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W.S. BULL SECRETARY-TREASURER.

League of American Wheelmen.
New York State Division.
Headquarters 519-520-521 Vanderbilt Building.
New York.

October 29th 1897.

To his Honor

William L. Strong,

MAYOR.

Dear Sir:-

The undersigned beg to protest most earnestly against the granting of permits for the erection and maintenance of drinking troughs in the streets and avenues of the City of New York, which are evidently not designed for the benefit of horses, but for the benefit of keepers of drinking saloons in front of whose premises they are erected. And more particularly do we protest against the granting of such permits, when there is evidently no necessity for these troughs, for the benefit of horses, there being already a sufficient supply of said troughs in the immediate neighborhood.

We beg to call your Honor's attention to the Resolution offered on the 26th inst. by Mr. Alderman Burke and passed by the Board of Aldermen, authorizing John Donohue to erect and maintain a watering trough on the sidewalk of Central Park West at the northeast



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corner thereof and 63rd St. Northeast is evidently an error.

There is now a public fountain, for man and beast, at 60th Street in front of Durland's Riding Academy and there is no necessity of any other within the immediate neighborhood.

Respectfully yours,

Louis Rosenfeld.

A E Crow 2 W 53 St

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William R. Stewart,

31. Nassau Street, New York.

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October 29, 1897

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

My dear Mayor Strong,

An invitation has been extended to you by Miss Rhineland, and the Rector, Churchwardens and Vestrymen of St. James Church, of which Dr. E. Walpole Warren is Rector, to attend the laying of the corner-stone of the new Church of the Holy Trinity on East 88th Street, just West of 2nd Avenue, on Monday afternoon next, at 4 o'clock. This Church is being erected by Miss Rhineland in memory of her Grandfather and Father.

It will be a source of gratification to Bishop Potter, who will officiate, to Miss Rhineland, and to me, and an incentive to public spirited actions, not yet taken, if you will honor the occasion with your presence. I can readily imagine the pressing demands upon your time, but this will be an unusual occasion; I think that this is the first time in the history of the city that one individual has built so important an Episcopal Church.

Should you go and take the elevated road, the best way is Third Avenue to 89th Street, whence there is a three minute walk to the site.

Very truly yours,

W. R. Stewart

Philadelphia
October 29th 1897

Sir

Is there not patriotism
enough in Gent Tracy or
Mr Seth Low for one of them
to yield so that the
other may be elected next
Tuesday? Both cannot be elec-
ted. The running of both
will most assuredly
place Tammany in power.
That would be a dire
misfortune for New York,
and a National disgrace.
Can nothing be done to
avert that calamity?
The idea of putting that
fellow Croker and his low

gang in power is to say
the least frightful.

Just so sure as the morn-
ing of the second day of
November dawns, just so
sure will Tammany
get possession of New York
for four years and no
one knows for how much
longer if both Low and
Tracy remain rivals
let me give way.

I am very respectfully
Yours
J. Moorhead

Hon

W. L. Strong
Mayor of New York City

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NEW YORK, Oct. 29/97. 189

To the Chairman,
Of Soldier's Monument Committee.

Dear Sir:-

I have not seen the models of the designs for monument, from which you are to select, so do not know what inscriptions are to be thereon; but I beg to offer the following lines, as one of the inscriptions for the selected design.

"Gashed with honourable scars,
Low in Glory's lap they lie;
Though they fell, they fell like stars,
Streaming ¹~~splendour~~ through the sky."

These most beautiful and highly appropriate lines are taken from "The Battle of Alexandria" written by James Montgomery, who was born in 1771 and died 1854. I beg to say that I have long held these lines in mind for the Soldier's Monument to be erected in New York City.

Very respectfully,

Willis Van Tine

X Splendour

CITIZENS UNION

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October 30, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,
City Hall,

My dear Mr. Strong:-

Captain Fred G. Lothrop of 18 Coenties Slip, New York, called yesterday with quite a list of business men whose endorsement of Mr. Low's candidacy he had secured. He told me among other things that he had lived for over twenty years on the water front and had never had such comfort and satisfaction as he had obtained under your administration. I report these remarks to you with pleasure.

Very truly yours,

James B. Reynolds

N. Y. Oct 30/97

Hon W. L. Strong

Mr Mayor

I am immensely delighted to see the Man of Tea, Tobacco, and Goat, as the Papers call you deliver Sledge Hammer Blows, in behalf of Seth Loom, whom we will elect, next Tuesday

As a Grand Army Man, I had some little resentment, against you at the beginning, of your administration on account of Col Waring's expression against the G. A. R., but I see your wisdom now, in appointing him

as no other officer has ever
cleared the streets of N. Y. better
than he has

If Tammany or Tracy should
get into power, and Waring would
be removed, I would consider it
a public calamity

Col Strong

I am but a small Business
Man, but I take a keen interest
in public affairs

As a life long Republican, I vote
for you, yet I never met you

But I will say one thing, you
have some faults, but your virtues
faithfulness, and honesty, cannot
be found in the Camp of Tammany

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All Hail to Mayor Strong

The Citizens of N.Y., when you
retire, from office, will be
compelled to say

"Well done thou good and faithful
Servant"

If you will favor me with
your autograph, ~~it~~ would be
Thankfull

Respectfully yours

Chas. A. Keese

Shoe Store

322 Bleeker St

N.Y.
N.Y.

Regular Republican Organization

✦FOURTH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT✦

280 EAST BROADWAY.

JOHN J. COLLINS,
CHAIRMAN,
P. J. HAYBYRNE.
Secretary.

New York Oct. 31st 1897

My dear Mr. Burrows:-

This will serve to introduce to you
Mrs. Schilt, the wife of one of our oldest
and active republicans; her daughter,
a minor, has a permit to appear on
the stage at Hammerstein's but only for
one week, expiring on Wednesday next,
she is desirous of procuring a permit
to cover the full time of the engagement,
and you will confer another great personal
favor to me if you will kindly give it
to her. Trusting you will oblige me in
this I remain

Yours very truly
John J. Collins

Rion L. Burrows
Secretary R

Nov 1st - 97

To the Honorable:
Mayor Wm. Strong:
N. Y. City.

Dear Sir:

I beg to inform
you that in defiance of a Law
laid down by a Legislature
elected by the people of the
(State of New York) Citizens
that a party occupying the
premises # Boney & Kingston
who are allowed to keep their
place of business open night
and day: especially Sundays.
The reason of this complaint
is I have a friend in the
same business who is com-
pelled to close at 1 O'clock
in the same precinct street

who, and not open on Sunday.

the foregoing place is
only one instance where
there are others:

I will close Hoping you
will give this your earliest
attention:

I Remain

Yours Respectfully

Jos. O. Sikelton
144 Chrystie St
New York City

7 West Tenth Street,
New York.

November 1st, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,

New York City.

My dear Sir:

Every time I pick up a newspaper and read in it a report of something you have said I find that my admiration for you and your service to the city is increased. I have met you only once, in the captain's room on the boat coming up from Seabright, but I have come to feel almost a personal acquaintance with you from the hearty and honest way in which you address your fellow citizens and from the patience and justice you try to show to those who have caused you trouble or who disagree with you. Since I have delayed sending you this expression of my personal regard so long, may I now evince it by an invitation?

The men of the Church of the Ascension, corner Fifth Avenue and 10th Street, have an annual dinner which this year we are trying to arrange for the 7th of December.

Could you be our guest on that evening? We have had some three of these affairs attended by about fifty gentlemen, and they have been very informal and agreeable occasions. I have no doubt many of those who would be present are of your personal or business acquaintance.

Believe me,

Yours most truly,

Percy S. Grant.



CITIZENS UNION, 21ST ASSEMBLY DISTRICT.

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Nov 1/97

Hon^{ble} W L Strong

My dear Mr Mayo

Let me unofficially thank
you for your share in this fight,
it is low sure, we have them beaten,
& to no one ^{many} do we owe it more than to
yourself, you have done heartily
what other men could not or would
not do. I am sure you will not
accuse me of flattery or looking for
a job, the latter being all filled.
Again with thanks, I am

Yours very truly
Thos A Stanton

M. A. Lesser,
Counselor at Law,
114 Nassau St., N. Y. City.

Nov. 3/97

Hon. Wm L. Strong - My dear Sir:

"We have met the enemy -
and we are his."

You are aware that I
have, consistent to my pro-
fessions since you and I
first met in '95, stood
by the cause of good
government - and have,
in the fight just fought,
led the forces of the U. S.
R. H. in the Fifth
Assembly District.

My son - The
20th Election District

(beginning on north side
of West 3. street and ending
West Washington Square) —
was expected by the
Republican ward politicians
to be "sure for Tracy" by
from 50 to 75 votes.

Instead,
Mr. Lar received 139
" Tracy " 119
" Van Wyck " 98 votes
therein — the
difference being
caused by the
German votes in
the main.

M. A. Lesser,
Counselor at Law,
114 Nassau St., N. Y. City.

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I again recur —
at the beginning of the
last two months of your
Administration — to
the dearth of recognition
accorded me.

I would deem it,
at least, a personal &
professional tribute
to be awarded the
vacant Next Assistantship
to Mr. LYON, for the
rest of his term.

It is a truism
to say that it will re-
quire but an expression
of your wish to that
effect, to cause Mr.
Lyon to name ^{and} Mr.
Lott to confirm me,
for said vacancy.

As outgoing Mayor,
that trifling courtesy is
due you from them, and
will be esteemed a
personal tribute from you
to
Yours truly & expectantly
M. A. Lesser

• Memorandum. •

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New York,

Nov 3

1897

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

Dear Sir

We are very much surprised at the great delay
in getting our pay for work done for the Board of
Police Commissioners, and we again appeal to you
for your help in getting the matter settled. It is
now ten months the work was done, and we think
having once earned the money, and as the city is able
to pay it should do so. We think some one is negli-
gent who we cannot say. But we think you are anxious
to see all creditors satisfied,

Yours respt
Lyles & Mills

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New York, Nov. 3, 1897.

