

Dear Sir When I was a boy the Mayor and Alderman were called the  
City Fathers, and when the reform succeeded I believed & still believe  
that we had gotten back to the old times, and in that light  
address this letter. Last year the Horse show people (of the 400)  
placed an obstruction on Fourth Ave in front of Madison Square  
Garden an ascending platform very unpleasant for any one  
to pass over particularly women & children a menace to limb  
and <sup>an</sup> obstruction in general to the walking Public particularly  
objectionable to ~~the~~ <sup>all</sup> walking Citizens & on a prominent avenue  
after about 12 hours I succeeded in having it removed  
they having no permit. I doubt very much whether they  
have one now and it is serious question whether the Alderman  
have a right to grant ~~an~~ a permit for such an obstruction  
now my dear Sir I have not the time to pass space  
to do anything this year as it will probably take  
me a whole day to get at the proper Department &  
my prayer to you is that you (as one of the City Fathers)  
walk along the Block & climb over the Bridge &  
feel justified after you have done so will ~~release~~ <sup>that</sup>  
endorse my request to the Contralling power of the  
Horse Show that they have it altered & put

Hinges on the End towards the Garden & raise it up  
so as to lean against the door, as they only use  
it about 3 Hours during the day

The expense would probably not be more than 100  
Dollars which they can easily afford (as I understand  
that their profits was more than \$10,000 last year)

In conclusion My Dear Sir it is acts of injustice of  
this Character that has <sup>helped to</sup> build up the enormous  
~~Majority~~ Vote of the Bryan people of the  
Presidential Election and you may rest assured  
that if a poor man or one in of the Middle  
Class had perpetrated an outrage of this kind  
he would soon be called to account by either by  
the Police, Board of Health, and in fact in one  
way or the other of all the Departments  
trusting & believing that you will give this note your immediate  
attention (not through the Department) by sending a personal  
& friendly request to the Madison Square People and of

you like send this note with it. and I also  
believe that if you do so (without troubling any of the  
Departments with the matter) that there are plenty  
of Gentlemen & good Citizens amongst the Horse  
Show people who will recognise and act on my  
Suggestion forthwith. with the greatest esteem

I am Yours to Command  
A. A. W. Cristalan

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438 Fourth Ave

Complaints

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October 10, 1896.

His Honor

W. L. Strong,

Mayor.

Dear Sir:-

We the undersigned Business men, citizens and Tax Pay-  
ers have this day forwarded to C. H. T. Collis, Esq., Com. of  
Public Works a communication protesting against the manner in  
which this Dept. contemplates paving First Ave. from 54th to  
56th St. and also beg to draw your Honor's attention to the  
same a copy of which is herewith enclosed.

We have the honor to remain,

Yours very respectfully,

*Edw. Byrne*  
*Edw. Byrne*  
 Emil Lang  
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 332 E 56 St  
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*Beck Brothers*

*53<sup>27</sup> St. East, R.*

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*New York, Oct 10. 1896.*

*Dear Mr Mayor.*

*We open our Drug Section on Monday between 12 & 1 at the above address. Would like you present if for only a few minutes don't bring any police with you we will be your body guards. You can go just as soon as you say whatever comes into your crop.*

*Our McKinley Nursery is a few doors from the Jewelers. The attendance will not be over 3 or 4000 de food am small, but de flavor am delicious.*

*Yours Truly  
 Geo Seabury Presd*

*Toed Seabury you would  
 accept*

*bx*

New York, 5th October 1896.

His honor the Mayor of  
New York City.

Dear Sir!— The first day  
of October this year, some men  
without any sign of authority,  
come to our place, jumping over  
fences, pulling down vines and  
other plants, clothes lines, &c.,  
&c. ready to cut down every  
thing. After much questioning  
on our part, what this meant,  
they at last deemed us worthy  
to be told that, they were survey-  
ors and our property had been  
condemned to benefit for the  
city. This was news to us, as  
we have not received any warn-  
ing or notification. As we

are law-abiding citizens, we expect the government's officials in gently manners to follow the rules of the law themselves. The brutal behavior of these men do not stand in harmony with the humanity of the New York City government, which it claims, to be one of its virtues.

Hoping that, that your honor in the future will protect us against such (more proper: rowdylike) treatment by officials standing under your command, I sign myself as

yours very respectfully

Morten P. Christensen.

274. Katonah Ave.

Woodlawn Heights

New York City.

New York 10<sup>th</sup> October 1896.

His honor the Mayor  
of New York City.

Dear Sir:— Your honor have  
favored me with the following  
letter: —————

City of New York.  
Office of the Mayor,

October 6<sup>th</sup> 1896.

Mr. M. J. Christensen  
274 Katonah Avenue  
Woodlawn Heights City.

Dear Sir:—

The Mayor has handed  
me for reply your favor of the  
5<sup>th</sup> instant. No such com-  
municat<sup>ion</sup> as you refer to on the part  
of any one connected with the

City, and described as you pic<sup>n</sup>  
ture it, is warranted and is  
to be regretted. It is improv<sup>n</sup>  
sible for me to gather from  
your letter who the officers we<sup>r</sup>  
re or for what Department they  
were acting. Yours truly,

(Name (unreadable))  
Secretary.

+ I sincerely believe, Mr Mayor,  
you have a staff of men around  
you, who can give you all the in-  
formation and assistance you  
need in fulfilling your office,  
as a controller of your sub<sup>n</sup>  
ordinates.

I remain Sir, as yours  
very respectful  
Morten. J. Christensen.

274. Katorah Avenue Woodlawn  
Heights New York City.

New York Oct. 11 '96.

To his Honor  
Mayor Strong  
of New York City  
N.Y.

Dear Sir,

I do not  
think you are aware  
of the fact that  
I another Waring Jr  
if you can find  
time, would find  
an excellent field.  
for his talents in  
the Cit. Pharmacist's  
Office, 33 Beade St.  
I'm very much  
to be obliged to go  
there once a month.

The very streets of  
the city are cleaner,  
the street-sweepers  
more decent and  
better mannered  
than the dreadful  
crowd that con-  
gregates there.

The language  
used is loud and  
vile - no regard  
what ever being  
paid to the pres-  
ence of ladies.

There is a law against  
expectorating in  
the cars of the city.  
I have always got  
to lift my skirts  
and wade through  
a mass of filth on  
learning that bread-

and places. There is no  
reason whatever why  
the employees of  
the city should not  
be made to be-  
have themselves  
decently in any  
department of  
the city.

When  
I looked around  
at that unwashed  
crowd, smoking  
their vile cigars <sup>in my face</sup>,  
and realized that  
such as these have  
a vote - and have  
it in their power  
to make the laws  
for decent people

refined, gentle women  
who could not vote  
if they would, I  
was filled with  
a disgust too deep  
for utterance.

I wish the city  
can afford to send  
a policeman there  
on pay-days to keep  
order; and do  
something for his  
salary besides look-  
ing at his boots.  
That's what the "finis"  
do when a respectable  
woman is around, they  
neither see nor hear  
or request.

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New York Oct. 12. 96  
Hon. Mayor Strong.

Dear Sir  
on the south side of east 9<sup>th</sup> St. near  
of 147<sup>th</sup> Third Ave. The rookeries are  
fast falling in, and in open violation  
of the building law. This place will certainly  
fall in a few days, it is being remodel-  
led and unproped. people are sur-  
prised that such a thing would be allowed  
under reform government. But it is only  
when a building falls that the inspector

is looked after. Bribery is the cause of a  
great deal of trouble. Please call right away  
or there may <sup>be</sup> a great collapse, and put a  
drop to this at once. if not dropped before  
the worst is up we shall have to inform the  
press.

Yours truly

A Friend of good  
Government.

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

Dear Sir:-

At the regular meeting of The Washington Heights Tax-Payers Association, held Monday evening October 5th. 1896. the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS, a large number of lots in the section lying North of 170th. Street, between Amsterdam Ave. & Kingsbridge Road, have been sold during the year to parties, some of whom have already commenced the erection of dwellings, and others contemplate building a number of dwellings and Apartment houses, and

WHEREAS, the builders have been greatly delayed and annoyed by the difficulty of getting the City authorities to grade Streets and Avenues, put Sewer, water and gas in same, and

WHEREAS, these delays and annoyances are retarding the improvement of this beautiful section of the City which, if the Streets were graded, sewerred and gas put through at once, it would be built solidly in a few years, and by thus increasing the tax valuation, it would yield the City a large increased revenue, and

WHEREAS, it has been learned that the difficulty is caused by opposition in the Board of Aldermen and Department of

Public Works, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that THE WASHINGTON HEIGHTS TAX-PAYERS ASSOCIATION  
protest against these petty annoyances and delays, and

RESOLVED, that if the needed Street improvements are retarded  
by the Departments, hereafter, that the Executive  
Committee be authorized to appoint a Special Committee  
of fifteen(15) or twenty(20) members of the  
Association to call upon the Mayor, President of Board  
Aldermen and Commissioner of Public Works, and show  
these officials, by their presence that we mean to  
follow this matter up and to see that we, as Tax-payers  
get what we are entitled to and pay for.

RESOLVED, that copies of these Resolutions be signed by the  
President and Secretary, and forwarded to the Mayor,  
President of the Board of Aldermen and Commissioner of  
Public Works.

*W. Van Rensselaer*  
President.

*David Stewach*  
Secretary.

ALEXANDER & ASH.

Counselors at Law,

Peter Alexander.

Mark Ash.

234 Broadway,

New York, Oct-12th-1896-

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of New York City.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to send enclosed for your respectful attention a copy of resolutions passed at the meeting of the Washington Heights Taxpayers' Association on the 5th inst., and to add that the publication of the resolutions in the public press prior to their transmission to you was without my knowledge.

Very resp'y.,

*Mark Ash*  
*Chairman Committee on Streets*

# City Improvement Society,

(Incorporated June 14th, 1892.)

12 East Twenty-third Street.

## OBJECTS.

TO PROMOTE THE IMPROVEMENT AND BEAUTIFYING  
OF THE CITY, AND TO ASSIST AND STIMULATE THE  
AUTHORITIES IN ENFORCING THE LAWS  
RELATING TO SUCH OBJECTS.

New York, Oct., 13th., 1896.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor, City Hall.

