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EDWIN A. WALDO,
CHAIRMAN AGITATION COMMITTEE,
26 DELANCEY ST., NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, April 5th, 1897.

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

Dear Sir:-

The enclosed report relating to the cause of "Honest Primary Legislation," was adopted at a meeting of the Allied Political Clubs on Feb. 23d, 1897.

It is respectfully submitted to your careful consideration in the hope that its provisions may receive your approbation and determine you to join in concerted action in the alliance.

While the presumption seems not unfounded that the present Legislature will adopt measures looking to a favorable change in our Primary Election Laws, it is, however, most important that all citizens, irrespective of party or faction shall unite in urging the necessity for such action on the part of the members of the Senate and Assembly of the State.

A bill should be enacted which shall make fraud at the primaries impossible and prevent the unfair methods which now prevail at conventions. The leaders of all political parties in the State are committed to remedial legislation along the lines proposed in the enclosed report and many members of the Legislature in both houses are advocates of and will support a bill embodying these suggestions.

In order to best further the interests of this movement it is suggested that political organizations and private citizens communicate without delay with the Senators and Assemblymen of their respective districts urging upon them the necessity for immediate and stringent Legislation relative to the holding of Primaries and Conventions, and expressing their approval of the distinctive features embodied in the plan herewith submitted.

Respectfully,

Edwin A. Waldo, Chairman,
C. F. Curtis,
P. P. McMahon,
J. M. Price,
W. B. Cartwright,

Philip Doblin
Charles A. Adams,
Samuel Weil,
Charles N. Swift,
George L. Forest,
Committee on Agitation.

Williamsbridge, N.Y. City.
April 5th. 1897.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG, ESQ;

Mayor of New York City.

Dear Sir:-

At the last regular monthly meeting of the Central Democratic Association of the Annexed District of New York City, held in Jerome Hall Williamsbridge, Tuesday Evening March 30th, 1897. the Committee on Public Improvements reported that, Senator Charles L. Guy, and Assemblyman Douglas Matthewson, have introduced an "Act" in the State Legislature prepared by Hon. Louis F. Haffen, to complete the Williamsbridge Sewer System, and, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the following resolution was ordered to be prepared and forwarded to our Honorable Mayor William L. Strong, Honorable Commissioner Louis F. Haffen, Honorable Senator Charles L. Guy, and Honorable Assemblyman Douglas Matthewson, as follows:-

RESOLVED. That the Central Democratic Association, of the Annexed District of New York City, most heartily concur in and approve of the act known as Senate bill No. 734. and designated an Act "To provide for the completion and extension of the Williamsbridge Sewer System in the City of New York." and this Association most respectfully urge our representatives in the Legislature to use their best efforts to have the Act passed and further earnestly and most respectfully ask our Honorable Mayor William L. Strong, to approve of the Act and to make known his approval to the Legislature to the end that the Act be passed and become a law.

Most respectfully submitted,

Albert J. Pearson (Committee
William Dee Miller (on
(Resolution.

For the Central Democratic Association of the Annexed District of New York City.

William Dee Miller,
Corresponding Secretary.

Woody Creek Ariz
Highbridge N.Y.
April 5-1897

Mayor Strong
City Hall
New York-

Dear Sir -

As a resident
of Highbridge N.Y. I beg
to submit the following in
regard to the removal
of the Old McComb's Dam
Bridge to a site further
down town.

My family and I
traverse the bridge daily -
& in all sorts of
weather are compelled
to cross it as the only
available means of getting
down town or home.

In stormy weather - we
especially feel the need
of a conveyance of
some sort - and if the
the old Mc Comb's Dam
Bridge is allowed to
remain in its present

position - with the idea
in view of having at
some time in the near
future a railway line
of some sort crossing it
& thus doing away
with the only objectionable
thing of living in this
vicinity - viz. the
long walk that one is
compelled to take -
to get either down town or
home - it would be
much appreciated by the
people of this vicinity and
especially by
Yours truly
Henry Hinds.

Committee on Vagrancy,

APPOINTED BY

The Conference of Charities of the City of New York.

Mrs. CHARLES R. LOWELL, CHAIRMAN.
Mr. HOMER FOLKS, SECRETARY.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY:
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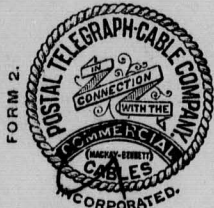
120 E. 30th St. New York, April 5 1897

To His Honor
The Mayor

Dear Sir: The Farm Colony Bill
(No. 728 Assembly) is still lying
unreported with the Committee
on Cities. Will you not tell Mr.
Clarke to ask the Chairman
to report it favorably tomorrow?

Respectfully yours
Bertha Shaw Lowell
(Mrs. C. R. Lowell)
(Am. Council)

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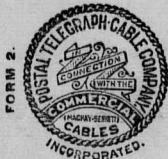
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Received at 51 WILLIAM ST. N.Y. 6

(WHERE ANY REPLY SHOULD BE SENT.)

1897

Library bill goes to Mayer
today presume you and your
friends will give it the
necessary action there,
Geo. C. Austin



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JOHN O. STEVENS,
Secretary.

ALBERT B. CHANDLER,
President and General Manager.

145 Broadway
Room 27 from 1 to 5 P.M.

New York 6 April 1897

Hon W. L. Strong

Mayor City of New York
City Hall N.Y.

Dear Sir

I have 64 Lots Entire
North Side West 53 St
from 11 to 12 Avenue
Splended high and
Dry Ground and very
fine location for a Park
and I can sell them
for \$330,000 just 60%
of appraised value
and Institution foreclosed
Will you please to let
me hear from you at
your earliest convenience

Yours very truly
Jacob V. D. Wyckoff

THE FOURTH NATIONAL BANK
OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

J. EDWARD SIMMONS, PRES.
JAS. G. CANNON, VICE PRES.
C. H. PATTERSON, CASHIER.

NEW YORK April 6, 1897.

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

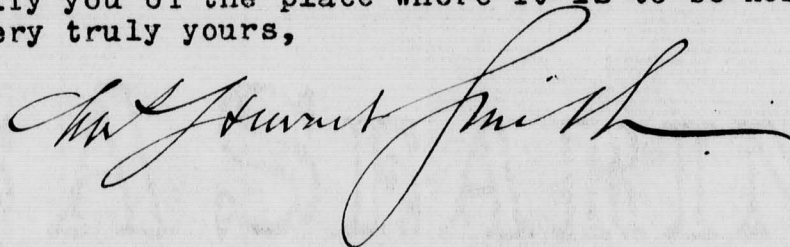
My dear Colonel:

I want to engage your attention next Saturday evening about 8.30 for about an hour. I propose to give a stereopticon exhibition to about fifty prominent gentlemen in New York, the design of which is to show what has been accomplished in the way of reform by your administration, and it is the most perfect demonstration of what you have done for the poor and afflicted that I have ever seen.

For example: We show the state of the buildings and attendants in the government, charity, insane and foundling hospitals on the Island: we show the wards, the restaurants and the general management of the business under the old administration, and the reforms that have been introduced since you have been Mayor. I saw a private exhibition of this and was very favorably impressed with it. The place where the exhibition will be given has not yet been decided upon, but I shall be glad to have you reserve that evening, and you can bring anyone you please. It is the best testimony to reform that I have seen, without exception, and I intend to make a more public exhibition later. I am sure you will be interested in it, and I hope you will give it your confidence. Within a day or two I will notify you of the place where it is to be held.

Very truly yours,

*also before & afterward
w/ Sheet Cleaning*



Please answer to 25 West 47th Str

105 East 22d Street,

New York, April 7, 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

City Hall, New York.

My dear Sir:-

Several weeks ago you expressed your interest in the Get-Together Club, and stated that you hoped that you might be able to attend one of the next meetings. The next meeting will be held, in accordance with the inclosed circular, and we sincerely hope that you will be able to attend.

Very sincerely yours,

W A Tolman

"GET-TOGETHER" CLUB.

The next meeting of the Get-Together Club will be held at Clark's, 22 West 23rd St., Thursday evening, April 15th. Dinner will be served at 6:30 Sharp.

Mr. Robert C. Ogden, the representative of the New York house of John Wanamaker, and President of Hampton Institute, will preside. Mr. Homer Folke, Secretary of the State Charities Aid Association, and of the Conference of Charities of New York City, will give a talk upon the subject, Politics and Charities, or What Reform has been workh in a City Department which cared for 17,000 People. Lantern photographs will show the conditions in the public hospitals, the Almshouse, Insane Asylums, Workhouse, &c., &c., under Tammany administration, and the improvements under the Reform administration.