My dear Burrows:-

Your letter containing the Mayor's message is just at hand. I have not recovered from the results of yesterday's election and you will make some allowance for a Democrat, I suppose. I have certainly no desire to incommode the complainant against Marshal Lowenthall but if it will accord with the convenience of the Mayor, I hope that he will postpone the hearing until some other day this week when I desire to be present, and if the charges (of the ^{gravity} ~~nature~~ of which I have no knowledge) are well founded, you may say to the Mayor for me (and I wish you would) that I will exert myself vigorously and I hope as successfully to relieve him and his administration of

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an undesirable subordinate appointee as I did to secure his selection. But I think it is just to the Marshal to say that he holds and held prior to his appointment a responsible position as the published of a city newspaper and that he enjoys the full measure of confidence of his associates in the benevolent order of which he is Grand Master. If the hearing is adjourned, will you kindly notify me of the time it is adjourned to.

Yours

Ernest Harvier

120 E. 30th
Nov. 4/97

My dear Mr. Stoup

I meant to wait
until we got our
new Mayor, but
fear I shall not
have as much
influence with
him as I expected,

So I send this to
you ~~instead~~ⁱⁿ, although
it is too bad to
trouble you with
any more busi-
ness just now.

I suppose the only
thing for us all to
do now, is to work
all the harder.

Sincerely yours
J. V. Lowell

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New York, Nov 4th 1897.

My good friend

Our general work is daily in need of funds. We are striving to create employment for honest, respectable girls, who are dependent on their own exertions. Many have no training who ought to be helped. We have deserted Mothers, with & without children in the League home, & a number of women (most aged) with no training for self support. Our Hospital Auxiliary is in need of money to go forward with its work & service to the friendless & distressed in our Public Institutions.

Please help the League, from one to fifty tickets as you feel it your privilege to do. No Entertainment well done worth a dollar, & if any one desires to once may keep tickets at 50 cents rather than return them all.

Gratefully Yours,
Mary Hamill

DR HELTAI FERENCZ

BUDAPEST

II., OSZLOP UTCZA 24.

November 4th 1897

Sir,

As a member of the Municipal Council of Budapest and Member of the Hungarian Parliament, I take a very great interest in all the Municipal affairs of the large cities, which I endeavour to study from the official publications of the respective cities.

I take a particular interest in the Municipal affairs of the great corporation of which you are the head, but unfortunately I possess only a small part of the data referring thereto. I therefore take the liberty of addressing you, Sir, to be so kind as to cause

several Mayor's Annual Reports relating to the last few years, also Municipal estimates or accounts for the same period, and any other publications of public interest referring to New York Municipal affairs to be sent me.

I purpose to publish a great work on the large cities of the world and shall be glad to offer you a copy of the same in due time.

I trust you will have no difficulty in complying with my request, the same as the Mayors of many great cities were kind to do. They were even so good as to place my name on the list of those to whom their official publications are regularly being sent, thus

considerably facilitating the elaboration of my book.

If you, Sir, were so good as to give similar orders at your offices, I should feel extremely and for ever obliged to you.

The principal publications of interest to me would be the following:

Report of the Dept of Health

" " " " " Education

" " " " " public works.

Mayor's Message & Reports

Water Board Rep. Ordinances of the Corporation,

School Committee Rep. Auditors Annual Rep.

City Charter, rules & orders of the City Council

I am aware that recently a greater New York has been formed and I should especially value a copy of the Charter, with all the reports and legislative publications referring thereto, and finally the estimates for greater New York.

If I could have the accounts etc.
relating to smaller New York, Brooklyn
and Jersey City separately, they would be
also of great help to me.

Apologizing for thus trespassing on
your valuable time, and awaiting with
interest the particulars alluded to, I
am, Sir,

Your obedient servant
Dr Francis Heltai

To the Hon.

the Mayor of

New York City

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ERNEST R. BIRKINS, PRINCIPAL.

NOV 4 1897

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

Dear Sir,

The twelve hundred pupils
(boys and girls) of the Grammar Department of this school desire to
thank you for sending them a
brick from the tomb of General
Grant. In common with the pupils
of the other Public Schools they
consider it a high honor to be
made the recipients of the courtesy
of the Mayor.

Respectfully,

E. R. Birkins, Principal

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EQUITABLE BUILDING,
120 BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

November 4th, 1897.

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

My dear Sir:

This will be handed to you by my old and valued friend Captain James Parker. He desires a few minutes conversation with you, in your capacity as one of the Trustees of Sailor's Snug Harbor. If you will kindly give him full and considerate attention, I shall be very much obliged.

Captain Parker made a splendid record during the War, as an officer of the Navy. In 1866 he resigned, and has been practising law in this City. He is a gentleman of the highest character, and I believe him possessed of fine executive qualities, in thorough sympathy with old sailors, and generally well qualified for the position which he seeks.

Yours very truly,

Wager Swayne

(P)

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GRAIN, MEAL, MILL FEED HAY, STRAW, &c.,

Thirty-Fourth Street & Twelfth Avenue.

New York, Nov 6th 1897

Hon William L Strong
Mayor City New York

Dear Sir,

Will you please inform
me if you intend to compel
the Commission of Public
Works to fill in the trench
on Kingbridge Road that has
been opened since Nov 1896.

The 3^d Ave R R Co have had a
few Men working since Sept-1st
at the rate they are progressing
it will take eighteen months
to complete it. Unless the
work is pushed to completion
before winter weather I expect

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New York, 189

to take steps to compel some
one to act.

Very Truly Yours
J. W. Hatch

H. E. Corner

Ringbridge Road

166th Street

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Nov 6. /97

Mayor Strong,
Dear Sir,

You have
arrested in one of
your City prisons a friend
of mine, for registering
wrong, or to late, on the
4th when he should have
done it on the first, he
says. he thought it was
the 6th. of November instead
of 3d. Now sir he didnt
know even then a few

day before election that
 it came on the 2nd. This
 gentleman Mr Wm Martin
 is a native born citizen
 of New York City, has never
 known to do a wrong
 in his life has always
 been a Christian, and
 had he found out his
 mistake before election
 day which of course he
 would. he never would
 have voted no amount
 of money or influence
 would have induced
 him, He has been very
 unfortunate. Has been
 sick for a long time
 and out of business

And a week before
 election a ten days I
 wrote to Mr Stuart Bruce
 to try and find something
 for him to do or he would
 die from starvation as
 he gave him something
 to do. he worked on Saturday
 on Sunday morning the
 officer went to his room
 and arrested him and
 then he has been in
 prison ever since. They
 ask you to release him
 at once or he will die
 He writes me he is as
 innocent as an unborn
 babe. that he would earn
 such an act and I know

He would for he is too
 conventional and has too
 high a regard for his
 religion. But you have
 a big heart in your
 breast and trust you
 will attend to my friend's
 case at once. Be sure
 Rogers and Emile are
 released, from simply
 saying this was a mistake
 Why not his. I feel sure you
 do not know of his case.
 In Morton, near New McBain
 when he registered not for
 several weeks, or two after

He was starving, and
 dying from cold & hunger
 And Mr Baier, helped him
 Mr Baier, is a friend of a
 relation of mine. My dear
 Sir They you will release
 him at once or he will
die. In the love of humanity
 save my friend, I am
 so emphatically one it I am
 miserable. Help him and
 he will be your friend
 And I shall always think
 a great memory of you
 I will not give you my

Mr Norton, was arrested
Oct 24th. How is this?

There is a wrong somewhere
I think this a great outrage
but feel sure you
will right it.

Mr W. B. Norton, belonging
to one of the best and
oldest families in United
States, has been peculiarly
unfortunate, I am a
philanthropist, I wish the
world was full "Nansons"
humanity & man makes
countless thousands mourn.
I trust he will be released
at once, for my heart is
breaking over it. God will
bless any man who helps him

name, for I do not wish
my name in the affair
but if necessary, a letter
addressed to 226. East Fifth
Street Newport Ky. will
find me.

Very
Respectfully
Yours in grief—

"That Mercy No others show
That mercy show to me,"
God help us all to be able
to say this.

N. B. Den the World, Saturday
Oct-30. says the Magistrates
orders men not to arrest any
one until Election day

THE DAVIS VOTING MACHINE COMPANY

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New York, Nov 6 " 1897

Wm L. Strong
Mayor New York City

My dear Sir:— We would be very
pleased to have your honor call
and see our Voting machine
which we hope to succeed
in having in use in this City
ere long.

Respectfully

The Davis Voting Machine Co.
J. M. Davis V.P.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

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Grand Army of the Republic,

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WM. J. BARRY, Sergeant-at-Arms.

OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

Headquarters, Room 4, City Hall.

NEW YORK, May 8th, 1897. 189

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

My dear Mr. Mayor:-

On Wednesday last when I extended
you the invitation in the name of the G. A. R. of New York City to
preside at the entertainment in the Metropolitan Opera House on Monday
evening, May 31st, and which you honored us by accepting, I neglected
to include the reviewing of the marching veterans on that day. I do
so now and earnestly hope that you will accept and with the other
officials do the G. A. R. the honor of reviewing them on that occasion.

A committee will wait on you on the morning of Memorial Day and
escort you to the reviewing stand. Will you kindly designate where you
wish the comrades to call for you?

Allow me in behalf of the G. A. R. to thank you for the many
favours and courtesies received at your hands during your administra-
tion and to express the hope that you may be selected as the chief
executive of the Greater City. With great respect and sincere feel-
ings of friendship, I am,

Yours cordially,

*Please not change of
address to 171 Broadway*

J. A. Goulden

Chairman of Committee.

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WM. J. BARRY, SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.

OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

Headquarters, Room 4, City Hall.

NEW YORK,

May 25 189

Wm. L. Strong
Mayor to

By an oversight I overlooked
the Enclosed which I had set apart for the
use of your friends. I am taking care of
the members of Board of Estimate & Apportionment
Heads of all Departments and the
Board of Aldermen from this office.
I inform you of this in order that you
may know you are not called upon to
recognize those gentlemen.

Yours respectfully

E. J. Atkinson

If you have any request Communicate
by bearer & etc

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Headquarters, Room 4, City Hall,

NEW YORK, August 2nd, 1897. 189

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

Dear Mr. Mayor:-

Sorry to have troubled you this morning but as I wished to issue an order regarding the National Encampment at Buffalo before leaving the city for a week, I could not avoid it. I want to thank you in the name of the G. A. R. for your uniform kindness and courtesy in the past and in a special manner for this favor.

You are most cordially invited to attend the festivities at Buffalo beginning on the 24th instant, and we hope to have the honor of your company on the Headquarters train leaving this city on the Erie Railroad at 9 A. M., Monday the 23rd. Assuring you of our high appreciation of the many favors done the G. A. R. during your term of office, I am,

I am going to Plattsburg

Yours faithfully,

J. A. Goulden

Chairman of Memorial Committee
G. A. R. of N. Y.

