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And many Owners, Executors and Trustees.

NEW YORK,

May 15th 1897

My Dear Mr Mayor.

Is it not a shame and disgrace that our Public Engineer will not have more consideration for us poor Citizens and Taxpayers?

Here, at this corner, the grade, to New Approach to New Bridge over Harlem River, North side will be about 7 feet above the grade of 3rd Ave. They are putting up a fine piece of masonry, but, why extend the stone work 3 ft 6 in (42 inches) above the required grade in the shape of a parapet wall when a strong Iron Rail would not so obstruct our light and air and be far less objectionable. Instead of having a stone wall 10 feet or more in height it would be only 7 feet high, surmounted by heavy iron railing of neat design, besides costing much less than this costly stone work - The common remark is "Don't You know there is more money in the stone than there would be in the iron?" Why should our property be ruined in this way? Is the City so wealthy that it can afford to pay millions in damages?

Very truly Yours

Geo C. Goeller

These remarks apply to the Approach already completed on E. 130th St from 3rd Ave to Lexington Ave which has an Expansion Parapet wall 42 inches above the road to bed to shut out the light air and snow - How Careful these Engineers and others of our Public officials, that controlled and make the designing of such work not to have same placed in front of premises owned by them - G.C.G.

CHAS. K. MOORE.

Information—Escort—Purchase.

CHAS. S. WESTERVELT.

CENTRAL BUILDING, 143 LIBERTY ST.

TELEPHONE,
525 CORTLANDT.

New York City, May 17th 1897.

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

My Dear Sir:

Permit me to thank you again for the courtesy extended in allowing Mr. Westervelt and myself to refer to you, and to assure you that we appreciate your kindness more than you can imagine.

It may be of interest to you to learn that the very first return received from our circular, was an order for ten pounds of high grade tea which we promptly procured from "China-town", and our client was highly pleased and expressed himself as well satisfied; adding that the topmost name on our list of references was a guarantee that we knew where to procure that particular article. I told him that we appreciated the compliment and to look out for that "topmost" name as being Mayor of Greater New York in 1898. He said he was with us, so you have three backers anyway though two of them are Jersey men.

We enclose herewith a circular such as we are sending to acquaintances throughout the country and trust you will be satisfied with its appearance and substance.

Very Respectfully
Chas. K. Moore

Information, Escort, Purchase.

We desire to announce that we are prepared to furnish reliable information on any matters pertaining to this vicinity. We are in a position to afford every facility to residents of, or strangers visiting this city to obtain safe and thorough examination of any or all parts of the Greater New York and environments either by day or night, with personal escort. Owing to our extensive transactions with all professions and trades, we know just where and when to purchase, at lowest possible prices, any article required, from a needle to an elephant. Our buyers of supplies for ladies are experts in the selection of goods and in taste and judgement cannot be excelled.

Our charges are moderate and commensurate with the service rendered. We offer our services to none but those of the highest respectability.

Respectfully,

Chas. K. Moore,

Chas. S. Westervelt,

Central Building, 143 Liberty St.

Our references are,

Col. W. L. Strong, Mayor of New York. Wm. Foster, Jr. 126 Liberty St.

Saml. Knox, Sec. C. R. R. of N. J. Luther C. Voorhees, 51 West 42^d St.

Col. James Moore, Elizabeth, N. J.

New York May 11th, 1897.

Dear Sir:-

The committee having in charge the arrangement of a testimonial to Mr. A. Noel Blakeman, have decided to extend the time for receiving subscriptions until Wednesday, the 19th inst.

If you have not already contributed, and desire to participate, it is requested that you send your remittance to Hon. Edson Lewis, 502 Broadway, at your earliest convenience. The necessary alphabetical arrangement of names, by the engraver, makes it imperative that all subscriptions should be in, not later than the 19th inst.

Respectfully,

Committee

{ Gen. Nicholas W. Day
Maj. Geo. D. F. Barton
Col. Francis J. Crilly
Hon. Edson Lewis
Col. Chas. N. Swift
W. R. Spooner
John G. Wintjen

Hon. Edson Lewis,

502 Broadway,

NEW YORK.

Mount Vernon, N.Y. May 17th. 1897

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor.

