then in custody of an officer, and was afterwards indicted and plead guilty. These charges I can undoubtedly prove. The proof was ready on one of them, but defendant refused to allow it to be presented without fresh filing of charges. You are authorized by the consolidation act to prefer charges if you so elect.

Yours truly  
Wm H. Hale

# American Association for the Advancement of Science.

## Circular of Resident Members' Committee.

### To the Citizens of Brooklyn and Vicinity:

The American Association for the Advancement of Science, will hold its 43d annual meeting in Brooklyn, Aug. 16-22, being the first meeting ever held here.

While visits have already been made to all the other large cities of North America except San Francisco, which sends a cordial invitation for next year, this, which has been well styled "the best city in America," has waited till this year, so memorable in its civil and political history, to welcome to its enlarged domain this most distinguished convocation ever held within our borders.

The Association is the general scientific congress of America. Its annual meetings for nearly half a century have stimulated inquiry and research in the many widely separated localities where they have been held. Such will be the result here, and all local scientific organizations will receive an unwonted stimulus.

The aim and scope of the Association are broad and catholic. The whole cycle of applied as well as of abstract sciences comes within its purview. Its membership is not confined to scientists, however. All respectable citizens who sympathize with the objects and aims of the Association are eligible to election as members without any test of scientific attainment. Some of the best citizens of Brooklyn have already applied for membership, and it is hoped that the number will be augmented beyond all precedent at any former meeting.

We believe it will be cause for permanent exultation to every Brooklynite to know that this meeting marks an epoch in the history of the Association as well as of the city, and to this end we urge upon all who receive this circular the propriety of applying to enroll their names on the list of members. A simple enumeration of the sections shows that all intelligent persons may find a congenial element among them somewhere. Section A is Astronomy and Mathematics; B, Physics; C, Chemistry; D, Mechanical Science and Engineering; E, Geology and Geography; F, Zoology; G, Botany; H, Anthropology; I, Economic Science and Statistics. In this city of vast and diversified manufacturers the section of Mechanical Science should find numerous adherents; while everyone, whether a scientist or not, must be profoundly interested in the study of mankind in Section H, and of practical economy in Section I.

The annual meetings of the British Association for the Advancement of Science are thronged by members in thousands. In our own country, with its hundreds of colleges and professional schools, turning out graduates by myriads annually, we ought to have an attendance far surpassing that in Great Britain.

The expense of membership in the A. A. A. S. is \$5 initiation fee, and \$3 annual dues, with a provision for life membership by paying \$50 besides the initiation fee. Any person who contributes the sum of \$1,000 at one time, becomes a patron of the Association. The committee hope that the roll of patrons will be increased in Brooklyn.

Members may introduce their wives, daughters and minor sons as associate members for the meeting by paying \$3 each.

All persons who desire to become members are requested to notify the committee at once, and to state what department of science they prefer so that their nominations may be acted on before the meeting in order to entitle them to all the privileges of membership during the coming sessions of the Association.

DATED July 24th, 1894.

WM. H. HALE, *President*,  
40 First Place.

JOSEPH A. DEGHUEE, *Secretary*,  
247 Harrison St.



STATE OF NEW YORK.  
*Assembly Chamber*

*Albany*, January 9, 1895

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Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:

In order to eliminate from the statutes, the special and exclusive restriction to the citizens of the United States of the privilege of cleaning the Streets of the City of New York, I have this day introduced in the Assembly a bill entitled

"An Act to further amend section seven hundred and five of chapter four hundred and ten of the laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-two entitled "An Act to consolidate into one act and to declare the special and local laws affecting public interests in the City of New York," as amended by chapter two hundred and sixty-nine of the laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-two, as amended by chapter three hundred and sixty-eight of the laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-four, and relating to the street cleaning department."

under which the requirement by the amendment of 1894 that "all employees and officials under and by virtue of this act shall be citizens of the United States and residents of the City and County of New York" has been omitted.

Very respectfully,

*James Thompson*

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D. S. C. N. Y. C.

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Post, Jan 7, 1896  
J. W. Hall, N.Y.C.

JAN 7 9 36 West 83<sup>rd</sup> Street

To His Honor

Mayor Strong

Sir,

The carriage  
bancs in front of  
this house have  
not be removed  
since you I; cannot  
something be done  
to abate this nuisance.  
The condition of  
Columbus Ave is  
something awful.

Very truly  
Henry D. Newton

COMPLAINT.