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Headquarters, Room 4, City Hall,

NEW YORK,

Aug 9th 1897

Honble L Strong
Mayor &
Sir

Having promulgated notice of
your very kind and Considerate action
regarding leave of absence for Comrades
to attend Natl Encampment at Buffalo
during week Aug 23 to 29 We are this
day informed that presumably by
oversight the Office of Council of Jurors
have not learned of your request.

May we ask that that office
be similarly notified

Appreciating fully your
great Consideration and solicitous
for your additional favor
We are

E J Atkinson
Secy

Yours Respectfully
Jos A Goulden
Chm

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NEW YORK, Sept. 25th, 1897. 189

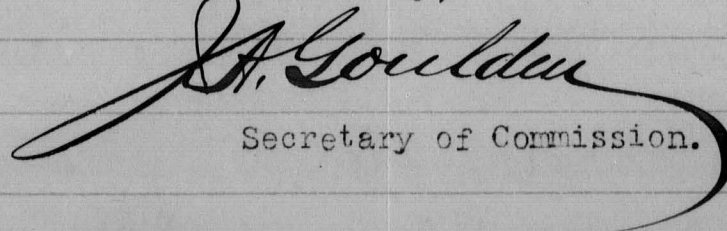
Hon. William L. Strong,
City Hall.

My dear Mr. Mayor:-

I leave town to-day to attend the funeral of a near relative in Maryland and will not return until Friday next. Will miss the public hearing on Wednesday and regret doing so as I am deeply interested in the Botanical Garden as a citizen and taxpayer only. Prof. Dundon will represent the Taxpayers' Alliance and myself and I hope you will call on him after the Garden people are heard.

Kindly call the meeting of the Monument Commission for Monday, October 4th, at the Arsenal. Don't let this meeting be postponed if it can be avoided as it is important that speedy action be taken. Assuring you of my affectionate regards and a high appreciation of past favors, I am,

Yours sincerely,


Secretary of Commission.

Executive Officers of the
Memorial Committee, G. A. R.

Col. J. A. GOULDEN, Chairman.
Gen. E. J. ATKINSON, Secretary.
Gen. N. W. DAY, Treasurer.

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FOR

The Memorial Committee of the Grand Army of the Republic

JAMES H. W. HARRIS, General Manager of Entertainments and Programme
OFFICE, 29 WEST 26TH STREET

HEADQUARTERS
69TH REGIMENT ARMORY

New York, November, 10, 1897. 189

Mayor Wm. L. Strong,
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

The Memorial Committee of the Grand Army of the Republic of the Department of New York, are making a gigantic effort to provide a home for the many old veterans not able to obtain admission to the different Soldiers' Homes on account of the immense overflow,- in short, there is not accommodation for all.

It is with great sorrow I am compelled to say that at this writing there are over sixty old veterans in the Almshouse of our county and varying numbers in adjoining counties; also hundreds are compelled to walk the streets for the want of the necessities of life.

We have the land provided for and to raise the building fund have accepted the well devised plan of Mr. Harris, who has written a play for us entitled "The G.A.R." or "Loyalty Rewarded", and which we propose to put on in New York for a long run,- then in other large cities in our State, and in this way raise the building fund for an overflow home.

What we most require is to raise the production fund for the play, which is booked for the Murray Hill Theater for the week beginning January 3rd, 1898. Our desire is to raise \$5,000 that purpose and hereby most respectfully solicit your signature as a patron of the production and a liberal subscription to the fund.

Our General Manager, Mr. James H. W. Harris, will call upon you in person prepared to answer any questions in regard to the enterprise.

Trusting that you will exercise your accustomed generosity, we await your kind and early reply.

Very respectfully yours,

(Dictated.)

J. A. Goulden
Chairman Memorial Committee.

E. J. Atkinson
Sec'y Memorial Committee.

L. I. City

22 Pearson St

Nov 8th 97

Mayor Strong.

Dear Sir,

Would you
be kind enough to make
Mr. Elbert W. Brown,
pay me the \$100.00 he borrowed
from me. He is vice-principal
of your west 44th St Public School
and he promises me he will
but he will not give me any.
I am sure if you send him
word to pay me that he will
sorry to trouble you but I
need it now very much

Yours Respectfully

James A. McAdams

(Mr. E. W. Brown's pupil 1880)

35 Congress St

Boston Nov. 8. 1897

Hon. Wm. L. Strong

City Hall, New York.

My dear Colonel.

Your patriotic sentiment was duly received while the Members of the Massachusetts Club were at dinner on Saturday afternoon and read to the assemblage. It could not make up for our disappointment at your absence but it cheered us much and was heartily applauded. We feel at some day in the near future you will be our guest, will you not?

Hoping you are fast recovering from your attack and with high regards I remain Very sincerely, Yours, with thanks for the timely despatch.

S. Stillman Blanchard
Secretary.

Milton, Mass.
Nov. 8, 1894.

His Honor Mayor Strong,
New York City.

Dear Sir: -

There has arisen in our public schools a discussion as to whether Manhattan Island is at present wholly surrounded by water, and connected with the mainland only by bridges, or at some point connected with the mainland by land that has been filled in, making it no longer an island.

Any maps to which I have recourse have not been satisfactory. Will you kindly

enlighten me on the point?
Very respectfully,
Julia M. Gordon,
Prin. of North School



ISAAC B. POTTER CHIEF CONSUL.
W.S. BULL SECRETARY-TREASURER.

League of American Wheelmen.
New York State Division.
Headquarters 519-520-521 Vanderbilt Building.
New York.
November 8th 1897.

Honorable William L. Strong,
Mayor, N. Y. City.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to call your attention to resolution offered by Mr. Alderman Burke in the Board of Aldermen and passed in its sitting of November 4th, giving permission to one August F. Schmidt to erect, keep and maintain an iron watering trough for man and beast on the sidewalk near the curb in front of the premises #411 Western Boulevard in the City of New York, and in the name of the body I represent, to protest against such resolution being carried out or any to similar effect on the Western Boulevard for the reasons: Firstly,- that in the immediate neighborhood where it is proposed to erect this drinking trough, there ^{are} already three such on the Boulevard, one of which was erected by the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and which suffices for the purposes and does away with the necessity of any further watering trough. Second,- that any further troughs that would be needed on the Boulevard would be furnished by this Society and properly placed by it if the necessity for them was apparent. Third,- the manner in which teams blockade the street in front of these watering troughs is a subject of complaint by the public and the police and it is not in the interest of the public or dumb animals for whose benefit they are ostensibly established, to maintain a greater than sufficient number.

Yours respectfully,

Louis Rosenfeld —

Chairman Rights & Privileges
Committee, New York City Con-
sulate, L. A. W.



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B. L. Burroughs Esq.
Secretary

Dear Sir.

Your favor of yesterday is duly to hand. -
In order to prevent a possible misunderstanding
I beg to state that my letter of yesterday referred
to a trough which it is proposed to erect on
the Western Boulevard, in front of No. 411. premises,
whereas, in a previous letter, I referred to one which
it was proposed to erect on Central Park West -

I infer that there might be a misunderstanding
because of your advising me that the particular
one mentioned in mine of yesterday, has been voted
whereas the ~~resolution~~ ^{resolution} only passed last week. -

My inference may be wrong however. -

Yours Respectfully,
Louis Roussell

Olympia, Wash., Nov. 8, 1897.

There are two established routes to the Klondike country from Puget Sound. One is via the ocean to St. Michaels, thence via river steamer up the Yukon. This journey is made in the summer months only. The other is also by steamer to Dyea, Skaguay or Pyramid Harbor and thence over the Chilcoot, White Pass, and the Daulton Trail respectively to the headwaters of the Yukon and then down by boat. The distance over the various trails to boat navigation on lakes Lindeman and Bennett and the Pelly River is as follows:

Dyea to Lake Lindeman, 29 miles; Skaguay to Lake Bennett, 47 miles; from Pyramid Harbor to Pelly River over the Daulton Trail, 415 miles. Each of these trails has been successfully used by parties going into the Yukon, the first two being most generally used. Distance from Seattle to Dyea or Skaguay, 980 miles; to Pyramid Harbor, 965 miles; Seattle to mouth of Yukon River, 2,500 miles; from mouth of Yukon to Dawson City, 1,725 miles. Dyea or Skaguay to Dawson City, 450 miles. The time of travel from Seattle by either way is about the same — thirty or forty days.

No person should start for the gold fields with less than \$500, excluding his transportation to Puget Sound. This sum will be barely sufficient for one man for one year with the scant necessities of life and traveling under the most favorable circumstances.

Persons inexperienced in mountain travel are cautioned that utmost care should be taken to preserve a secure footing in climbing steep ascents and in fording streams. No one should attempt to shoot rapids unless thoroughly conversant with the method. Of the many thousands who have gone in this year not more than half a dozen have lost their lives and these have been from carelessness in fording.

The summers on the Yukon are short, the winters are long, and the weather is severe. Extreme heat and cold exists, making the climate difficult to endure. On account of the isolation of the mining regions all persons are cautioned to take ample supplies of provisions and of warm clothing.

Will R. Kuhns
Olympia, W. 8, 1897.
Henry Stett

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The Seattle Chamber of Commerce

Bureau of Information

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, Nov. 9, 1897.

Dictated.

DEAR SIR:

Last month there was sent to you by this Bureau a circular letter, requesting certain information, and asking "would you be willing to make public a carefully prepared statement to be approved by public officers, showing the distances, dangers, and probable expense of an Alaskan prospecting journey."

So many Governors of states and Mayors of cities have expressed a willingness to do this that I send you herewith a concise statement, signed by Hon. Will D. Jenkins, Secretary of State, of the State of Washington, which I will ask you to make public for the benefit of whom it may concern, believing as you probably will, that such an authentic, conservative statement will be of great public benefit. Any explicit questions as to details of the journey will be answered as thoroughly and accurately as possible by the undersigned.

Very respectfully,

ERASTUS BRAINERD, Sec.

Bureau of Information, Seattle Chamber of Commerce.

Copy

Board of Managers
OF THE
New York Botanical Garden.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR-IN-CHIEF,

63 East 49th St., New York.

Nov. 8th, 1897.

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To the Honorable Commissioners of Public Parks,

Gentlemen:

I am instructed by the Committee on Plans of the Board of Managers of the New York Botanical Garden to request your honorable Board to include in the estimates for appropriations for the Department of Parks for 1898 the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) for the laying of water pipes and sewer pipes in the grounds set apart and appropriated for the use of the New York Botanical Garden in Bronx Park.