A representative of the Citizens Union will speak of its plans for securing non-partisan government for the three million people of Greater New York.

The price of the dinner will be \$1.50, and replies should be sent as speedily as possible to Homer Folke, 105 East 22nd Street. As the number of invitations is limited, the Committee are obliged to hold each person replying affirmatively, responsible for the price of the dinner, unless the order is countermanded by the morning of the 14th of April.

It is hoped that the Committee may have the pleasure of receiving your affirmative response.

Faithfully yours,

(Signed) William H. Tolman,

John Lloyd Thomas,

Homer Folke,

Committee on Direction.

It is the object of the Club, which as yet possesses nothing but a name, to get together busy and practical men, who stand for things done in New York, in order that they may compare notes, and form a more conscious solidarity of civic effort and purpose.

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WARD'S ISLAND, NEW YORK CITY

A. E. MACDONALD, M. D.
General Superintendent

Male Department
PERCY BRYANT, M. D.
Medical Superintendent

April 7th, 1897.

My Dear Sir ::

I would say in reply to your communication of the 6th inst., relating to the inquiries of Miss Elizabeth Bergman of Chicago, Ill., that I have written to her advising her of the condition of her brother, his prospects and furthermore expressed the opinion that we could probably arrange for the patient's transfer to his home in Chicago, within the next week or two.

Very truly yours,



Medical Superintendent.

Mr. Job E. Hedges,

Office of the Mayor,

City Hall.

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WILLIAMSBRIDGE IMPROVEMENT LEAGUE,

Williamsbridge,

NEW YORK CITY, April 7, 1897.

Mr Joe Hedges,

Sec., to the Mayor.

Dear Sir: /

The Williamsbridge Improvement League has directed me to write to you with the request that you will notify me as early as possible as to a date which may be set for a hearing before the Mayor in regard to the Bill which has just passed the Legislature, which was introduced by Senator Guy for the completion of the Williamsbridge Sewer.

We desire to be heard on the matter when ever it shall come up.

Yours truly,

Lucius W. How,

Sec., Williamsbridge Imp. League.

April 7, 1897.

Sir,

Earlier in the year I received a visit
from Mr David H. Carpenter, of Maple-
wood, N. Y., who is, I find, a
descendant of our famous Doctor,
Dr Andrew Willet (1598-1621).
Dr Willet was perhaps the former ~~extremist~~
controversial Quaker of his day & stood
for this character in old Thomas
Fuller's "Holy State". His son,
Thomas Fuller, named after his grandfather
Rev. Thomas Fuller (also Doctor of Divinity)
was born here & lived here till
he went to Leyden & from

them to America. The afterwards became,
as you will be aware, the first allegor of
New York & remarkable man in the
historical part he played.

We have full accounts of William's family,
beautiful memorial brass & effigies of the
O.E. - the parish very much remains
now as it was when Thomas Willer
was born in it - a bit of undisturbed
old England, nestled on the
North side of the Chiltern Hills &
commanding extensive views.

I find, from information received,
that the dates (except no doubt)

on the gravestone of the first Mayors
are correct.

I am engaged in preparing "The Memoirs
& Records of Barbz", which will
include a full account of the
Willers. In view, however, of
the coming visit from America in
this Diamond Jubilee year of
the Queen's reign & of the
interest attached to the first
Mayors of N.Y., I shall be
pleased to prepare brief memoirs
of the family of Thomas, with
illustrations of his birthplace, &c.

I will only add that, as you will
see from enclosed, we have a
fine old Rectory here - to viz

for the present depressed income,
& Mr. Frome Wilkinson & myself will
be pleased to make any suitable
arrangements for guests or to let the
same. We wish we could do more.

Mr. David Carpenter was kind enough
to say that, as he had visited Bury,
he would be pleased to call upon
you any possible half time.

Perhaps an illustrated article in
some first class American Magazine on
Mazegani might be useful.

I remain, Sir,

Yours faithfully

J. Frome Wilkinson, Doctor of Divinity,
[N.A. (Oxford): Fellow of the Junior Society
of the Royal Statistical Society, Member
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May 1871

HERTS.
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ITS ORIGIN, RISE, AND GROWTH

ITS SOCIAL, MORAL, AND EDUCATIONAL INFLUENCES

THE AFFILIATED ORDERS

BY THE

REV. JOHN FROME WILKINSON, M.A. *F.L.S. F.R.S.*

WADHAM COLLEGE, OXON. ; ~~CURATE OF LONG MELLORS~~ *Editor of Bailey*
FINANCIAL MEMBER OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODDFELLOWS, MANCHESTER
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PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED SISTERS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

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Year-Book of the Friendly Societies' Registry Office

'You go into these societies to seek your own good through the good of others'

*Speech of The Right Hon. W. E. GLADSTONE, M.P.
on the Affiliated Orders*

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EXTRACT FROM PREFACE

IN sending out into the wide world of literature this little history, a selection only of materials collected have been laid under contribution, our publishers being desirous (and wisely so) of not raising the price to a figure prohibitive to the sale of a hand book on the subject among members. Should the present instalment meet with a reception that would warrant a succeeding volume, Societies other than the Affiliated Orders may be dealt with; but the latter have such a distinctive character of their own, and stand so apart by themselves in constitution and government, that it has been thought the better plan to reserve Centralised, Deposit, and local Benefit Societies for separate treatment. The same must be said of many points of interest in connection with the 'Movement,' *e.g.* Antiquities and Ritual, Memoirs of Pioneers, Past Legislation, National Provident Insurance, Poor Law and Pauperism, Improved Legislation and lessened Rates of Mortality, &c.

The present narrative has been written from a working and financial Member's point of view, not from that of a Patron—from the inside rather than from the outside—and has been made as autobiographical as possible, the literature of the Movement having been purposely largely laid under contribution. I have succeeded, I hope, in dealing fairly with the subject matter, avoiding, on the one hand, the error of bestowing wholesale praise, or, on the other, that of finding fault wholesale, without sufficient warrant. If plain language has sometimes been used, I ask readers whom it may concern to remember that 'faithful are the wounds of a friend.'

J. FROME WILKINSON.

December 1885.

National Sound Money League,

(NON-PARTISAN.)

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NEW YORK, April 7, 1897.

Hon. Mayor Strong,
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

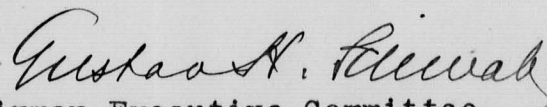
I had hoped to be able to call upon you in person or that one of the Executive Committee could do so, but finding it impossible consistently with other duties, I have asked Major Tredway, whom this will introduce, to call in my stead.

Information derived from unimpeachable sources establishes the fact that the silver delusion and kindred errors, instead of being disposed of, are spreading and growing more formidable, and the necessity for systematic, thorough and persistent effort on the part of the friends of Sound Money to influence public opinion, daily becomes more apparent.

The opposition is active and tireless and prompt and thorough work is vitally necessary to defeat their purposes.

We shall hope to have your co-operation in this matter and trust that you will give us such material aid as you deem right commensurate with the importance of the subject.

Yours truly,


Chairman Executive Committee.

P. S. Please observe that nearly all the subscriptions already made are for an annual payment for four years and we hope to have your assistance in this form also.

A LARGER DAILY CIRCULATION THAN ANY OTHER REPUBLICAN NEWSPAPER IN THE UNITED STATES.

The New York Press

New York, April 7, 1897.

EDITOR'S OFFICE.

Job E. Hedges, Esq.,

Secretary, Mayor's Office,

New York.

Dear Mr. Hedges:-

Many thanks for your kind letter of to-day,
in regard to seats for the Grant ceremonies. I hope that my
application will not give you much trouble and I shall be extreme-
ly obliged to you for whatever you can do in my behalf.

Truly yours,

Kent Perkins.

Managing Editor.

P.S. April 27th being Mrs. Perkins's
birthday, she is very anxious to see the
ceremonies, which, she insists, are really
in her house.

K.P.

327 WEST 76TH STREET

WEST END.

NEW YORK.

Apr 7/97

My dear Mayor

Herewith I hand
you letter from Pres
Low of Columbia
University, relating
to a proposed addition
to Riverside Park -
about which I spoke
to you a few days
ago - I am
Yours truly
Lyons Clark



GOOD GOVERNMENT CLUB E

(Eighteenth Assembly District)

145 EAST 18TH STREET

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New York, April 7

1897

Keen Am L. Strong
Mayor of New York

Dear Sir I have the honor to communicate to you a copy of a resolution adopted by the Trustees of this Club as to the ownership of franchises by the City -

"Resolved, that this Club is strongly in favor of municipal ownership of the fee of all franchises under the control of the city, which franchises should in their judgment be leased for short terms only with option to the lessee to renewal upon reappraisal, and with option to the city to purchase the plant ^{at} ~~and~~ the end of the lease, upon reimbursement of cost and two per cent additional"

The Trustees of this Club ^{are} of the opinion that the burden of taxation may be reduced more than one half by a judicious and economical control of the franchises still within the City's control, whether upon original application or proposed extensions - and we rely greatly upon your wise action. I Augustus Johnson
Yours respectfully President

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Sunday Evening, March 7, 1897.