My Dear Sir:-

When you organized the Sound Money Dry Goods Club, you gave the material out of which was organized the largest parade that New York City ever had. This parade was the means of changing thousands of votes to the Hon. William Mc.Kinley for President. Since then we have had two more memorable parades. The Inaugural and the Grant Memorial. The first and last you were immediately connected with.

Our friend A. Noel Blakeman was Chief of Staff in the three parades and was obliged to be in constant attendance at headquarters for many weeks, and to whose tireless energy and careful planning was largely due the success of the three parades.

Only those who called at headquarters can realize the amount of labor performed by Mr. Blakeman; and it is now proposed to present him with a suitable piece of silver, on which will be engraved the names of all Aides who feel inclined to subscribe.

The committee wish to go still further, (should we raise money enough) and on the testimonial have suitable engraving used in adding the names of Hon. Wm. L. Strong, Gen. Horace Porter and Grenville M. Dodge. Should this meet your approval, I should be pleased to hear from you.

I am

Respectfully yours,

Edson Lewis

Republican Club, 13th Assembly District.

James L. Lowry,
ROBERT MILLER, SR.,
PRESIDENT.
Robert Miller Jr.,
SAMUEL GOTTSCHALK,
TREASURER.

625 EIGHTH AVENUE.

NATHANIEL SNAPPER,
REC. SECRETARY.
THOMAS DOWD,
COR. SECRETARY.

New York, May 17th 1897

Hon William L Strong, Mayor.

Hon. Sir, the Republican Club of the 13th Assembly District at its regular meeting held at their rooms 625-8th Ave. adopted unanimously the following resolution.

Whereas the Hon W^m L Strong Mayor has seen fit in his wisdom to appoint the Hon Clarence H Meade to the responsible position of City Magistrate.

Be it resolved, that the thanks of the Members of the Republican Club of the 13th Assembly District be extended to the Mayor for his action.

James L Lowry.

a copy of which resolution was ordered sent to you in the Name of the Club who have stood by your administration from the Commencement, which can be vouched for by the Hon Abram E. McCook.

Yours respectfully
James L Lowry,
President

*Office of the
Commissioners of Accounts,*

ROOMS 114 AND 115,

Stewart Building,
280 Broadway

SETH SPRAGUE TERRY,
RODNEY S. DENNIS,
Commissioners.

New York, May 1st, 1897

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

It is with much feeling that I bring to your official notice herewith a matter of significance connected with my official duties as an assistant examiner in the office of the Commissioner of Accounts.

Statements have been made reflecting on my character relative to my official duties as an assistant examiner which I consider persecution upon me, more particularly so at this moment when I am making an examination of the books of the Bureau of Markets and City Revenue, and have found as far as I have gone in the examination a condition of things which will necessarily follow a dismissal of the guilty employees of that department. An attempt was made to cover their misdoings by approaching me and tempting me with a bribe to render a report satisfactory to them. This is a matter of record in the office of the Commissioners of Accounts.

I beg of you to consider the matter which I consider persecution upon me, and respectfully request a hearing before your Honor that it may be possible to find out the motive which is behind the

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statements made against me.

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant,

William W Taylor.

New York, May 17, 1897

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Sir:--

I beg to submit herewith a statement referring to my letter of the 1st inst., addressed to Your Honor.

I was appointed in November, 1895, to the position of assistant examiner by Seth Sprague Terry, Esq., and Rodney S. Dennis, Esq., Commissioners of Accounts. It was agreed that my salary was to be One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per month, and that if I proved to be worth more, I was to receive it.

The work that I was assigned to, has for the most part of my time, brought me under the supervision of C. W. Haskins, Esq., chief examiner in the office of the Commissioners of Accounts, and would much prefer that Mr. Haskins speak as to my qualifications, etc. I desire to say that Mr. Haskins had recommended to the Commissioners of Accounts, that I be placed in a higher grade, stating: that in his opinion, I was entitled to more pay for the work that I was doing.

