

Office of
Israel Ellis,
Attorney & Counsellor at Law,
129 East Broadway.

New York, Mch 18th 1897.

Hon. W^m L. Strong, Mayor.

My Dear Sir:

Allow me to congratulate you for your
wise and manly action in removing Mr. Parker from the Police Board.
All fair minded men and good citizens of this City applaud your
Honour's action in this matter, and to discharge your full duty in this
great emergency you ought to intimate to Council Grant that his resig-
nation from office will be acceptable to the Mayor of the City of New-
York.

Yours very truly,

Israel Ellis

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Am W R Stroy
Mayor City of N.Y.
N.Y.

My Dear Sir
The writer has, too on many
occasions, visit on business
your great city.
In the course of his visits he
has to run the gauntlet of
"Dead Man Curve" so called
He sees as any of your folk.
This "impression" has become a
conviction, "to wit" that all
cars going and coming, at or
near the curve, shall stop
within 50 of street crossings
in that locality, and switch
onto the other track, and return
to the place of original depart-
ture. The passengers being
transferred, to the cars across

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the street. to continue their trip
same as they would have to
transfer at any other line etc
The rail road co. had better have
street cleaners for the transfer
of passengers. than to keep up
this uncertainty in crossing.
then there would be no mud
dust or other debris to trouble
passengers Sincerely
William Lindswath Goodrich

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221 FIFTH AVENUE,
CHICAGO.

NEW YORK, March 13th, 1897.

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

Dear Sir:-

We trust you will favorably consider the bill which we understand has been passed by the legislature, allowing booths for the use of shipping clerks, cartmen, etc. to remain in their present position when within the stoop line and not interfering in any way with the public convenience or the public thoroughfare.

For many years, such small booths have been used and have become necessary, owing to the cramped condition of shipping accommodations in the lower part of the City, and to take them away now, where not interfering with the public convenience, would cause serious trouble and interfere materially with the business of many people occupying them.

Very respectfully yours,

Wm. L. Bacon

I should call, as you presumably in relation to the above, if I did not suppose you are over seas with such visits & glad to avoid them -

Wm. L. Bacon

J. BALDWIN HANDS,
COUNSELOR-AT-LAW,
18 WALL STREET.

NEW YORK,

Feb 18th 1897

Mayor Strong

Dear Sir

Your action in removing
Commissioner Parker will be
applauded and approved by
a large majority of the people
of this Community. I am an

organization supporter, but I have
no hesitation in saying that your
course is deserving of commendation
and will be supported by the
people.

Yours very truly
J. Baldwin Hands

The "Little-Mothers'" Aid Association.

OFFICE: 57 THIRD AVENUE,

New York, March 18th 1897.

My dear Friend:

Major Strong:

For your kind re-
membrance of the potent
"Little Mothers" may you
receive in your own
life many "Happy Days."

Ever yours gratefully,

Alma Calder Johnson

*Richard Deeves & Son,
Mason Builders.*

*"Mutual Reserve" Building,
Broadway & Duane Sts.*

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New York March 18, 1897.

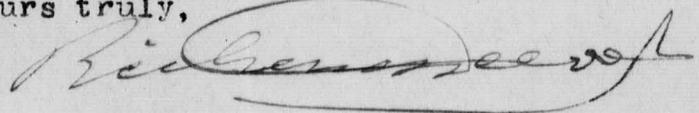
My dear Mayor Strong:--

I congratulate you on the step which you have taken in relation to Police Commissioner Parker. I think it is very timely and just right. He has not scrupled to do all he could to discredit your administration. I trust that Gov. Black will support you in this matter; but whether he does or not, the majority of right thinking people feel that you have done the right thing. The responsibility will now rest on the Governor if he retains such a marplot in the Police Board.

I heard of this last night at the Friendly Sons' dinner at the Waldorf, and nearly every person to whom I spoke on the subject, no matter what his shade of politics, said that Mayor Strong did what was right; and added in nearly every case, that Parker should have been removed long ago.

You have now 'carried the war into Africa', and instead of being on offensive side, hereafter they will be required to be of the defensive.

Yours truly,



Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of New York City.

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New York, Me 18 1897

*Geno L Strong
City Hall*

Dear Mayor

*I have taken the liberty of enclosing
you eight tickets for our annual Enter-
tainment & Ball to be held at Central
Opera House Me 27th. The Committee's
membership is composed of a number of
Yorkville's young men and ladies.*

*Hoping you will distribute them
to good advantage and to be honored with
your presence I remain*

*Yours very truly
J. A. Levy, President
415 E. 83rd St.*

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WM. W. NILES, JR.,
HENRY B. JOHNSON.
WM. W. NILES,
OF COUNSEL.
TELEPHONE No. 2152 CORTLANDT.

11 WALL STREET,
ROOMS 44, 45, 46, 47.

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Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor, etc.

My dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith proposed bill to authorize the improvement of a portion of Bronx Park as a site for the proposed zoölogical garden, which the Zoölogical Society is very anxious to have introduced into the Legislature at the earliest possible moment, in order to facilitate, if possible, its passage at the present session.

This bill I am informed by Professor Osborn has the sanction of the Corporation Counsel, and we are very anxious to obtain your approval. I have submitted a copy of the bill to Commissioner McMillan, and he has promised to consult you about it, and be guided by your wishes in the matter.

The Society does not in any way seek to forestall the action of the Sinking Fund Commission upon their application, but merely desire to progress the bill by an introduction at as early a date as possible, in order that, if the action of the Sinking Fund Commission should be favorable, the bill may have had the advantage of whatever time may be taken by the Sinking Fund Commissioners in reaching a determination.

I called to see you this morning to talk the matter over, but found you engaged, and likely to be so for some time, and as I could not wait, I have decided to send you the bill, and to call to-morrow morning, early, to talk the matter over. If Commis-

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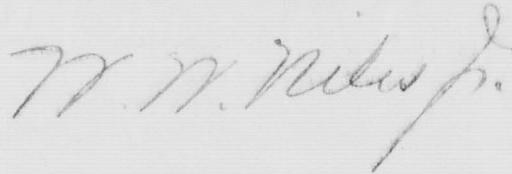
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sioner McMillan should see you in the meantime, I hope you will not give him a final answer, unless it should be in our favor, until I have seen you and explained in full what our purpose is.

Yours sincerely,



Enclosure.

An Act to provide for the improvement of a portion of Bronx Park in the City of New York to be allotted and set apart to The New York Zoological Society.

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

SECTION I. Whenever the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York shall, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7 of an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the New York Zoological Society and to provide for the establishment of a Zoological Garden in the City of New York", being Chapter 435 of the Laws of 1895, allot, set apart and appropriate for the uses of the said corporation, a portion of Bronx Park in the City of New York; and in making such allotment, shall by contract executed between the said Commissioners of the Sinking Fund and the said Zoological Society, or otherwise, fix the terms and conditions upon which said land shall be so allotted, and thereafter had, used and occupied, pursuant to the provisions of the said Act; the Department of Public Parks in the City of New York shall forthwith make such improvements upon the said portion of Bronx Park so allotted, set apart and appropriated as shall be necessary to provide proper sites for the buildings and fenced enclosures for the animal collections of said Society, and for the use of said land in carrying out the objects and purposes of the said Society and for the accommodation of the public; roads and approaches; the excavation and construction of pools and

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ponds; the grading of building sites and other parts of said land; the construction of a system of drains and sewers; the construction of water supply and heating plants; the erection of the necessary fences and guard rails or barriers; the macadamizing or paving of enclosures for large animals, the construction of suitable entrances; planting of trees, shrubs and plants, and at least two buildings for the public comfort, and in addition such other changes or improvements as may be deemed necessary for the use of said ground as a public Zoological Garden or Park, by said Society pursuant to the provisions of said Act; and the conditions or provisions on which the same has been allotted to or is held by said Society.

SECTION II. Such improvements, construction and erection shall be made pursuant to general plans to be made and prepared by the said The New York Zoological Society, when approved by said Department of Public Parks; and no work shall be performed upon the said land pursuant to the provisions of this Act, until such plans have been presented to and approved by the said Commissioners, nor until specifications shall have been made to carry out the same, in like manner approved by the said Department of Public Parks; nor except in accordance with such plans and specifications as so approved; nor until the said Zoological Society shall have raised by subscription or otherwise the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars for the prosecution of its work, and the same shall have been actually paid in to said Society or secured to the satisfaction of said Com-

missioners of Public Parks.

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SECTION III. For the purpose of providing means for carrying into effect the provisions of this Act, it shall be the duty of the Comptroller of the City of New York, upon being thereunto authorized by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of the City of New York, to issue and sell Consolidated Stock of the City of New York at such rate of interest as may be fixed by the Comptroller of said City, not exceeding four per cent per annum, as said Board of Estimate and Apportionment may from time to time prescribe. The said Stock shall provide for the payment of the principal and interest thereof in gold coin of the United States of America, and shall be free from taxation and be redeemable within a period not exceeding forty years from the date of its issue. The same shall not be sold for less than the par value thereof, and the proceeds thereof shall be paid out and expended for the purposes hereinabove indicated, and for which the same are issued, upon vouchers certified by the Department of Public Parks. The aggregate amount of said stock to be issued under the provisions of this Act shall not exceed One hundred and twenty-five thousand Dollars.

SECTION IV. All Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions hereof, are hereby repealed.

SECTION V. This Act shall take effect immediately.

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IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

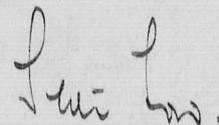
PRESIDENT'S ROOM

March 19th, 1897.

My dear Mr. Clark:

I have learned with some surprise that you are possibly under the impression that I do not favor the proposed small park between the Boulevard and the Riverside Drive, opposite to the new site of the University. Naturally, I favor the suggestion most heartily, provided that it should not be opened by assessment. The University is in no position to respond to such an assessment. On the other hand, should the city open a park at that point, it would be appreciated by the University most highly,—not only as a great advantage to the University, but as a recognition on the part of the city of the public spirit that has been displayed by the University in the buildings that it has erected there at such great cost. I hope very much that the West Side Association will be sufficiently interested in the matter to carry it through to success.

Yours faithfully,



Mr. Cyrus Clark,

327 West 76th St., New York.

*Richard Deeves & Son,
Mason Builders.*

*"Mutual Reserve" Building,
Broadway & Duane Sts.*

*Personal Office Hours:
from 1 to 2 P. M.*

New York March 19, 1897.

My dear Mayor Strong:--

A bill has just been passed by the Legislature and forwarded to you for your approval, the title of which, I believe, is "An Act for the Protection of Pedestrians and Others." The scope of the bill is that all buildings over eighty-five feet in height hereafter erected in the City of New York, shall have an outside enclosure to prevent accidents to pedestrians and others from falling materials from said building during its erection. I interested myself in the passage of this bill, knowing the danger to which the public is subjected during the erection of high buildings.

As I am going out of town for a few days, if any opposition to this bill manifests itself and a hearing is requested, I shall be extremely obliged if you will postpone said hearing until after Wednesday, so that I can be present.

Yours truly,

Richard Deeves

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of New York City.

G. S. No. 6,
85th ST. & MADISON AVE.

March 19, 1897

Job E. Hedges, Esq.

Mayor's Office

My dear Mr. Hedges,

Will you kindly
send me a list of the
School Inspectors? I
have no list later than
May, 1896, and there have
been many changes since
then. Very respectfully yours,

Katherine S. Blatz,

Thos L. James, President.
J. P. Van Wormer, Secy & Genl. Manager.

A. Van Santvoord, Vice President.
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32 to 42 East 42nd St. & 45 to 55 East 41st St.

New York March 19th, 1897.

The Honorable

W^m L. Strong.

Office of the Mayor of the City of New York.

My dear Mr. Mayor:-

My friend, John Farrel, 28 West 46th Street, this City, formerly and for many years the head of the safe and vault manufacturing firm of Messrs. Herring & Co. of New York, is about to start for Japan on a pleasure trip. He thinks it might do him good to have a letter signed by the Mayor of New York saying that he is a good citizen and reputable man.