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INTERMISSION

KITTIE MITCHELL

PHILLIPS TOMES and LAURA ATHEY

LEW DOCKSTADER

ALLAN MAY

Week commencing Monday Evening, March 8,

ALL NEW VAUDEVILLE ACTS.

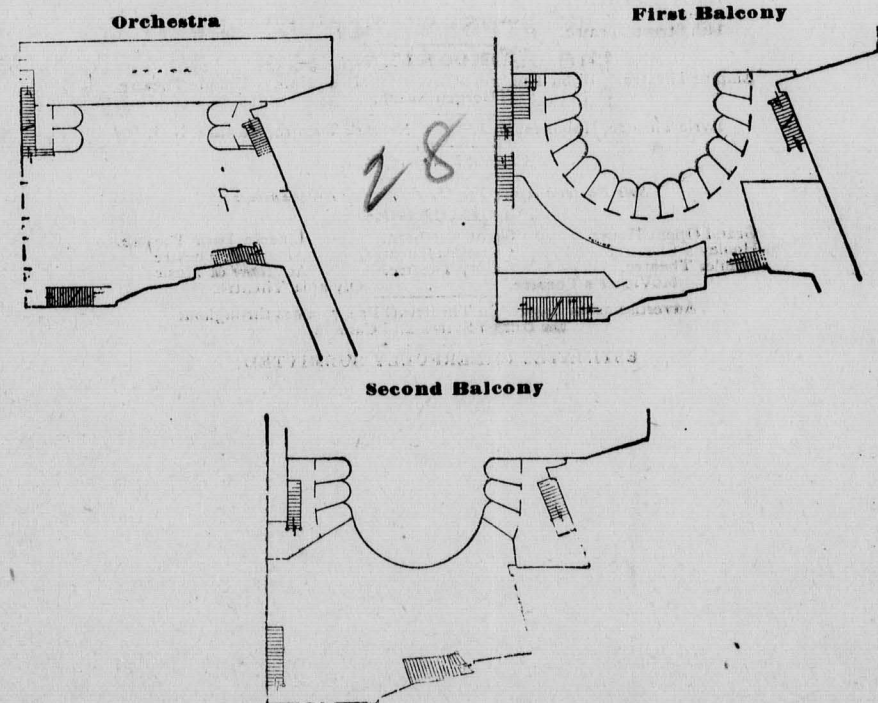
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Sarsaparilla	10c
Ginger Ale	10c
Cap Ginger Ale	15c
Cantrell & Cochran's Ginger Ale	20c
Lemonade	15c
Seltzer Lemonade	20c
Seltzer, glass	10c
" siphon	small 15c, large 25c
Apollinaris	pts. 25c, qts. 50c
Londonderry Lithia.. ..	" 25c, " 50c
White Rock.....	" 25c, " 50c
Maryland Punch.....	20c
Milk and Seltzer.....	10c
Champagne Cider.....	glass 10c pint 25c



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N. Y. Mch 8th 1897
Hon Wm L. Strong Mayor
Dear Sir,

Being informed
that the granting of theatrical licenses
lies with your Honor, I take the
liberty of enquiring why a regular
theatrical or vanderillo performance
is possible at Weber & Fields Broadway
Music Hall ~~and~~ every Sunday Evening,
while all other theatres are debarred
from giving such exhibitions. En-
closed find their last night Prog-
-ramme, which shows only a partial
list of the performers, who under
the guise of a Sacred Concert
give a regular Vanderillo enter-
tainment, including dancing and
in fact do their regular turn as

during the week, simply wearing
their costumes. These Sunday night
performances are patronized by an
audience not much different from
the people taken from the Newmarket
a few nights ago, and are most de-
moralizing in their tendency. As an old
citizen and tax payer I cannot un-
derstand why such performances are
permitted under the protection of
the police as they are clearly an
evasion of the law and I cannot see
why these people are allowed to con-
tinue them while others are pro-
hibited from doing so. There would
be no difficulty in preventing all
the apparatus you want to the above
effect and I trust you will, in the
interest of the better element in the
city, give this matter your valuable

Consecrated.

Yrs. Resp.

J. R. Allen.



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N. Y. 4/8/97
Hon. W. L. Strong,
Mayor,

I have been told that my little daughter would not be allowed on the stage with us at theatres in your city, we are from the Coast and this seems unjust as it prevents us from making our living. and I take this means of presenting our case to your Honor and ask for a

permit, which I am sure you will grant, when you hear the case, as she does nothing that can possibly injure her, (now or later,) she simply dances, waltz and minuet which

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is taught to all children even in this city. There is nothing injurious that she does, to health or Body.

If you will kindly appoint a time I will call on you, with my Daughter and let you judge for yourself, it will only take 10 minutes time

Hoping you will allow this request, and grant a "permit"

We Remain

Yours Respectfully

Prof + Mrs. Allen + Daughter

per. Prof. R. Allen
148 - W. 10th St.
City

414 West 57. St.

New York, April 8. 1897.

Hon. Wm. Strong, Mayor of New York.

Sir :

On January 20. a. c. a well dressed stranger speaking English with a strong German accent who had been sneaking during Christmas week 3 times into the above flat-house where I have been living with my family since my return from Germany (Dec. 14. 1893), called again and told the janitor Thomas Molan that he had orders from Berlin to watch me and find out what I was doing.

When the janitor told him that, if he dared to invade my home again, he would be arrested, the blackguard fled and has not been seen since.

I have strong reasons for supposing that the spy has been sent by the German Consul - General Dr. A. Feigl, 2 Bowling Green, who has repeatedly sent me spies under one pretext or the other and continued to do so, although I have warned him off the premises, and I have also strong reasons for supposing that the watch continues.

Please ask the captain of the precinct, where 2 Bowling Green is situated, to call on Dr. Feigl and inquire whether he has sent the spy, whether he has done so by orders of his superiors in Berlin or at the request of the German Embassy in Washington D. C.,

and kindly send this letter with the captain's report to the Secretary of State in Washington, Hon. John Sherman, for such action as is warranted by the facts.

President Mc Kinley whom I have asked to demand satisfaction of the Berlin government for the cruel manner with which I, a sane American citizen, have been tortured for nearly 29 months in a Prussian lunatic asylum, has informed me on March 16. a.c., through his private secretary, that my case is in the hands of the Secretary of State, and Secretary Sherman, while he is at it, may just as well demand also the recall of this impertinent German official who by drumming recruits for the German army on American soil, serving as a spy, influencing the press and doing other dirty work is clearly overstepping the terms on which an exequatur has been granted to him from the U. S. government.

Respectfully Yours

Richard Goerdeler

Walsh, Annie, 256 E. 85th 7 yrs.
 Wolff, Minna, 531 E. 82d st. 58 yrs.
 West, John, 416 E. 111th st. 20 yrs.
 Wandell, Clara M., 68 W. 99th st. 3 yrs.
 West, Annie, Infants' Hospital. 2 yrs.
 Zesler, Israel, 92 Henry st. 2 yrs.

NO LIGHT WEIGHT COAL.

Bill for the Protection of Buyers Signed by the Governor.

Albany, April 5.—Gov. Black has signed Assemblyman Austin's bill providing for the protection of the purchasers of coal in the cities of New York, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Rochester Syracuse, Troy and Albany.

The law provides that two thousand pounds shall constitute a legal ton of coal. Persons selling coal must accompany the delivery of each ton with a delivery ticket showing the weight thereof and the name of the purchaser and the dealer.

The Mayor of each of the cities mentioned may designate stationary or movable scales suitable for the purpose of weighing coal, the owners of which may tender the same for public use, in different parts of the city, in such convenience in number and locality as shall be deemed necessary, on which the coal or coal vehicle, with or without coal, may be weighed at the request of the purchaser thereof.

Various penalties are provided for the violation of the law.

Stein Assaulted Ing Lung.

Jacob Stein, 18 years old, of 180 Ludlow st., was held for examination in Essex Market Court to-day. Patrolman Hackett arrested Stein last night for assaulting a Chinaman, near the corner of 124 2d ave. The prisoner was at the head of the line of men, who were passing by the store.