Sir:

Among the many improvements being undertaken by the Dept. of Public Works we note with pleasure the gradual removal of the old and useless lamp-posts from the streets. The Commissioner has, as he inform us, been taking these down for the last six months but, as this work is decided<sup>ly</sup> costly and there is no actual appropriation for it, his efforts in this direction are much hampered.

We therefore most respectfully request that you will, if you too approve of "clearing the sidewalks of these unsightly obstructions", use your best efforts to obtain from the Board of Estimate & Apportionment a special appropriation for the above object.

Very respectfully yours,

*J. C. Tumpelty*  
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Secretary.

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New York, Oct., 13th., 1896.

Hon. C. H. T. Collis,

Comm'r Public Works.

Dear Sir:

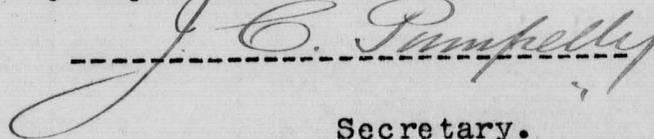
Referring to your favor of the 7th. inst. we beg to express to you our gratification at your efforts in removing the old and unsightly lamp-posts that encumber the streets. We realize thoroughly the impossibility of your proceeding more rapidly in this matter with the inadequate means at your command and have this day addressed a communication to the Mayor on the subject in the hopes that he may be able to assist your Department.

We are pleased to avail ourselves of this opportunity to convey to you the satisfaction with which, we feel assured, the public generally, as well as this Society, has noted the many recent improvements inaugurated by your Department.

The proposed introduction by you of an improved system of hydrants we hold is also greatly to be commended.

Very truly,

City Improvement Society,

  
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Secretary.

Syracuse University,

JAMES R. DAY, Chancellor.

JOHN R. FRENCH, Vice-Chancellor  
and Dean of College of Liberal Arts.

LEROY M. VERNON,  
Dean of College of Fine Arts.

HENRY D. DIDAMA,  
Dean of College of Medicine.

JAMES B. BROOKS,  
Dean of College of Law.

Syracuse, N. Y., Oct. 13, 1896.

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

Dear Sir:--Will you kindly send to me by express at my expense, for use in my department of City Government in Syracuse University a complete volume of the reports of the municipal officers of New York City, issued during the past year? I have reports of your officials and the mayors' messages for certain preceding years and I am anxious to secure the documents for the last two years.

Respectfully yours,

*John R. Commons*  
Professor of Sociology.

Dictated.

*Max Nathan, Pres.  
William Scothel, V. Pres.*

(Dictated by J.W.M.)

*F. W. Mack, Sec. & Treas.  
Chas. Judge, Asst. Secy.*

*Nathan Manufacturing Co.*

*92 & 94 Liberty Street,*

*New York,*

October 13, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong, Mayor,  
City.

Dear Sir:-

A few days ago you received a letter from a Mr. Haggerty, making certain complaints concerning one of our public schools attended by his son, calling your attention more particularly to the fact that said school was also attended by a number of orphans from a neighboring institution, to the presence of whom he objected. This letter was referred by you for investigation to Mr. Sol Moses, one of the Inspectors of the District in which the school in question is located. Mr. Moses showed me the letter which interested me considerably, and a copy of which I requested him to furnish me with, for future reference.

Mr. Moses now states that he has returned this letter to you, without having taken a copy, and the purpose of these presents is to ask of you most respectfully, that you may favor me with sending me, at your convenience, a copy of Mr. Haggerty's communication. I have no hesitation in saying that it is my intention to make some future use of said letter, and it having been referred by you to one of our school officers for an investigation of the facts alleged, I have probably not been wrong in assuming that it does by no means partake of a confidential communi-

*the nature of*

*Max Nathan, Pres.  
William Footh, V. Pres.*

*E. W. Mack, Sec. & Treas.  
Chas. Fudge, Asst. Secy.*

*Nathan Manufacturing Co.  
92 & 94 Liberty Street,  
New York.*

tion, but is now part of your official records, touching matters of interest to the Board of Education.

I remain, Dear Sir,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

*Jacob W. Mack*

Commissioner of Common Schools.

*Answered*

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COAL.

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TELEPHONE 1493 CORTLANDT.

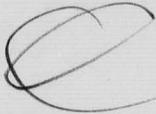
OFFICE OF  
SAM'L G. FRENCH,  
ONE BROADWAY,  
WASHINGTON BUILDING, ROOM 131.

New York, *Oct 14* 1896

*Wm W. Strong*  
*Mayor City of New York*  
*Dear Sir:*

*I am in receipt, through Geo Anson G. Cook, of your check for One hundred (\$100) dollars, being your subscription to the Rep Union of the 29<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, please to accept my thanks for the same*

*Yours very truly*  
*Sam'l French*

  
No. 11 Elyloan Terrace

New York October 14. 1896

Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor, etc;

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 12<sup>th</sup>  
instant was duly received.

Permit me to say, however,  
in reply to your courteous  
letter, that it does not cover  
the point; the objectionable  
feature referred to in my  
letter was not the deportment  
of the Charity children, but  
their dress - And besides: Do  
you know of any Charity  
institutions in New York City  
who send their inmates to the  
Public Schools for education, other

than the sect referred to? Do not the other institutions support their own, educate their own, and take care of their own?

You refer to our "Common Schools" and say, they "you know" are free for every one to attend. With all due respect, I don't know anything of the kind - (I pass over the word "Common" understanding that you meant "Public") -

"Every one" would include criminals and helpless and insane children -

The children who are really entitled to attend the "public" schools, are those of parents who, directly or indirectly are taxpayers; the inmates of the institutions referred to are not taxpayers in any sense;

their parents are certainly not, and the institutions themselves pay (as I understand) no taxes -

I am a "Public" School graduate myself and so were my sister and brother - whatever School Education we had was received in the "Public" Schools, and we were never brought in contact with the class I refer to and certainly not with their dress

abolish that dress - that is my point - I have no religious prejudice - Mr. Com<sup>r</sup>: Theodore Roosevelt will tell you that, if you ask him and mention my brother's name = Wm. A. Haggerty

Yours respectfully  
Chas. G. Haggerty

Stern Brothers,  
Dry Goods.

PARIS

54 Rue d'Hauterive.

West Twenty-third Street.

New York, Oct 14 1896

Hon W. L. Strong

Dear Sir -

The Stern Bros.  
Mr. Kenley & Hobart Club would  
be pleased to have you address  
them on the issues of the  
Campaign in their rooms -  
Tuxedo Building, Madison Ave.  
& 59 st. on Monday Evg. Oct. 26 -  
The Club has a membership  
of 400 & we trust you will be  
able to be with us -

Yours Truly  
F. Carrara  
Secy.

EW

## REFORM CLUB.

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TELEPHONE NO. 1092 CORTLANDT.

NEW YORK, Oct. 14, 1896

To His Honor, Mayor of the City of New York,

New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

The Municipal Administration Committee of the Reform Club of New York City is collecting a working library on this subject for the use of its corps of writers. It is the intention of the Committee to publish during the next few years a series of books and pamphlets containing the latest available facts and statistics on this great subject. The most important original materials for this work are the general reports and the reports of the officers and departments of our city governments. It is the intention of the Committee to obtain the most complete collection of such materials in this country. Will you kindly send us as soon as possible copies of the reports of your city not only for the last fiscal year but running as far back as your supply will permit. By so doing you will not only confer a great favor upon the Committee but will ensure proper and correct representation of your city in our publications.

The following list of topics is quoted from our prospectus to show the scope of our work: finance, assessments for benefit, franchises, transportation, public works, gas and water supply, electric lighting, schools, charities, hospitals, prisons, docks, street cleaning, police, protection against fire, parks, markets, excise, libraries, museums, amusements, public art (music, painting, statuary, monuments, etc.), and other matters within the proper scope of municipal administration.

Hoping that you may be able to send us some valuable material in the near future, I am,

Yours very respectfully,

*William A. McQuaid.*

Secretary

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# Department of Correction.

Commissioner's Office.

66 Third Avenue,

New York, <sup>1208 20th Street</sup> October 14th, 1896.



Robert J. Wright,  
Commissioner.

Arthur Phillips,  
Secretary.

Hon. William L. Strong,

My dear Sir:

The R. J. Wright Republican Club of the Fifteenth Congressional District, will hold a Ratification Meeting at Sulzer's Park, 127th Street and Second Avenue, on the evening of the 21st inst. Hon. Chauncey M. Depew and others will be present.

If you could make it convenient to attend, and say a few words, your kindness would be greatly appreciated by the members of the Club, and I feel sure, would materially aid the National Republican Ticket.

Sincerely trusting that you will honor us with your presence,

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Robert J. Wright

Oct 15 / 96

Mr Wm S. Henry  
Mayor

Dear Sir

For God's  
Sake keep down the tax  
rate. Dont give the  
Department money  
for extravagance.

We cant rent our  
houses unless so fast.

How can we pay more

and more every year  
in case.

I see that the De  
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believe us and run  
keep expenses down  
the year. When

Mr. Under selected  
perhaps in car make  
enough to pay taxes

Yrs Resp

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New York, October 15, 1896.

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

Dear Sir:-

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Civil Service Reform Association, held the 14th inst., the following was adopted by unanimous vote:

RESOLVED: That this Association, through its Executive Committee, respectfully asks of the Mayor that in filling the existing vacancy in the Municipal Civil Service Board he will select a gentleman who is familiar with the details and the needs of the civil service system, and who has been identified with the local civil service reform movement.

The Committee feels, that, in the interest of continued improvement in the Municipal service, the appointment of such a person is of great importance.

If Your Honor may decide to act on their suggestion, I may assure you that this would be appreciated cordially.

I am, with much respect,

Yours very truly,

*George McAneny*  
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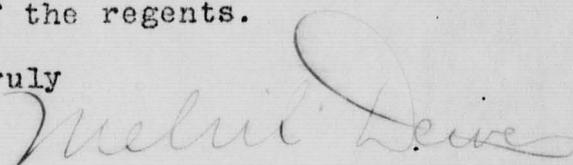
His Honor

William L. Strong

Mayor of New York

Dear sir: On April 17 you replied to my request for copies of the records of New Amsterdam from 1653-74 that you would be pleased to give the matter attention when they were printed. I hope you will be able to direct a set to be sent to the state library and we shall be glad to reciprocate in case you should wish for the city library or for the mayor's office an equivalent in any publication at the disposal of the regents.