The money appropriated by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment under the act of incorporation is applicable only to buildings.

Yours very respectfully,

W. L. Britten

Secretary.

Board of Managers
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New York Botanical Garden.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR-IN-CHIEF,

63 East 49th St., New York.

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

Dear Sir:

I venture to enclose a copy of a letter transmitted to the Commissioners of Parks yesterday, and on which the Commissioners took favorable action

I would say that it is very desirable that the water-supply and sewer system of the Botanical Garden should be constructed during the progress of the erection of the buildings, which we hope may soon be commenced

Yours very respectfully

N. L. Britton

Director-in-Chief.



FIFTH DISTRICT
CITY MAGISTRATES' COURT.
NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Nov 19th 1897

My Dear Mr Mayor

The bearer of this
Thos. J. Spencer was a Corporation
Inspector apptd by Genl Collins on
the Madison Ave Line bet 48th & 54th
streets Metropolitan Street R.R. Co.
Spencer is a hard worker, a good
republican and was an aid at the
man during the last election & did
his work without fear or favor. For
this he claims he was removed.

Of course I am not in a position to
say positively that such is the case
but I think Mr Collins is capable of
just such things. I said Mr Spencer to
you as you stated before election that
no City Employee need have any

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fear of losing their places in
voting for Low. If you will kindly
give this your consideration shall
be grateful.

Respy
L. D. Bruce

Hon Wm L Strong

Dear Sir

I don't know
that you can do anything
in this matter. Nevertheless
I consider it my duty to
let you know the facts in the
case. as the party of whom
I complain is I believe one
of your appointees. I mean
the present District attorney -
on March the 6th / 1896 one
Eunice Clark was arrested
for maintaining a house
of prostitution. She had
already been convicted

of a little offense but a few
months previous I mention
this to show her Character
as yet she has not been
brought to trial. While an
assistant whom she formerly
had was arrested this fall
and immediately tried and
discharged. Mrs Clark boasts
that Mr Alcott is a friend
of her friend a Mr Howard
hence she will not be tried
the names of the officers making
arrest are Waters. Connors.
& Delaney. as you see there
is no lack of evidence but it
looks very much like forcing
being shown this woman.
I have notified the prosecuting
attorney but I guess he

has not had time yet. She was only
arrested twenty months since. This is a
reform district attorney. I am sorry to
say, it strikes me if I were Mayor he
would be an informed district attorney,
that is that he must do his duty fairly
with fairness to none.

Very truly

Nov 11th 1897 J. E. Nelson

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ADDRESS P. O. BOX 1465.

New York, Nov. 11th, 1897

F. R. Houghton, Esq., Chairman,

Real Estate Board of Brokers,

59 & 61 Liberty St., City.

Dear Sir:-

I would gladly comply with the request contained in your letter of the 10th inst. if I had any copies of the report to which you refer. They are all delivered to the Mayor, and no doubt on application at his office, you will be able to procure what you desire, especially if you present this letter.

Yours truly,

James S. Hewitt

Chairman

H. DE B. PARSONS, M. E.,

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CABLE ADDRESS, LIFEDROP.

22 WILLIAM STREET,

NEW YORK, November 11th, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong, *C*
Mayor, New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

At the request of President Sheffield, of the Fire Department I have ordered on your behalf the following flags for the new Fire Boat "William L. Strong."

American Flag,-----7-1/2' x 12'

American Flag,-----5' x 8'

U. S. Jack,-----4-1/2' x 6'

State Flag,-----4-1/2' x 8'

City Flag,-----4-1/2' x 8'

Two (2) Department Flags 5' long (each.)

Two (2) Fire Department Whips,

One Burgee 15' x 7-1/2' x 3-3/4'

Unless I hear from you to the contrary I shall ship the flags by express to Camden where the Boat is being built. Should you care to see the flags before they are sent let me know at once and I will have them brought to your office. The flags will cost about \$50.65

Very truly yours,

H. de B. Parsons

STEPHEN B. STANTON.
P. TECUMSEH SHERMAN.

LAW OFFICE
OF
SHERMAN & STANTON,
59 WALL STREET.

TELEPHONE NO. 1399 BROAD.
CABLE ADDRESS, "AEGIUM," NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Nov. 11th. 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong ;

Mayor &c.

Dear Sir;

As Chairman of one of the district Boards of School Inspectors appointed by you, I have come to be very much interested in the school situation, and trust therefore that you will pardon me for writing you freely.

It seems to me and to others to whom I have spoken, that the fate of school affairs for the next two years depends on the character of the Commissioners you may now appoint. I understand that the terms of seven of them expire this year. It is therefore most important that the men you shall nominate to take their places should be men of great energy, patience and strength of character; otherwise they will be unable to oppose the adverse majority that will shortly be created. Indeed if they are at all weak they will probably yield in advance and give up the present progressive policy of the Board at once or at least very soon. Several of the Commissioners whose terms are about to expire are generally considered men of that character. On the other hand two at least of them, ~~xxx~~ notably Messrs. Taft and Peaslee, are distinctively strong men. I sincerely hope that you will not only reappoint them but also consult them as to the other appointments.

STEPHEN B. STANTON.
P. TECUMSEH SHERMAN.

LAW OFFICE
OF
SHERMAN & STANTON,
59 WALL STREET.

TELEPHONE NO. 1399 BROAD.
CABLE ADDRESS, "AEGIUM," NEW YORK.

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NEW YORK,

Please pardon my presumption in writing you thus.

As I appear to have been elected an Alderman, I shall shortly send you my resignation as a School Inspector, at the same time recommending a fit person as my successor.

I am, with great respect,

Yours very truly,

P. T. Sherman

GEORGE F. EDMUNDS, VERMONT,
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COMMERCIAL CLUBS,

AND OTHER SIMILAR

COMMERCIAL BODIES OF THE UNITED STATES.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 11, 1897.

My dear Mr. Strong,--

This letter will introduce to you
Mr. Charles A. Conant, who goes to New York to consult
with a number of persons in regard to certain matters
pertaining to currency reform in connection with the
work of the Indianapolis Monetary Convention of Boards
of Trade, etc. I take pleasure in commending Mr.
Conant to you.

Yours truly,

Charles S. Fairchild

Hon. William L. Strong,

New York City.

EDITORIAL OFFICE

FINANCIAL NEW YORK

A HISTORY OF THE BANKING
AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
OF THE METROPOLIS

BY

WM. TEN EYCK HARDENBROOK

FRANKLIN PUBLISHING
COMPANY

61 East Ninth Street, New York, November 10th, 1897

Honorable W.L.Strong,

New York City.

My dear Sir:

In that department of my work FINANCIAL NEW YORK devoted to the financial history of the City of New York, I intend to review the state of the city finances during your administration as Mayor. The article referred to is quite an exhaustive one, going back to the formation of the city in 1652, tracing the growth of the city debt and bringing the history down to the close of the present year, when the city of New York ceases to exist as a separate municipality. To insure accuracy, and a satisfactory history, I would be under many obligations if you would prepare or furnish the data for that portion of the article which refers to your administration.

You may possibly remember having furnished me with a photograph of yourself to include in the groups of Officers and Trustees of the Central National Bank and New York Security and Trust Company, which will appear in the histories of these institutions in this work.

The historical matter referring to the financial history of the City of New York will also be illustrated with portraits of as many of the Mayors and Comptrollers of the City of New York as it is possible to obtain, but of a number of the early Mayors I do not know of any existing portraits, consequently they will necessarily be omitted.

My representative, Mr. Des Moines, will show you specimens of the work, and from which you will be able to form an estimate of its character, scope

and importance. If you will kindly accord him a suitable interview for this purpose, it will be appreciated by,

Yours very truly,

Wm. E. K. Hardeubrook

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61 East Ninth Street, New York, November 12th, 189 7

Hon. W.L.Strong,
Mayor's Office,
City Hall,
New York.

My dear Sir:

To illustrate that portion of my work FINANCIAL NEW YORK devoted to the history of New York City finances, I am engraving the portraits of a number of Ex-Mayors and Comptrollers. I write this to ask permission to have my photographer make photographs of a few of the oil paintings of New York City mayors, which hang in the Governor's room of the City Hall.

If you will kindly give the bearer, Mr. Prince's representative, the necessary permission, it will be greatly appreciated, by

Yours very truly,

Wm Ten Eyck Hardenbrook

124 East 25th St -

New York -

November 12th 1864

Honorable

W. L. Strong

Dear Sir:

I appeal to you,
as one high in Authority
back of you will
give orders that a great
misadventure shall be stopped;
I allude to the daily
surroundings of Horses from

"Bulls Head - in front of
our house - which is

Not only very objectionable
but is causing serious
damage to an invalid
victim of rheumatism.

They should be taken
for exercise to some more
remote quarter - Not
in a street of private
residences - Will you

to me the great favor, because the
immediate abatement of this nuisance.

Yr Obedt^l Servt
Very Respectfully

Wm M. Peters -

November 17th 1897 -

Many others!

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Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor's Office,
New York, N. Y.

Dear sir:-

You are respectfully invited to attend a meeting called to discuss the various plans for a cycle path on the Brooklyn Bridge, to be held at the Headquarters of the New York State Division, League of American Wheelmen, Room 520, Vanderbilt Building, 132 Nassau Street, New York, on Monday, Nov. 15th, at 4.30 o'clock.

Yours very respectfully,

George E. Scheffler

Secretary.

305 West 55th Street.

Novbr 12 1897

Honorable
Mayor Geo. Strong

Dear Sir.

I have been informed that
the Civil Service Commission
intends to do away with the
position I occupy as con-
fidential man to the
Superintendent of the Building
Dept. Mr. Constable, they
claim, as I have been told,
that the position is not one
of confidence, but could be
held by any person in the Dept.

As I had the privilege
of informing Your Honor
the position I occupy is
entirely confidential, but
is intended to be abolished
through political spite.
Will You kindly interest
Yourself in this matter?

very respectfully
A. d'Orville

ALFRED C. COWAN,
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108 FULTON STREET,
ROOM 1311. **NEW YORK CITY.**
Telephone, 3622 Cortlandt.

ALFRED C. COWAN,
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW,
108 FULTON STREET,
ROOM 1311.
TELEPHONE, 3622 CORTLANDT.