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Hon. W. L. Strong
Dear Sir

I would most respectfully.
submit to you my application, to place a
scale at the foot of Canal St. North River,
at my own expense, the same to be used
as a Public scale. I can furnish good reference
or Security if necessary. Hoping that you
Kindly Consider my application with favor.
I remain

Yours very Respectfully

P. E. Finegan

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No. 178 Centre Street,

New York, April 8th 1897

Hon. William L. Strong
Dear Sir.

I beg to advise you I am now connected with Mr. Rutzler, and would greatly esteem a favor from you in the shape of a letter of introduction from you to Mr. Charles S. Mills, General Contractor #156-5th Ave. Mr. Mills has several large jobs on hand and I would like the chance of giving him estimates. A letter from you would doubtless secure me that privilege. Mr. Rutzler has done some of the largest work in town, such as the American Tract Society Building Nassau St. and was entirely satisfactory so much so that Mr. John Devaney & Mr. Geo R. Read gave him a preference of 2000.⁰⁰ over other bidders and awarded us the contract on the 31 stories Building to be put up on Park Row.

If you will extend this favor I shall

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greatly appreciate it.

Thanking you in advance I am

Respectfully yours

William H. McCabe

Knowing Mr. Wills to be the General Contractor
of the New York Life Ins. Co. building I presume
you know him and would thus favor me
W. H. McCabe

14 E.M.,
Princeton, N.J.
April 8 '97.

Mr. Joel B. Hedges,

Dear Sir:-

Will

it be possible for you to
act as ^a judge at the Pre-
liminary Yale Debate. to
be held in Alexander Hall
Wednesday evening, April 14th?

The Committee has thought
best to have out-of-town
alumni select Princeton's
representatives, and knowing

your interest in such matters.
would esteem it a great favor
if you could serve.

Very truly yours.

Austin M. Patterson

Secy Debating Com.

Permit Granted for Change of Motor Power on Eighth Avenue Line.

An important step in the direction of relieving the present pressure of travel on the Broadway and Columbus avenue cable road was taken yesterday when Commissioner of Public Works Collis issued a permit giving the Metropolitan Street Railroad Company the right to change the motor power on the Eighth avenue road from horse to electricity.

The permit for changing the motor power on the Sixth avenue line has not yet been granted to the Metropolitan company, which has leased the road, but it will be issued in a few days. The underground trolley system is also to be adopted on this road.

Several protests have been made to the Mayor and to the Commissioner of Public Works against the granting of the permits, on the ground that it was within the power of the city to acquire control of the franchises of the Eighth and Sixth avenue roads under the terms of sale for the cost price, with ten per cent additional. Corporation Counsel Scott, in an informal opinion, however, has stated that the granting of the permits would not prejudice the interests of the city, and that, furthermore, the city has not the available funds to purchase the franchises nor the authority to issue bonds.

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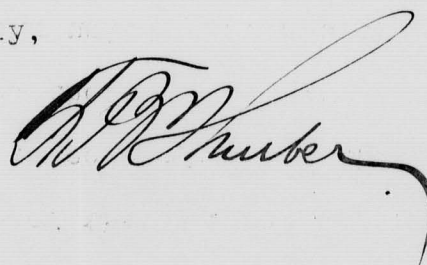
April 8th., 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
Mayor,

Dear Mr. Mayor:

I see that General Collis has granted permission to open Eighth Avenue. This is a pity for it reduces the chance to compel the Metropolitan Traction Company to pay a fair equivalent as they did on Broadway when the motive power was changed there. If you can influence General Collis to give no more permits until public opinion has had a chance to make itself felt, it will be worth many millions of dollars to the city.

Yours truly,



UP-TOWN LAW OFFICES OF
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Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor of the City of New York
City Hall, N. Y. City

Dear Sir:--

In an interview reported to have taken place between yourself and a representative of the New York Sun I saw that you were credited with having made the statement in regard to Mr. Braker and his offer to purchase the Sixth and Eighth Avenue Railroad franchises that you did not know Mr. Braker and had no knowledge of his responsibility to carry out his offer and that the city was not in a position financially to buy the roads.

While I never guide my actions by reported interviews in newspapers it still has occurred to me that there might have been some foundation for this interview and I therefore take the liberty of calling your attention to ~~two~~ ^{some} facts in connection with Mr. Braker's offer: The first is, there can be no question as to his financial responsibility as he accompanied his offer with an agreement of one of the largest surety companies in the United States that it would furnish the bond referred to in Mr. Braker's letter for \$100,000. This certainly should be taken as some evidence of good faith on the part of Mr. Braker; and secondly, that so far as the city's being in a position to buy the roads is concerned, Mr. Braker's offer expressly relieved the city from any inconvenience in that respect as he offered to make payment of the

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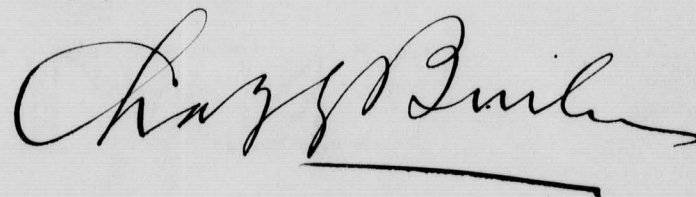
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amount to be paid by the city as a condition of accepting the franchises and under that offer the city would not be obliged to do any financing whatever.

And in the third place I would particularly call your attention to the fact that Mr. Braker is willing to accept the franchises subject to any question which may arise as to the city's authority and to amply indemnify the city for any expense or liability which might be incurred by the city in accepting the offer which he makes to pay it two millions in cash and one hundred thousand dollars per annum besides

Trusting that Mr. Braker's proposition will receive the favorable consideration of the city officials I remain

Yours very respectfully,



1282 Columbus Ave —
New York - Apr 8/97

Hon. W. L. Strong
Mayor —

Dear Sir:

A Committee of business
men called at the City Hall
today to see your Honor
with reference to Prospective
vacancies in the Police
Commission.

Can you grant us
five minutes of your time,
and when —

With great respect.

R. J. Hutchinson
(for the Committee)

420 Hudson St., N.Y. April 8th 1897

Hon. W. L. Strong, Mayor.

Dear Sir:— The undersigned, with two others — Hon. W. H. Walker and Cyrus Kindelou — representing "The Progressive Democratic League" of N. Y. City, were present at your office to-day at the public hearing which you gave on the subject of the City acquiring the franchises of the 6th and 8th Ave. Rail roads, in particular, and the question of municipal ownership and management of public franchises in general. Owing to press of business which impelled you to curtail the hearing we had no opportunity to present our views, and, as the subject was quite thoroughly covered, we had no wish to do so for mere cumulative purpose, except on this one point, which we think was not given sufficient importance, and we therefore beg to submit it by writing you this letter:—

The relations between corporations operating public functions and their employes involve the peace, convenience and commercial interests of the whole community, and the opportunity of the workmen to earn a decent

and sufficient living is an important consideration ~~to our entire community~~. Under corporation ownership we have a perpetual ~~as~~ an irrepressible conflict, which the proposition to lease the franchises does not affect, except to increase the stress of that condition, as the "highest bidder" who secures the privilege will go to work at once on his expense account to reimburse himself for the outlay, and the Tamir regime of oppression of employes, strikes etc confronts us, only more so. The greater the amount paid the city the more the employes will be made to suffer, and the greater will be the number of passengers who will have to pay to stand up when they ride.

There are no strikes on the police or fire departments.

Under municipal management working hours would be regulated by law, more cars will be run, thus reducing the number of the unemployed, and it is of more importance to the community that the thousands of citizens employed in this service should have living wages, than that a few rich men should enjoy

a monopoly paying \$25,000. a day, enabling them to purchase foreign noblemen for husbands for their female progeny.

It is fairly estimated that we can secure better service for less expenditure, and thereby either charges will be reduced, or the City will gain in profit on the franchise values sufficient to entirely or very nearly obliterate municipal taxation and make our City government self supporting — Regarded from the standpoint of reduced fares, this matter is really of more importance to each of us individually than the federal tariff schedules.

Respectfully requesting you to ~~give~~ take these points into your consideration of the subject I am Very truly Yours

John Hoseney
for Progressive Democratic League
of N.Y. City
#420 Hudson St. N.Y.

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*District Attorney's Office,
City and County of New York.*

April 9, 1897.

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

My dear Mr. Mayor:--

I duly received your letter of the 7th instant introducing to me your friend Mr. Morrison whom I saw about the matter which interested him. I am happy to say that I believe I was able to advise and help him a little as I hope to be able to do especially, with regard to persons in whom you are interested.

I regret that the duties of this office, otherwise so pleasant, keep me from the pleasure of seeing you as often as I used to do.