Yours very truly



Secretary

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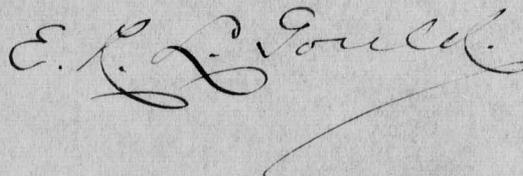
New York.

My Dear Sir:—

I enclose herewith a translated digest of the table of contents of an annual report of the Berlin Municipal Statistical Bureau. I send this as a sort of exhibit in connection with the plan which I put in your hands the other day.

This is a concrete illustration of what one of the best of Municipal Statistical Bureaus does, and may perhaps prove serviceable when questions are asked as to the utility of the proposed Bureau in New York.

Very truly yours,



BERLIN STATISTICAL BUREAU, ANNUAL REPORT.

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5 East Broadway, 57 Avenue C,  
189 Sullivan Street.

NEW YORK, Oct. 15th, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor, City Hall, N. Y. City.

Dear Sir:

To reinforce the argument in favor of a Municipal Statistical Bureau, I want to tell you that I sent this morning to the Department of Public Parks for its last Annual Report, and the reply is returned that no public report has been issued by that Department for thirteen years; the clerk added: "The condition of affairs is disgraceful; we are now working upon the statistics, and will send you a Report as soon as we are able to get one out."

Per contra: I received yesterday from Boston the splendid Reports of the Metropolitan Park Commission and of the Board of Commissioners for the Department of Parks.

Very respectfully,

*Arthur W. Milbury*  
Secretary.

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**BROOKLYN TIMES,**

BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Oct. 15 '96,

To the

Hon. W. L. Strong,

Mayor of New York.

Dear sir:-

Please accept, with the compliments of the undersigned, this design of the New East River Bridge.

Yours respectfully,

*Gas. A. Sprung*

*Department of Public Works,  
Commissioner's Office.*

*150 Nassau Street,*

*New York,* October 9, 1896

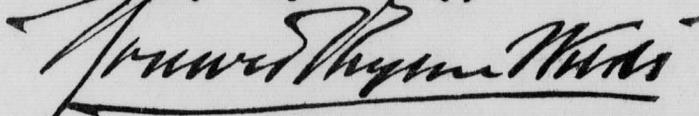
David B. Sickels, Esq.,

19 Liberty Street.

Dear Sir:

In answer to your letter of 5th inst., asking if there is any probability of an appropriation being made at an early date for asphalt pavement on 119th Street, from 5th to Lenox Avenue, I beg to say that the money appropriated for asphalt paving this year is exhausted, and no more money will be available until next year. Then your request will be considered in making up the list of streets to be repaved from next year's appropriations.

Very respectfully,



Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

DAVID B. SICKELS,  
100 BROADWAY.

New York, October 16th, 189 6.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir,

I dislike exceedingly to give you any annoyance when I know your time is so much occupied with matters of greater importance than the one to which I beg leave to call your attention.

I enclose a letter received from the Department of Public Works informing me that the money appropriated for Asphalt pavement this year is exhausted.

This does not appear to agree with the information I have received from other sources and I would be very glad if you would investigate the matter, when you have the disposition and the convenience to do so, because 119th street from 5th Ave. to Lenox Ave. is in a most deplorable condition and is really a disgrace to the City.

Very truly yours,

*David B. Sickels*

38 West 93<sup>d</sup> Street. New York  
October 19. 1896.

Hon William L. Strong  
Mayor of New York

Dear Sir:

I am deeply in sympathy with your administration of the City government, and regard it as a signal triumph of common sense and business ability as applied to municipal affairs.

Never have so many abuses been corrected, and never have politics, as such, had less influence in carrying necessary measures into effect. Never before has each department shown so much thoroughness, nor the objects had in view been so perfectly attained. The streets have never been so clean; the public health so strictly conserved; the police so well disciplined and handled; the accounts so perfectly adjusted; the business pertaining to the docks so well administered; the danger from fire so minimized; the public works so admirably managed; the poor so wisely and economically cared for; the provision made for the correction of the vicious so perfectly and skillfully maintained; nor the schools so intelligently and efficiently conducted with reference to the greatest good of the greatest number.

Under your sagacious supervision and system of appointments, so much good has been accomplished in this way, that every citizen has reason to exult, and every one who has received an appointment at your hands, has reason to regard it as a distinguished honor, as well as a great privilege to have the opportunity of cooperating with you in your efforts for the public good.

Moved by these considerations, now that I have abundant leisure at my disposal, I have thought it not unbecoming in me to solicit, at your hands, an appointment as a member of the Board of Education, in which, I understand, there are several vacancies.

Of my qualifications, I may say, that I was graduated from Yale College in the year 1845, receiving, in course, the degrees of A.B. and A.M., that in 1872, I received from Columbia College, the degree of L.L.D. in recognition of a paper which I had read on the "Psychical Status and Criminal responsibility of the totally uneducated deaf and dumb," of numerous other writings on kindred subjects, and of services in the education of the deaf, of whom I had been an instructor since my graduation.

from College. In the year 1867, I succeeded my father as principal of the New York Institution for the Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb, which office I held till the year 1893 when I retired with the title of Emeritus Principal

It is generally conceded that, in no branch of education, do the principles of Mental philosophy, of philology and of pedagogy enter more fully, than that which elevates the deaf mute from a condition of intellectual isolation and inactivity to one, which he is the peer, in many cases, of the brightest and most advanced of his hearing and speaking brethren.

It is my belief, therefore, that the ideas derived from my peculiar experience and training would be found of benefit in many of the discussions which would necessarily arise in the Board of Education, and that you would, by my appointment as Commissioner, be introducing a new, but by no means antagonistic or retrogressive element into the Board which is responsible, now more than ever, for the education of the children and youth of this great city.

I have the honor to refer you to the following named gentlemen any of whom would, I feel certain,

be able to corroborate my statements, or to testify to my fitness for the post of Commissioner of Education

Hon Enoch S. Fancher, 229 Broadway President of the Board of Directors of the N.Y. Institution for the Instruction of the Deaf and <sup>Deaf</sup> Mutes,

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Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

Isaac Lewis Peet.

Irish National Amnesty Association  
Headquarters Independence Hall  
Oct. 19. 1896

Dear Sir,

I have been directed by the General Committee of the Irish Amnesty Association to ask your permission to use your name as one of the Vice Presidents of the meeting to be held Sunday next Oct. 25 in the Grand Opera House 23<sup>d</sup> St and 8<sup>th</sup> Ave to protest against the brutal treatment while in English Prisons of Dr Gallagher and other Irish-Americans and Irishmen while incarcerated for political offenses.

We should also feel honored by your presence on the platform.

Michael J. Langan  
Chairman.

(COPY)

Boston, Mass., Oct. 15th, 1896.

George M. Pinney, Jr., Esq.  
Secretary, Greater New York Commission,  
44 Pine St.,  
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Recurring to the subject of our recent correspondence, I now write to say that Dr. Dewey and myself have considered a plan for a bureau of Municipal Statistics and for a Municipal Statistical Commission which has been presented by Dr. Gould to Mayor Strong; and we approve the same, our only reservation being as to a possible construction of the first paragraph of No. 4. We, however, believe that it is not intended by that provision to prevent an officer of the government, e.g. the comptroller of the city, from publishing such statistical details and data which he should consider essential to the completeness and integrity of his own report.

Upon further consideration of the matter, Dr. Dewey and myself are disposed to think that it would probably be more for the success of such a plan that the recommendation of it should come directly from His Honor, the Mayor, as presenting his own view of the public interest; and that those who may have some claims to be regarded as experts in such matters should only appear when the subject comes up for consideration before the appropriate committee, or other body dealing with the question.

Very truly yours,

(signed) Francis A. Walker.

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New York, Oct. 19th, 1896.

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

My Dear Sir:—

I enclose you herewith copy of a letter in reference to the plan for the Municipal Statistical Bureau, which <sup>(letter)</sup> was sent by Gen. Francis A. Walker of Boston to the Secretary of the Greater New York Commission. General Walker is President of the American Statistical Association, and Dr. Dewey its executive Secretary.

The General is correct in his interpretation of the first paragraph of Number 4, when he says that he believes that it was not intended by that provision to prevent an officer of the government, for example, the comptroller of the city, from publishing such statistical details and data which he would consider essential to the completeness and integrity of his own report.

If when the matter comes before the Commission, you desire that anyone be heard in reference to the plan for a Municipal Statistical Bureau, I shall place myself at your further service.

Very sincerely yours,

E. R. L. Gould.

*Consulat Général  
de France  
à New-York*

*New-York, le* October 20th *189* 6.  
35 South William Street.

Dear Sir,

The City of New-York has applied to the Prefect of Paris in order to get some information as to the establishing in that place of public lavatories and bathing houses as well as of public urinals and waterclosets.

The Secretary of Foreign affairs, Mr. Hanotaux, directs me to transmit to you, with his compliments, several notices, plans & maps which the Prefect, Mr. de Selves, has had prepared to comply with the wish expressed to him.

You will find said documents herewith inclosed.

Hoping they will prove satisfactory and being entirely at your service for any translations of the same or for other particulars you might desire, I avail myself of this opportunity to renew you, Mr. Mayor, the assurances of my highest consideration.

*Edmond Bruwaert*

French Consul General.

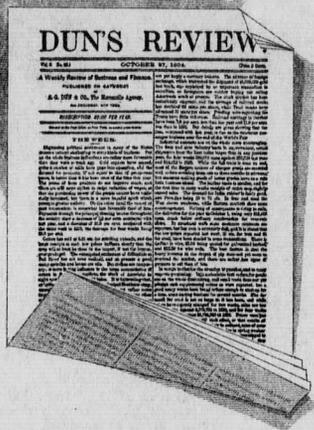
Honorable

Mayor Strong,

City Hall,

New-York City.

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New York, October 20, 1896

Hon. W.L. Strong,

Dear Sir:

We have made application to the City Comptroller for the new city bond sale notice; also to the clerk of the City Record Board to have "Dun's Review" placed on the list for city financial advertisements.