New York, Nov. 12, 1897

-----X:
Vito Tauriello, Pltff.,
Vs :
The Mayor, Alderman and :
Commonalty of the City of :
New York.

-----X:

To Hon. Ashabel P. Fitch,
Comptroller N. Y. City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find the examination of the plaintiff in the above action, by the Corporation Counsel of this City on the 16th day of October, 1897.

The plaintiff has been permanently injured, his hand-organ of the value of Four Hundred (400) Dollars was destroyed by the negligence of the defendant its agents and servants, the plaintiff has been and now is confined to his bed and is in a very distressed condition, which reason I have been induced to negotiate a settlement, if such can be had with the defendant.

I therefore beg leave to make an offer of settlement for the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

Hoping that you will take the matter up and let me hear from you at an early date, I am

Yours truly,

Alfred C. Cowan

Atty for Plaintiff,

108 Fulton St.,

New York City.

New York 11/12/97.

248 West 44th Str.

Honorable Mayor Strong

Respected Sir

A few evenings ago as I walked an 8th Ave. I heard music and singing at a distance some 2 or 3 blocks away, as it came nearer to my horror and indignation it was the Salvation Army in a procession walking down boldly in the middle of the Ave. turning into 42nd Str. with a brass band, a lot of Salvation Army cranks Men and Women carrying the American flag in front, what a mockery and disgrace for our Country and its people, which is overrun with such fanatics and religious cranks because they are left alone, under the impression that they do good who are in reality a great hurt and a menace socially morally and politically to our people and

Country; and should be broken up.
 I went one day last Summer to the City Hall, for
 the purpose of seeing you, to protest against
 them and the Volunteers, against their unchri-
 stian-like Infamous fanatic doings, what
 will foreign Countries say, that they are tolera-
 ted here, and allowed everything they choose to
 do. The Police Man in your Office told me
 that you was at a Session, which would last
 for several hours, I can assure you, that I feel
 humiliated to live in a City, where this relig-
 ious frauds are seen in every Street and
 parts of this City, and are allowed to carry out
 their many aluring bold schemes, to make money
 and climates, this may be fun for you, as
 you often publicly expressed yourself you had
 during your Administration, at the expense of
 it's Inhabitants, are you, or are we heathen?
 we consider ourselves far superior! — What are
 our Churches and Ministers here for? Why should
 our Christianity and religion be a slur and mak
 ery upon us, and our christian Religion; they
 are blaspheming God, a Menace to our Country

and a Menace to our Health, a bad example for the young, they are pauperising our own people very fast, and fill up our idiotic Asylums, lunatics and many other Institutions it is known, that they are hypnotizing people and free craft among the Women. I was astonished to read their Report a short time ago in the papers, how strong and how many State and Charity Institutions, prisons, etc. they visit, Why, are they admitted? all places should be cleared from them for ever - in fact no other Organizations should be allowed, as there generally are protestant ^{Ministers} and Catholic priests. We never had so many crimes, scandals, elopings, murders, the disappearing of people can often be traced to them, as they can hide them or send them away to their other hellish places, the increase of Insanity from Religion is alarming, more, than we had since this fanatics infested our Country

I wish you inform yourself at the Charity Building, the Astor Librery and read the bad damaging Reports and statistics come every year from England, which are truly appalling and contrary to the belief of Americans, who have the Reputation of being easily fooled. They are the means of breaking up many homes by some members joining them and disappear unbeknown of their families, or send to other parts of the World, it is the most dangerous destructive Organization, asside from Labor Unions, who create the most trouble and disturbances. who should be quelled for ever.

It is very strange that Permits were given to the Salvation and Volunteer cranks or frauds to parade in our Streets and holding Mockery Meetings almost in every corner of our City. halusmating our people and destroy our true Christian Religion which is dying out very fast.

Why are they allowed to display and carry the American flag, when there is a law against using them for religious and advertising purposes, I beg of you to have them removed at once.

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in their Meeting places, on top of their Build-
ings and whenever displayed before your Clerk
of Office is over, you will have the gratitude
of the General public who feel like I do a-
bout them, what right did they have to wear
Military suits and decorations, it should be torn
off from them, and be denounced as Impostors
frauds and self-styled Commanders, Generals,
Colonels, Mayors, Soldiers etc. they are a Disgrace
to our United States Army and all its Inhabi-
tants; Millions of Dollars is spent yearly for
Official Salaries in Government and Municipal
Affairs, where is the protection for the people?
if such Important Matters are not taken up at this
most perilous time and our disloyal sensational
papers suppressed, who prefer to spread exciting
and fictitious news before their readers.
had you and every Mayor suppressed the Sal-
vation Armies fanatics, and Organised Labor
and brought forth their coming dangers, with

their domineering tyrannical demands and many
 desatrous strokes and riots, it would have
 been an honor to your Administration, you
 would have gained the Universal Love from
 the Middle and better Classes of the People
 and your name would have gone down to Pos-
 terity.

Kindly read the inclosed exact Copy
 from London in the New York Press Jan 6
 a small part from a Column 1896.

There seem to be a gloomy sadness over the
 people, as if grave dangers are threatened
 at the close approach of the coming Consolidation
 by the Charter act, which in my Opinion will
 result in Greater Anarchy, Greater Care, and
 Greater Misery.

You will pardon me dear Sir, that I have
 from time to time expressed my Opinion, in
 the Interest of the People, I have tried to state.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas
 and a happy New Year
 This in pure Sincerity, Very Respectfully, Wm. Abnerhouse

P. S. I cannot refrain from making a few more remarks. Why are the laboring Classes or Labor Organizations given and allowed so much power, they seem to have a great deal to say, about our City affairs, why are they not subdued? silenced and suppressed? and all their advances repulsed? by systematic determined force; and punished for their many criminal offenses, and stopped? - who are continually plan conspiracy and carry out their strikes, they are a dangerous peace-disturbing element against the masses of the people, are they ruling the City? or our paid Officials? does the City furnish work for men, for the sake of employing them? make them rich, suppress and depress the other Classes of people, by high taxes, higher rent, higher prices for goods etc. and taking the work away of other people who want to live. They are the cause of the hard times, many failures, disasters and miseries strewn all over our Country when they elected Cleveland by their free trade cry, and agitation, its consequent an empty Treasury Millions of piled up Debts by his Miss-rule and Misgovernment, high tariff, higher taxes and our unnecessary extravagance, when the City has no money

and has to issue bonds for many public improvements, how long are they allowed to crush us, one people clearly had to pay for their fanatic Socialistic Spirit, every strike they again is forcing up prices, bound to cheapen or reduce the value of goods in some way for Consumers, there never was a time, that all products and food supplies and everything are consumed and have to have, to make up life, which is almost entirely controlled by this blood, hounds of Labor Unions not even in wartime, that everything was so dear as it is now, with this depressing hard times, only due by their course of oppression, coercion and deceit and conspiracy against Consumers Bosses and City a continual antagonism and turmoil raising a disturbance against their Superiors, Employers and Bosses, it is taking away the ambition and pleasure of doing Business, or have anything to do with Wage-earners, they have made themselves obnoxious to the public by their reign of terror all over the world, a combination of one solid gigantic trust of Destruction, the greatest and most dangerous conspiring Monopoly in existence, with their false cry of poverty and starving wages, what hypocrites they are, their aim is to get rich quickly, crush the better

and middle Class and Millionaires, want high education high elevation, to outdo and destroy the present moneyed Powers and control Business, their reasons for franchises to be controlled by Cities is, because, they expect to elect themselves into Offices, do as they please, and take them out into their own hands. Moreover the Labor Question had nothing to do in any Campaign platform, nor did it belong in the Charter drafted to suit themselves, and again, to the Interest of the Community. The last Campaign of mild boisterous scenes will be remembered by Infalibels, it was truly disgraceful of the mild scramble for Office seekers, the noise and tumult in Streets which were literally strewn with Campaign literature, and blown by the wind in all Directions, disturbing the Peace of the Infalibels and lowering the dignity of true party spirit of old and Respectable Voters, a very bad Impression and lasting example for the raising Generation and a disgrace to the World.

No political, Socialist, Labor - religious Meetings or gatherings should be allowed in our Streets any longer and should be suppressed for ever, and to a large degree or extent forbidden in Houses, especially on Sunday, as generally

its objects seem to be only for the furthering and perfecting Socialism, or Anarchism. You had the power to subdue them, but it was fine for you ignoring the protection, respect and dignity towards the City, and its Inhabitants.

May God help us, that in future only such men are placed in Office in every State of the land who are not afraid of losing favor in the eyes of certain persons, or for fear not being reelected who may firmly do their assigned duties and strive for a higher, nobler purer and better Government, uphold its laws, remove every evil, and show respect to our Country its Stars and Stripes the Emblem of Peace and Liberty.

Mrs. Warehouse

Paupers in England
Ranks of the Dependent Poor Rapidly Increasing

The Salvation Army is Blamed

From the regular Correspondent of the Press

London Dec. 28. The Salvation Army gets some of the credit from experts in dispensing Charity for the great increase of Pauperism in London and in all England in 1895 Booth shelters have failed utterly according to the Charity experts in restoring the Poor to Independance and self-respect. On the contrary, they have made the Poor lose their self-respect and independance, hanging People, who worked when they could into regular vagrants and proving a Menace to Public Health and Morals, Booth asked for more money, the reply was, give him more money to build more shelters and he will breed vagrants by the hundreds of thousands says the experts. The increase of pauperism is something alarming, more than 4,000 more persons received poor relief in London in 1895 than in 1894 the total is higher than any for 24 years and the growth of the population does not keep up with the increase, etc etc.

The City has no right to be obliged, or favor
this Union Devils, nor pay their price asked
it is unconstitutional unjust and a robbery against ^{People} and ^{city}

LABOR NOTES.

The Marble Industry of this city, including the
Bellance Labor Club of Marble Cutters, the White-
stone Association of Marble Polishers and the
Compact Labor Club of Marble Cutters' Helpers,
has written to the Board of Estimate and Appor-
tionment requesting that when the contract for
the marble work of the new Hall of Records is
given out that it provides for the employment of
citizens of this city and for the payment of the
union scale of wages.

WILLIAM W. BRYAN,
Attorney and Counsellor at Law,
54 WILLIAM STREET,
NEW YORK.

In re. Riverside Drive Extension.

November 15, 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
Mayor,
N. Y. City.