Please do this and greatly oblige,

Yours very truly
John C. Van Wormer.

New York
March. 19th, 189th

How.

Mrs. Strong

Sir.

Please
call your attention to a
stable at 512 East 17th St.
under a 5 story brick flat
it is occupied by a horse
Doctor and a horse shoer

I am a invalid and
the noise from horse shoer
is very annoying from
5.30 in the morning until
8 or 9. O. C. clock at night
the smell that comes from
the horses feet when he is

fitting on the hot shoes
is sickening. The Dr. has
sick horses going in and
out through the day and
the way he is treating them
is enough to draw sickness
there is also horses stabling
there and when the door is
open there is a very bad
smell from the manure

The ~~neibors~~ neighbors
wrote to the Board of
Health several times but
there was no attention paid
to it so will you please
have it removed and Oblige

Citizen.

PENNSYLVANIA SANITATION COMPANY,

DESIGNERS AND BUILDERS

FOR

PURIFICATION OF WATER AND SEWAGE,

BETZ BUILDING.

BROAD STREET AND SOUTH PENN SQUARE,

PHILADELPHIA.

March 19, 1897.

Honorable Mayor,

Wakefield, New York.

Dear Sir:-

From the Engineering News of the 11th instant, we learn that your city is interested in the question of securing a method of sewage disposal without discharging it in its crude state into the water course and in this connection we wish to call your attention to the fact that we are designers and builders of sewage disposal plants upon a new and greatly improved system, which is based on the action of bacteria in sand filtration.

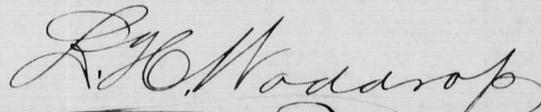
A plant which we constructed at Reading, Penna., (of 100,000 population) takes the sewage of the city, containing nearly 50,000 of the bacteria of disease to the cubic centimetre, and entirely without the aid of chemicals, eliminates them to the extent that in the effluent there was found but .2 bacteria to the cubic centimetre. This by actual analysis made by Dr. W.M.L. Coplin, Bacteriologist to the Pennsylvania State Board of Health. The effluent was demonstrated to be over 99 per cent pure.

From an examination of our system, made for the Danvers, Massachusetts, Lunatic Hospital, it was shown that the results compare very favorably with those attained by the Massachusetts State Board of Health, who have made such exhaustive experiments upon this subject. The cost of construction and erection of the plant for the system, and the expense of its maintenance, as compared with other methods, are also strong arguments in its favor.

If you will address us in reply, briefly outlining your situation and informing us as to what are your needs, we will endeavor to give you some information which we feel could not fail to prove of advantage. We have the best system for water purification and sewage disposal that has yet been devised, and we are prepared to demonstrate it.

Yours Very truly,

The Pennsylvania Sanitation Co.,


President.

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DEVOTED TO THE PROTECTION OF AMERICAN LABOR AND INDUSTRIES.

National Headquarters, No. 135 West 23d St.

(J.S.)--#712.

NEW YORK, March 20th, 1897.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

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

Dear Sir:

We are just in receipt of the following letter of resignation from President Bliss, which is self-explanatory:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
WASHINGTON,

March 16, 1897.

Board of Managers,
The American Protective Tariff League.
Gentlemen:

Having accepted public office under the United States government, I cannot, with propriety, retain my position as President of the League, and I hereby tender my resignation of that office.

In severing my official connection with the League, I beg to extend my thanks to its one thousand members, wherever they may reside, for the constant and effective support they have given to the cause in which we have, for so many years, been co-workers; also to express my high appreciation of the services of the Executive Board, of General Secretary Wakeman, and of the office force for their devotion to the arduous work which they have been called upon to perform. I am, gentlemen, with great personal regards,

Your obedient servant,

Cornelius N. Bliss.

It has been suggested by some members of the Board that possibly Mr. Bliss might be prevailed upon to retain the Presidency as certainly the position does not conflict with his duties as Secretary of the Interior. If you are in sympathy with this idea, will you have the goodness to write Mr. Bliss to this effect at Washington.

Respectfully yours,

Wilbur F. Wakeman,

General Secretary.

Dictated W. F. W.

New York Association of Sewing Schools.

MRS. RICHARD IRVIN, President.
MISS H. S. SACKETT, Vice-President.
MISS J. PATTERSON, Treasurer.
MISS BUCKLIN, Recording Secretary.
MISS DEAN, Corresponding Secretary,
109 East 18th Street.

NEW YORK, *March 20* 1897

My dear Mr. Strong:

I trust nothing
will occur to prevent
our hearing you on

Tuesday evening March
twenty-third, at the
Opening of the Exhibition

of Learning at the
American Art Galleries.

I enclose some
papers which will
give you an idea
of what our Association

is. I remain

Very cordially yours
H. M. Deane

New York Association of Sewing Schools.

MRS. RICHARD IRVIN
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VICE-PRESIDENT.

MISS J. PATTERSON,
TREASURER,
30 West 20th Street.

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SECRETARY,
109 East 18th Street.

THIS Association was organized in November, 1893. It is non-sectarian, and does not represent any particular system of sewing. Its object is to act as a center of information for sewing schools, and to bring together the various organizations that they may compare experiences and exchange ideas.

The first work was the formation

of a Teachers' Class in January, 1894. The Course consisted of five lessons, and over one hundred ladies became members. In the following April a Conference was held, which was largely attended. There was also a small exhibition of sewing in connection with it.

The work this season started with another Teachers' Class, beginning in November. The Course, as before, consisted of five lessons, and for those who had taken that of last year, an advanced one was arranged. An Embroidery Class was also held both years.

This Spring a series of meetings took the place of the Conference.

On March fourth Miss Jessie Patterson gave an account of her visits to sewing schools in England, France, Germany and Switzerland, and work done in these schools was exhibited.

The week following, on March elev-

enth, Mrs. Candace Wheeler spoke on Weaving, and showed many early American home-spun weavings, as well as some very beautiful specimens of modern products of the loom.

March eighteenth the Association was invited to visit the Teachers' College on Morningside Heights, where Mrs. Woolman gave a demonstration of Class Drills, showing the most approved methods.

In April an invitation was given to visit Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, and many took the opportunity to see the work done there.

The Association closes its second year with an Exhibition of Sewing at the Hotel Waldorf, in which some of the large representative institutions of our own country, and many smaller sewing schools, will take part. Specimens of work done in European schools will also be shown.

The Association has a membership

of more than fifty schools, representing about 11,000 scholars, and 1,200 teachers. Among the schools belonging are the Teachers' College, and Pratt Institute (Departments of Domestic Art), Young Women's Christian Association of New York and Brooklyn (Needlework Departments), Protestant Half Orphan Asylum, etc. While among the Church schools the following denominations are represented: Baptist, Collegiate, Congregational, Episcopal, Hebrew, Lutheran, Methodist Episcopal, Presbyterian, Swedenborgian and Unitarian.

The membership is not limited to New York, having already extended as far as St. Louis, Missouri. The annual membership fee is one dollar.

NEW YORK,
April, 1895.

**New York Association of
Sewing Schools.**

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
1896.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—*Name.*

This Organization shall be known as the NEW YORK ASSOCIATION OF SEWING SCHOOLS.

ARTICLE II.—*Object.*

The object of this Association shall be to act as a centre of information for Sewing Schools, and to formulate and carry out such plans, and arrange for such meetings or classes as may be deemed advisable for the further development of the work.

ARTICLE III.—*Membership.*

SECTION 1. Any school in which sewing is taught may become a member of the Association by the payment of one dollar annually.

Any school having two distinct departments with different officers, may have double representation by the payment of an additional dollar.

Each school shall have one vote for each representative. It shall be represented by its First Directress or a substitute appointed by her, and the second representative shall be the Head of the Primary Department or a substitute appointed by her.

SEC. 2. Any person interested in the work, but not connected with a school belonging to the Association, may, by the payment of fifty cents annually, become an associate member entitled to all the privileges of the Association except attendance at the business meetings, and the right to vote.

ARTICLE IV.—*Officers.*

SECTION 1. The officers of this Association shall be a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer.

SEC. 2. These officers shall be nominated by informal ballot, and elected by formal ballot at the annual business meeting. A majority vote of those present shall constitute an election.

SEC. 3. The officers elected shall serve one year, or until their successors are duly elected.

Vacancies occurring during the year shall be filled for the unexpired term by an election according to Section 2, at any regular business meeting of the Executive Board.

SEC. 4. The general management of this Association shall be in the hands of an Executive Board which shall consist of the officers, the Chairmen of Standing Committees, and four other members appointed annually by the President.

Five shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE V.—*Meetings.*

SECTION 1. The annual business meeting of the Association shall be held on the second Thursday of November.

SEC. 2. All general meetings of the Association, other than the annual meeting, shall be held at the call of the Executive Board.

SEC. 3. Fifteen shall constitute a quorum.

SEC. 4. Meetings of the Executive Board shall be called by the President on the written request of three members of the Board.

ARTICLE VI.—*Amendments.*

This Constitution may be amended at any annual business meeting of the Association, all members having been notified one week previously of proposed amendment.



BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.—*Duties of Officers.*

SECTION 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and the Executive Board. She shall appoint the Chairmen of all Standing Committees and be *ex-officio* member of the same. She shall also appoint all Special Committees, and shall present a written report at the annual meeting.

SEC. 2. In the absence of the President the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the office.

In the absence of both, the members assembled shall elect a President *pro tem*.

SEC. 3. The Recording Secretary shall give notice of all meetings and shall keep the minutes of the meetings.

SEC. 4. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Association.

SEC. 5. The Treasurer shall receive all dues and donations of money, shall keep account of them and of all expenditures, and make a written report at all business meetings.

ARTICLE II.—*Standing Committees.*

SECTION 1. The Standing Committees of the Association shall be a Committee on Classes and Lectures, composed of five members ; a Literature Committee, composed of three members, and an Auditing Committee, composed of three members.

SEC. 2. These Committees shall each be appointed by their respective Chairman, subject to the approval of the Executive Board.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Classes and Lectures to take charge of such classes or lectures as the Association shall decide upon.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Literature Committee to issue such literature as it shall deem helpful to the work. This Committee shall have charge of its own funds and shall meet all expenses incurred by it.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Auditing Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts at the close of each year, before her annual report is submitted to the Association.

ARTICLE III.—*Reports.*

All Standing Committees shall report in writing at every business meeting, except the Auditing Committee, which shall report only at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE IV.—*Authority.*

This Association shall, in its deliberations, be governed by Reed's Parliamentary Rules.

ARTICLE V.—*Amendments.*

These By-Laws may be amended at any regular business meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

New York Association of Sewing Schools.



MRS. RICHARD IRVIN, *President.*
MISS H. S. SACKETT, *Vice-President.*
MISS J. PATTERSON, *Treasurer.*
MISS BUCKLIN, *Recording Secretary.*
MISS DEAN, *Corresponding Secretary.*



The Exhibition of Sewing, under the auspices of the Association of Sewing Schools, will be held from Wednesday, March twenty-fourth, to Saturday, March twenty-seventh inclusive, in the American Art Galleries, 6 East 23d Street, one door east of Broadway.

The Exhibition will be open daily, from 10 A.M. until 6 P.M., and from 7.30 until 10 every evening but Saturday.

Tickets for single admission will be twenty-five cents, and can be had at the door or from Miss Parsons, 30 East 36th Street.

Special Season Tickets can be had for those connected with schools and institutions belonging

to the Association, or with those sending exhibits. These tickets will be twenty-five cents each, and will admit the teachers to whom they are issued as often as they may wish, but will not be transferable. They will *not* be on sale at the door, but may be obtained from Miss Parsons, 30 East 36th Street, through the superintendent or some other officer of the school to which the teacher belongs. The name of the school must invariably be given with each order.

All tickets will be ready for delivery by March tenth.

Through the Department of State at Washington, the diplomatic and consular representatives of the United States in Europe were requested to invite the Governments to which they were accredited to participate in the Exhibition, and exhibits have been sent from thirty-one schools under the direction of the School Board of London; from the Public Schools of Geneva and Zurich, Switzerland; the Public Schools of Stockholm, Sweden; the Professional Schools of Brussels and Ghent; the Government Schools of Honolulu, Hawaii, and also those of Japan.