As a member of that Board I take the liberty of addressing you that the matter may come formally before that Board. You know the high character of "Dun's Review", and of its wide circulation among business men in all parts of the Country- men with means to invest.

Trusting that the board will give application its most favorable consideration, I remain,

Very truly yours,

*F. A. Crave*

Manager "Dun's Review."

New York, Oct 20 1896

Hon. Jas. S. Strong.

Mayor of City of New York

Dear Sir

I would respectfully  
ask that you call the  
attention of Park Commissioners  
to the fact that Roundman  
Cornelius Hovey is a staunch  
Bryan and Sewall Man and  
advocate the Silver question  
rightly on the different Comms  
of the 15<sup>th</sup> assembly district.  
I would suggest that Mr Hovey  
be reprimanded severely for  
his actions and sayings -

New York, ..... 189

Another Party whom needs  
to be looked after is a  
Party by name M<sup>c</sup> Nichol.  
think he holds a position  
in County Clerks office

Yours Very Resp<sup>tly</sup>  
A. J. Murphy

New York City  
Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> 1896.

Mayor Strong,  
City Hall:-  
Dear Sir:-

You would confer a great favor on the writer, if you see that bill-posting was stopped on Sundays. It is not only a public nuisance to have, ash-jeans, gas-pipes, piles of bricks, etc., entirely covered with these gaudy posters, but it is a dissecration of the Sabbath-Day. As I was going to church last Sunday, two of these bill-posters got into a dispute near fifty-

first St., and in their  
brawling upset a pail of  
paste, which just escaped  
smearing my dress with its  
contents. Now, is there no  
redress for such disgraceful  
scenes on the Sabbath?

Judging that you, in  
your capacity of Mayor of  
this City, would be best able  
to stop such nuisances, I  
have applied to you, and  
trust that you will investigate  
this matter thoroughly.

Yours Respectfully  
Mrs. C. Davidson  
100 St. 69<sup>th</sup> St.

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Metropolitan Plate Glass Insurance Co. ;  
London Guarantee and Accident Company ;  
London Liability and General Accident Company.

Unionport, West Chester, N. Y. City. Oct 20<sup>th</sup> 1896

Hon. W. L. Strong

Mayor  
Dear Sir

Having been informed that the Commissioner of Street Improvements of the 23<sup>d</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> Ward has applied for a appropriation of \$150,000. for the purpose of continuing his work and as a taxpayer I earnestly beg that you and the honorable Board grant his request as some of the Roads and Streets in wet weather being absolutely unpassible.

May I state that the newly annexed District has been very fairly treated by the Commissioner and therefore especially recommend the approval of his request. Hoping you will consider this appeal favorably and apologizing for my liberty I remain

Very Respectfully  
Frank Gass.



# The American National Red Cross.

INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, OCTOBER 1, 1881.  
REINCORPORATED, APRIL 17, 1893.

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HEADQUARTERS: WASHINGTON, D. C.

Washington, October 20, 1896.

Job E. Hedges, Esq.,  
Office of the Mayor, New York,

Dear Mr. Hedges:-

Your letter, with inclosure, to Miss Barton has just been received and considered.

The "appeal" looks very natural, for when we were working on the Sea Islands off the coast of South Carolina, we received several bushels of just such letters or appeals.

I presume that the storm which wrought such havoc in Florida and along the coast some weeks since has done some damage in Georgia. I cannot think, however, that these people have lost what they say they have, for we have heard from the old Port Royal Group of islands, where the storm was probably as severe as in Georgia. On the islands they lost a part of their crops, but nothing else.

We would suggest that you communicate ~~with~~ these gentlemen and refer them to their own Governor, as the proper person to apply to - if, of course, you pay any attention to the matter.

We would not feel at liberty to write such a letter as you suggest, for we know nothing of the case in question.

Miss Barton and Dr. Hubbell join me in kind regards to yourself and sister.

Sincerely yours,  
*Geo. H. Pullman*  
Private Secretary.

To the Mayor of  
New York  
the of the charitable  
Public we the undersign  
Committee of Camden County  
077 Suffrage

Respectfully ask  
In the Behalf of the  
ballard people of this  
County

who are distressed  
from the effect of the  
recent storm

many of whom has  
lost all that they  
had in the need  
for suffering for food  
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given will be thank-  
fully received send all do-  
nations to) Joseph James

Henry Baker

Perry Shindler

Kingsland Ga

Property Owners' Union of the City of New York,

No. 78 EAST 96th STREET,

New York, Oct-20 1896

Hon W. L. Strong  
Mayor

Dear Sir

Resolutions

This day we are informed have passed  
the Board of Aldermen to pave the  
East side of Park Avenue North of  
97<sup>th</sup> St also to pave 98<sup>th</sup> St from  
Lex to Park Ave. These improvements  
are very necessary and ought to have  
been done several years ago

We hope at once you will give  
some approval that the work if  
possible will be completed before  
winter set in and oblige

Yours Very Respectfully  
L. M. [Signature] President  
P. H. [Signature]

WILLIAM READ,  
Manager and Treasurer.

LOUIS B. RAYCROFT,  
Gen'l Secretary.

## THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION.

Headquarters:  
No. 28 School Street, Boston.

ORGANIZED TO NATIONALLY MEMORIALIZE ANY DISTINGUISHED FEATURE IN THE HISTORY OF OUR REPUBLIC.

10-21-96.

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

Dear Sir:

Our work progresses rapidly towards completion and we shall be enabled, July 4<sup>th</sup> next, to celebrate the erection of the Tablet in a truly national manner.

Our manager, Mr Read, will be in New York in a day or two and will call upon you. He will bring with him a facsimile bronze plate such as will be placed within the Tablet. This plate has been prepared with yours and other distinguished citizen's names upon it who have approved of the patriotic sentiment called forth to build a Tablet memorializing the birth and birthplace of our National Anthem, America.

Hoping that you will be pleased with the plate, we remain,

Very truly yours,

The National Memorial Association,  
Louis B. Raycroft General Secretary

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N.Y. Oct. 21/96.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong

Sir,

Now as you have signed as we call it "the merchandise bill" we earnestly hope <sup>you</sup> will use everybody alike. Here we are a number of vendors and store keepers who do all we all we can to make an honest living to support our little families so they wont be a burden on the authorities and we are persecuted by both the police and health people who dump our wares in the street and if we talk back we are arrested and fined whether our goods are eatable or not. There are

a number of us who are not experts in the line of judging fruit and the wholesalers will contrive in every way to impose on us in every way to cheat us in giving us inferior quality by putting the good ones on top. If we bring it back they will laugh at us, and if we sell it the health people will arrest us. Why not stop or arrest the wholesale man who sells it to the vendors. We never hear of one of those being arrested. You can go down there and see this line of goods for sale every morning, the streets are actually blocked with it and they dont get it thrown in the street they would not stand it.

Almost the same thing may be said of fish. if we allow the water from our stands to accidentally run on the sidewalk we are arrested and fined from five to fifteen dollars. If our fish is on the walk in packages the health people will throw it in the street or in the wagon. Now go down to the fish dealers in Beekman Street, South Street, Front Street, Peck Slip and count all packages in the street from one end of the week to the other. They are never arrested for it. The police or health people dont stop them. At some of the corners the trucks cannot pass. The street and walks are in a filthy condition. By giving this an early investigation you may sympathize with

us and persecute where  
persecution is due and do  
justice where justice should  
be done. We are only too  
willing to abide by the law  
and why not make the  
wholesale dealers do the same.  
We thank the police and  
health people for their  
kindness toward us and  
earnestly hope that some  
day they will <sup>be</sup> placed in  
a position similar to ours  
when they will have to  
take the medicine they gave  
to others. We voted for reform  
and this is what we get.

We would sign our names  
but it would be worse than  
death to do so. We will  
simply call ourselves —

Citizens and Tax Payers  
of the City of N.Y.

We have written to health  
people but it was no use.

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1 & 2 Hanover Square,

*New York,* 21st October 1896

Personal

Hon William L. Strong,

P r e s e n t .

Dear Mr Mayor:

I enclose copy of a petition to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, on behalf of the Cathedral Free Circulating Library, which explains itself.

I desire to add my hearty endorsement to this application, for which I am to some extent responsible, as I originally suggested to the promoters of the movement that they should put themselves within the law for the purpose of securing an appropriation from the city.

Father McMahon, who is the prime mover, is a man of broad views, and exceedingly public spirited. He has devoted his own time to the library for several years, as well as a large portion of his fortune, inherited from his father.

If you can consistently see your way to forwarding the interests of the Cathedral Library, you will be doing an act which cannot but redound to your credit.

Yours very truly,

Enclosure :

*W.R. Grace*

The following resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Board of Inspectors of the 21st District held on Oct. 19th. 1896.

"The Board of Inspectors of the 21st District learns with regret of the resignation of Dr. Elizabeth Jarrett, due to her removal from the District, and while her connection with the Board has been of short duration, we desire to express our appreciation of the services she has rendered and venture to hope that the city may, in the future, again have the opportunity to avail itself of her abilities."

1730 Broadway  
New York Oct 22/96  
Hon W. L. Strong Mayor

Dear Sir -

By direction  
of the Board of Inspectors  
of Common Schools  
of the 21<sup>st</sup> District  
I transmit to you  
herewith a copy of  
a resolution adopted

at a meeting of the  
Board on Monday Evening  
October 19, 1896;

Yours very Respectfully

Abraham Disbeck

Chairman

Form No. 1.

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Dated Nov. 14 st ny 22

To Mayor Strong  
City Hall  
New York City

Great mass meeting of welcome to one hundred fifty armenian refugees at carnegie hall monday next will you make address or wire our expense message of sympathy greeting and encouragement.  
F. De. L. Booth Tucker  
Commander Salvation Army

To the Republican Nat. Committee  
No. 1 Madison Ave

Gentlemen.

The enclosed circular  
is being generally distributed  
throughout the city - It is  
not desirable to counteract  
its falsity by suitable  
action of your Committee?

Doubtless you have already  
seen similar copies - but I  
thought it well to send it  
to you - Yours truly

Pitt Hyde

15 Union Square  
Oct. 19/96

Respectfully referred to  
Hon. Edward S. Gardner  
Secretary

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# TAX PAYERS ATTENTION!