Dear Sir:

I represent two lots (50 feet front), with Buildings as thereon, ^{erected} on north side of West 144th Street, practically all of which premises are now included in the proposed Riverside Drive as shown on plans as exhibited last Wednesday in the Mayor's office.

I am familiar with the grade and lay of the land in the localities of the proposed Driveway, and I can see no object in having such Driveway assume an ascent in taking an easterly direction, if I remember rightly, from ^{141st} ~~139th~~ Street, cutting off the greater part of the yard of the Magdalene Home at 139th Street, and then proceeding up the hill towards the Boulevard, - the highest point about 146th Street - and then ^{from 149th St} descending the hill again; as it must do to go around the Trinity Cemetery at 153rd Street, and cutting off some 8 or 10 completed buildings.

By such indirect course of the Driveway a grade is assumed and the Land Damages are greatly increased: whereas by keeping along the Railroad track an almost level Driveway would be secured, as the buttresses along the railroad at the foot of the respective

Board of

Street opening

Dear Sir:

Drive as shown on

all of which from

fees as thereon, erect

Union. Wm. T. Stro

highest point

WILLIAM W. BRYAN,
Attorney and Counsellor at Law,
54 WILLIAM STREET,
NEW YORK.

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streets are practically all the same height above the tracks, and sufficiently elevated above the passing trains to avoid the greater part of the noise of railroad traffic, which consists practically, if not altogether, at the present time of freight trains, and not such an annoyance to the driving public as express and passenger trains would be.

In any event, putting the ^{west side of} Driveway from 139th Street to 153rd Street, about 140 feet ^{at} the greatest distance ^{200 ft} east of the railroad, would not compensate for the inconvenience of the grade assumed by putting the Driveway so far up the hill, irrespective of the greatly increased extent of Land Damages.

I hope you will see your way clear in taking into serious consideration a change of the course of the Driveway as suggested above.

I remain,

Yours most respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'W. W. Bryan', with a long, sweeping underline.

OFFICE OF THE
CITY RECORD
No 2 CITY HALL,
NEW YORK.

JOHN A. SLEICHER,
SUPERVISOR.

November 15th, 1897.

The Honorable William L. Strong, Mayor,
and Chairman of the Board of City Record,
New York City.

My dear Mayor Strong:-

I herewith tender my resignation of the office of Supervisor of the City Record, to take effect on the qualification of my successor. I am about to re-enter journalism as the editor of FRANK LESLIE'S WEEKLY.

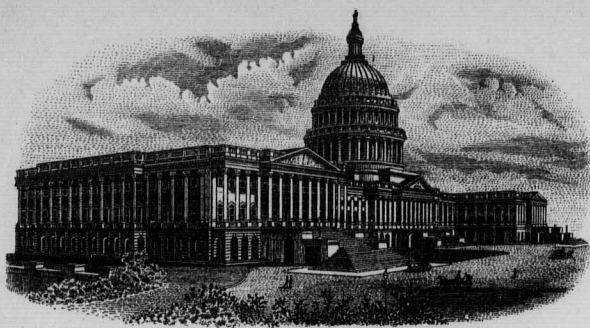
In parting with this administration, I desire to thank you for your unvarying kindness, as well as for the earnest support you have always given me in every effort I have ever made to carry out your first injunction, viz., to conduct my office purely and simply on a business basis.

I have had some opportunities to observe the embarrassments and besetments of your official life and have noted amid them all your undisturbed serenity, your patient industry and your rectitude of purpose. The City's best welfare has ever been first in your mind, and I predict that your administration-----the closing one of the City as at present constituted----will be recalled by all good citizens as the most illustrious in its history.

With best wishes for your future welfare, I remain,

Very truly yours,

John A. Sleicher



House of Representatives, U.S.

Washington,

34 West 129th St. N.Y. Nov. 16, 1897.

Mr. Mayor:-

Mr. Alexander Mathews, whose term of office as City Marshal has expired, is a constituent of mine whom I endorsed at the time he received his original appointment - I sincerely hope that the record he has made, while in office will warrant his reappointment.

Very respectfully,

Philip B. Torr

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

229 BROADWAY,
NEW YORK.

Nov: 17th 1894

My dear Sir.

I am in looking
at Chap. 584 of the Laws of
1888 relative to the vacancy
in the Aqueduct Commission
concerning which I wrote
you some days ago, it ap-
pears as though General
Duane's successor must be
of the same political party
that he was. I do not know
what his politics were but
I am told that he was a
Democrat. If so, it seems un-
necessary for me to say
more than that upon the

adoption of the last
Democratic national platform
I immediately enrolled
as a Republican and hope
to so remain.

Yours faithfully
William Brewster

Her Honor
Mayor Strong
City Hall
City



Mexico Nbre 17 de 1897

Al Sr Alcalde Municipal de
New York

Honorable Sr

Comprendiendo lo emprendido que son sus conciudadanos
y que dentro de estos se encuentren algunos amigos de
Ud, me tomo la libertad de incluir mi escrito de com-
paracion entre la Agricultura y la mineria

En el tiempo que llevo en esta he-
ritado no obstante las franquicias y seguridades que
da el Gobierno, que no se ha desahogado como debia
el espiritu de empresas agricolas de frutos de exporta-
cion, no obstante contar la Republica con terrenos
muy buenos y baratos, para las plantaciones de ca-
na tabaco y cafe.

Yo creo que la Sociedad americana
que explotase en esta en la actualidad un Inge-
nio Central y la plantacion del tabaco obtendria
muy buenos resultados.

Con la actual guerra de Cuba
yo me comprometeria facilitar colonos para la
plantacion de caña y tabaco y levantar la roga-
o ingenio, asi es que si entre sus multiples amis-
tades tiene Ud quien quiera emplear su ca-
pital en esta, estoy a sus ordenes. Anticipan-

dote las gracias Quedo con la mas alta consi-
deracion de respeto Su respetuoso

Attº y Sº
J. C. Ponachea
Coronel Cubano

Sus ordenes

A la casa del Señor Abraham Gaxa Fis-
vino - Calle de las Rejas de Balvanera nº 1
México

"Minería y Agricultura."

RESULTADOS seguros para los fundadores de negociaciones mineras que ya antes por otras compañías ó particulares habían sido trabajadas y abandonadas; y funestas para los compradores de acciones, después que en poder de éstas nuevas compañías se decretan dividendos que dan por resultado esa alza estupenda.

Desgraciadamente no obstante los golpes recibidos por algunos incautos, deseosos de obtener un rédito que sólo por el trabajo podrían adquirir sobre el capital invertido, sobre todo formando Sociedades Anónimas, para el establecimiento de plantaciones de tabaco ó café, cuyos resultados son prácticos, y caso de presentarse una mala cosecha, el único perjuicio sería la reducción en ese año del dividendo lo cual es de suponerse no suceda porque es natural se forme fondo de reserva para preveer estos casos.

Hay aun quien ponga su capital que duerme el sueño en los bancos ó en sus cajas particulares, á disposición del primero que les hace ver, que invertido en acciones de minas, les dejaría un dos ó tres por ciento mensual, con la perspectiva de tener un aumento sobre las acciones que compre; por ejemplo, si al invertir una cantidad en acciones de determinada mina, estas valen quinientos pesos, por estar decretados dividendos de quince pesos mensuales por acción de que al decretarse un dividendo de veinte pesos irremisiblemente, estas aumentarían del valor de quinientos á setecientos pesos, con esto ven los incautos dos bonanzas; primero, que la acción que les cuesta quinientos pesos les produce por el dividendo el ilusorio rédito de 3 por ciento mensual, y segunda, que esperando un dividendo de veinte pesos podrían enajenarlo que les costó quinientos en setecientos. Si las vetas no fueran caprichosas como sucedió de fines de 1893 á mediados de 1895 con "Cinco Señores," y de Agosto de 1895 á Marzo de 1896 con Santa María de la Paz y otras; Santa María de la Paz por ejemplo, mas caprichosa y mimada que las otras, de ciento veinte pesos acción en ese corto intervalo de tiempo, subió el valor de éstas á setecientos sesenta pesos por su aparente bonanza.

"Cinco Señores" dió dividendos, desde cinco á cincuenta pesos, por acción y las otras desde cinco á veinte pesos, aumentando el valor de ellas conforme á los dividendos, claro es, que si no vinieran descalabros como los que vinieron á esas minas, no habría dinero mejor empleado que el de especulaciones en acciones de minas; pero nadie debe ignorar que las suspensiones de dividendos tan repentinos, tanto de estas minas como de "Angustias," "Candelaria," de "Pinos" y otras, arruinaron á los que cayeron en sus brazos, cegados por el ilusorio rédito de dos y medio por ciento de "Cinco Señores," pues al dar cincuenta pesos de dividendos por acción que valía dos mil, ese es el rédito que recibía el tenedor de última hora, sobre el capital desembolsado, probado está el capricho en esa época de furor por las especulaciones de acciones mineras, de las vetas de "Cinco Señores, Santa María, Angustias,

Candelaria y otras, y esto consistió en arruinar á los que compraron acciones cuando estaban en su mayor apogeo.

Cinco Señores al que le costó dos mil pesos acción le regaló seis meses si no menos de dividendos ó sean trescientos pesos y al suspender éstos, vista la baja por el tenedor de ella, tuvo que enajenarla en mil pesos, sufriendo una pérdida por lo tanto de setecientos, las de Santa María de setecientos sesenta bajaron á doscientos treinta.

Esto era lo posible que sucediere, pues una de las minas más afamadas de la República la Valenciana y anexas, de 1794 á 1803 produjo trece millones ochocientos treinta y cinco mil, trescientos ochenta pesos y deducido gastos ocho millones cuarenta y seis mil trescientos ochenta pesos, sólo dejó de utilidades en esos nueve años la suma de cinco millones setecientos ochenta y nueve mil pesos, ó sean seiscientos, cuarenta y tres mil doscientos veintidos pesos anuales, que repartidos en veinticuatro barras, tocó por barra en el año un dividendo de veintiseis mil ochocientos pesos noventa y un centavos, ó sean doscientos sesenta y ocho pesos por acción, que mensualmente serían de dos mil doscientos treinta y tres pesos treinta y tres centavos por barra ó sea de veintidos pesos treinta y tres centavos por acción; y Cinco Señores no queriendo ser menos espléndida que la Valenciana de Guanajuato y Vizcaina y anexas de Hidalgo en Real del Monte, quizo superarlas, dando por dividendo cinco mil pesos al mes por barra, ó sean sesenta mil al año, y ese era también el propósito de Santa María de la Paz, Candelaria, Angustias y otras.