An exhibit will be made by the schools for Indian women for the teaching of lace making; also by the class in Italian art work of the Society of Decorative Art for the reproduction of Sixteenth Century work, a piece of hand-made tapestry will be contributed by the Associated Artists, and specimens of Colonial needlework will be sent by the Societies of Colonial Dames.

The following schools and institutions will also exhibit :

The Public Schools of Buffalo, N. Y.; Baltimore, Md.; Irvington, N. Y.; New York City; New Haven, Conn.; Philadelphia; Springfield, Mass.; Utica, N. Y., and Washington, D. C.; The Brooklyn Industrial School Association; Children's Guild of the Society of Ethical Culture; Drexel Institute, Philadelphia; Hebrew Technical School; Home Industrial School, Asheville, N. C.; New York Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor (Vacation Schools); Orphan Asylum Society; Pratt Institute, Brooklyn; Rhineland School; Rochester Atheneum and Mechanics' Institute; School of Domestic Science, Boston; Stonover Sewing School, Lenox, Mass.; State

School for the Blind, Batavia, N. Y.; Teachers' College, New York; West Side Day Nursery and Industrial School; Workingmen's School; Young Women's Christian Associations of New York and Brooklyn; Amitage Industrial School; Atlantic Avenue Mission, Brooklyn; All Souls' (Unitarian) Brick Church; Church of the Ascension; Emanuel Chapel; Church of the Holy Communion; Epiphany Sewing School, Washington; Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity; Madison Avenue M. E. Church; Mount Morris Baptist Church; New York Colored Mission; Pro-Cathedral Chapel; St. Andrew's; St. Bartholomew's; St. James'; St. Michael's; St. Thomas'; Temple Emanuel; Twenty-first Ward Mission; Vermilye Chapel.

On Friday afternoon, March twenty-sixth, at 3 o'clock, in connection with the Exhibition, an informal Conference will be held in the Hall of the United Charities Building, 105 East 22d Street. Admission to this will be free.

MARCH, 1897.

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Ernest F. Eidlitz,
Attorney & Counsellor at Law,
35 Nassau Street.

Telephone Connection.

New York, Mar. 20, 1897

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

Sir:-

A bill has recently passed the Legislature providing for the inclosure of buildings during the course of construction, being Senate Bill introduced 322, by Senator Ahearn, print 677, which bill is now before you.

This bill is regarded by the undersigned Associations as detrimental to the building interests of this city, and ~~is~~ impose ~~a~~ useless burden upon those engaged in the building trades.

No hearing before the committees of the Legislature has been had by these Associations, and we would respectfully ask Your Honor to grant an audience to us, in order that we may have an opportunity of presenting our opposition to you, in the hope that Your Honor may deem it proper to refuse your consent to this measure.

Very respectfully,

Ernest Eidlitz
Counsel for Mechanics & Traders' Exc.,
Mason Builders' Ass'n, and Building
Trades Club.

Mr. Harris J. Chilton.
Columbade Hotel
Philadelphia

Philadelphia
March 20 1897
Crownall Hotel

Dear Mayors

I am led to write you
this letter, in time to save
the Greater New York Mayor,
to the Republicans - I wrote
you a letter, shortly after
you were elected Mayor,
advising you to adopt Comp
ulsory voting, as a State
Law. I also said, in that
letter, unless you voted
under some kind of a
Compulsory Voting Bill

Sam many, would return to
power, in New York City.
You would not heed my
advice, so Sam many with
one year, after your great
reform victory, you did
not answer my letter, but
I hope, you will acknowledge
the receipt of his letter, and
that you will leave my
bill, as enclosed, made
law, in time for the
election next fall.
The late elections, in
your State, just received
the returns, prove the need

of a law, such as my
draft. My bill is now
pending in the State Legis-
lature, at Harrisburgh,
and, I am to have a
hearing before the
Senate committee. My
bill has passed the
first reading, I have
two lawyers engaged,
to argue the bill, I
can get you a hearing
before our committee.
Your speech here, would
help along the same
idea, in New York

do you can send Mr
Boosevelt, in your place,
as I have some chance
of passing my Bill. The
trouble is, in all cities, you
cannot get the better
classes to vote, except
once in a long while. My
Bill has many friends, now,
in New York, and, if you will
take hold of the matter,
you will beat Tam many
forever. Excuse my
bad hand writing, but act
on the advice, in the
letter yours Sincerely
Harris C. Carter

An Act to Make Voting Compulsory.

SECTION I. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Pennsylvania, that it shall be compulsory upon every qualified voter, of the State of Pennsylvania, to cast a ballot at each and every general election, hereafter held in Philadelphia or any of the several Counties of this State, according to law.

SECTION II. And, be it enacted, that it shall be the duty of the Judges of Election, at each and every general election hereafter held in this State, according to law, at the closing of the polls of said election, to examine the books containing the names of the said qualified voters, of their respective polling places, and to make a red mark under the name of each voter who has neglected to cast his ballot at said election; and to have copied a true and correct list of names and addresses of all voters who failed to cast their ballots, as aforesaid; such copy to be signed by each Judge and attested by the clerks, at each polling place, and to be transmitted by the returning Judge, within the next succeeding ten days of said election, to the Clerk of the Criminal Court of Philadelphia City, or Clerk of the Circuit Court of the County in which said election was held.

SECTION III. And, be it enacted, that it shall be the duty of the Clerks of said Courts, to immediately issue summons under the seal of the Court, to be served by the sheriff upon said delinquent voter, commanding him to appear in person before the Court at its next sitting thereafter, to show cause why the fine, hereinafter prescribed, shall not be imposed upon him for neglecting to cast his ballot at said election.

SECTION IV. And, be it enacted, that it shall be the duty of the presiding Judge of said Court to hear the cause or excuse of said voter for his failure to cast his ballot at said election, and if he be unable to give such an excuse, under oath, as prescribed by Section 5 of this Act, then said Judge shall give judgment against said voter for the fine of \$5.00 (five dollars) and costs, to be collected as other fines and forfeitures are collected in this State.

SECTION V. And, be it enacted, that every voter who violates Section 1 (one) of this Act shall be subject to the fine herein imposed, unless he can show to the satisfaction of the Judge before whom his case is heard, that he was unable, by reason of sickness, or absence from the City, or County, wherein he is a qualified voter, at the time of the holding of said election, to cast his ballot at said election.

SECTION VI. And, be it enacted, that if any qualified voter be adjudged guilty of violating Section 1 of this Act, his property, to the amount of one hundred dollars shall be exempt from liability for said fine, and judgment.

SECTION VII. And, that it be enacted, that all fines collected under or by virtue of this Act, shall go to the Public School Fund of Philadelphia City or of the County wherein said fine is imposed and collected.

SECTION VIII. And, be it further enacted, that this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

HARRIS J. CHILTON,

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

Our sole aim is to raise the tone of citizenship. Whatever concerns the welfare of our city is made the subject of inquiry and conference.



The City Vigilance League,

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New York, March 20th. 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong.

Mayor of the City of New York.

City Hall. New York City.

Hon. and Dear Sir:

I am instructed by the Board of Trustees of the City Vigilance League of New York to transmit the enclosed set of Resolutions which were passed at a Meeting of the Board of Trustees held on Friday evening March 19th. 1897.

Very respectfully yours

A. W. Abbott.

General Secretary.

R E S O L V E D

That the City Vigilance League of New York holds in high esteem and cordially appreciates the two members of the Board of Police, Commissioners Theodore Roosevelt and Avery D. Andrews, and

R E S O L V E D

That too much praise cannot be given to these Officials for the stand they have taken, in opposition to Commissioners Parker and Grant, for honest enforcement of law, increased efficiency of the Police force, recognition of faithful service, together with their close attention to Police duties even under the adverse circumstances to which they have been subjected, and

R E S O L V E D

That the League is aware that there are some who, not knowing the true inwardness of affairs, feel that the entire Police Board should be charged with the present deadlock, but we, and others, knowing what has occurred from week to week, feel that it cannot be too distinctly and emphatically stated that Commissioners Roosevelt and Andrews could take no other stand, nor act other than as they have done, and still be worthy of the public confidence and entitled to the respect and support of all those who admire courageous Officials and honest administration, and

R E S O L V E D

That, in our opinion Commissioners Roosevelt and Andrews are doing what they were appointed to do, namely: To re-organize the Police Department; to rid the Department of corruption; to put an end to the system of blackmail heretofore present in the work of the Department; to take cognizance of merit and not influence, of efficiency, of honesty and of sobriety; and to put down crime whenever and where ever found,
and

R E S O L V E D

That the Secretary transmit a copy of these Resolutions to the Mayor Hon. William L. Strong and a copy to the Board of Police Commissioners.

Moved, seconded and unanimously passed

March 19th. 1897.

INCOME OF THE WOOL EXCHANGE.

THE OFFICERS COUNTING ON MORE THAN \$129,000
NET RETURN FROM THE BUILDING.

By the purchase of the large fireproof Wool Exchange Building at West Broadway and Beach-st., the recently incorporated Wool Exchange of this city has acquired a permanent investment of a kind to secure the stockholders of the Exchange against loss and provide for a part of the annual dividend on the stock. The sum of \$1,100,000 was paid for the building, \$500,000 in cash from the \$700,000 of capital stock already paid in, and \$600,000 by a mortgage held by one of the large life insurance companies of the city. The annual rentals of the building amount to over \$92,000, and after paying the interest on the mortgage, taxes and expenses incidental to the care of the building, the Wool Exchange will have a dividend each year from the income of the building alone.

The Wool Exchange, however, is to have other sources of income. Annual dues of trading members amount to \$25,000 a year. The rent of auction rooms for trade sales will amount to \$6,000 or more each year. The annual commissions from wool auctions are expected to amount to \$100,000. At the start the trading memberships in the Exchange have been sold at \$100 each, but that low price was made only for the first 200 memberships. The price of a membership may go to \$1,000 soon. An annual income of nearly \$200,000 for the Exchange is expected, and the total expenses will fall below \$70,000 a year. The officers of the Exchange are counting on an annual net income of more than \$129,000. The Wool Exchange, as planned, will assume no liabilities of any nature incident to general business. The wool auctions, as is the case in London and in other public markets, will be on a cash basis.

The capital stock of the Wool Exchange is \$1,000,000, and consists of 10,000 shares of common stock at \$100 a share. There is no preferred stock, and no stock is sold for less than its face value. Wool merchants and other men interested in the wool trade have subscribed and paid for 7,000 shares of the stock, and the \$700,000 has been received by the United States Trust Company of New-York, the registers of the stock. The trust company has issued certificates for the 7,000 shares. The remaining 3,000 shares of stock are subject to subscription, and the stock can be procured only upon application to Charles H. Roberts, the treasurer, at the Wool Exchange. The right is reserved by the Board of Directors to reject or reduce any application for stock. All subscriptions for stock are to be paid to the United States Trust Company of New-York when called for by the Board of Directors.

The directors of the Wool Exchange have declared their belief that the interests of the Exchange will be promoted by having the remaining shares of its stock sold to persons not directly interested in the wool business, for the reason that more persons will thus be acquainted with the work of the Exchange, and will aid in its success. The first Board of Directors of the Exchange consists of Mayor William L. Strong, of New-York; Charles Fletcher, of Providence, R. I.; Allan Macnaughtan, of New-York; C. B. Mitchell, of New-York; Titus Sheard, of Little Falls, N. Y.; Albro J. Newton, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; James Macnaughtan, of New-York, and Charles H. Roberts, late cashier of the Empire State Bank.

The officers of the Exchange for the first year are: President, Allan Macnaughtan; vice-president, Charles Fletcher, and treasurer and secretary, Charles H. Roberts.

Wool Exchange

New York

March 20, 1897

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York

New York

Dear Col. Strong:

Someone will no doubt ask you about the value of the Wool Exchange stock as an investment, as the stock is to-day offered to the public.