## LOOK AT YOUR TAX BILLS!

TAX RATE---1894: **1.79**

Under Democratic Administration,

TAX RATE---1896: **2.14**

Under Republican Administration,

### FUNDED DEBT, 1894

Under Democratic Administration, \$104,078,820.81

### FUNDED DEBT, 1896

Under Republican Administration, \$114,161,299.85

**Increase, \$10,082,479.04**

### PROPERTY VALUATION, 1894

Under Democratic Administration, \$2,003,332,037

### PROPERTY VALUATION, 1896

Under Republican Administration, \$2,106,484,905

**Increase, \$103,152,868**

Otherwise Tax Rate Would be More Than **2.25**

The Republican Party are against the Peoples' interest. Vote for DEMOCRATIC Candidates who are the Peoples' representatives.

**BRYAN & SEWALL,  
PORTER AND SCHRAUB.**

# Steuerzahler, aufgepaßt!

Seht auf Euren Steuerzetteln nach!

Steuerrate in 1894: **1.79**

Unter demokratischer Administration,

Steuerrate in 1896: **2.14**

Unter republikanischer Administration,

Fundierte Schuld in 1894: **\$104,078,820.81**

Unter demokratischer Administration,

Fundierte Schuld in 1896: **\$114,161,299.85**

Unter republikanischer Administration,

**Zunahme \$10,082,479.04.**

Eingeschätztes Eigenthum in 1894: **\$2,003,332.037**

Unter demokratischer Administration,

Eingeschätztes Eigenthum in 1896: **\$2,106,484.905**

Unter republikanischer Administration,

**Zunahme \$103,152,868.**

Ohne dieser Zunahme betrüge die Steuerrate mehr als **2.25**

Die republikanische Partei ist gegen die Volksinteressen. Stimmt für demokratische Kandidaten, welche die Repräsentanten des-Volkes sind.

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22 WILLIAM ST., NEW YORK CITY.

CABLE ADDRESS, RHYTHMUS, N. Y.

October 22, 1896.

R. M. Hyde, Esq.  
15 Union Square, City.

My Dear Mr. Hyde:

I have received from the National Committee the circular concerning the increase of taxes locally, which is being used as a campaign document by the Popocrats.

There is of course no doubt of the increase, but there is also no doubt that a great mass of floating indebtedness incurred by the prior administration has been paid by this administration, that we have clean streets instead of dirty ones, asphalted streets instead of badly paved ones, well lighted avenues, great improvements in many directions, along the water front, in the parks, and a greatly improved condition of the city.

I do not think on reflection that this issue is one that need be seriously met at this time.

Nobody believes that the present administration is dishonest and everybody knows that while much money is being raised it is being applied legitimately to municipal purposes.

Besides the overwhelming issue is so great that there is no use belittling the campaign by answering assertions of this kind

I think you will agree with me.

Very truly yours,

(sgd) Edward Lauterbach

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CABLE ADDRESS, RHYTHMUS, N. Y.

October 22, 1896.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

My Dear Mr. Mayor:

The National Committee has referred to me the enclosed letter of Mr. Hyde and circular, and I have answered as per enclosure.

Do you think any further action ought to be taken?

Very truly yours,

*Edward Lauterbach*

*(Enc)*

July 11th, 1896.

Dept. of Public Works,  
31 Chambers St., N. Y.

Bureau of Streets:

Sir:-

The flagging on the sidewalks on 74th Street opposite Nos. 40-42-44 is sunken and irregular, water stands in the cavities and I have frequently noticed pedestrians slip over the projecting stones. This matter should receive attention.

Yours truly,

*Enclosures mentioned in my letter dated to-day but omitted*

*Respe. G. H. Benjamin  
J. E. C.*

October 5th, 1896.

Department of Water Works,  
Water Purveyors Office,  
31 Chambers St., N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

Sometime ago I addressed a letter to your Bureau calling your attention to the fact that the sidewalks on the south side of 74th St., between Park and Madison Avenues were in bad condition. That I had known people to trip and fall and be badly hurt upon them, and I asked that notice be sent to the property owners, requiring them to put the sidewalks in proper condition.

No attention has been paid to my request, and I now beg to inform you that unless this matter receives immediate attention I shall address a letter to Mayor Strong and the newspapers and otherwise make it as uncomfortable for your department as possible.

There is no possible excuse for neglect of this character.

Yours respectfully,

GEORGE H. BENJAMIN, } SCIENTIFIC EXPERT & ENGINEER.  
                              } PATENTS & PATENT LAW.

Cable Address:  
Ryrepand, N.Y.

TELEPHONE, 3931 CORTLANDT.

Aldrich Court,

*45 Broadway,  
New York.*

October 22nd, 1896.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor of New York City.

Sir:-

Herewith I enclose copies of two letters addressed by me to the Water Purveyor, who, as I am informed has charge of the side walks of this city. To neither of these letters have I received any reply. I therefore feel justified in calling this matter to your attention, as I see no reason why the department having charge should not do its duty.

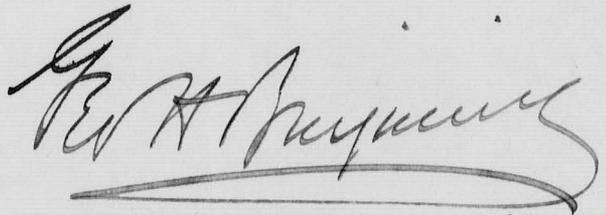
If you will select almost any street in this city you will find within a distance of one or two blocks, at least one obstruction projecting from the surface of the sidewalks; along Madison Avenue, for instance, there remains the ends of telegraph poles which were cut down; in other localities the stones of the sidewalks are tilted and the man-hole covers so placed as to project for over an inch above the level of the sidewalk. A pedestrian, no matter how careful, is liable to trip over these obstructions and be severely injured, and, as has frequently been the case, the city subjected to suit and required to pay a heavy bill of damages.

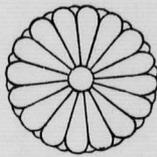
Ho. W. L. S. -2-

It seems to me that if the police department was requested to have its officers note such obstructions, and file a report with the Water Purveyor, it would be a simple matter to notify the property owners to take such steps as is necessary to put the sidewalks in front of their premises in proper condition. This certainly would enhance the looks of the city, besides remedying the matter to which I call your attention.

I am sir,

Yours very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "G. H. Purveyor", with a long horizontal flourish underneath.



CONSULATE OF JAPAN,

BENNETT BUILDING,  
NASSAU AND FULTON STREETS,

P. O. Box  
284.

New York City, N. Y. Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1896

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

Dear Sir,

Under instructions from  
my Government I wish to procure  
information upon the following  
matters:—

What was the population of  
New York City at the last census  
taken, and what is the present  
estimated population?

What are the maximum  
and minimum prices of real  
estate

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estate in New York City, a. when used for business purposes; b. when used for residential purposes?

Any information which you can give me in reply to these several enquiries will be highly appreciated.

Yours very respectfully

K. Nakayama

Acting Consul for Japan.

Oct 22. '96

HEARTSEASE,  
WEST PARK-ON-HUDSON.

a 362 W. 57 St  
N.Y.

Mr Job E. Hedges  
Dear Sir,

I have just received  
your notice of appointment  
to School Inspectorship by the  
Mayor, which was forwarded  
to me from New York.

I do not return  
to New York till about Nov. 1, so  
will not be able to come to  
City Hall till some time in  
first week of November.

Yrs truly,  
Mary Helen Smith  
(Mrs J. S. Smith)

New York Board of Fire Underwriters,

Mutual Life Building, 32 Nassau Street.

(Room 710.)

New York, October 22nd, 1896.

General Chas. H. T. Collis,

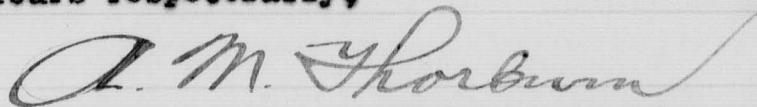
Commissioner of Public Works,

150 Nassau Street, New York City.

Dear Sir:-

In view of your recent publication calling for an exhibition of fire hydrants, the Board of Fire Underwriters wishes to emphasize its approval of this enterprise, and has directed me to call your attention to the desirability of adopting a hydrant that will not freeze.

Yours respectfully,



Secretary.

*Stephen M. Hoye,*  
*Counsellor at Law,*  
*189 Montague Street,*  
*Brooklyn, N.Y.*

Brooklyn, N. Y., Oct. 23rd, 1896.

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

Dear Sir:

I have just been informed that substantially the same set of franchise mongers who have been holding the City up on the East River Bridge Franchise, are now endeavoring to procure a tunnel franchise between Ann Street in the City of New York and Willoughby Street in the City of Brooklyn, and that they have had a hearing at your office, and that you are about to give them another hearing soon.

I desire to be present to oppose the granting of any special privilege to these people. Please let me know time and place of next hearing, and if any papers, documents, etc., are upon file in your office I desire a copy of the same, and if you will please forward them together with a bill for the same, I shall be pleased to send you a check for the amount of same.

Awaiting your reply, I am

Yours very truly,

*Stephen M. Hoye*

*Stephen M. Hoye,  
Counsellor at Law,  
189 Montague Street,  
Brooklyn, N.Y.*

Brooklyn, N. Y., Oct. 24th, 1896.

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

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 23rd received. If there is no such hearing pending before you as the one which I mentioned in my communication of Oct. 23rd, please let me know when the same was concluded, and what consent, franchise or other special privilege was given to said persons or congregation of individuals claiming to be a corporation.

Yours very truly,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Stephen M. Hoye". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

CHAS. A. SEYMOUR & CO.  
ESTABLISHED 1841  
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TELEPHONE 753-38TH ST.

5TH AVE. N.E. COR. 42ND ST.  
NEW YORK.  
October 24th 1896.

Chas. H. T. Collis Esq.

Dear Sir:-

Thanking you for your favor in reply to our letter to the Mayor of the 20th inst. we wish to explain that we are more apt in our position as Real Estate Brokers, to hear dissatisfaction expressed in such matters than other people, and had not the subject been analogous to our business we should not have intruded upon the Mayor. We are of the opinion that our suggestion relating to the traffic, especially after the end of the current month, would be an excellent regulation.