Veanse los demás períodos de producción de la Valenciana, y deduciendo de ellos en proporción al producto y gastos del período que señalo, jamás ha repartido de dividendo por barra en sus períodos de bonanza más de los veintiseis mil ochocientos pesos anuales, computando un período de producción con otro, y no deduzco las pérdidas de los períodos de borrasca.

La célebre mina de la Vizcaina dió metales de 1762 á 1771 por valor de quince millones de pesos, dejando una utilidad en esos nueve años al primer Conde de Regla de seis millones; total por año, seiscientos sesenta y seis mil seiscientos sesenta y seis pesos tocaría por barra anualmente veintisiete mil setecientos setenta y seis pesos setenta y siete centavos ó sea al mes de dos mil treseientos catorce pesos ochenta y un centavos, veintitres pesos catorce centavos por acción, pero téngase en cuenta que en el período de 1825 en que se comenzó á trabajar por la Compañía Inglesa con un capital de cinco millones de pesos á 1846 se sacaron diez millones cuatrocientos ochenta un mil cuatrocientos setenta y cinco pesos y los gastos fueron de quince millones trescientos ochenta y un mil seiscientos treinta y tres pesos, por consecuencia hubo una pérdida de cuatro millones novecientos mil ciento cincuenta y ocho pesos, bajando las acciones que llegaron á tener un valor de quinientos á ocho mil pesos á la insignificante suma de doce ps.

cincuenta centavos vendiendo la negociación en la cantidad de ciento treinta mil pesos.

En el período que siguió de bonanza fué bueno para la nueva Compañía exploradora, pues de 1849 á 1865 produjo cuarenta millones novecientos ochenta y tres mil doscientos noventa pesos, de cuya suma quedó una utilidad de doce millones cincuenta y siete mil cuatrocientos noventa pesos, en esos diez y seis años pudo dar de dividendos treinta y un mil trescientos noventa y nueve pesos setenta y un centavos por barra anual, las cuales valían ya quinientos mil pesos; cuál fué el rédito que sacaron los que compraron barra en los últimos cuatro años habiéndoles costado quinientos mil pesos exponiendo su capital?

Si la Compañía Inglesa no hubiera vendido la negociación, tendríamos que Vizcaina de 1825 á 1865 ó sea en cuarenta años produjo de metales cincuenta y un millones cuatrocientos sesenta y cuatro mil seiscientos sesenta y cinco pesos, dejando por utilidad neta siete millones ciento cincuenta y siete mil trescientos treinta y dos pesos, si en 1825 valían las barras de quinientos á ochocientos mil tendríamos que en los cuarenta años el poseedor de una barra ganó veintinueve mil ochocientos veintidos pesos veinte centavos. En el período de 1771 á 1825 aunque dió bastante metal estaba en pérdidas; lo que pasó con la Vizcaina prueba dos cosas, que se puede sacar uno un cuarto por ciento de rédito mensual por unos, y la ruina por otros como sucedió á los tenedores de acciones de la Compañía Inglesa, ese uno un cuarto por ciento mensual puede obtenerse en en las plantaciones indicadas sin riesgo.

Si las juntas directivas en aquel período de Cinco Señores y Santa María de la Paz, no hubieran decretado dividendos tan estupendos, y hubieran formado un regular fondo de reserva, tal vez no hubieran sembrado la ruina; pues hubieran alcanzado como han alcanzado desde hace seis ó siete meses, los metales que hoy les permiten dar nuevos dividendos sin haberlos suspendido; esto servirá de ejemplo á las actuales juntas directivas, cuando entren á dar dividendos las minas que representan.

Pero hoy se presentan nuevamente caprichosas las vetas de estas minas, y si bien es verdad que no quieren ser más espléndidas que Valenciana y Vizcaina; si quieren no quedarse atrás en los dividendos, desgraciados en quienes se hayan fijado en arruinar, no obstante que el panino donde se encuentran éstas, están bien mineralizados, aunque con algunas interrupciones; nunca capaces á sostener dividendos, no digo de cincuenta pesos por acción, pero ni de veinte en un período regular.

Los paninos en la República en que las bonanzas de minas son duraderos, son bien conocidos, son pocas muy contadas las minas, que á las sociedades que las explotan, le dan dividendos en que sus primitivos accionistas obtengan un dos por ciento mensual de rédito, sobre el capital efectivo desembolsado.

En los otros Estados, como en el de México, en el tiempo de los Españoles, se presentó una que otra mina en abundantes productos; pero por lo regular son clavitos poco más ó menos abundantes los que se han venido presentando de cincuenta años á la fecha, por ejemplo en el mineral de Zacualpam la mina del "Alacran," "El Toro," el "Socabón," "Guadalupe," el "Pachuqueño," y el "Camote," (á) el "Fuente," han sido minas que han dado clavitos, para hacer ricos cada una, á tres ó cuatro individuos; la mina del "Alacran," propiamente dicha, dió á su primitivo dueño un Señor Díaz, hace cuarenta años, seiscientos mil pesos; el cual, con tan plausible bonanza, de su peculio particular según se dice, hizo el acueducto que dá agua á la cabecera del mineral; pero jamás ha vuelto á dar no obstante la busca hecha

en ella una bonanza capaz de hacer ricos á una Compañía de ocho barreteros, que para llamarse ricos en un pueblo á los que antes eran jornaleros con dos mil pesos obtendrían ese título; verdad notoria es, que en las pertenencias del "Alacran" en una mina llamada "San Adrian" se ha dado con un clavito que aun suponiendo diera igual bonanza que la que dio la principal, ó sea "El Alacran" al Señor Díaz, esto como dejo dicho haría la felicidad de tres individuos; ó riquitos á cada uno de los que posean una barra que les costó tres mil pesos hace dos años, cuando comenzó á trabajarse, pero podría muy fácilmente ser la ruina aun suponiendo que la bonanza fuera mayor que la que obtuvo el Señor Díaz, para él que llegase á comprar acciones á quinientos pesos, si la bonanza sólo durara quince meses, y de sólo una utilidad de obtener un quince por ciento anual de rédito; si la bonanza dura dos años un mes, después de comprada la acción.

Ejemplo.—Si se decretare dividendo ó estuviere decretado de veinte pesos por acción mensual, ó sean dos mil pesos por barra; el valor de la primera subiría en la plaza á quinientos pesos ó sea la barra á cincuenta mil pesos, pues con ello obtendría este capital á primera vista, un rédito de cuatro por ciento mensual, así es que para reembolsarse el tenedor de una barra de los cincuenta mil pesos que aprontare recibiendo dos mil mensuales, necesitaría esperar para estar saldado dos años un mes.

Al darse dividendos mensuales de dos mil pesos por barra ó sean veinte pesos por acción repartiría por este concepto al mes la suma de cuarenta y ocho mil pesos; si para los gastos de la negociación se calcula un insignificante diez por ciento sobre los cuarenta y ocho mil (cosa que no puede ser, vease los gastos de Valenciana y Vizcaina en sus períodos de producción) y diez por ciento para formar un fondo de reserva, tendremos que San "Adrian" produce mensualmente:

Dividendo para accionistas	\$48.000 00
Fondo de reserva	4.800 00
Gastos	4.800 00

Total ps. \$57.600 00

En dos años un mes su bonanza sería de un millón cuatrocientos cuarenta mil pesos de los que se han gastado

En dividendos ó reembolso mejor dicho á los accionistas de los cincuenta mil pesos que les costó la barra \$1.200.000 00

Gastos en los 25 meses	120.000 00
Existencia en Caja de lo apartado para fondo de reserva	120,00 00

Total ps. 1.440.000 00

Utilidad á repartir entre veinticuatro barras que costó cada una. Cincuenta mil pesos; Ciento veinte mil; toca por barra cinco mil pesos en los dos años un mes; es decir poco menos del cinco por ciento al año; pero como se viene á formar un interés compuesto por los abonos, mensuales de los cincuenta mil pesos. llamados dividendos, puede calcularse poco más ó menos, que el capital estuvo colocado al quince por ciento anual con riesgo, que es el siguiente:

Si los dividendos solo duraren quince meses, el portador de una barra que le costó cincuenta mil pesos, solo por dividendos se ha reembolsado de treinta mil pesos, más como debe haber en el fondo de reserva en los quince meses á razón de cuatro mil ochocientos pesos, mensual, setenta y dos mil pesos le tocaría á cada barra tres mil pesos, que unidos á los treinta mil pesos hacen treinta y tres mil pesos la pérdida fué entonces de diez y siete mil pesos, si cumplido los quince meses se suspende el dividendo;

pero supongamos que hay entusiastas jugadores que esperen repetición del clavito, y sostengan el valor de la barra en diez mil pesos, y que compraren á ese precio, el tenedor que la compró en los cincuenta mil pesos, puede decir muy airoso, presté cincuenta mil pesos sin rédito, y á los quince meses me fueron devueltos en esta forma:

En dividendos de ps. 2.000 00, al mes	ps. 30.000 00
Por parte del fondo	3.000 00
Venta que hice del crédito	10.000 00
Pérdida que me resulta	7.000 00

Total ps. 50.000 00

Esto no quiere decir que la minería no sea buen negocio á veces, para los fundadores de exploraciones, pero no para los que compran acciones cuando han alcanzado estas, un precio de trescientos á quinientos pesos pues á estos les sucede lo que al último mono que son los que se ahogan.

No sucede esto empleando el dinero en la agricultura y más en plantaciones de tabaco y café: con preferencia el tabaco en que es más rápido el resultado y he aquí la prueba.

Hagamos la cuenta que es una mina que se va á explorar la cual se subdivide en 24 barras y éstas en 100 acciones, tendremos en plaza dos mil cuatrocientas acciones á la venta, que á doce pesos acción nos dan veintiocho mil ochocientos pesos, compramos con ese capital 2 lotes de terreno de mil varas cada uno por los cuatrocientos y nos cuesta cada lote la suma de dos mil pesos.

los dos	ps. 4 000 00
20 yuntas de bueyes á ps. 40	800 00
Aperos para 20 yuntas á ps. 10	200 00
20 casas para veinte familias cubanas a ps. 100	2.000 00
3 casas de tabaco ó trojes á ps. 250	750 00
1 casa para el Administrador y Mayordomo encargado de la contabilidad	1.500 00
Sueldo del Administrador al año	3.000 00
Idem del Mayordomo	1.080 00
Idem de 20 hombres á ps. 44, anuales	8.880 00
Idem á dos capataces de campo á ps. 600 al año	1.200 00
Semillas	100 00
Trasporte de veinte familias cubanas considerando estas de 3 individuos por familia, total 60 personas á ps. 25 pasaje	1.500 00
Cratificación al Consul ó agente para su embarque 1.000 00 oro al 90 p 3 de cambio	1.900 00
Otros gastos imprevistos	2.090 00

Total ps. 28.800 00

1er Lote su producto en unos seis meses ó en un año por lo que tardan en llegar las familias y preparar los terrenos.