Seven hundred thousand (\$700,000) dollars has already been received and paid into the United States Trust Co., and seven thousand (7000) shares issued therefor. The remaining three thousand (3000) shares are now being offered.

The enclosed clipping from the Tribune this morning (which was unsolicited and evidently put in as a review of our advertisement) is such a clear statement that it will interest you.

Do not hesitate to speak a good word for the enterprise. It is sound and all right from top to bottom.

very cordially yours,

James Macnaughtan.

W. C. GARDNER,
FORWARDER,
86 & 88 FRANKLIN STREET, *P. O.* }
COR. CHURCH AND WORTH STREETS, *Address* }
74 & 76 WORTH STREET,
NEW YORK.

N.Y. March. 20th 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong.

Mayor of City of N.Y.

Dear Sir,

I have thought to call on you with a friend; but feeling somewhat as Mr Bacon does, (whose letter I inclose) I have not done so. My object in writing is to ask that you will give the "Truckman's Booth Bill" the full consideration its importance demands. My own Booth is on Messrs Wheelwright Eldredges' side walk on Church St. I would be much pleased, if some day when you are at your

place of business, you would walk to the corner and see it. It is one, representative of those we wish to preserve. Well within the stoop line, no disfigurement to the City, and interfering with no one. You will see at a glance how inconvenient it would be for me to be turned onto the sidewalk, with books and loose striping racks, representing a business worth to some Twenty Millions a year to the houses I represent. Such as W. E. & Co, The Washington Mills Co, Sawyer Manning & Co, Nevins & Co, The Allen Lane Co, The Rock Mfg Co and others. The removal of such Booths would be

on a line with the attempt to deprive Merchants of the privilege of using the sidewalks as they now do.

Very Respectfully
Yours
W. E. Gardner

120 E. 30th St.

March 20/99

My dear Mr. Stroy

Thank you
very much for your
letter, and please
excuse my writing
without verifying
the report I had
heard.

I am very glad
of your action
about Lewis Parker,
and hope it will
have the success
it ought.

Very Sincerely yours
J. Howell.

"It is natural for the patriotic citizens of a
Republic to be Republicans."

HELL GATE REPUBLICAN CLUB,
30TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT,
310 E. 86TH STREET,

New York, March 20th 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong, Mayor
Dear Sir,

At a regular meeting of the Hell Gate Rep.
Club held on the 16 inst. you were unanimously
elected an Honorary Member. Earnestly hoping
you will accept the Honor the Club seeks
to confer I remain

Yours
Wm. Friedman
Secy.

THE CITY'S CONSENT ASKED.

FOR THE SALE OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ORPHAN ASYLUM GROUNDS.

ARGUMENTS PRESENTED TO THE ALDERMEN
BY THE TRUSTEES OF THE INSTITUTION.

A petition by the trustees of the Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum asking for the consent of the city authorities to the sale of the asylum grounds at Fifth-ave. and Fifty-first-st. was laid before the Board of Aldermen yesterday. It was ordered printed and laid over for further action. The petition alleges that the present quarters of the asylum are inadequate and antiquated, and that ampler and more adequate quarters can be found for the institution further uptown. Archbishop Corrigan signed the petition.

The asylum grounds for the sale of which the consent of the city is desired comprise the entire block bounded by Fifth-ave., Fifty-first-st., Madison-ave. and Fifty-second-st. They are on the opposite side of Fifth-ave. from the Vanderbilt houses and on the opposite side of Fifty-first-st. from St. Patrick's Cathedral. They were transferred to the trustees of the asylum by the city fifty years ago on the condition that they should forever be occupied by the asylum, or used for asylum purposes, and for that reason the consent of the city must be obtained before the grounds can be sold. The present value of the property is said to be about \$2,000,000, based on the recent sale of the St. Luke's Hospital grounds at Fifth-ave. and Fifty-fourth-st.

It was said last evening that the trustees of the asylum had no purchaser for the property in view, but would place the property in the market as soon as the consent of the city authorities could be obtained. As an argument for the consent of the city, it was said that the property is at present free from taxation, but if it is sold to private persons it will be used as building sites, and the buildings probably will cost as much as the grounds. The city would therefore be able to tax property worth \$4,000,000 or more. If the asylum authorities can sell the grounds they will be able to buy a much larger tract of land in the northern part of the city, possibly near one of the public parks, and erect larger and more suitable buildings for the institution.

Prominent Catholics said last evening that they believed there was no legal objection to the sale of the asylum grounds if the consent of the city could be obtained, and they thought the sale would be beneficial to the city as well as to the asylum. It has seemed to many that the asylum ought not to occupy restricted grounds in a part of the city where the value of land is so enormous, when it might occupy larger and less valuable grounds in a region where the children of the institution could have better air and more room for play. The removal of the asylum also would be a benefit to other property in Fifth-ave. and Madison-ave.

There was a report years ago that the late William H. Vanderbilt wanted to buy the property as a building site for an art museum, but at that time the trustees of the asylum were said not to be willing to sell the property, even if the consent of the city could be obtained. If the reports were true, Mr. Vanderbilt had a plan to establish an extensive museum and give to it his collection of paintings. So far as could be learned last evening the property, if it is sold, probably will be divided up into sites for fashionable dwellings.

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New York, March 20-1897 189

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Hon. W. L. Strong,

City Hall, New York,

My Dear Mr. Mayor,

I enclose a cutting from yesterday's "**Tribune.**"

It occurs to me that if the Asylum have had the use of the property for the past fifty years without taxes, and it is now worth \$2,000,000, if the city were to take it and allow them \$1,000,000, it would surely give them a very much larger amount than they would need to purchase extensive grounds, and erect large commodious buildings thereon in the northern part of the city. The other \$1,000,000 could revert to the city, or be devoted to some other charity. It occurred to me that it would do no harm to suggest it for your consideration.

Hope to have the pleasure of seeing you again at Richfield Springs this summer, although would much prefer to have your visit made for pleasure than for treatment.

Truly yours,

E. C. Anderson.

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New York, March 20th. 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong

Mayor of the City of New York.

City Hall. New York City.

Hon. and Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Board of Trustees of the City Vigilance League of New York to transmit to you the attached copy of a set of Resolutions just ~~for~~ forwarded to his Excellency, the Governor of the State of New York, Hon. Frank S. Black, approving your action in removing Police Commissioner Andrew D. Parker and asking the Governor to confirm your action.

Very respectfully yours

A. W. Abbott.

General Secretary.

W H E R E A S : - We have heard of the action taken by the Mayor of our City, Hon. William L. Strong, in removing from office Police Commissioner Andrew D. Parker, and

W H E R E A S : - The action of the Mayor in removing Police Commissioner Andrew D. Parker is for the best interests of the Police Department and the City and in favor of its harmonious and effective administration, and

W H E R E A S : - Section 108 of Chapter 410 of the Laws of 1882 requires the confirmation by the Governor in writing of all such removals before the same are effective, therefore

Resolved

That the City Vigilance League of New York cordially and earnestly approves of the action taken by the Mayor and we sincerely hope that it will be confirmed by the Governor, and

Resolved

That we earnestly petition his Excellency the Governor, the Hon. Frank S. Black to uphold the Mayor of New York City in the action he has taken toward removing the trouble now existing in the Police Board and the injury to the City, by confirming the removal of said Andrew D. Parker from the office of Police Commissioner of the City of New York, and

Resolved

That these resolutions be forwarded by the Secretary of this League to his Excellency the Governor, Hon. Frank S. Black and that a copy be transmitted to His Honor the Mayor, Hon. William L. Strong.

Moved, seconded and unanimously passed

March 19th. 1897.

ALLEN B. MORSE,
Consul.

WILLIAM GIBSON,
Vice and Deputy Consul.

JAMES J. INGLIS,
Deputy Consul.

Consulate of the United States of America,

107 West Regent Street,

Glasgow, Scotland,

March 21 1897.

Hon J^m L Strong
Mayor New York City

Dear Sir

One Patrick Garberry
was killed by a cable car
in your city on Election Night
Nov. 6. 1895 on Park Row, N.Y.

Some two weeks afterwards
his wife and two children, one
a boy now 17 years of age and
the other a girl of 15. landed in
New York, expecting to find the
husband and father. They
returned to Scotland Feb 8
1896. Now they want to go

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to the United States to make it
 their home, and friends here are
 willing to raise money enough
 to send them there. But they would
 have but little if any thing where
 they arrived, and I have told them
 I did not think they would be
 permitted to land, not being
 citizens. Mrs Barber says
 she met you while she was
 searching for her husband, and
 that you were very kind to her, and
 wished me to write you, if anything
 can be arranged so that they can
 land. She is confident that they
 can support themselves and so will
 there. I promised her I would
 write her this letter. She is able
 bodied and so are the children
 Yours truly
 Allen B. Morse

150 Eighth Ave.

March 21st. 1907

Hon. W. L. Strong.

Mayor of N. Y. C.

Dear Sir;—

Not knowing you personally, but as the official, representing the head of the city of New York, it gives me pleasure to be able to offer you, my sincerest congratulations, on the anniversary of your seventieth birth day.

In offering my congratulations to you, I simply reecho the sentiments of

tens of thousands of citizens
of the Empire, city of the world.

I trust that for many
years to come, I may be able
to offer my sincerest wishes
to you.

Very respectfully,

Amiel E. Blanc.

150 Eighth Ave.

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BRONSON WINTHROP.
HENRY L. STIMSON

LAW OFFICE OF
ROOT AND CLARKE,
MUTUAL LIFE BUILDING, NO. 32 LIBERTY STREET,
NEW YORK.

Rec
March 22nd, 1897.

The Honorable
William L. Strong,
City Hall, New York .

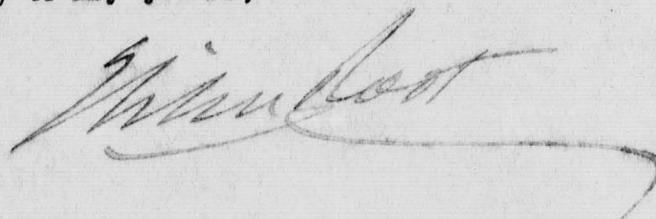
My dear Sir:-

I am told that a bill providing for payment of \$20 a day to the Justices of the Supreme Court residing out of this district but who are assigned to hold Special Terms here has been passed by the Legislature and is before you for action. I very much hope that you will approve it. Our trial calendars are very much in arrears and a strong effort is being made to clear them off so that trials can be had within a reasonable time. Nothing discourages dishonest litigation so much as speedy trials. It is very important for us to find good Judges up in the State who are willing to come here and help in this work. An extra allowance of Judges was made to the country districts by the Constitution for the express purpose of securing Judges in this City who should come from other parts of the State and thus prevent the Court from being too local and too much shut in by local influences and impressions.

The amount provided by the Legislature is reasonable in view of the fact that these Judges cannot be expected to come for a month or two at a time without having some part of their families with them and they have, of course, to keep up their home establishments while at the same time they are spending money in New York.

I hope you will approve the bill.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Winthrop", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

OFFICERS.

CYRUS CLARK, PRESIDENT,
Residence, 327 W. 76th St.
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HOUSE COMMITTEE :
JAS. V. D. CARD, 248 West 73rd St.

New York, March 22nd, 1897.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to lay before you herein resolutions adopted by the Committee of Public Safety of this association at its meeting held on Saturday last, 20th inst.:

WHEREAS, Notice has been served on the occupants of houses west of Central Park and north of 70th Street, from the Department of Street Cleaning, by George E. Waring, Jr., Commissioner, stating that "When the West End Association secures the removal of restrictions which it has had placed on the maintenance of a dump on the river west of Riverside Park it will be possible for this department to remove all of the ashes produced in your (the) district; and

WHEREAS, The present controversy was not initiated by the association, but by the Department of Street Cleaning through its Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, The West End Association has placed no restrictions upon any property in the city; and

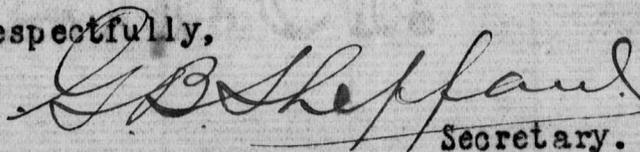
WHEREAS, The act probably referred to by the Commissioner, to wit, chapter 900 of the laws of 1895, was passed by the legislature of this State in the interests of the entire city and for the preservation and beautifying of the public parks and park domains:

RESOLVED: That the association repudiates and disaffirms the position taken by the Department of Street Cleaning in this matter, as being an unwarranted interference with the rights of different sections of the city.