We are so familiar with the blocking of the traffic at this corner in the highth of the season, that we were prompted to offer the suggestion

Again thanking you for your attention, and appreciating the efforts of your department which have resulted in the magnificent improvements to which we are referring, the value of which will be substancially enjoyed by the public in general and the owners of property on Fifth Avenue in particular.

We are,

Yours respectfully,

CHAS. A. SEYMOUR & CO.

Dictated C. A. S.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COMPANY.



WOOL EXCHANGE BUILDING,  
WEST BROADWAY & BEACH ST.

## *NEW YORK WOOL WAREHOUSE CO.*

— CAPACITY—25 MILLION POUNDS. —

*NEW YORK,* OCTOBER 24th, 1896.

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

My Dear Sir:-

The WOOL EXCHANGE proposes to hold a noon meeting for sound money, on TUESDAY the 27th inst. The meeting will be presided over by Mr. James Macnaughtan, president of the TRADESMENS NATIONAL BANK. This is the first meeting held under the auspices of the WOOL merchants of New York, and will be widely advertised throughout the entire neighborhood, and is sure to interest a large number of voters west of West Broadway, who have not been reached by the Woolen Goods Republican Club.

Will you not do us the honor of presiding at this meeting? We know of no one who could more ably or gracefully fill this position and knowing your kindly feelings toward the wool people of this city it has given us courage to make this request.

Gen. Horace Porter, Hon. Franklin Bartlett and Theodore Roosevelt are among those who will address the meeting.

Very respectfully yours,

*William Macnaughtan.*

·THE·WOOL·CLUB·  
WOOL EXCHANGE BUILDING,  
NEW YORK.

October 24th, 1896.

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

My dear Col. Strong:-

On the 27th instant about noon, Gen. Horace Porter is to address the citizens of this neighborhood, in the Auction Room of the Wool Exchange.

I have invited the General to be my guest at lunch after the speech, and if you can come down at 1 o'clock, it would afford me very great pleasure to have you, as I have invited several gentlemen for that time with whom I know you and General Porter are well acquainted.

Yours Very Truly,

*James Macnaughtan*

Y. M. C. A.

Halifax - Nova Scotia.

24<sup>th</sup> Oct: 1896.

The Hon. The Mayor of New York.

- Mayor Strong -

Honored Sir,

You had in your employment for some for some years a coalman named Thomas MacGowan. I made his acquaintance about two years ago in the New York Asylum for the Insane, into which Institution I was kidnapped in 1892 when I called from my own place of residence at Bellevue Hospital, simply to consult a physician in reference to sleeplessness! I got you only last week.

I will declare most solemnly before any Magistrate, and do declare so to you now, that Mr MacGowan was never insane since I knew him - He was committed to the Asylum thro' two unscrupulous physicians simply at the request of some relatives of his, thro' some little family differences. Being a sane man - perfectly harmless & inoffensive - of a most amiable & religious character. He has been held there illegally for those two years.

It was spoken to me often & often of your being one of the best friends

he ever had, and of your great kindness towards him even after he had left your employment. It seems to have no one so cruel to his side, and the officials persist in holding him, tho they admit that he is sane, on the outrageous pretence that his wife won't take him out! If people can be held in lunatic asylums on such grounds, then the sooner lunatic asylums are abolished the better. It is about time, at any rate, that human liberty should be considered more sacred & more safely guarded, and regarded. Mr. Macpown is well able to earn his own living, and a good one too - either as a coachman or veterinary surgeon, and wants no one to take care of him; he is well able to take care of himself.

He tells me he is so convinced of your kindly interest in himself, and of your good-heartedness that if I wrote to you when I was restored to my liberty, & briefly explained the circumstances of his case to you. You would immediately have a mandate

issued for his release or would secure it simply thro' your influence.

I now take this opportunity of fulfilling my promise to him. And I ask you most earnestly, to have your old & grateful servant delivered from that horrible living tomb on Ward's Island.

Kindly pardon the liberty I have taken in addressing you, and let the motive plead my excuse with you.

I beg to remain,  
Honored Sir,  
Your obedient servant.  
Wm. J. Common.

I live at the above address from  
time would reach me at any time.  
W. J. C.

# City Improvement Society,

(Incorporated June 14th, 1892.)

12 East Twenty-third Street.

## OBJECTS.

TO PROMOTE THE IMPROVEMENT AND BEAUTIFYING  
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AUTHORITIES IN ENFORCING THE LAWS  
RELATING TO SUCH OBJECTS.

New York,

Oct., 26th., 1896.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor, City Hall.

Sir:

A Committee from the "Public Hack Owners Union" has laid before us sundry complaints which we consider well worthy of serious consideration. As we also believe that the matter in question is of importance to the general public we have advised them to place it before you, and earnestly and respectfully request that you will appoint a time to give this deputation a hearing.

We shall be pleased to receive a communication from you at your convenience.

Very respectfully yours,

*J. C. Pimpelley*

Secretary.

HEALEY & CO.  
COACH BUILDERS  
NEW YORK.

26<sup>th</sup> October 1896

Hon William L. Strong  
Mayor  
City Hall  
N. Y.

Dear Sir

As Coach maker by appointment to your Honor. I assume it my duty to furnish you with a suitable conveyance for the approaching parade on the 31<sup>st</sup> inst Saturday next. and write to inform you that after consulting with Gen Porter. I have concluded all arrangements. Lavelan and pair, with two men on the box, all in modest taste and correct form will be at your disposition. Have the goodness to instruct me, place and hour, where it will be convenient to have the carriage meet you.

With assurance of esteem I am  
yours very faithfully

Warren D. Healey

Answered

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HEADQUARTERS: 20 and 21 Times Building,

New York, October 26, 1896

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

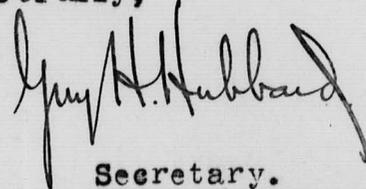
Dear sir:

This Club has been organized and we shall probably turn out 1500 to 2000 men.

This is the first time that the publishers have ever gotten together on a common platform and it will be a marked event in their history.

We are to have a meeting in these rooms on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, at 4 o'clock. Can you find it convenient to come over say Tuesday afternoon, and give us a five minute talk? If so, kindly advise at once, and oblige

Yours respectfully,

  
Secretary.

ALEXANDER E. ORR, *President.*  
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Chamber of Commerce of the State of New-York.

*New-York,* October 26th, 1896

Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor.

My dear Sir:-

Will you oblige me with two tickets for the grand stand to view the parade on Saturday next, one for the use of Admiral Erben and the other for myself.

Yours truly,

*Geo. Wilson*  
Secretary.

Bedford--Wm. H. Robertson.  
Cortlandt--Edw'd Bellfueille.  
Eastchester--Edgar R. Riley.  
Greenburgh--Frank V. Millard.  
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White Plains, N. Y., October 28th 1896.

Honorable William L. Strong,

President Business Mens' Republican and Sound Money Association.

Dear Mayor Strong,--

As Mount Vernon is to take no small place in the parade on Saturday next, and in behalf of the County Committee of Westchester County, I would like to ask you to send me some tickets for the reviewing stand on that day. Since the great ball game, you may have realized that Mount Vernon is not so modest in its demands.

With kindest regards, I remain.

Yours very truly,

David O. Williams

Secty.

P. O. Box 105 Mt. Vernon N.Y.

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ADDRESS P. O. BOX 1465.

*New York,* Oct. 27th, 1896

My Dear Mr. Mayor.

Your favor of the 26th inst. was delivered at my house last night. I appreciate very highly the compliment implied in the invitation which you send to me to share your carriage on the day of the procession, and although, considering that it is a Republican demonstration, I shall be somewhat in the position of a captive bound to the chariot wheels of the victor, nevertheless it will give me very great pleasure to participate with you in the general joy of the occasion. Moreover it will give me an opportunity to discuss the Rapid Transit matter with you which I have still under consideration.

Sincerely yours,

*Abraham S. Hewitt*

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor, etc.

*City Hall*

*N. Y. City*

*Hamilton & Sweetser,*  
*Counselors at Law,*  
*45 Broadway,*

*J. F. Hamilton,*  
*William A. Sweetser.*

*New York,* October 27<sup>th</sup> 1896

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

Sir:

One Charles Gallagher, Esq., the business agent of District Assembly, No. 49 of the Knights of Labor, representing and under the jurisdiction of the Pavers, Rammersmen, Bridge and Curb Setters of New York, Brooklyn and New Jersey, makes a complaint that Norton & Dalton, with whom a contract has recently heretofore been made by the Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York, to pave Eighth Avenue from 108th to 113th Street, on the West, and from 111th to 112th Street on the East, are violating the terms of said contract, in that they, contrary to the provisions of Chapter 622 of the laws of 1894, are employing workmen and laborers upon the work of such contract, who are receiving as wages a sum per day less than the prevailing rate for the same kind of work or trade.

It appears that the specifications attached and made a part of the contract to do this public work contains the following, which is an extract from the laws above cited:

"All mechanics, workmen and laborers employed in the "  
"performance of this contract shall receive not less than "  
"the prevailing rate of wages in the respective trade or "

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"or calling in which such mechanics, workmen and laborers are "  
"employed in this locality. None but citizens of the United "  
"States shall be employed in the performance of this contract. "

No claim is made, as I understand it, that a violation has been made of the provision requiring "none but citizens of the United States to be employed", and that the only cause for complaint is that the contractors, in violation of law, are employing workmen and laborers for less than the prevailing rate of wages for the same kind of work.

When this was first brought to the attention of the contractors named, Mr. Gallagher, above mentioned, called upon Mr. Norton and requested that he put members of District No. 49 on this work. No complaint was made that those employed as laborers or workingmen were not members of any Union. Mr. Norton asked what were the wages of these people of District 49 of the Knights of Labor, and he was informed there and then that the prevailing rate of wages was \$4.50 per day. That the said Norton said "I will not pay those wages to anybody" and it is a fact that he is employing and paying the laborers at a price from \$3. to \$3.50 per day.

It would seem therefore, that Mess. Norton & Dalton are

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knowingly and defiantly violating the obligations of their contract with the City. It cannot be denied that their obligations to perform all the contract on their part is as binding on them as the City is bound to perform its part of the contract.