Very respectfully and faithfully yours,

Wm. K. Scott



Mayor's Office.
Brooklyn, N.Y. April 9, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed please find copies of resolutions adopted by the Brooklyn Committee of the Bridge Trustees as per your resolution, which I send to you as I understand you requested copies of the resolutions a few days previous to the meeting.

As this matter will come up for the first time, officially, at the meeting, I would request that it not be made public.

Very truly yours,

F. W. Winter

The International Society,

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10 West 22nd Street,
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April 9th, '97.

Mr. W.L. Strong,
75 Worth St., City.

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Very truly yours,

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By

J. H. Landry

Dictated.

Enc.

New York Club.
Fifth Avenue & 35th Street.

Dear Sir

I have just
heard from reliable
sources, that to-morrow
morning in the papers
Gannett commences
its campaign; by a
series of attacks upon
your Administration
and Departments,
commencing with
mine. I will answer
each charge against
me and my Depart-
ment, by a plain straight-
forward denial, with
facts, backed by records
nothing more, feeling
over.

Sure this would be your
advice. Each Depart-
ment is to be taken in
turn, so we will soon
know how black we
are painted. Awaiting
your instructions I
am.

Respy
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Spring 9th 97.

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Gramercy Lyceum, West 23rd St
DANIEL BROWNE, GENERAL MANAGER,
34 PARK ROW,

New York, April 9, 1897.

Hon W. L. Strong,

Mayor

New York.

Dear Sir.

*I shall feel obliged if
you will kindly deliver to
beared the pen sent you by
the undersigned and which
you consented to use when
you returned the Greater
New York Bill to the Governor.
I have the honor to be,*

Respectfully,

Daniel Browne

*General Manager
Greater New York Exposition*

*Telephone number
of Gramercy Lyceum,
1553 - 18 - 8*

WILLIAM J. FRYER,
ARCHITECT,
19 BROADWAY.

New York, April 9th, 1897

Hon. Job W. Hedges,

Dear Sir:-

I beg to thank you for your notification under date of the 7th inst. of the hearing before the Mayor on the bill relating to the height of dwelling houses, and to state that my absence in Albany, at a hearing of the Senate Cities Committee on a building law, was the reason for my not appearing before the Mayor. I should have been glad to have said a few words in favor of the bill. While in Albany I asked Mr. Husted if he knew that the Mayor had set down his bill for a hearing that day, and he stated that he would immediately telegraph for the information.

I beg to be further notified of hearings on similar bills.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Wm J Fryer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

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ALPHA CHAPTER
OF THE PATRIOTIC LEAGUE
ABRAM S. HEWITT, PRESIDENT
JOHN LEWIS CLARK
SECRETARY AND TREASURER
3 W. 29TH ST. NEW YORK

April 10th, 1897

Hon. W. W. Strong

Mayor of New York.

Dear Sir:

Permit me,
in the name of the Alpha
Chapter, to thank you for
being yourself the Mayor
of New York, even though
you have had to face
the shot and shell of

hostile criticism.

When I talked with
Mr. Hewitt recently he
felt confident you would
vote the Greater New York
Bill.

Hoping that the Assembly
will heed your sound
advice as to desired
amendments.

Believe me

Very sincerely yours
John Lewis Clark

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1526 P O Box

New York April 10th 1899

Hon Wm L. Strong
Mayor.

Dear Cal!

About 4 weeks ago I
sent you note per mail re-
questing you, to kindly send
me permission, for two Gentle-
-men Artists to inspect a
Painting at the Union League
Club, of which you are a
member, I enclosed into this
letter two Tickets of these two
Gentlemen - which were indi-
-cative that they were active
members of the "Art League"
As I did not receive the per-
mission from you for these

two Gentlemen from you, I
would kindly ask you to
have your Secretary return
those two Tickets as they are
necessary for them to have
a record in the Art League.

I hope I do not bother
you or make you unnecessary
trouble - I was actuated by
the known fact that you
are a promoter to help any
young man worthy and who
show Talent.

I am honored Sir!

Yours most Respectfully
J^{as} Al. de Krapp MD

State of New York.

No. 1010, 1980.

Int. 826.

IN ASSEMBLY,

February 18, 1897.

Introduced by Mr. AUSTIN—(by request)—read once and referred to the committee on affairs of cities—reported from said committee with amendments and referred to the committee on revision—reported from said committee with recommendations, ordered reprinted and placed on the order of third reading.

AN ACT

To amend chapter four hundred and ten of the laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-two, entitled "An act to consolidate into one act and to declare the special and local laws affecting public interests in the city of New York," as amended by chapter six hundred and ten of the laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-six, in relation to buildings in said city.

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

- 1 Section 1. Section four hundred and seventy-one of chapter four
- 2 hundred and ten of the laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-two,
- 3 entitled "An act to consolidate into one act and to declare the
- 4 special and local laws affecting public interests in the city of New
- 5 York," as amended by chapter six hundred and ten of the laws of
- 6 eighteen hundred and ninety-six, is hereby amended so as to read
- 7 as follows:

EXPLANATION.—Matter underscored _____ is new; matter in brackets [] is old law to be omitted.

1 § 471. No wall, structure, building, part or parts thereof shall
 2 hereafter be built, constructed, altered or repaired in said city,
 3 excepting in conformity with the provisions of this title. No build-
 4 ing already erected or hereafter to be built in said city, shall be
 5 raised, altered or built upon, in such manner that were such build-
 6 ing wholly built or constructed after the passage of this act it would
 7 be in violation of any of the provisions of this title. If the front or
 8 other exterior wall of any building now standing in said city shall
 9 extend not more than ^[four] ~~ten~~ inches upon any street, avenue or
 10 public place, such wall shall not be removable, unless an action or
 11 proceeding shall be instituted by or in behalf of the mayor, alder-
 12 men and commonalty of the city of New York within the period
 13 of one year from the passage of this act, for the removal of said
 14 wall, and notice of pendency of such action or proceeding be there-
 15 upon filed in the office of the clerk of the city and county of New
 16 York, and indexed against the owner and the premises in manner
 17 and form as shall be required by law in the case of the filing of a
 18 mechanic's lien in the city of New York. And if a structure, part
 19 of a building now standing in said city, known as a bay-window
 20 or oriel window, shall extend not more than twelve inches upon
 21 any street, avenue or public place, said structure shall not be remov-
 22 able unless an action or proceeding shall be instituted by, or in
 23 behalf of, the mayor, aldermen and commonalty of the city of New
 24 York, for the removal of such structure within one year from the
 25 passage of this act, and notice of pendency of such action or pro-
 26 ceeding be thereupon filed in the office of the clerk of the city and

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 3 of the filing of a mechanic's lien in the city of New York.

4 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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No. 52 WALL STREET.

New York, March 12, 1897

Copy
Francis M. Scott, Esq.,
Corporation Counsel,
New York City.

Dear Sir,-

With reference to Assembly Bill 1010 seeking to amend Section 471 of the New York Consolidation Act relating to the erection of buildings in this city and encroachments thereof upon the street, I beg to submit the following brief memoranda.-

This bill really amends Chapter 610 of the Laws of 1896 by extending its provisions to any now existing encroachment upon any street to the extent of ten inches. The said law of 1896 related to such encroachment of a wall to the extent of four inches and to such encroachment of a bay or oriel window to the extent of twelve inches. It is a fact that in different parts of the city by reason of the errors of surveyors resulting from difficulty in locating the proper street lines, or otherwise, several buildings in the city have been unintentionally, and in good faith, erected so as to encroach from a fraction of an inch to eight or ten inches upon the street. On enquiry at the office of the Corporation Counsel of the city, we have learned that no proceeding has ever been taken by the City authorities to compel the removal of a

building thus encroaching.

For many years conveyancers in the City of New York did not make objections to titles in cases where such small encroachments existed, but because of certain recent decisions objections have been taken to titles because of the existence of such encroachments. This has been very injurious to the owners of such property and last year at the instance of the title companies and many conveyancers, Chapter 610 of the Laws of 1896, was, with the approval of the city authorities, passed with the intention of relieving owners of such property from such objections. It was supposed that the four inches mentioned in the Act as the limit of encroachments would cover practically all of the existing cases. Such, however, is not the case, and it is submitted that there can be no harm to the city or to the public interest, in extending the provisions of the Act to include buildings which, by error, have been built to encroach to the extent of not more than ten inches upon the street. Of course the law does not permit any such encroachments in buildings to be hereafter erected and in case any of the buildings to be hereafter erected and in case any of the buildings so encroaching are torn down, the building replacing them must then be built wholly within the building line.