RESOLVED FURTHER: That it is the sense of the Committee of Public Safety of the West End Association that the position already assumed by the association is not to be receded from in any way, shape, form or manner; that we believe the attitude of the Department of Street Cleaning to be arbitrary, unjust and unreasonable, and that we reiterate the protest already made against the position taken by said department.

RESOLVED FURTHER: That copies of these resolutions be sent to the Mayor, the Commissioner of Street Cleaning, the Comptroller and to the press.

Yours respectfully,


Secretary.

To

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

March 22nd/97

Mayor W. L. Strong
Honored Sir

only about 400 licences
for news stand have been
issued from a total of
about 4000. I learned this
when I called for mine,
which I did not do until
I was threatened with arrest
by an officer I would like to
know why all applicants who
obtained permits through the
Alderman's board are not
ordered by the police to comply
with the law and compelled the
delinquent news dealers to call
and pay for their already granted
and approved of licences.

Yours Respect. Julius Stern 644 Columbus Ave

No. 2383 - 3rd av.

U. S. Cor. 129th St.

Prof. Week 27/97

Hon^{ble} Wm L. Strong
Mayor

Dear Sir

I take

the liberty of writing you in reference
to the matter of hastening the decision
on the approach (on the only one) of
New 3rd av. bridge. The matter was
argued on July 26th before the Board
of appointment and a speedy ^{decision} ~~assent~~
~~of~~ of this vexatious question was
promised. Your Honor is well aware

that it is a very unbusiness like way
 of treating business people, to keep
 them in suspense so long a while,
 particularly when it is a question
 only of two plans, (East or west side)
 the merits and demerits of which have
 been fully explained and which if ten
 years more were taken in considering
 them could not be any better under-
 stood. Hoping you will hasten this
 matter, so as that trades men may know
 what to do. I am very truly

Your obt. Servt
 Jas A. Lyon

Office Days at Roper and Mackeys'
Ferry every Wednesday.

Office Days at Jamesville
every Friday.

Law Office of

Edmund Alexander,

Plymouth, N. C.,

REFERENCES.

Citizens' Bank, Norfolk, Va.
First National Bank, E. City, N. C.
Bank of Edenton, Edenton, N. C.
Bank of Washington, Washington, N. C.
Citizens' Bank, New Berne, N. C.

March 22nd, 1897.

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

Dear Sir:-

I have a client who claims a considerable amount of real estate in your City . The property is well located and of immense value . Will you kindly refer me to some responsible , able and influential attorney who would investigate the matter for us upon a contingent fee . Trusting you may have time from your duties to give us a prompt reply , I have the honor to be , yours most respectfully ,

Edmund Alexander ,

Mayor of Plymouth,

North Carolina.

Board of Education,

No. 146 GRAND STREET.

New York, March. 22^d 1897

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of N.Y.

Sir:

As I am about to move out of the City, I herewith tender my resignation as an Inspector of Public Schools of the Eleventh School District of this City.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Eugenia R. Brown,
243. West 11th St.

City.

The Rhinelander School,

(Of the CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY,)

350 EAST 88TH STREET,
[Between 1st And 2d Avenues.]

New York, March 22nd 97

To the

Hon. William M. Storaq;

Dear Sir:

When I first proposed to my little folks that they present to you a flag I told them that when it was finished I would take a small delegation of them (half-a-dozen) down to the City Hall to present it to you there; so that they might see the room and building in which so many business matters about our Government are settled.

They were delighted at the arrangement; they were to choose for themselves who, of their number, should enjoy that honor and looked forward with great pleasure to that visit and what they would learn from it.

The Rhinelander School,

(Of the CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY,)

350 EAST 88TH STREET,
[Between 1st And 2d Avenues.]

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But when the flag was finished Mr. Clowh asked me if I would present it at the "Alpha Chapter" meeting,

at first I demurred, as I did not want my scholars to lose the object lesson to be gained from such a visit to you, but he urged me so strongly to do as he requested that, as he had been kind enough to obtain for me the "Lincoln Rail" from which the staff was made, and as I was not sorry to have the Public know that my little ones appreciate your kind interest in their work, I decided to carry out his desire.

We enjoyed doing so; and still I find myself wishing that some of my little folks may yet make a visit to you; so I will to ask if, at some time when you are not expecting as great a rush of business as usual,

The Rhinelander School,

(Of the CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY,)

350 EAST 88TH STREET,
[Between 1st And 2d Avenues.]

III

New York, 189

we may have the honor of calling
upon you for a few minutes?

If such an opportunity pre-
sents itself, and you will kindly let
me know, I shall avail myself of
the privilege, and be most-grateful
for same.

Believe me to be very sincerely

Yours &c.

Margt. P. Pascale,
Principal.

MAYOR'S OFFICE



Yonkers, N.Y. March 22nd, 1897.

Mr. Job B. Hedges,

My dear Job:-

Will you be kind enough to send me at your
early convenience the names of the Central Park Commissioners,
and oblige

Very truly yours,

Wm. R. Kane

THE BROOME ST. TABERNACLE,
395 BROOME STREET,
NEW YORK.

REV. ALEXANDER J. KERR, PASTOR.

March 23rd 1897.

Job E. Hedges Esq.

My dear Sir: I wish to thank you for your trouble in the case of Peter Ford, lately a Snapper in the D.C. Dept, and for sending me Capt. Gibson's letter. I shall at the first opportunity call upon the Capt. personally.

For my own justification with you, simply to show that I did not abuse your kindness, permit me to say:

1. Capt. Gibson's letter contains a self-contradiction. It says "Ford was dismissed for not reporting for work when ordered" - and then goes on to say that he was fined a day's pay, and then wanted the foreman to allow him for the day that he had not worked.
2. The facts, in a word, seem to be these: Ford did not report for work on Sunday morning, the 14th. He may have had a good excuse - the fact is his wife is dying from cancer in the stomach - but that is not now considered. On Monday morning his foreman told him he was fined a day's pay - Later in the day Ford asked the foreman if he couldn't

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NEW YORK.

REV. ALEXANDER J. KERR, PASTOR.

"fix that fine for him before the books went to the Commissioner's office". He says he uses the words "excuse that fine" especially as the ^{Ford says,} was the foreman's own fault that he had not reported for work on Sunday morning. The foreman said "do you want me to be sent to State's prison, is that what you want?" "No, said Ford, "I do not indeed, but you and the Inspector could excuse that fine, especially as I have never been fined before," or words to that effect.

But in any case it was merely a request, such as I presume the foremen hear every day, to be let off on the fine.

Then on Wednesday he was dismissed.

It was for this reason that I wrote that I thought he had been unjustly dismissed, and I took it for granted that he could make this appear if an opportunity were given him -

I am Yours Very Truly

Alexander J. Kerr -

J. KITTEL & CO.,
Manhattan Life Building,
No. 66 BROADWAY, Room 156,
NEW YORK.

Tuesday

New York, March 23rd, 1897

To His Honor,

Mayor Strong,

New York City, N. Y.

Sir:-

Would it not be well to consider the advisability of widening One Hundred and Twenty-second Street between Morningside Avenue and Riverside Avenue when the plans are being made for the "plaza east of Grant's monument"?

On Sunday last One Hundred and Twenty-second Street, especially near Riverside Drive, was so crowded with pedestrians, bicycle riders, carriages and people on horseback that it seemed a wonder that no one was run over or even hurt. Residing within a few feet from One Hundred and Twenty-second Street on the Drive I have an excellent opportunity to observe the many narrow escapes from accidents.

Very respectfully yours,

Joseph J. Kittel

Ninth National Bank

John K. Cilley,
PRESIDENT.

H. H. Nazro,
CASHIER.

New York, Me. 23 1897

My Dear Col.

Will you allow me to introduce my friend Mr. Gilbert J. Herbert of Messrs. H. L. Herbert & Co. one of the largest & most reliable Coal dealers ^{of this city}.

Mr. Herbert wishes to have your eye on the subject of a Bill regulating the sale & delivery of Coal in New York City which will come before you very soon for consideration & approval. I shall be obliged if you will give Mr. Herbert that fair consideration which is characteristic of you & which I believe his Bill demands -

To
Mayor Strong. J. K. Cilley

McGranahan Furnace Co.,

258 WEST 29TH STREET,

New York, March 23, 1897

Mayor Strong
of New York.

Dear Sir

please come to Guttenberg, N. J.
and see our smoke consuming furnace,
we consume all of the smoke from soft
coal, we ^{get} a temperature of 2200 degrees
under our boiler, about double of any
other process, our smoke stack is only
twenty feet above the top of our boiler
But we get all of the gases out of
the coal.

The saving in coal will be
from 30 to 50 per cent.

please come and see it
you will not believe it unless you
see it with your own eyes.

Take Barclay, Christopher
14th or 42nd St. Ferris, Take trolley on Jersey
side for Guttenberg, get off at Sherman Ave

You
walk west until you come to Mr. J. H.
Meierdiercks Lager Beer Brewery,
and there you will see the above
Furnace in operation

This process will save the
City of New York thousands of dollars
in a short time

Yours Resp-
McGraw-Hill, Furnace Co
Dictated by J. McGraw-Hill

82 & 84 Worth St.
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*Most hearty Congratulations
& many happy returns of
Yr birth-day! — All
Love & respect yours
"Hæc olim
meminisse
jurabit."
Cordially yrs
Sigmund W. Fay
Per Hon Wm L. Spring
Mayor of New York City*

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New York, Mar 22 1897.



How Mr L. Strong;

Mr Mayor;

As the good People
of our City will require the

able Services of an active

Young fellow as you are

for seventy Years more;

Kindly accept this

"Bank" Gold Pen;

Good for several more

terms—like your good self;

Say Yes; always yours

John Foley

115

14th St. & 6th Ave.

March 23rd 1897

Dear Mayor Strong

I was much interested in reading of your birth-day, just past, and glad that you are so well ⁱⁿ hale, at your age, but I have read in the papers, from time to time, that you are some times troubled

with gout or pains
in your limbs. I therefore
Dear Sir, wish to make
you a present of my
Electric Herb Pad, which
is very excellent in
its soothing, antiseptic
effect on the whole
body, the effect is
powerful and the
aroma of the herbs
is pleasant and strengthening.

May I give you
a pad as a birth
day present. If you
will accept it

I will send it to
you. I know that
it will be greatly
helpful to you.

Please accept it, if I
may send it to you.

Its great value
is shown by those
who have been greatly
relieved by its use.

It has been patented
and I have received
a silver medal from
the Patent office.

Yours, Very Respectfully
Wm. H. Koedel

OFFICE OF SETH LOW.
30 EAST 64TH STREET.
NEW YORK.

March 23d, 1897.

My dear Mr. Mayor:

I did not realize until this morning that yesterday was your birthday. Otherwise I should have expressed my good wishes yesterday. I hope I am not too late to do this now. Let me congratulate you, also, on your action in relation to Mr. Parker. That was undoubtedly the first step to take, whatever else may have to be done. I took the opportunity to say to a reporter the other day that I thought you were thoroughly justified in making the removal. Inasmuch as my letter to you upon the police situation was an open letter, I trust this utterance came under your notice.

With kind regards and best wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Seth Low.

Hon. William L. Strong,

12 West 57th St., New York.



STATE OF NEW YORK.
Senate Chamber.

Albany, Mar. 23 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong:
Mayor of New York

Dear Mr. Mayor:

Please accept my
fairy but no less cordial good
wishes upon your birthday
yesterday. I intended to get
in before leaving for Albany
and congratulate you in person.