RECORD NO.

DATE

DIST

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REPORT REC'D

*Jan 7/95*  
*4* *35*  
*Campbell*  
*Jan 9/95*

CONSULATE GENERAL OF BOLIVIA,  
15 Whitehall Street,  
NEW YORK.

T. ALEJANDRO SANTOS.

New York, January 10th, 1895.

Sir:

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I have the honor to inform you that I have been appointed by the Government of the Republic of Bolivia, Consul in New York, and having received my Creguatur from his Excellency, the President of the United States, I have entered upon the discharge of my official duties.

Permit me, sir, to offer you the assurance of my distinguished consideration.

Very respectfully yours

T. Alejandro Santos

To The Hon. William L. Strong,  
City Hall,  
N. Y. City.

# Società Politica Italiana Repubblicana

ORGANIZZATA 1873.

DEL 1° DISTRETTO.

New York, January, 10<sup>th</sup> 1893

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

In the name of the Republican Italian  
United Associations, I have requested me to inform  
you that a delegation of the Executive Committee  
would respectfully ask you Hon; a few moments  
conversation, please state time and place,  
hoping to receive favorable reply.

I remaine Your humble  
Servant of the Committee of the  
Republican Italian United Societys <sup>New York</sup>

Seg.  
Luciano Porta

Pres of Executive Com.  
Peter Arat,

*The Kearsheedt Manufacturing Company,*

*190 to 194 South Fifth Avenue,*

*New York,* January 10th, 1895. *189*

CABLE ADDRESS: KURSHEEDT, NEWYORK.

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

Dear Sir:-

I herewith enclose a complaint from our Firm in regard to what I consider one of the greatest abuses on the public that has been allowed to exist in the business section of this City during the past ~~ten~~ or eleven years, and I sincerely trust it may be in your power to have the same stopped.

I fully appreciate the magnitude of the labors heaped upon your shoulders, and that in calling upon you I would be imposing too much. Still, if you could find an opportunity to give me an audience for the purpose of furnishing additional information in regard to this public nuisance, I shall be most happy to wait upon you at any hour you may name.

Yours very respectfully,

*Jed Kearsheedt*

*The Kursheedt Manufacturing Company,*

*190 to 194 South Fifth Avenue,*

*New York, January 10th, 1895*

CABLE ADDRESS: KURSHEEDT, NEWYORK.

Hon. W. L. Strong, Mayor,

New York City.

Sir:-

We respectfully direct the attention of the proper authorities of the City, to the outrageous abuses described below, and which have existed for a great number of years contrary to the Laws and Ordinances of the City of New York, - although we have filed complaints both with the Board of Health and with the Bureau of Incumbrances; to wit:-

On the Westerly side of South Fifth Avenue between the premises of The Kursheedt Manufacturing Company and Grand Street is a lot some 60 feet front, which we believe is the property of the Wendel Estate. This lot is leased to a dealer in second-hand packing-cases whose name we believe is George Kidney. This man utilizes over 75 % of the side-walk for storing his cases and for conducting his business; he also occupies 1/3 of the street. There is hardly any passage-way on the side-walk, between the cases, for pedestrians, and as his men are employed constantly in sawing and nailing up cases right on the side-walk in order to fit them for his trade, - whatever small passage-way there is between the pyramids of cases is entirely occupied by these workmen. The cases are piled some 20 feet high on both sides of the sidewalk, and are constantly threatening the lives of those who walk underneath. It

*The Kursheedt Manufacturing Company,*

*190 to 194 South Fifth Avenue,*

*New York,* January 10th, 1895.

CABLE ADDRESS: KURSHEEDT, NEWYORK.

Hon. W. L. Strong, Mayor, (2)

is a common occurrence for our customers to be compelled to walk out in the middle of the street in order to reach our store: Lady Customers visiting our place, also our employees, - frequently have their clothes torn by the nails on the cases.

Only a short time ago Mr. George H. Hills, Treasurer of The Doval Mills of Fall River, Mass., after leaving our Office, while passing the premises referred to, was struck on the head by a packing-case falling on him, and rendered insensible; had it not been that he happened to have an extra stiff derby hat on, his injuries might have been very serious, if not fatal. Mr. Clarence Whitman will testify to the above fact as Mr. Hills was brought in an ambulance to his store when he revived.