The following are all the cases directly bearing upon

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the subject and which have been called to my attention:-

Smithers vs. Stiner, N. Y. Supr. Court, July 1895,

reported in 13 Misc. Rep. p. 517-

There the Court, Mr. Adam, J. held- "That a latent encroachment of the front wall of a building upon the street to the extent of $2\frac{1}{2}$ or $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches is a substantial one and in the absence of facts establishes an estoppel against the municipality renders the title to the property unmarketable".

In Webster vs. Kings County Trust Company 145 N. Y. 275, the Court says: page 282:-

"It is quite probable that the building line in this vicinity is distinctly marked by the general situation and the uniformity of location of the main walls of the building, and that a purchaser by observation without any formal survey would be able to discover any projection beyond that line. The question may arise whether ~~in substance~~ ^{under such circumstances} a purchaser, under a contract which describes the premises by metes and bounds which accurately defines his property, can be excused from performance because of the slight projection of the water table or stoop front of a building beyond the street line where such projection is visible upon inspection. We need not consider that question now" &c.

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Katz vs. Kaiser, reported in N. Y. Law Journal
November 24, 1896, Appellate Division, First Department, the Court
says:-

"The principal objection to this title however, is that
the lot which has been sold encroaches ^{upon the street and also} upon the adjoining lot upon
the west. It is claimed that the lot encroaches one half inch
upon the street. That is disputed by the evidence and substan-
tially disproved, but if it existed it would be of no importance.
It appears from the evidence that the building has stood where it
now does for 30 years without objection on the part of anybody, and
in such a case as that the fact that it projects a small portion
of an inch upon the street, is no valid objection to the title."

It is plain therefore, from the above cases, that where
there is a substantial projection of the front wall of a building
upon the street placed there originally either from design or from
mistake as to the building line, such encroachment upon the
street operates as a defect in the title and renders the property
unmarketable. The design of this act is to cure such titles
where buildings have so been erected, but not in any respect to
authorize the construction of any such buildings in the future or
to relieve against such ^{future} construction.

I remain, dear sir,

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) Percival H. Butler

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New York, April 10, 1897.

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

Dear Sir:-

(Reprinted 10/19/50)

We beg to call your attention to Assembly Bill 1010[^] amending section 471 of the New York Consolidation Act relating to the erection of buildings in this City and encroachments thereof upon the street. This bill was prepared by us and introduced into the Legislature at our request after we had conferred with the corporation counsel with respect to it. It has been carefully considered by him and by his representative at Albany, Mr. Clarke, and has, as we understand, their approval.

The Bill really amends Chapter 610 of the Laws of 1896, which provides that in case any part of a building which had been theretofore erected encroached to the extent of four inches on the street the City authorities should take no proceedings to compel the removal of such building after one year from the passage of the law. This bill makes only one change in the law of 1896, which is the change of "four" inches to "ten" inches, so as to make the Act apply to a building which does not encroach more than ten inches on the street. Our Mr. Butler wrote under date of March 12, 1897 to the Corporation Counsel, explaining fully the reasons for the introduction of this bill, and we enclose herewith a copy of

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that letter for your examination and perusal. We shall be glad also to have someone appear before you and explain the measure more fully if you so wish. If you think the bill should be approved, as we think it should, we shall feel greatly obliged to you if you will be able to approve it at once and return it to Albany.

Yours very truly,

Arthur H. H. H. H. H.

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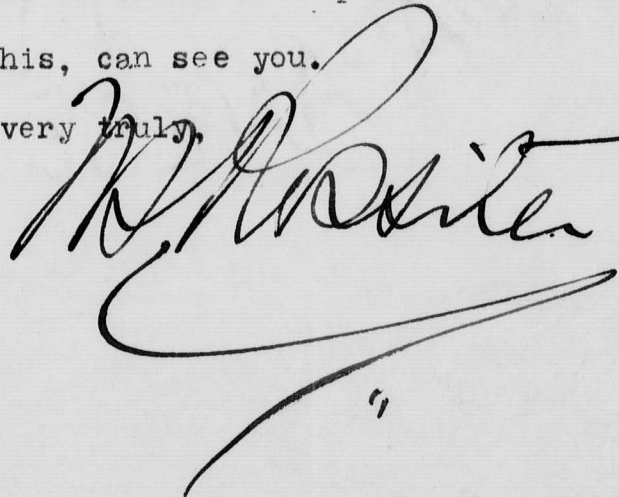
Dear Sir:-

Mr. E. A. Drake has mentioned to us your desire to have the dinner of the Business Men's Republican Association referred to at length in the volume which we are preparing commemorative of the Great Sound Money Parade held under the auspices of that Association.

We should greatly like to have a few moments' conversation with you about this, if agreeable to you, and we write to inquire at what hour our Mr. Blood, who has charge of this, can see you.

Yours very truly,

Dictated.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read "W. S. Rossiter". The signature is written over the "Yours very truly," and extends downwards with a long, sweeping flourish.

Professional Woman's League,
League House, 1509 Broadway.

MRS. A. M. PALMER,
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MRS. EDWIN KNOWLES,
TREASURER.

New York, April 12th 1897
Hon. W. L. Strong
Mayor of New York.
Dear Sir:

I am directed to forward to you the following Resolutions adopted today at a meeting of the Professional Woman's League. With the earnest hope that this expression of the feeling of a body of more than four hundred women may have some weight on this important question.

Whereas This Organization is devoted to the best interests of educational work, and
Whereas The welfare of this

Professional Woman's League,
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city is advanced by every
proper recognition of the
merits of labor, and
Whereas It is generally rec-
ognized that no more sacred
task, as regards the physical
and moral health of the common-
wealth can be found than that
which is imposed upon the city
employees entrusted with the
education of our children, and
Whereas The wages given to the
women teachers employed in
our public schools are in
many cases lower than those
paid by the city to the street

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sweepers, stablemen and
elevator boys, therefore it
Resolved That the Professional
Woman's League, is heartily
in sympathy with the bill
now pending in the State
Legislature which provides
for an increase in the sala-
ries of the women teachers
of this city - and
Resolved That the correspon-
ding Secretary be instructed
to send a copy of these Reso-
lutions to the Governor

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and Lieutenant-Governor
of the State, and to the
Mayor of the City of New
York.

Very respectfully
Miss Sara A. Palmer
Cor. Sec'y P.W.L.

Brooklyn, N.Y. 12 April, 1897

Hon. Wm. L. Strong.,

Mayor.

Dear Sir:-

You being an Ohioan, and I being of the family of Long's of and around Copley and Copley Centre Ohio, I take the liberty of writing you, to ask if you could consistently open the way, either by letter or personal introduction, for me to see the President of The Board of Health, of the City of New York; my object being to get from him an expression of opinion on my sanitary system of heating Street Cars by hot-air.

This is the only system for sanitarily heating Street Cars, for which I have Letters Patent.

All I desire from him is an expression of opinion on the sanitary feature of my heater.

Hoping for a favorable reply, I am Sir,

Very Respectfully Yours,

Joseph A Long

1329, Third Avenue

Brooklyn, N.Y.

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New York, April 12, 1897

Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor, etc.

Dear Sir:

I have just received notice that Assembly Bill, introductory number 1253, introduced by Mr. Matthewson and entitled "An act to authorize the alteration of Section 10 of the Final Maps and Profiles of the 23rd and 24th Wards of the City of New York" has been passed by both houses.

I represent a number of property owners who are interested in and desire that this bill shall become a law, and would request that you inform me of the time when you will give a hearing on this bill, in order that these numerous property owners may appear before you to urge your approval of the bill.

I shall esteem it a favor if you will send me a notice of the hearing.

Very truly yours

Wm. G. Mulligan.

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W. J. REYNOLDS, 2D VICE PRESIDENT.

J. F. ENGWER, SECRETARY,

970 East 175th St.

J. H. GRATACAP, TREASURER.

980 East 175th Street.



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Hon. W. M. Strong,

Dear Sir/-

On behalf of the Fairmount Improvement Association, I would respectfully ask that you grant a hearing, to a committee from the Association, on Assembly bill No. 1253, which I am informed has been passed by the legislature, and is an act to change and extend the lines of a street now laid down on the final map, section 10, 24th ward, and known as Belmont Ave, when the same comes before you for approval, and I would ask to be notified of the of the date of hearing.

Respectfully yours,

James W Campbell
no 1913 Crotona Ave
n y city
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Edwin Krows
Pres.

Percy Jackson,
Attorney and Counselor at Law,
2 Wall Street, New York.

Hon. W. L. Strong. April 12th 1897.
City Hall, New York City.

Dear Sir:

To-day I am in receipt of a
Certificate of Appointment of Com-
missioner of Lands for the State of
Florida received for New York.