You may remember that last
November I spoke to you about
signing and endorsement of
Thomas S. Church for appointment
as Minister to Haiti. He is a
very worthy young man. You said
at that time that you might
see your way clear to write
a letter later on.

I hope you can do so

Yours truly
Frank Stearns

G. S. No. 6,
85th ST. & MADISON AVE.

March 23rd 1897

Job E. Hedges, Esq.
Office of the Mayor,
City Hall,
My dear Mr. Hedges,

Thank you
a thousand times for the
list of School Inspectors
which I received this
morning. Indeed I had
no idea what I was
asking or I should not

have presumed so far.
I supposed that you
had printer lists and
that it would be but
little trouble for you to
send me one.

Please accept my
cordial thanks for your
kindness, and believe
me,

Most sincerely yours,
Katherine S. Blake.

New York March 24. 97

To Hon. Mayor Strong: C

Dear Sir - I see by papers that we are at last going to have a New Building for our valuable papers and other requirements. I think Mr. Parkers remarks about cost very timely, and Mr. Fitch's very extravagant in the extreme, about Chambers and Reade. He knows the great rent he is paying (and in an old fashioned consumable building) for his department, and he should try and have a Building large enough to include his department and also Public W. &c. Now when Elm will be opened and the triangle - City Hall Plu - Centre and Reade removed there will be an immense (for a down town district) open plaza, bounded by the N. side of Duane, extending to Chambers, and looking on the park; and when Firehouse and old Records and Brown Buildings will be removed, will give a beautiful view, marred only by the old building on the small triangle on

Centre - Road - & Duane. Condemn
this and make it a little paved park, or
let it into open Plaza, and you have the
finest site for a great Building in the
whole neighborhood, and considering the
cost of the land with Chambers you can
draw your own conclusions.

Condemn as much land as you may
require in the square block N. side of Duane
Centre, Park Sts, and City Hall Place,
and by condemning the extreme point of the
~~triangle near Duane~~ triangle - Centre Pearl and
Park you will have a large space facing
New Elms and if you wish to take any more
of the triangle for Fire House the Pearl St
and Centre sides would be just the thing.

Yours with great esteem.

Anon.

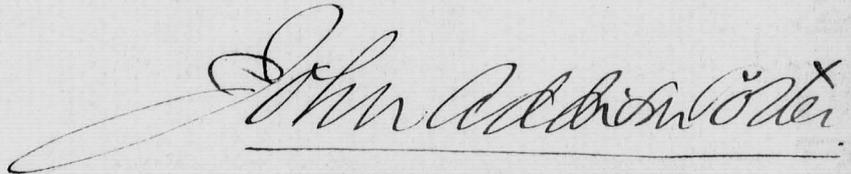
EXECUTIVE MANSION,
WASHINGTON.

March 24, 1897.

C
Dear Sir:

The President directs me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th instant in behalf of Mr. John Vinton Dahlgren, and to inform you that it has this day been referred for the consideration of the Secretary of State.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John Addison Porter". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Secretary to the President.

Hon. W. L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

A. OLDRIN SALTER,
COUNSELLOR AT LAW,
MORSE BUILDING,
240 TRASSAU BLDG.
NEW YORK

Wilmington Mich Oct 28 1899.

Hon^{ble} Wm L Strong
Mayor.

Dear Sir.

Owing to an engagement in Washington D.C. on the 25th inst I will not be able to appear before you on the 25th in matter of change of grade at junction of Kingsbridge & Highbridge roads.

I will emphatically to go on record as protesting against any change from the present surface grade as it now exists about 112.

Any lowering of present surface grade will necessitate great & unnecessary expense & injure all the property in the vicinity. I own in the immediate vicinity adjoining this junction some 450 feet frontage on Kingsbridge Road Very truly A.O. Salter.

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HAYS BUILDING,

21 & 23 MAIDEN LANE,

New York,

March 24 1897

Mayor Strong:

Dear & Honorable Sir: (May I

Call your attention to the strange & disgraceful custom in vogue in Water South & Front Streets (of this City) of barricading & completely shutting off pedestrians from the use of the Side walks in the above mentioned Streets. The "middle of the Street" is all we pretend to have to ourselves.

Please inform me if it is not a violation of the law for

Cart or wagon or
a Truck, to deliberately
backed up square across
the side walk?

It is contin-
ually & repeatedly done
on all these streets & pedes-
trians must either climb
over or go around.

Furthermore there
is a great scarcity of
Policemen in this neigh-
-borhood - between for
instance Maiden Lane &
Chambers St. on Front
South & Water Streets.

May I in closing add
that of all the Mayors N.Y.
has had in my day you
are the ideal.
Respectfully
Horace D. Spruell

The United Illustrated Weeklies.
"Harlem Life," and
"Yonkers Blade."
"Long Long Courier."
"Peekskill Home Journal."
"Mount Vernon Echoes."
"White Plains Weekly."
"Westchester Times-Critic."
"New Rochelle Life."
"Long Island Visitor."
"The Gothamite," N.Y.

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Mount Morris Bank Bldg.

New York, ~~March~~ 24/1897.

Dear Mr Mayor:

At a meeting of the directors of the annual
Harlem Charity Festival, ^{held} at the residence of Mrs Donald
McKean, it was unanimously voted to hold the festival
on the eve of the dedication of Ben Grants tomb, Monday
Apr 25, at Harlem Opera House as before and to make it a
patriotic affair, and also to request you ^{to} accept the
nomination, as you did last year, ^{to} head this board,
in name if in no other way, convenient to your time.

You remember you favored us with your presence
in a box set aside for you last year and your promise
coming added to the sale of tickets for the good cause.
The Harlem people, a great community of faithful citizens,
desire to honor you with the same respect this year
as last and you will acquiesce in their request to
favor us with your approval and presence at the festival,
and still greater favor we will see in the use of Mrs Strong's name as
a patroness of her presence with you in the "mayors box",
which will be appropriately decorated. The festival will open
with a childrens carnival & close with a grand chorus of
our national song. Very obediently yours,
Millard J. Bloomer
Secretary Directors H.C.F.

80 East 55th St., New York.

March 24, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor,

New York City.

My dear Sir:-

My daughter and her friend, Miss Virginia Young, have long been accustomed to make monthly visits to the men's hospital for incurable diseases, ^{on Blackwells Island} to carry to the old men there fruits, coffee and tobacco, to sing to them and do what they could to make them cheerful and comfortable. At one time they were about to cease their visits for they could not endure the disgusting food and management of the place, which were scarcely fit for swine and disgraceful to the city and to everyone responsible for them.

The improved conditions which now exist in that hospital deserve to be known to the people of this city. The ladies referred to are enthusiastic in their accounts of them. Instead of tramps and chronic drunkards for attendants there are cleanly, civil, competent nurses, who study the comforts of these desolate old men. Instead of hunks of bread and cubes of tough, half cooked meat that bull dogs could not masticate, the food is appetising and attractive and is served with civility. Instead of slops there is genuine tea and coffee and, in short, everything has been made better.

I can conceive no lot in life more dark and desolate than that of an old man living as a pauper, afflicted with an incurable disease, surrounded by others in an equally desolate condition. The city that speculates or economizes on such unfortunates deserves the fate of Sodom.

I dont believe the tax payers of this city wish to have the tax reduced at the expense of starving the paupers.

I ought to say that the ladies of whom I have spoken speak in the highest terms of the surgeon in charge, who, they think, should be credited with many of these improvements. In their opinion, he is the right man for the place, and is furnished with a heart and a conscience.

I presume the adoption of these improvements is due to the Commissioner of Charities in the first instance, but I know they could not have been introduced without your cooperation. I have therefore written to you that you may know that there are some people in the city who know and appreciate what is being done by a "reform administration."

Yours truly,

S. R. Chittenden

CURTIS & BLAISDELL,
COAL,
56TH STREET, EAST RIVER.

New York City, March 24, 1897.

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

Dear Sir:

I am perhaps the only Ohio man in the coal business in this City and on this slender foundation of introduction, I submit to you the following.

There is a bill now before the Legislature at Albany which is designed to relieve the Retail Coal Trade from some of the burdens which have long oppressed it. Partly from the pressure of hard times and partly from natural tendencies, there have sprung up in the trade, certain vicious practices which have made it well nigh impossible for reputable dealers, desiring to conduct their business along legitimate lines, to gain a livelihood.

In this City to-day, the retail trade is in a very serious condition. This is an indisputed fact. If anything were needed to demonstrate it, the many recent failures and the many more failures anticipated, furnish the necessary evidence.

It is not intended that this Bill shall confer any special privileges upon any dealer. Its design is to place all dealers on an equal footing as regards the quantity of coal they shall deliver for a ton. Other reforms are also sought for under this Bill but this is the principal one- that no dealer shall be allowed to deliver short weight, thus swindling the public, underselling and ruining his competitors.

The provisions of this Bill are such that in order to secure

CURTIS & BLAISDELL,
COAL,
56TH STREET, EAST RIVER.

New York City,

the results aimed at, the agencies selected for carrying out its purposes must be in sympathy with the designs of the Bill.

In the selection of scales throughout the City, it is evident that those scales should be designated whose owners will seek to further and promote the proper workings of the Bill. To make this selection may involve some apparent difficulty; that is to say, a question may arise as to the means of identifying the honest element. We are confident however, that little real difficulty will be experienced on this point.

The Coal Trade Protective Association and the Retail Coal Exchange both composed of New York City retail dealers, have declared in favor of this Law although in the latter body, there is a minority sentiment of opposition.

I would particularly request that in the selection of scales the recommendations of the Coal Trade Protective Association be especially heeded; this body was formed for the express purpose of drawing up and securing the passage of this Bill and carrying out its provisions. It is composed of representative dealers whose character and standing can easily be ascertained. Self appointed committees or individual dealers who may seek to have their own scales appointed, should be looked upon with suspicion.

But whatever means you may choose in making your designation of scales, I earnestly request that the greatest possible caution be used. It can readily be understood that the selection of a scale owned

CURTIS & BLAISDELL,
COAL,
56TH STREET, EAST RIVER.

New York City,

by a dealer secretly hostile to the Bill, could be made to work great injury to the whole scheme and I have reason to believe that this means of destroying the usefulness of the Bill and bringing it into disfavor, will be sought.

In conclusion, the reputable and honest element of the trade who have worked for the passage of this Bill and who regard the salvation of the trade as dependent upon its being thoroughly carried out, will now look anxiously to you. It will be in your power to assist in working out a reform which while not as prominent and far reaching perhaps, as some others, will nevertheless, be of inestimable importance to a large body of business men and to the public at large.

Feeling sure that you will handle this matter with that fairness and good judgment which has made your administration memorable, I am,

Yours very truly,

G. D. Curtis

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March 24, 1897.

Mr. William L. Strong
12 West 57th Street
New York City.

Dear Sir;-

Interest in biographical and genealogical studies is one of the features of the times. In no portion of the United States is this more noticeable than in New York and its vicinity. Publications on the subject, though numerous, are virtually inaccessible to the general reader, and assume a form which appeals only to the antiquary. A work which would gather in convenient form all available data regarding the personal elements of New York Society has long been wanted.

Appreciating your prominence in this connection we desire to embody a brief history of your family in our book, PROMINENT FAMILIES OF NEW YORK, now in course of preparation. With this object in view we enclose a blank, and trust you will favor us

with the desired information, or with reference to other sources from which it can be obtained. The manuscript will be submitted for your revision and approval before publication.

The volume will be issued in elegant form, suitable to its subject-matter.

Yours very respectfully,

The Historical Company

P.S.

If you prefer to have one of the editors call in reference to the data; please notify us when it will be convenient to receive him.

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CABLE ADDRESS
"OGANRIDER NEW YORK."

*Lords Court Building
27 William Street.*

New York March 24th, 1897.

Job Hedges, Esq.,
Mayor's Office,
New York City.