1.000 por cada viento, componen un millón de varas cuadradas, si colocamos en una vara una mata, tendremos que la vega ó plantación, tiene un millón de matas y nos daran las hojas siguientes:

1er. Corte	7.000.000
2 Corte	6.900.000
3er. Corte	5.000.000

Total hojas 18.000.000

En la Isla de Cuba, provincia de Santa Clara, se acostumbra formar tercios de 100 manojos, en cada manojos entran 100 hojas, en el tercio diez mil, lo cual nos prueba que los 18.000.000. de hojas, nos rendirían mil ochocientos tercios, está probado que cuando la cosecha es regular el tercio pesa seis arrobas,

cuando es buena ocho, y cuando mala tres y media.

1.800 tercios un año con otro, á 5 arrobas, nos dan 9, 000 arrobas á ps. 5. son	ps. 45.000 00
Gastos	28.800 00

Utilidad ps. 16.200 00

2. Lote.

Como la siembra del tabaco comienza á fines de Noviembre ó en Diciembre, en Mayo ya está enterado, por lo cual pueden destinarse la gente á sembrar maíz y si en este lote se levantan mil cargas y estas se venden á ps. 3 la utilidad el primer año sería ps. 16.200 00 del primero y ps. 3.000 00 del segundo ps. 19.200 00: tocaría por acción que costó ps. 12 p 3 ocho pesos, y por barra que costó ps. 1.200 00 ochocientos pesos, para abreviar una barra que costase ps. 28.800 00. dejaría ps. 19.200 00 al segundo año hay que agregar:

Al producto de	\$19.200 00
Valor de las yuntas deduciendo el 20 p 3	640 00
Idem de 20 casas á ps. 100 una	2.000 00
Idem de 3 trojes	750 00
Idem de la del Administrador	1.500 00
Idem por semillas	100 00
Idem por viaje de las 20 familias	1.300 00
Idem por gratificación al Consul	1.900 00

Utilidad para el segundo año ps. 27.390 00

Por barra tocaría ps. 1.141 25 si el primer tenedor ó sea el primitivo, se desprendió de ella, por que hubieren subido de ps. 1.200 00 que le costó á 2.400 00 tenemos que ganó en 2 años:

Cantidad que recibió de dividendo el primer año	ps. 800 00
Idem. idem. del segundo año	1.141 25
Utilidad sobre el valor de ps. 1.200 00 á ps. 2.400 00 en que vendió	1.200 00

En dos años ganó ps. 3.141 25

Pasemos al tenedor que le costó ps. 2.400 00; y que recibe de dividendo anual ps. 1.141 25, á quien podremos llamar de los últimos, este viene á obtener un rédito de ps. 47 55 p 3 anual sobre el capital invertido, y este tiene probabilidad de poder vender lo que le costó ps. 2.400 00, en ps. 4.000 00, pues recibiendo de dividendo ps. 1.141 25, estos últimos se aseguran un rédito de ps. 28 53 p 3 anual sin riesgo; pues una pésima cosecha, ó total pérdida, está prevista, pues en el primer corte de los regulares se calcularon siete hojas cuando pudieron cortarse ocho, y así sucesivamente en el segundo y tercero, y el precio del tabaco se consideró á ps. 5 00 arroba pudiéndose vender á siete pesos.

Cantidades que por sueldos se reparten anualmente en la Colonia.

El de Administrador	ps. 3.000 00
El de Mayordomo	1.080 00
Id de dos Capataces	1.200 00
Id de 20 hombres	8.880 00

Total ps. 14.180 00

Si cada colonia de esta gasta anualmente, en alimentos y ropa ps. 8.000 00 sería capaz de sostener á un establecimiento mercantil, pues considerando las ganancias netas de estos, en un 20 p 3 anual, la utilidad que quedaría al dueño de él, sería ps. 1.600 00 anuales.

En cuanto á lo manifestado sobre el tabaco estoy dispuesto á probarlo á cualquier compañía agrícola que se forme para dedicarse á la siembra de dicha planta.

Carlos B y Gonzalez

Ms. DR. C. L. MOREHOUSE,
248 W 44TH ST.,
NEW YORK.

New York 18/11/97.
248 W. 44th Str.

Hon. Mayor Strong

Dear Sir

Will you kindly notify me, if I may be allowed to read a paper on the modern System of Public Schools, tomorrow Friday at the annual meeting 23^d Str which I have prepared several weeks ago, at the time, when the question was raised, (if German should be continued to be taught in public Schools)

As I am the first and only Lady Member of an Association, called American Patriotic League, of which Col. Balch was the President who by his personal patriotic inspiration, and Love for the Country, introduced the American Flags in our Public Schools, and after his death we the Members of that Ass. have caused to pass

the Bill of the 16th Amendment of Schools
and Charities at the Constitutional Convention
Albany Sept- 28th 1894. for which our Delegate
fought so nobly and courageous for.

I do not belong to the Public Education Assoc.
but I believe, that the public is entitled
to have something to say in regard to the
Money Matter and the consequences of this pres-
ent educational System, as they are the bearers
of heavy taxation and high rents.

Trusting, that you honored Sir as Mayor
of New York will do all you can during your
Administration, to keep down the heavily
laden overburdened City Indebtedness.

This in great Sincerity and
Patriotic Spirit—

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Very humbly yours

Mrs. C. L. Morehouse

THE AMERICAN PATRIOTIC LEAGUE

Has adopted the following platform of principles :

1. Restriction of immigration.
2. Extension of the time required for naturalization.
3. An educational qualification for every voter.
4. One general non-sectarian American Free School System.
5. Public funds and public property not to be used for sectarian purposes.
6. American lands for American settlers.

These views to be enforced by legislation.

Any American citizen of good moral character is eligible to membership in this organization.

If you endorse the above, and are willing to unite with the American Patriotic League for the furtherance of these principles, sign your name to the pledge on the other side of this card and transmit to **H. C. PARKE, Pres., 574 7th Ave., N. Y. City.**

~~Post Office Box, 2358.~~

PLEDGE.

I am in hearty accord with the principles of the
AMERICAN PATRIOTIC LEAGUE,
and pledge myself to act with it, in furtherance of its objects. I hereby
express a desire to become a member of the organization.

Name,.....

Residence,.....

Business Address,.....

N. B.—Don't attach your name unless you sincerely desire to become a member.

C New York City,

Nov. 18th., 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

M a y o r,

New York.

My Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter
of the 16th. inst., and thank you very much
for your courtesy.

Yours very truly,

Robert A. Van Wyck

The Mail and Express.
THE LEADING EVENING PAPER.
NEW YORK.

R. E. A. Dorr,
PUBLISHER.

November 18th, 1897.

Mr. Bion Burrows,
City Hall, New York.

Dear Mr. Burrows:—

There is a newsdealer at the south-west corner of 93rd Street and Columbus Avenue, who is a very deserving man and in whom I am much interested. I enclose his card. He has been there a long time.

It seems he has a permit which under the new law expires on the 2nd of December next. He discovered that someone else had applied for the stand for the coming year and fears that Mayor Strong has, or will, sign the new application.

If there is anything you can do to save this man's business for him, or if there is any way you can get the Mayor's attention to it without intruding too much on him, it will be a personal favor to me, and it will be doing a kindly act for a man who is worthy of assistance.

Thanking you in advance, I remain,

Yours very truly,

A

R. E. A. Dorr

QUESTION.

* Conceding its constitutionality, would it be impolitic to adopt a system of municipal referendum in the government of cities of the United States having a population of over 50,000? The referendum to be taken on any question when called for by one-tenth of the voters.

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Mr.
CHARLES YANKEY.
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GOLDWIN SMITH.

Madison, Wis., Nov. 18, 1897.

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

Dear Sir:

We are making a thorough investigation of the question of Municipal Referendum, as outlined above. Will you kindly answer for us, at your earliest convenience, the following questions:

1 Do you think the Referendum would decrease Municipal corruption?

2 Would it increase the interest of voters in Municipal affairs?

3 Would the people abuse their privilege of petitioning the right of voting on measures passed by the council?

Any other information that you may offer, such as where tried, or voted upon, results, why so, etc., or to authorities upon the subject, will be duly appreciated.

Trusting I will receive an early reply, by which you will greatly oblige me.

I am very respectfully

W. B. Clark

Geo. Sugden
Madison
Wis.

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New York, November 18th, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,

City Hall,

City.

MY dear Mr. Strong:-

I understand that you have some vacancies for Marshall which you are soon to fill. I should like to speak a word for Mr. Edward Schott of #198 East 73rd Street. Mr. Schott is a young man, but has great energy and capacity; I feel sure that he would be energetic and honest in the performance of his duties. He seems to me an ideal man for the place, and I earnestly hope that you may see fit to appoint him.

I wish you might have been present at the meeting of the Citizens Union last night. I am sure you would have been impressed by the present strength of the movement; I think also you would have been gratified to know that every reference to your own administration was greeted with applause. I believe that so far as we are concerned you will not find your prophecy ^{true} made when you were

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first elected that no one would applaud you at the close of your administration, ~~"time"~~. We all feel that perhaps our greatest source of regret in the failure to obtain success was the opportunity that we should have to promote the interests of good government, because you had laid such solid foundations, and I think that nothing more clearly shows the impossibility of an alliance with the Republican machine, than its absolute unwillingness to recognize or appreciate in any way the good work you have done. It is the clearest possible demonstration that the interests of the present Republican leaders were the interests of Tammany Hall, and it is therefore more than natural that they should join ~~with~~ Tammany and not with us. I quite agree with you in your criticism of Senator Platt, and am absolutely sure that the better elements of the Republican party will have no chance until he is out of the saddle.

Hoping that you may give special consideration to the name of Mr. Schott, I remain,

Very truly yours,

James B. Reynolds.