I wish to acknowledge to you
my thanks for the part you took
in procuring me such appoint-
ment. I trust you will have no
occasion to regret your action.

Yours respectfully,
Percy Jackson

ROBERT W. DE FOREST,
HENRY W. DE FOREST,
CABLE ADDRESS
" BROFOREST " NEW YORK.

LAW OFFICES OF DE FOREST BROTHERS,

30 Broad St., New York, April 12th, 1897 189

Hon. WM. L. STRONG,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

I understand that Senate Bill No. 1278 in relation to children committed to charitable and public institutions has passed the Senate and Assembly and will be sent to you for hearing.

On behalf of the Charity Organization Society, and also as a citizen, I wish to have an opportunity to be present whenever hearing is had in order to present objections to this bill, and will be much obliged if you will kindly have me notified of the time appointed for hearing.

Yours truly,



New York, April 13th 1897

221 W. 23rd

Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor &c

Dear Sir,

In your
reply to my communication
yete 30th ult. you said that
your engagements were such
that you could not appoint a
time for receiving the Com-
mittee yete N. Y. County Medi-
cal Association. As the important
matters which engaged your
attention at that time, no
longer stand in the way, I shall
esteem it a great favor if
you will name an hour when

the Committee may call upon
you, promising that we shall
not detain you more than
fifteen minutes -

Respectfully yours

George Tucker Harrison
H. 15

191 Madison Avenue.

April 13th / 97

Hon. William L. Strong
Mayor N.Y. City
Dear Sir

The matters alluded to
in Dr. Harrison's letter are of
the utmost importance to the
Medical Profession. The Com-
mittee (of which I am one) will
not detain you many minutes,
but it is very desirable that
we should see you before
the end of the present week.

Respectfully yours
L. E. Snodgrass M.D.
President N.Y. County Medical Association

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m Mayor of My City

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CAUTION-EXPRESS PRINT, EARLVILLE, ILL.

Your Honorable Sir.

Can you refer me to the source
whereby I can obtain information
regarding a Mr Schermershorn who
died in your city two or three years
ago leaving an estate of seven million
dollars.

I am anxious to know if he is a
relative of my wife - Her name was
Schermershorn & her relatives all came
from N. Y.

Indoubt please find stamp for reply

Respy
F. H. Gettany.

THOMAS L. FEITNER.

LAW OFFICES
OF
FEITNER & BECK,
56 WALL STREET,

HOWARD BECK.

NEW YORK, *April 13th* 189*7*

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

I see by the daily papers that the State Board of Tax Commissioners are about investigating at Albany the methods of assessment in the Counties of the State. If our City has not already taken such action it seems to me, to be of vast importance, that some representative should be present, with a stenographer if necessary to at least follow the proceedings, if not permitted to participate in such investigation.

The continuous wrong and in-
justice perpetrated in so called
equalization of taxation in the
past; may be given such light
as will greatly add to our
benefit. Immediate action is
very important as the official
inquiry begins today.

Yours truly
Thos. F. Leiber



Albany, Apr. 13 1897

Hon. William L. Strong,

Dear Sir: The bill of Senator
Chambers in reference to payment of
money to parents of minor children
who would otherwise go to an insti-
tution is before you. It seems to
me that this is a most meritorious
measure and I wish to commend
it for approval.

Respectfully
Frank D. Poirer

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THE BOARD FOR THE
PARK AVENUE IMPROVEMENT :
ABOVE 106TH STREET.

OFFICES
501 Fifth Avenue, Corner Forty-second Street.

NEW YORK, April 13, 1897. 189

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

MY dear Sir:-

Your communication of April 9th, enclosing a letter of complaint from William P. Allen, of 164 East 114th Street, concerning the non-removal of the temporary railway structure on Park Avenue was laid before the Board at its meeting to-day.

I am directed to state that it is impossible to remove the temporary structure for the present, and that two watchmen are constantly employed, night and day, on the work, to prevent the congregation of people and other annoyances. Commissioner Bulkley had an interview with Mr. Allen, yesterday, and it is believed that a satisfactory explanation of the situation has been made.

The Board directs me to say also that no other complaint of this kind has ever been received.

Respectfully,

Henry L. Stoddard
Secretary.

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EVERY THURSDAY, AT 8 P. M.

Williamsbridge, New York City, April 13th, 1897.

To

Hon. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

Mayor of City of New York.

We, the undersigned, Tax payers and Commuters of Williamsbridge, New York City, are heartily in favor of Assembly Bill 894 entitled "An Act to provide for a bridge and approaches over the Bronx

"river between the Williamsbridge and Woodlawn stations of the New York and Harlem Railroad in the City of New York", and respectfully request your Honor to approve the same.

The point at which it is intended to have the Bridge built is to be central between the two stations, and located by the City authorities. The undersigned, who reside in Centre Williamsbridge, have no access whatever to the Webster Avenue Boulevard, except to walk or drive about a mile to Olin Avenue, Williamsbridge, or 19th Avenue, Wakefield, and both these streets from the White Plains Road (our main thoroughfare). To Webster Avenue is down a steep descent dangerous to drive, and tedious to walk, and unless we have access to the Webster Avenue Boulevard by means of the Bridge provided in the bill, we will be deprived of all benefit of that grand Boulevard.

William Eckenfelder

Very respectfully,

Joseph Laurie

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Hon. William L. Strong,

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Sir:

I am informed that the bill for the extension of Riverside Drive is now before you for your consideration and approval, and I beg to be permitted to address you with regard to the same.

I am a resident and property owner of Washington Heights and am well acquainted with the portion of the city to be traversed by the proposed extension, and am fully convinced that this improvement, if carried out, will prove to be a most profitable investment for the city, inasmuch as it will result in improving a most beautiful portion of the city's Territory, thus adding largely to the taxable property. Such a Boulevard, will without question, prove to be a most popular improvement with all classes, those who walk and wheel, as well as those who drive. Though I have heard this improvement discussed daily for months, I have not yet discovered a person opposed to it.

I would respectfully urge you, ^{then,} to lend your approval to this measure. I am, sir,

Respectfully,

WWW
MM

Home Address 579 W. 145 St

William Wallace White



104 WEST 55TH STREET.

NEW YORK, Apr. 15th, 1897. 189

Bion L. Burrows, Esq.,

Confidential Clerk,

Mayor's Office,

City Hall, New York.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to yours of the 6th inst., in regard to expiration of license of this Club, I wish to say that the Club does not intend to renew the license.

Yours very respectfully,

John C. Gulick

Secretary.

HENRY SCHMITT,
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR,
MORSE BUILDING,
140 NASSAU STREET,

New York, April 13 1897
Hon. Wm. L. Strong
Mayor.

Dear Sir

On behalf
of the St Joseph's Asylum I
desire to be heard in opposition
to Senate bill N^o. 1278 entitled
"An Act in relation to children
committed to charitable and
public institutions in the city
of New York."

Kindly inform me of the time of
hearing.

Yours truly
H. Schmitt

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STATE OF NEW YORK,
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
ALBANY.

April 14 1897

Hon. W. L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

New York.

Sir,

Replying to your communication of the 13th permit me to say that it is entirely probable that the Governor will issue the desired proclamation within a few days.

With great respect, I am,

Very truly yours,

William M. Buffum

Private Secretary.

Joy, Langdon & Co.,

108 WORTH STREET,
NEW YORK.

99 CHAUNCY STREET,
BOSTON.

NEW YORK, *Apr 14* 1897

Hon W. L. Strong

My dear Sir.

I write to call your attention to
a bill now before the Legislature in
regard to connecting Van Cortlandt Park
with the Hudson River. This bill was
drawn by Corporation Council Scott
and has been ordered to a third reading
~~in~~ in the City Council.

Mr Scott may call on you in regard to
it and as I understood you favor it
I take the liberty of refreshing your
memory.

Very truly Yours,
Woodbury Langdon

LEANDER H. CRALL
TIMES BUILDING,
NEW YORK.

New York, April 14th, 1897

Hon. William L. Strong,

This will introduce to
your kind attention, my warm, personal friend,
Mr. H. A. Spaulding, of this city.

For many years Mr. Spaulding resided in Paris,
being the head of the House of Tiffany & Company in
that city. He is an accomplished gentleman, and his
friends are asking President McKinley to appoint him
Director General to the World's Fair, to be held in
Paris in 1900.

Kindly give him a few moments of your time, and
if you can aid us in our endeavor to have him appointed,
please do so, and confer a favor on a most estimable
gentleman, and

Your friend,

Leander H. Crall

Dictated

H. R. LAINE.

Ferry bet. Catherine St. & Hamilton Ave, Bly'n.