My Dear Sir:-

Mrs. Marie L. Ranke has requested me to send you certain information which I gave to her the other day, consisting of extracts from our registers and from certain letters, and in relation to ~~certain~~ premises known as No. 43 West 39th Street. An examination of our register shows that in July 1893, Mr. E. Ellery Anderson and Mr. Lawrence, as executors, commenced a dispossess suit against the persons then in possession of the said premises. On the 14th of July, an attorney appeared for the defendants ~~in court~~ and consented that the warrant issue against them on July 20th, if the rent and costs were not paid before that time. Such payment not having been made, Mr. Anderson and myself went to 43 West 39th Street on the 21st day of July, obtained delivery of possession of the house and left the same in charge of the marshal.

On the 21st of July, Mr. E. Ellery Anderson wrote a letter to Mrs. Robert W. Aborn, the owner of the house, from which the following is an extract:

"I started to get possession of your 39th Street house about ten days ago. On the return day of the

"citation, Mr. James appeared for the tenants. x x
"and offered to allow a warrant to issue for the
"possession of the house on the 20th of July, un-
"less the arrears were paid up in the meantime.
"On the 20th nobody appeared, and I have obtained
"the warrant. This morning I went to the house;
"found it locked up and deserted; sent for a lock-
"smith and took possession. Everything has been
"removed except the chandeliers on the first floor,
"and the mirrors. I had understood that a good deal
"of the furniture in the house belonged to you, and
"I have sent up to Mr. Strong to inquire whether
"this is the case. If these women have taken your
"property away, they ought to be arrested without
"delay. But the possession of the house is of much
"more consequence than the question of the furniture.
"It is in a very dirty condition, and a lot of
"things have been littered and scattered all over
"the floors. I will have it thoroughly cleaned next
"week and made presentable."

On July 25th, the following letter, was sent to
Louis Levy, Esq., Marshal:

"The bearer, Mrs. Margaret Ward, will take
"charge of No. 43 West 39th Street, from this after-
"noon. You will please deliver the keys and
"possession to her and send your bill to me."

On the 20th of September 1893, we appear to have
sent a letter to Louis Levy, Esq., asking him to send to Mrs.
Marie L. Ranke, the name and address of the deputy whom he
placed in charge of 43 West 39th Street.

I think that the above contains all of the informa-
tion which was given to Mrs. Ranke the other day. Anything
more that we can do to oblige you, we shall be glad to do.

Yours very truly,

P. Chauncey Judson

New York City. 24th March 1897.

His Honor The Mayor of New York
City.

Dear Sir! - I have been compelled to
send the following letter to the police:

To whom it may concern at police
head quarters. 5th March 1897.

Dear Sir! - I believe the police men
in Woodlawn are a "nice and good"
matured kind of men; but I think
they are lacking the virtues, which
are essential in a man to give him
value as a police man. That stern
eye and seriousness, which com-
mand respect and fear by miscreants or
evil doers, is perfectly wanted by
them. For nineteen (19) months
have we suffered insults even as
scoffs by stone throwing boys. Sto-
nes too have been thrown on our
house. These boys congregate at
the grocery store (where we never
had any trade) corner of Katonah
ave and Willard street, Woodlawn.
For nineteen (19) months have I
complained to the police, but it is
just so bad as ever. I can not
help it, but I am forced to look

at the police, as a extremely impu-
erflous affaire. Yes interly whout
less. Yours respectfull
Morten J. Christensen.

Mr. Mayor. I know that, police
men on post, like to chat whit the
flag man and cab drivers around
Woodlawn rail road station, I
believe the police men have com-
plained to them about me, since
I can not in my bussiness af-
fares come near said station
whitout being whistled and
shanted at while I pass, by these
people, who seems greatly to ad-
mire the police men.

Your honor! please make
use of your power and give
us that pease and security,
any other Citizens enjoys.

Your very respectfull
Morten J. Christensen.
Owner and taxpayer of
property in Katonah Avenue.
address: 274 Katonah Ave Wood-
lawn Heights, New York City.

A bicyclist complains to the HERALD of the shocking condition of the circle at Eighth avenue and Fifty-ninth street. Not only is it almost impassable to wheelmen at any time, but in damp weather it is a mud hole a foot deep. Yet this spot is not only a principal entrance to Central Park, but practically the only entrance to the Boulevard.

The above is but a weak description of an existing condition.

Will not "His Honor the Mayor" prod the Park Dept. into doing something to relieve the sufferings of the dwellers in the neighborhood. It is over a year since Mr. Kruger when Post, wrote me that relief could be given probably within a year.

Truly yours

L. W. Pflizer.

Contact, has No. 22 W. 60th St. N.Y.
 been made and work will be done
 Mch 24/97 As soon as the weather
 permits

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New York.

March 24th, 1897.

His Honor Mayor Strong,
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

The Executive Committee of the Joint Committee on Entertainment of South American visitors met yesterday and elected Hon. W. R. Grace Chairman.

It was decided that Wednesday and Thursday, the 9th and 10th of June, should be devoted to New York City; that Friday, the 11th of June, should be devoted to New Jersey; and that Saturday, the 12th of June, should be devoted to Brooklyn.

It is estimated that the entire expense, including hotel while here, carriage hire, theatres, &c., &c., will not exceed the sum of \$7500.00.

The Executive Committee requests that you will kindly give the matter a little thought, and suggest such particular features as you may think would be a desirable part of the programme for the entertainment of our South American guests, and that you will communicate such suggestions in writing to the Secretary on or before Wednesday, the 31st inst.

The Executive Committee hopes that you will not neglect to assist them in this matter, as every member of the Joint Committee will doubtless be able to contribute some thought that will be valuable.

Very truly yours,

Frank S. Gardner
Secretary

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CONSULTING ENGINEER, 3RD AND WILLIS AVENUE BRIDGES.
NO. 44 BROADWAY.

CABLE ADDRESS
MELLATE.

NEW YORK, March 25th, 1897.

HON. WM. L. STRONG,
Mayor of New York.

Dear Sir:-

As Mr. Birdsall agrees with me entirely, he has signed the accompanying Report with me.

In reply to your question as to cost of Steel Viaduct in place of Stone on North side, I find that the cost of a Steel Viaduct from stairway at North end of Bridge to North end of Southern Boulevard, a length of 228 feet, would be no more than that of the stone structure, as no stone has been cut.

From the North line of Southern Boulevard to the North end of Approach at 13th St. all the stone has been cut, and will have to be paid for. It would therefore increase the cost considerably to change this part of the work from the original design.

Very respectfully,

Thomas C. Clarke
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 Chas. E. Ely
 3rd av. Bridge

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Sir:-

In accordance with your request a plan is herewith submitted for Approach to Third Avenue Bridge, on West side of Third Avenue.

This is one of the original suggestions made in 1892 but the Lexington Avenue and 129th Street approaches were adopted for economical reasons, and because it was believed that an approach on Third Avenue could be built later, if required.

The plan now suggested is - to acquire a strip of property one hundred feet wide and extending from the South line of 130th Street to the North line of 127th Street, about 60,000 square feet of area. This gives room for the approach itself, a Street on the West of it 32 ft. wide and a plaza at the South end 100 x 100 ft.

The approach itself would extend from the bridge wall to the middle of block between 128th and 127th Streets, from which point the grade would begin to ascend at the rate of a little less than 3 feet in one hundred, which is the maximum grade of the bridge approaches.

This would close 128th Street to vehicles, the surface

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of the approach being 4 ft. 8 inches above established grade of Street. Pedestrians could cross by stairways.

The clear headway at 129th Street would be 13 ft. 1¹/₂ inches above Street level. The clear headway at the middle of the block between 129th and 130th Streets where the Third Avenue car house is, would be 14 ft. 9 inches above Street level, allowing these cars to go in and out of the centre door as at present. The clear headway at 130th Street would be 15 ft. 9 inches above Street level, also allowing cars to pass under.

By this plan there would be no interference at all with the present movement of the Third Avenue cars, in and out of their house.

This plan removes the end of the approach far enough away from the terminus of the Third Avenue line, to avoid the congestion of traffic caused by their cars, which is always found at the terminus of so large a line of Street Railway.

The cost of this structure at present contract rates would be - \$225,000., or about \$50,000. more than if it stopped at 128th Street.

If the construction of this approach renders that of the S. E. Approach on 129th Street unnecessary, an amount of

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\$84,000. should be deducted, leaving balance of \$141,000. in
addition to cost of land.

Accompanying sketch plan and profile No. 97, shows all
the dimensions.

All of which is respectfully submitted by

J. D. Driscoll
Charles
W. D. ...

Thomas C. Clarke
Consulting Engineer
3rd and Willis

Forsham March 25/97

Hon W. L. Strong

Dear Sir

At the hearing today in the matter of the Kingsbridge Road grade you remarked that you would be largely influenced by the report made by Gen Collis.

I would call your attention to facts that Mr Webster is an employee of Gen Collis as an Engineer in the Park Dept. and the General might be inclined to some favoritism on that score. we don't know

that there is any and hope not
but we cannot understand
why he as a disinterested
party should be favorable to
Mr Webster in opposition to
the wants of every other owner
on the street

We therefore pray that you
will disapprove the bill and
let us have what we all
desire

Most Respectfully
Geo. W. Howie

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Building Trades Club.

117 EAST 23^D ST. N.Y.

New York, March 25, 1897

To his Honor, The Mayor
of the City of New York,
Honorable Sir:

Permit us in behalf of the Building Trades Club to submit our reasons for objecting to the bill introduced in the Senate and Assembly, and passed by both houses and now before you for approval. The Bill is known as Mr. Ahearn's bill, Int. No. 322 - No. 33 - 677.

We desire to enter our protest against the Bill for the following reasons:

First, In that it is dangerous and costly.

Second, As the ordinance now stands all buildings over five stories in height, are compelled to erect and maintain a shed over the sidewalk for the protection of pedestrians. The erection of a fence from the top of the shed to the height required, would be dangerous to life and property, in case of heavy winds or fire from adjoining buildings.

Third, The Bill is for only one class of Buildings, viz : Brick and Terra Cotta fronts. This we feel is vicious, and class legislation against Brick and Terra Cotta fronts, and in favor of Stone and Iron Fronts. Also we wish to call your honorable attention to the weakness of the case.

In erecting Brick and Terra Cotta fronts we erect and maintain an outside scaffold, which prevents anything from falling through a window to the street. In the erection of a stone or Iron front there is no outside scaffold; only an inside one, and a laborer dumping a hod of

Building Trades Club.

117 EAST 23^d ST. N.Y.

brick on the scaffold opposite a window, is liable to over-reach the scaffold, thereby precipitating the same out into the street.

Fourth, The many large buildings being erected now in our City are being done in a very short time, thereby saving very large sums of Interest and rents to their owners. If this bill becomes a law it will lengthen the time of production, for the reason that the fence will shut out the light and air from the lower stories, thereby preventing other Mechanics from performing their work.

Fifth, We beg you Honor to look into this matter carefully and for the benefit of the Public and the Owners of property and the working classes, to report adversely is the wish of the

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whose membership includes prominent, as well as influential Builders of this City.

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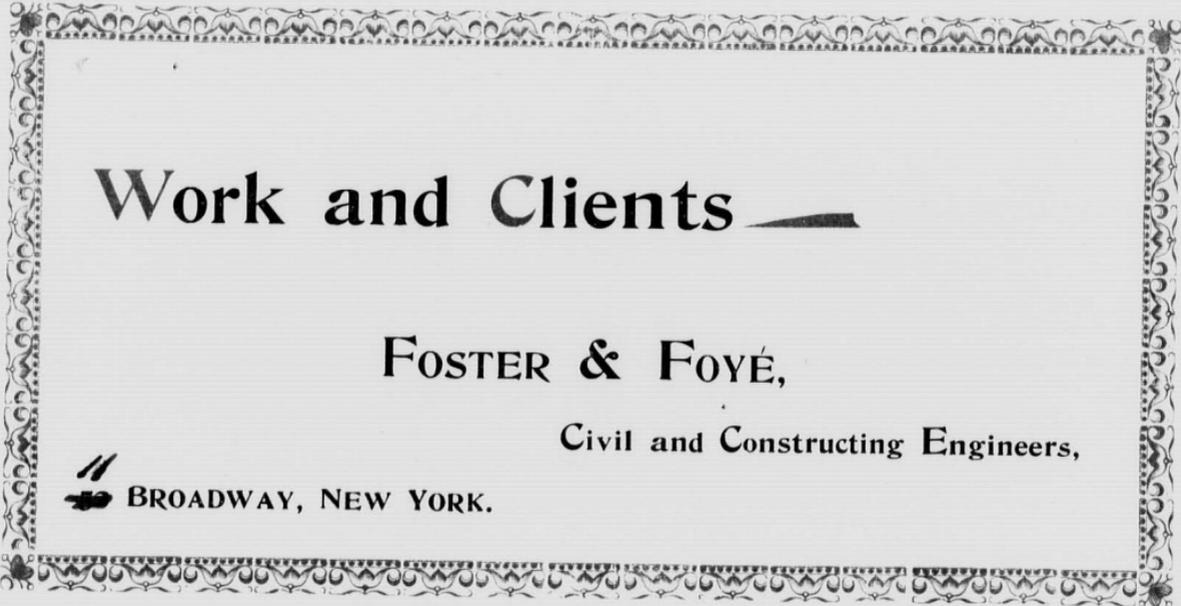
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New York March 25th 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong
#6 City Hall.