The property between the above mentioned packing-cases establishment and our premises consists of one of the worst Italian Tenements in the City, and is utilized for the business of storing and dealing in old rags and other filth, besides being crowded full of the lowest classes of that element. The New York Herald of December 23rd, 1894, publishes an illustration of this property as an example of a tenement unfit for occupation. We herewith attach said newspaper of that date.

We respectfully request an investigation into the public nuisances above referred to, on the part of the City Department to which

*The Kursheedt Manufacturing Company,*

*190 to 194 South Fifth Avenue,*

*New York, January 10th, 1895.*

CABLE ADDRESS: KURSHEEDT, NEWYORK.

Hon. W. L. Strong, Mayor, (3)

the same belongs, and hope that an abatement of the nuisances may be ordered and this menace to life and health be removed.

Yours very respectfully,

THE KURSHEEDT MANUF'G CO.

*Ed A Kursheedt*  
President.

O. T. MACKEY & CO.  
237 & 239 WEST 50TH ST. N.Y.  
TELEPHONE CALL, 38TH STREET, 280.  
OSCAR T. MACKEY.  
Wm E. SMITH

*Burdick*

May 10<sup>th</sup> 1895

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

Mr. *Strong*  
Please report to me  
in reference to this.  
MAY 10 1895  
M. T. D.

Dear Sir: We have been without water at Fordham Heights since eight o'clock yesterday morning. You will understand without further explanation that this is a most serious matter and that we must have relief at once. The water was cut off without notice and we were unable to take any precautions.

Respectfully  
*W. E. Smith*



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38 TIMES BUILDING, NEW YORK CITY.

January 10, 1895.

To secure prompt attention, address ALL Advertising correspondence and orders to

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

Dear Sir,

I do not doubt that you have your hands full, but some one of your deputies ought to take notice of what is going on in Nassau Street, between the Times Building and the new American Tract Society Building.

For the last three or four days pieces of iron have fallen from this new building, in one case breaking the large show window of Lipton's Cafe, in another falling at the feet of a young man who stood with others gaping up at the building; and during the last half hour a cable has broken, letting a large stone fall into the street.

Either the street should be closed, or a large danger signal put up, for as a rule there is a large crowd of people standing on the west side of Nassau Street who ought to be warned away.

My office faces this new building, and the windows of it are as liable to be struck by falling iron, etc., as for it to go into the street. Regretting to add to your already laborious duties,

Yours very truly,  
*H. P. Hubbard*

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To Supt. for immediate attention  
report -

Refer to Despatch  
Wells - Command of  
4 pieces for immediate  
attention & report

Thomas Barnes  
Supt

Jan 10/94  
Mayor Strong

Dr Sir

While you have your hand in reforming, reform the rail roads in the city. have a law passed by the board of Aldermen to make the railroads keep their tracks clean by sweeping them twice a day. they have each got a sweeper and could go over they whole route in about two hours and half each time they could do that and save the city a large expense. I also read in the papers that all

the Crossings are in a  
bad Condition that is  
the inspectors they do not  
know how to handle the  
groups. if my plan was  
put in operation this could  
be all avoided I could  
have the Crossing cleaned  
so they would not to  
have to go over more than  
twice a day the utmost  
If you or the Commissione  
of the Street cleaning  
Dept would like to hear  
my views I will be at your  
service at any time  
Yours

H. Bleumenthal  
933 8<sup>th</sup> ave

64. W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street #  
New York January 10 1898  
W. H. Strong, Esq. Mayor of New York

Dear Sir

I take the liberty of addressing  
you in reference to a case of Wages belonging  
to me in the Sheriff's office for a Widow  
of 24<sup>00</sup> 91 and for which on the Execution  
of which I paid the Sheriff <sup>\$</sup>2<sup>00</sup> - 81 cents  
I put the case in the hands of the Sheriff  
about November 20<sup>th</sup> 1894 and I have  
not got Satisfaction yet. I am only a  
Working Man and my family want  
that money. I wish to say this much

<sup>that</sup> of that, I never saw a Machine of Court  
Law worked in such a loose manner  
as that Meeting house of Political Scoundrels  
It is a disgrace to great City or State  
I don't what to say about the Way I was  
treated when I went to see about my Wages  
I was referred to a Man named Heimbey  
who was in another office and he referred  
me to another Man who gave me no more  
information than I had before I paid my  
Money to Sheriff, I hoping your Commissioners  
will refer to my case if only a Working man  
I remain your obedient servant -

The case of Joseph Egan

Versus  
C. E. Bailey & Co