59 Wall St., N. Y., April 14, 1897.

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

Dear Sir:

Towards affording better ferry facilities between this City and South Brooklyn, allow me to suggest to you the running of boats between Catherine Street, this City, and Hamilton Avenue, Brooklyn, to and from the present ferry houses of the Union Ferry Company, for instance. And it may be that the Co. can spare two or three idle boats for this proposed ferry. This route which would be a shorter one between the East Side, North of Catherine Street, and South Brooklyn, than via South Ferry, would also be a quick means of communication between Long Island City, or Brooklyn, E. D., and South Brooklyn, in connection with the ferry at the foot of James Slip to Long Island City and the ferry at the foot of Roosevelt Street to Brooklyn, E. D., which are within a block or two of the Catherine Street Ferry.

Yours truly,

H. R. Laine.

Uniformity in Street Names, below 14th. St., &c.

59 Wall St., N. Y., April 14, 1897.

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

Dear Sir:

In order to have one name for a continuous street I desire to submit to you for consideration the following named changes:

Whitehall Street, to Broadway.
Trinity Place, to Church Street.
Park Row, to East Broadway, &c.

And for more uniformity in street names, especially as to streets crossing Broadway, to name them as East and West of it, as for example East and West Cedar Street, &c., changing say

Maiden Lane, to East Cortlandt Street.
John Street, to East Dey Street.
Ann Street, to East Vesey Street.
New Chambers Street, to East Chambers Street.
Pearl Street, (bet. B'way & New Bowery) to E. Thomas St.
Bond Street, to East Second Street.
Great Jones Street, to East Third Street.
South Street, to East Street.
Clinton & St. Mark's Places, to East & West Eight St., &c.

Or, number the cross streets as East and West of Fifth Avenue only, naming the present Waverley or Clinton Place to that of East and West First Street, &c.

The temporary confusion which may be caused by changing names would, no doubt, be counterbalanced by the uniformity gained.

We have Greenwich Street and Greenwich Avenue, and Park Row, Park Place, Park Street and Park Avenue, &c., which repetitions often lead to mistakes in the addressing of letters and perplex strangers.

Yours truly,

H. R. Laine.

THE CIVIL-SERVICE REFORM ASSOCIATION,

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New York, Apr. 14 1897.

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Mayor,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

The Civil Service Reform Association will ask the Mayors of the several larger cities of the State to oppose the advancement of the bill introduced in the Senate by Mr. Lexow, and in the Assembly by Mr. Scherer, abolishing the present system of competitive examinations for positions in the civil service, and substituting a system under which one half of the examination will be under the control of the officers who are to appoint.

We feel that the passage of this bill would result in the nullification of the constitutional amendment, relating to the civil service. It would also, by abolishing all existing eligible lists within thirty days of its passage, bring about a condition of chaos that would seriously interfere with the administration of local government. We would earnestly urge that you will advise the Senate Judiciary Committee that the bill be not advanced, and that the existing system of examinations be maintained. We feel that this would be a public service that would receive the appreciation of all advocates of good municipal government.

I am, with much respect,

Yours very truly,

George McAneny
Secretary.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR EXAMINATIONS TO ASCERTAIN AND DETERMINE THE MERIT AND FITNESS OF PERSONS SEEKING TO ENTER THE CIVIL SERVICE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK AND THE CITIES THEREOF, THE RATINGS UPON SUCH EXAMINATIONS AND THE PERSONS BY WHOM THE SAME SHALL BE CONDUCTED.

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

Section 1. In all examinations for appointment and promotion in the civil service of the state of New York and the cities thereof, merit and fitness shall be determined as herein provided. The merit of all applicants shall be determined by examination conducted by or under the civil service commissioners or examining board having jurisdiction over the appointment or promotion for which application is made. Upon all examinations to determine the merit of the applicants no rating higher than fifty per cent. shall be given to any person.

Sec. 2. The fitness of the applicants shall be determined by examination to be conducted by the person or persons holding the power of appointment or promotion, or by some person or board designated by the person holding such power of appointment, and the rating on such examinations for fitness shall not exceed in any case fifty per cent. The rating obtained upon the examination for fitness shall be added by the person or persons holding the power of appointment or promotion to the rating given each applicant respectively by the civil service commissioners or examining board as provided in section one of this act.

Sec. 3. Applicants examined as in this act provided shall be preferred for appointment and promotion according to their standing ascertained by adding together the rating for merit and the rating for fitness determined as in this act provided.

Sec. 4. All examinations shall be competitive so far as practicable and shall be practical in their character and shall relate to those matters which shall fairly test the intelligence, competency, suitability and character of the applicants to discharge the duties of that service for which they seek to be appointed. The civil service commissioners of the state, with the approval of the Governor, shall determine when examinations are not practicable and when competitive examinations are not practicable in cases relating to the civil service of the state; the civil service commissioners or board of cities with the approval of the civil service commissioners of the state shall determine when examinations are not practicable and when competitive examinations are not practicable in cases relating to civil service of cities.

Sec. 5. The civil service commissioners of the State of New York and of the cities of the state are hereby empowered and required to establish rules and regulations to carry this act into effect in their respective jurisdictions, but such rules and regulations shall not go into operation until approved by the Governor of the State of New York, where the civil service of the State is affected thereby, and by the civil service commissioners of the State where the civil service of cities is affected thereby.

Sec. 6. One month after this act shall take effect all existing eligible lists, for appointment or promotion in the civil service of the State, or in any of the cities thereof made up or created in any manner than as in this act provided, shall be null and void.

Sec. 7. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 8. This act shall not be construed to deprive any person of the right to advancement or promotion where such right to advancement or promotion is now or shall hereafter be given by law, nor the rights heretofore secured both as to appointment and upon discharge from employment, to honorably discharged Union soldiers, sailors or marines.

Sec. 9. This act shall take effect immediately.

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52 WILLIAM STREET, NEW YORK, April 14th, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,

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

My dear Sir:--

The Reform Club Committee on Municipal Administration having collected a general working library on subjects connected with city government is now making an effort to get together all available material on the special subject of the Municipal Ownership of Public Franchises, in anticipation of a thorough discussion of this question. We are especially anxious to secure the fullest and latest returns showing the experience of American municipalities, both under public or private management of Water Supply, Transportation, (Elevated, Surface, and Underground Railways, Ferries, Bridges, etc.,) Lighting, (Gas and Electric,) and Garbage Disposal.

Will you kindly supply us with full memoranda of all published matter dealing with the experience of your city, present or former, in each of these lines, especially such as will enable us to compare different systems from the standpoint (a) of efficiency and (b) of cost?

While we will be greatly obliged for any information on what has been published along these lines we will be still more indebted for any material you can forward us. If possible kindly quote prices of publications which cannot be obtained gratis. In return the Committee will be glad to reciprocate in every way possible.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Brooks.

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New York, April 14th, 1897

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor, N. Y. City.

My dear Mr. Mayor:

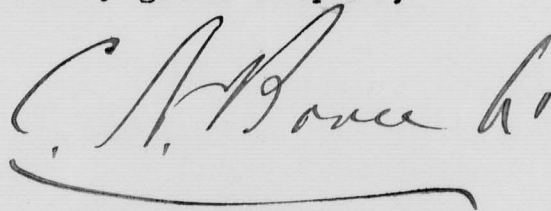
I regret the necessity which requires me to address you on the subject of the street cleaning department on the West Side. The failure of the Department to remove ashes and garbage is creating a degree of discontent and irritation of feeling among the property owners and residents on the West Side which never before has existed within my knowledge. The ashes have stood in my ash cans now for three or four days and the street, a strictly private one, is decorated with unmoved ash barrels and cans. As President of the leading West Side Republican Organization, the West Side Republican Club, it has been brought to my personal knowledge that the neglect of the Street Cleaning Department with respect to ashes and garbage is creating wide-spread discontent and I fear will result in changing hundreds of votes against our Party this Fall. The irritation of this subject led to an increase in the membership of the West End Association last Tuesday night of thirty-six new members, due almost entirely to the course

of Mr. Waring. As a Republican, I sincerely regret this condition for I feel that if we are to continue the Republican administration in the City of New York, we have no chances to throw away.

The question naturally arises, why, if Mr. Waring was able to remove the ashes before he got into controversy with the West End Association, he cannot remove them now.

As a sincere and cordial friend of your administration I do hope that something will be done and that quickly to put an end to the causes of popular discontent which exist in our Section of the City by reason of the course pursued by your Superintendent of the Street Cleaning Department. I remain,

With very great respect,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. A. Bower". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed text "With very great respect,". The signature is fluid and somewhat stylized, with a long horizontal flourish at the bottom.