My dear Sir:

We shall return
to the Bowling Green Building #11 Broadway
on April 1st and trust you will
kindly bear me in mind in case
of any professional Engineering work
Yours respectfully
Andrew Ernest Foyé



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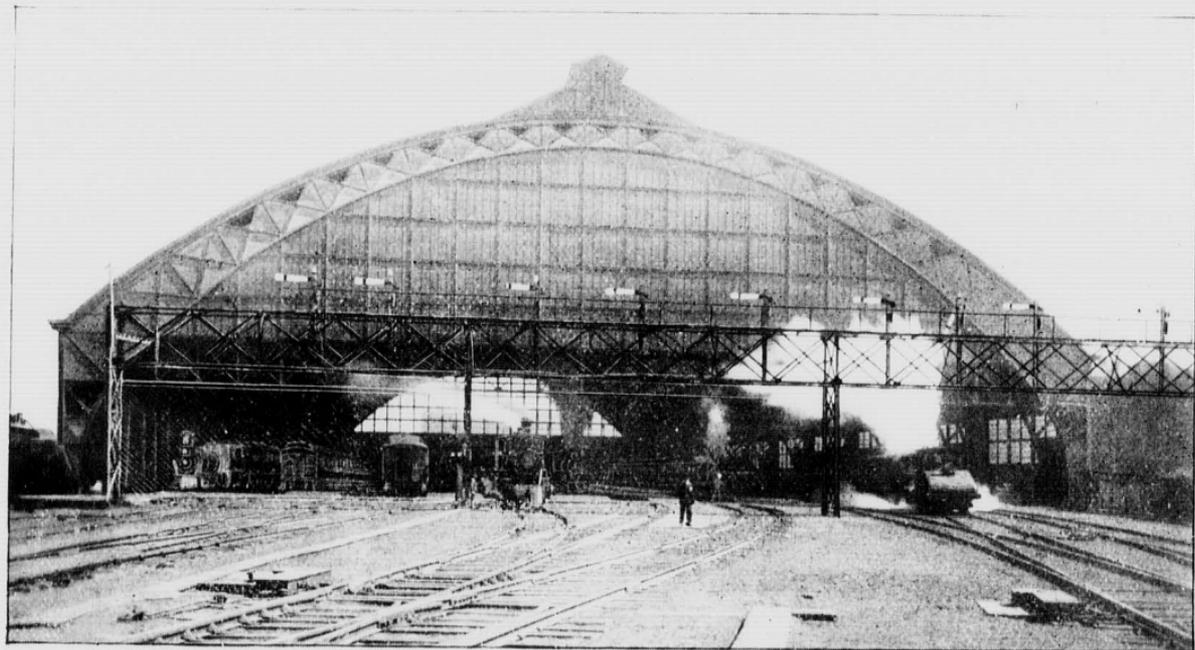
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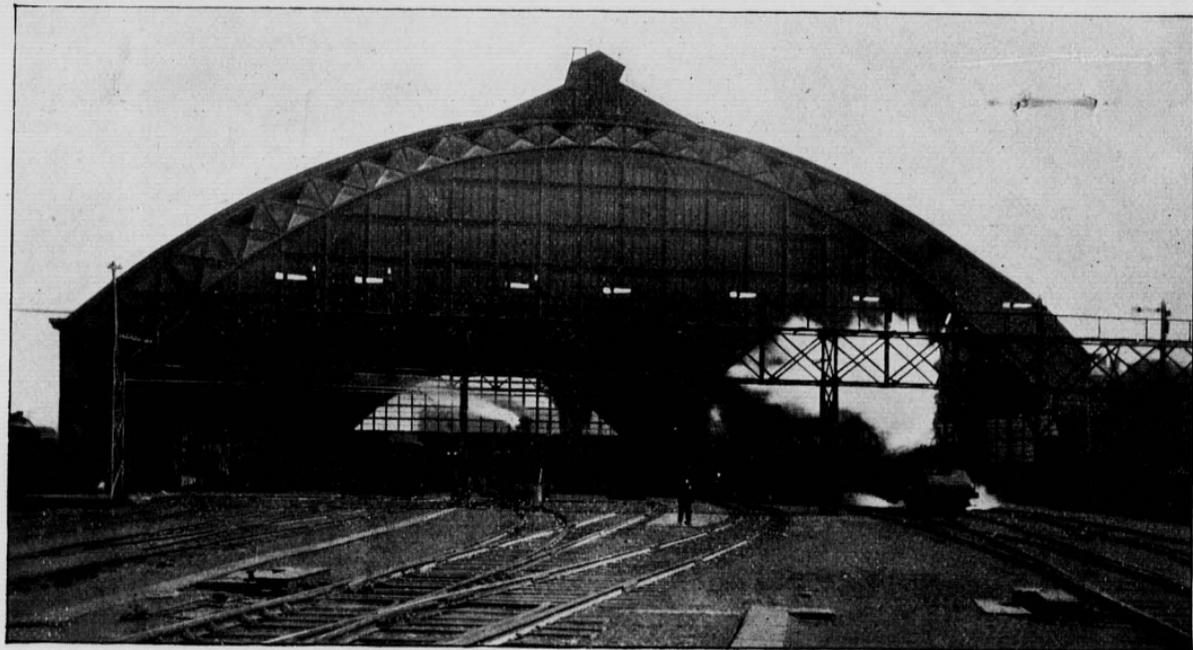
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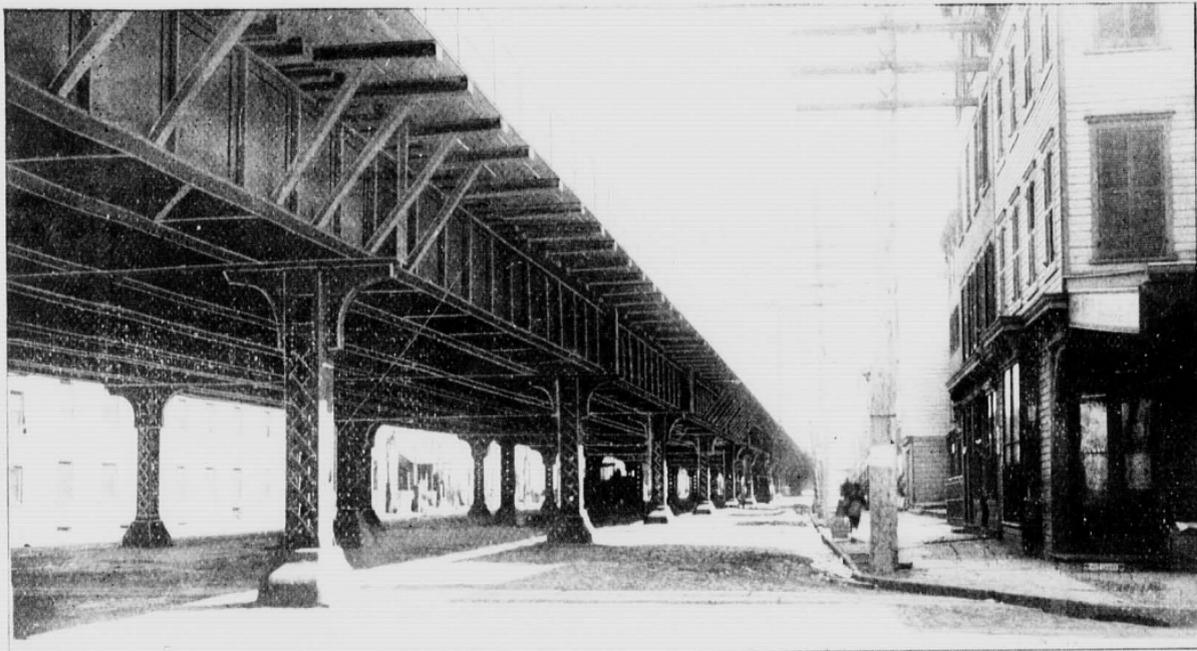


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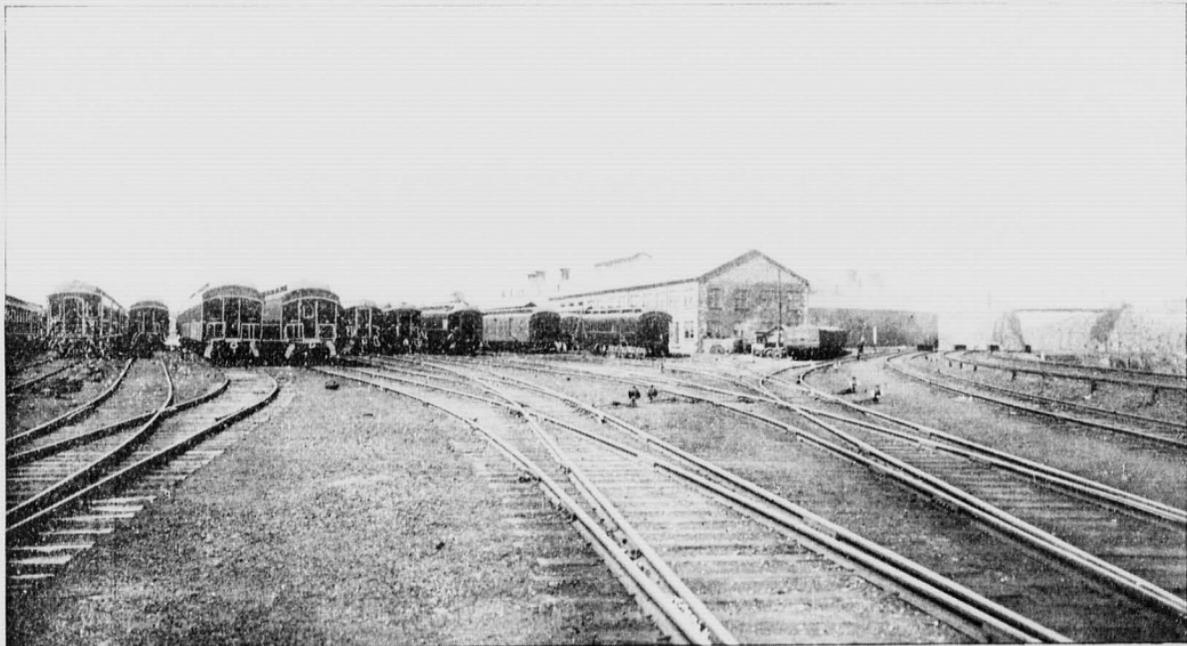
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LOUIS KORN,
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New York, March 26 1897.

To The Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor of the City of New York.
My Dear Sir:-

From day to day I have noticed in the papers that numerous Citizens have made suggestions to overcome the danger arising from Cable Cars at B'way and 14th Street.

I have in mind a plan of how to overcome this difficulty + would gladly illustrate the same to you for your approval for which I will make plans etc gratis; If you will

LOUIS KORN,
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NEW YORK.

New York, 189

Grant me an interview at
your convenience;

Hoping to hear from you
in the near future I am

Very Truly Yours

Louis Korn