It is obvious that the object and intention of these contractors is to compel and foreworkingmen and laborers in this class of work to look elsewhere than the City of New York for employment on a public or other work, to the end that the prevailing rate of wages paid may be reduced, and force them to a lower standard of living.

District 49 consulted me for the purpose of bringing an action to enjoin Norton & Dalton from the performing or continuing the work under the contract, but this would result in a stoppage of the work at great inconvenience to the public.

I advised them that it was my opinion if the attention of the proper city authorities was called to this violation of the contract on the part of Norton & Dalton, that the latter would be called upon to discontinue any further violating of the contract in reference to the employment of laborers and workingmen for wages less than the prevailing rate.

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As a matter of fact all contractors having work, the consideration for which is less than One thousand dollars, are employing labor upon their various contracts at or for wages less than the prevailing rate.

Trusting that you will cause an investigation to be made, and see to it that the various contractors are held to a strict performance and compliance with the terms, obligations and specifications in their various contracts, and awaiting your reply, I am,

Very respectfully yours,

*Wm A Sweetser*

Attorney for District Assembly No. 49  
of the Knights of Labor.

New York Oct 27/96

Hon Mayor Strong  
Dear Sir

Vesey street is both a ferry street and a Steamship Co's thoroughfare but unfortunately some of the merchants monopolize the street for business con. of Church and Vesey in fact all the street is a a store, at times it is impossible through the crowds in front of the stands more particularly at Church West Broadway & Greenwich St also the Washington Market stands which occupy the sidewalks while any quantity of stands are to let inside the proper place read the Times this morning for further particulars

A Citizen

Dear Mr. Strong.

I have been  
sery ill all Summer  
& under the best  
circumstances could  
not assume my duties  
as School Inspector  
for a month.

I feel it but just  
that someone whom  
you can rely upon  
should be put in

my place, much  
as I regret the  
idea of giving up  
the position.

Very truly yours  
Wm. R. Callender

Lectures 24<sup>th</sup>

T. East. 72<sup>nd</sup> St.

Accepted  
Oct 27/96

New York

28th Oct 1896

Hon<sup>ble</sup> W<sup>m</sup> L<sup>l</sup> Strong, Mayor

Dear Sir

I saw some months ago that there was a bill before you for your signature to pay men when empan- niled as Civic Jurors, as well as Criminal - you did <sup>not</sup> sign it - Now Sir I want to draw your attention to a few facts - I am a working man and you well know that Contractors does not pay for if we do not work - I am a juror two weeks every year never get more than \$3<sup>00</sup> at its expiration - Remember Sir I have car fare to pay lunchin to get a glass or two of Beer - Now Sir it cost \$5<sup>00</sup> To defray all these expences when I have it when I have not no lunchin no car fare or no beer why Sir it is an outrage - and ask the ~~the~~ excuse - why Sir the Functionary to me he could not help my poverty as he and the attendances had to be there - now Sir what an answer from a juror

Public Works

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He & the attendance who are well  
Paid - and some of them are as  
Arrogant as the Czar of Russia  
This is written Sir by a poor  
Man & one that has suffered  
For thirty years - I cannot sign  
My name as it might get into  
Public print - I know if it  
Lays in your power you  
Will see the Justice of  
Recompensing in future such  
as me

I am Sir your obedient Servant  
A Citizen

The Sheriff selects men for  
Civil Jurors but his deputies  
selects for Criminal-Criminal  
gets \$2<sup>00</sup> Per Annum ~~Civil~~ <sup>Civil</sup> Jurors  
The Sheriff's office is  
rotten to the core  
Thirty years a Civil  
no pay - Justice: oh no  
Justice be damned -  
or public be damned  
Vanderbilt

Thomas Walsh,

Dry Goods Commission Merchant,

79 GRAND STREET,

New York, Oct 28<sup>th</sup> 1896

Hon Wm Ell Stratton

Dear Sir

What the matter with you  
asking the Hon Board of  
Commissioners for the loan of  
the largest Elephant in central  
Park managery and we will  
put him at the head of our  
Column in the march on  
Saturday Morning I spoke  
to Mr Fuller and several  
Members of our club. all  
thought it would be the  
hit of the parade please  
look kindly on this matter  
and have him on Saturday Morning  
at Broadway Leonard St we  
will put on his sides in gold  
letter G.O.P yours truly  
Thomas Walsh

CITY OF NEW YORK.  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

October 28th, 1896.

Mr. E. H. Southerland,  
Hazleton, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

I am directed by the Mayor to say that  
the parties referred to in your letter of recent  
date refunded your money to-day, which we herewith  
enclose.

Yours truly,

*Job E. Hedges*  
Secretary.

*Dr Mr. Hedges. I thank you for  
the interest you have taken  
in this matter. and rec'd  
all right - I expect to be in  
N.Y. next week - & if I had  
not heard from you -*

I should have taken action  
against the practices.

I have done business in  
N.Y. for over 30 years  
but have never come

across a party like this  
Merced of firm —

Again please accept  
my thanks —

Very truly yours,  
H. C. Culberson

MAJOR-GENERAL DANIEL E. SICKLES, U. S. ARMY, *President.*  
COLONEL L. EDWIN DUDLEY, *Secretary.*

MAJOR-GENERAL HORACE PORTER,  
MAJOR-GENERAL WM. B. FRANKLIN,  
MAJOR-GENERAL ST. CLAIR MULHOLLAND, } *Vice-Presidents.*

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

UNION VETERANS'



PATRIOTIC LEAGUE,

1 EAST NINTH STREET,

NEW YORK CITY.

PRIVATE WM. MCKINLEY,  
Co. E 23d OHIO VOLs.

Oct. 28th, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor City of New York, City,

My Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to enclose a set of tickets for one of the boxes at Carnegie Hall. We are to hold a grand meeting of Union veterans there on Friday evening next.

Generals Sickles, Howard, and many others, are to speak.

General Horace Porter is to preside.

We shall be glad if you will occupy this box with your family and friends.

Respectfully,

*L. Edwin Dudley*  
Secretary.

*P.S. I also inclose a stage ticket and we shall all feel honored if you will take a seat upon the stage with the Union Generals. General Horace Porter, who is to preside, may call upon you to say a few words of welcome L.E.D.*

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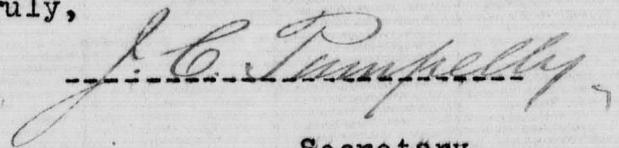
Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor, City Hall.

Sir:

We beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your favor of the 27th. inst.. A deputation from the "Public Hack Owners Union" will wait on you on Friday next 30th. inst. at three P.M. according to your appointment.

Very truly,



Secretary.

For President, WILLIAM McKINLEY

For Vice-President, GARRET A. HOBART

## Commercial Travellers Sound Money League

Central Headquarters, open 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH BUILDING, 195 BROADWAY

*Uptown Headquarters*  
Fifth Avenue Hotel, Room F  
24th Street Entrance  
8 P.M. to 9.30 P.M.

*Noonday Meeting, from 12.30 to 1.30 P.M.*  
at Broadway and Prince Street

Oct. 17th, 1896.

Hon. <sup>Mr.</sup> L. Strong  
Mayor.

Dear Sir:

You are most cordially and earnestly invited to be present at the noonday meeting of the Commercial Travelers' Sound Money League of America to be held in this city, Wednesday, Oct. 28th.

As you perhaps know, the Commercial Travelers' Sound Money League have, for some time, been holding a series of noonday political meetings in this city in the interest of the Republican Party and Sound Money. The interest in these meetings has been great and thousands have been turned away daily unable to obtain admission. We have been addressed by ex-President Harrison, Hon. Mark A. Hanna, Gov. Hastings, Mayor Warwick of Philadelphia, Chauncey M. Depew, Gen. Horace Porter, and other men of note.

It is our purpose to close this noonday campaign with "Ohio Day" on Oct. 28th, in honor of the great Buckeye State and of its distinguished citizen, our standard bearer, Hon. William McKinley. We hope you can be present to address the meeting and help us close our work in

For President, WILLIAM McKINLEY

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a blaze of glory.

Governor Asa S. Bushnell, Senator Foraker, and many other distinguished Ohioans have been invited and we hope can attend.

Hoping to see you here, with assurances of respect, I am,

Very truly yours,

*John H. Black*

President of the Commercial Travel-  
ers' Clubs of the United States.

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Oct. 23, 1896.

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

Dear Col. Strong:

The Commercial Travelers' Sound Money League expect to have on Wednesday next, 23th inst., what will probably be the most important of the meetings yet held. It will be known as "Ohio Day" and distinguished orators from that State will be with us.

The Commercial Travelers will appreciate your presence on that occasion, and I trust it will be entirely convenient for you to attend. You might also bring along any of your friends that you may desire to.

Very truly yours,

*A. W. Dearborn*  
Chairman.

For President, WILLIAM McKINLEY

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

Dear Col. Strong:

I write to say that you have been suggested by Major McKinley as a representative of his at the Commercial Travelers' Sound Money League's noonday meeting to-morrow (Ohio Day). Col. Osborne, Mr. Manley and others from the National Headquarters will meet in the store of Freedman Brothers, 565 Broadway, opposite the place of meeting on Broadway & Prince St. at 12.20 P. M. sharp. Hon. Charles F. Warwick, Mayor of Philadelphia, informs me that he is to be in the city to-morrow, and you will no doubt see him some time before the noon hour and I trust you will make it a point to be at the place on time, as mentioned above. Thanking you for your many courtesies, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

*H. W. Dearborn*

Chairman.

For President, WILLIAM McKINLEY

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Col. W. L. Streng,

City Hall, New York.

Dear Mr. Streng:

The Commercial Travelers' Sound Money League are so pressed with work that we cannot take upon ourselves to form a separate division in the parade. As a business man you will understand that there will be many commercial travelers in the parade from the various business houses. We would like, however, to put a portion of our platform in front of the building at Prince St. for a reviewing stand, so that our executive committee and a few friends can review the great parade that you are so interested in, and I will have the outside of our building handsomely decorated for the occasion, and I think we can show our respect in this way. Will you kindly grant us permit to carry out our wishes. I think I understand enough about what you may desire in the matter. We will not let the platform extend far out on the sidewalk. Thanking you in advance, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

H. W. Dearbon

J. T. HILDEBRANT,  
PRESIDENT.

M. TRIMMER,  
SECRETARY.

O. K. LINABURY,  
TREASURER.

# Street Sprinkling Association,

601 WEST 33d STREET,

New York, October 23<sup>d</sup> 1896

Hon: W L Strong

Dear Sir

Owing to the Parade of New York  
Business men next Saturday, we consider it  
best not to do any sprinkling along the line  
of march, also on the adjacent streets where  
the people will form to fall in line.

We thought it best to advise you that sprinkling  
will be omitted as stated above.

Yours respectfully

Street Sprinkling Association.

J. T. Hildebrant  
Pres

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New York, Oct 29th 1897.

*Returned to  
Harrison  
by J. J. Jones*

My dear Sir:

Major John Byrne, President

of Democratic Honest Money League, 15 W. 24th

will esteem it a favor if you will send  
him some tickets for seats on your reviewing  
stand for Saturday's Parade. Am. Bowler  
Cockran of our League has a few friends  
who would like some seats. Kindly do  
what you can for us.

Respectfully

James Harrison

Press Agent for  
Democratic Honest Money League of America.

To Mr. Caldwell,

Fuller

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203 BROADWAY,

*New York.* Oct. 29th, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Dear Sir:-

We need to raise a small sum of money at once to properly place before the people of the State the danger of the pending Constitutional Amendment.

One hundred persons contributing Ten Dollars each will provide the means to save the State Forest Preserve. Will you be one of the hundred?

Please make your check to order of Frank O. Herring, Treasurer.

Yours truly,

*Frank S. Gardner*  
Secretary

*This matter has a very close relation to fire insurance and water supply.*

Mayor's Office,  
Brooklyn.

October 30th, 1896.

My Dear Mayor:

Permit me to thank you cordially for the tickets which you kindly inclosed to me for the Reviewing Stand in connection with to-morrow's parade. I hope to be able to make use of them, and thus appreciate your kindness.

Again thanking you, I am,

Very truly yours,

*F. W. M. M. M. M. M.*

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of New York City.

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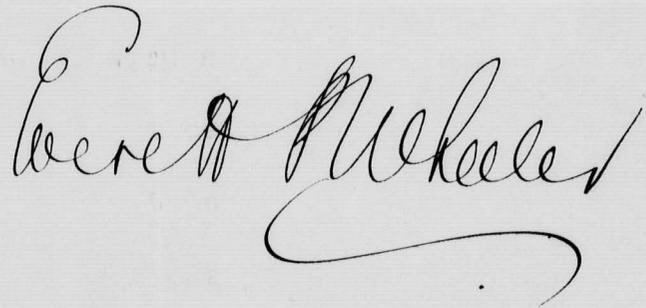
ALDRICH COURT, 45 BROADWAY,

NEW YORK, Oct. 30th 1896

My dear Mayor Strong:

You may remember my speaking to you some time ago in regard to the subway in Fifth Avenue, below 42nd Street. I judge from the newspapers that Gen. Collis has something of the sort in contemplation, and I send you a copy of a letter which I am writing him to-day, to which I request your careful consideration.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Everett P. Wheeler". The signature is written in dark ink and features a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

*copy*

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Gen. C. H. T. Collis,

My dear Gen. Collis:

I have been very much interested in the newspaper accounts of your plans for the sewerage of Fifth Avenue, below 42nd Street. I was not, however, able to gather from them whether it was your intention to make a subway which should be used not only for sewerage but for water, gas, and electric pipes. Such subways, as you know, are used in Paris, and are found to be economical in the end. A similar subway has often been proposed for New York.

You will find in the report of the Department of Public Works for the quarter ending June 30th, 1882, a cut of the condition of the pipes in the vicinity of Wall Street, and a reference to the great importance of some permanent provision for placing such pipes. Such provision would enable the pipes to be laid to better advantage, and would prevent the necessity for tearing up the pavement, which has been a source of so much inconvenience and expense to the city.

Trusting that the Reform Administration may signalize its service by so great an improvement, I am

Yours very truly,

*Everett Wheeler*

New York, October 30th. 1896.

Right Hon. W. L. Strong,

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

Dear Sir,

This is a late hour to make any suggestions as to a means of influencing votes for Honest Money but many a battle has been won at the twelfth hour, therefore I shall offer my suggestion and be as brief as possible .

A demonstration such as is to take place in this city Saturday the 31st. inst. should be brought in a forcible manner to the notice of every merchant in the Union and while the newspapers thought the Union will do this to a great extent I think I can suggest a way that will show every merchant and his employees just where the business men of New York City stand on the money question and such a showing should have its results/

The parade starting as early as it is to most concerns that are to take part will be unable to fill and ship the orders received by the by mail on Saturday morning and I would suggest that you recommend to every concern that they write an acknowledgement of the order received and state that they will be unable to ship the goods as their store will close very early in the morning on account of the parade for Honest Money but that their order will be shipped promptly Monday.

Any such a letter mailed Saturday morning will reach as far west as Omaha by Monday morning and I think if all the houses did this nearly every merchant east of Omaha would receive one or more of the letters and the influence of such a plain statement of where New York stands on the question would have a good effect.

Yours in haste

David Spalding  
165 W 129 Street

New York Oct. 20-96

Dear Sir

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of Oct. inst. I went to get married with Miss Berolind Barbieri, and I could not get the marriage certificate without paying three dollars. I told I had no money, and really I am poor and must work hard to make my living, therefore I do not know, why they must pretend money for marriage ceremony. I am told that is against the law, and I would be very obliged to you, if you will investigate on purpose.

My certificate was signed by  
Mr. Elias G. Ortuno Alencar  
and I would have my money  
given back -

I am living at 2007 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave  
Barber shop, and hoping you  
will do what is right, with  
the most respect, I am

Yours Respectfully  
Bartolomeo Birius.

N. Y. October 30<sup>th</sup> 96  
55 East 75<sup>th</sup> St.

Hon. Wm. Strong  
Mayor City of New York,  
Dear Sir,

Permit  
me to express to you my  
thanks, for your attention  
to my complaint against  
The Black Employment  
Agency, and for the return  
of the two dollars.

Yours Truly  
Ernest B. Richards

New York Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> 1896.

To the presiding Mayor of  
the City of New York.

Dear Sir,

We take the liberty to inform you of the manner in which a concert hall 161 Bowery is conducted. it is a disgrace to the community if a poor laboring man goes into it with his hard earned money. it soon

vanishes from him.  
he is seated along side  
of a girl or woman  
and is played sucker,  
until his money is  
spent, and then kicked  
and thrown out. it  
would pay you to pay  
a visit to this place  
mentioned and convince  
yourself. many a young  
lad. has his downfall  
through that place. as  
we were subjected to the  
same treatment herein  
mentioned, hoping you  
will investigate and  
help many a poor man

and boy from downfall.

We remain  
Yours

American Citizens



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Hon. Wm. L. Strong, Mayor,

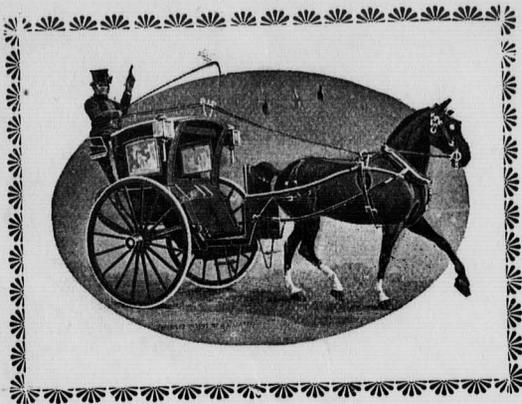
Sir:-

The hack patrons of our city are being subjected to the extortion of several thousands of dollars a day, and we respectfully call your attention to the following facts:-

Firstly: The New York Transfer Company have agents soliciting for hack business on the New Haven and Hartford trains and in the Grand Central Depot, whereby they extort from said patrons about \$50.00 per day by having their hacks running under a special license, said license gives them the privilege of charging what they please, whereas if they were operated under a public license the riding public would be carried for the legal rate of fare and saved from the injustice spoken of.

Secondly: The numerous hotels have special hacks standing in front of them for the accomodation of their guests which the law permits. They outrageously abuse the privilege extended to them by making public hackstands out of said places, but they do not charge public hack prices. They charge double and sometimes more than double the legal rates of fare, which we have proven by having several cases brought before the Marshall with no good result.

The flagrant abuse of the privilege extended to these people, and the direct violation of law, which they incessantly commit has got us, the Public Hack Owners, in a most deplorable condition.



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We earnestly beseech your Honor to have the law enforced as it will give us a chance to compete fairly with these special hacks, it will also give the riding public a chance to pay the legal rates of fare and gives us a chance to exist. In conclusion we would say that every principal hackstand we have is immediately surrounded by hotels and special hacks, consequently they get the business we pay a license for.

Hoping for kind consideration in the matter, we remain,

Most respectfully,

PUBLIC HACK OWNERS UNION.

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Honorable Strong

Dear Sir

Will you

Kindly dettach a letter as  
President of our Assn stating  
as follows

That Alexander Caldwell  
as Chairman of Committee on  
Grand Stands has control  
of Stands during the day  
of Oct 31. So that I  
can have my instructions  
carried out by police I desire

this necessary in order that  
there will be no hitch or trouble  
at Stainers

Samuel  
Alexander Caland

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CONSOLATO GENERALE

DI

S. M. IL RE D'ITALIA

New York,

Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> 1896

Hon. W. L. Strong  
Mayor

Dear Sir:

I called this morning at City Hall and I regret not to have found you in the Office. The Commander of the Italian Man of War "Cristoforo Colombo", arrived yesterday in this Port, wishes to pay his respects to you on Monday next the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Kindly let me know if you will be at City Hall on said day at eleven o'cl. a.m., hour

in which I shall be pleased  
to introduce the Commander  
to you. I beg leave to  
request an early answer, as  
I have to arrange the meeting  
with the Commander. Kindly  
send it to the "Hanover Hotel"  
2. East 15<sup>th</sup> Street.

Yours respectfully  
Mabelli  
Act'g Consul General