Commissioner Terry has used conservative methods in endeavoring to place the employees of the office of the Commissioners of Accounts on a proper salary basis, but in my case, was opposed by Commissioner Dennis, who stated to me that there were friends of his in the office whom he desired to see advanced first, and that later he would take up my case. I replied, "That is satisfactory to me". In the month of January, 1897, I spoke to Commissioner Terry regarding my salary, and he stated to me that he was satisfied that my salary should be advanced and requested me to see Commissioner Dennis. I spoke to Commissioner Dennis regarding the matter, and he told me that he could employ expert accountants, who had formerly received pay from Twenty-five Hundred Dol-

lars (\$2,500.00) to Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) per annum, to work in the office of the Commissioner of Accounts for Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) per week. I told him that I thought it was a shame that such a condition of affairs existed, and begged of him to consider the question of my salary. Nevertheless, the salary of about ten employees of the office had been advanced.

About February 15, 1897, Mr. Haskins assigned me to the Bureau of Markets to make an investigation, and I had progressed far enough in my labors to show the true condition of affairs, which have brought out startling disclosures and an attempted bribery to render a report satisfactory to the guilty employees. This is a matter of record in the office of the Commissioners of Accounts.

Commissioner Terry had commended the stand I had taken in the matter and said he would see that I would get the salary I was deserving. The pay-roll for the month of April was prepared showing an advance of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) per month in my salary, but this was opposed by Commissioner Dennis, who stated that it was on the grounds that I had borrowed money from a man by the name of R. C. Winters, who is a contractor and is doing work for the city. On April 29, 1897, I was called before the Commissioners of Accounts, and asked to explain the circumstances regarding the borrow, which I did without hesitancy.

Commissioner Dennis put a question to me, as follows:- "It was stated to me that you demanded that Mr. Winters loan you this money". I replied, that it was a lie and that there was no understanding between Mr. Winters and myself regarding the loan, other than I was to pay interest for the accommodation. On the same day, Mr. Winters was before the Commissioners of Accounts and cross-examined regarding the circumstances of the loan, and confirmed the statement that I had made, adding that it was only through a friendly feeling for me that he loaned me the money,

believing that I was in need of it. It is unfortunate that I was placed in a position to have to borrow money, and will say, that when I asked Mr. Winters to accommodate me, I anticipated a refusal. Commissioner Terry reprimanded me and stated that I must not again borrow money from a person connected with the city.

Commissioner Dennis evidently was not satisfied; although he would not prefer charges against me, he wanted to take my position from me.

I beg to state to Your Honor, that the amount I borrowed was Thirty-five Dollars (\$35.00) and that one payment had been made prior to the time I was called before the Commissioners of Accounts to explain why I had borrowed the money, and at the time I made the payment, stated I would pay the balance, if not all, the greater portion of it, on April 30, 1897, which was entirely satisfactory to Mr. Winters.

I beg to further state that the person who attempted to bribe me, has come into the Bureau of Markets where I have been working, and said to me, - "I want to give you a tip. Hand in your resignation." Superintendent O'Brien of the Bureau of Markets, refused to recognize the person, although the person had repeatedly addressed him. Superintendent O'Brien said to me that if that person ever came into the office again, he would put him out.

When I was before the Commissioners of Accounts, and stated that I thought I was being persecuted, Commissioner Dennis said: "That is what Blackwell thinks, that he has been persecuted". Commissioner Terry asked Commissioner Dennis how he knew that Blackwell said that, and Commissioner Dennis replied that Blackwell had said so to him. Blackwell was formerly an assistant examiner in the office of the Commissioners of Accounts, and was discharged - one reason, for aiding and abetting in an attempted bribe on Wm. W. Taylor, an assistant examiner in the office of the Commissioners of Accounts.

I desire to make this statement as brief and concise as possible and add that there are other circumstances which tend to show discrimination against me simply for the reason that I am under the supervision of C. W. Haskins, Esq., the chief examiner in the office of the Commissioners of Accounts. I was assigned to Mr. Haskins by Commissioner Terry, and beg to state that neither Commissioner Terry nor Mr. Haskins has any complaint to make. I would gladly explain the circumstances which I refer to, if Your Honor so desires.

In conclusion, I beg to state to Your Honor that I have been faithful and conscientious in the performance of my duties in connection with my position as assistant examiner in the office of the Commissioners of Accounts, and a fact has been demonstrated as to my integrity and loyalty to my Commissioners.

I have the honor to be

Your obedient servant,

William W Taylor.



STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY

May 18 1897

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

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th with reference to certain bills which apparently have been lost somewhere. I presume that you are entirely right in the numbers which you give, but it is impossible for Mr. Lamborn to know what bills have been received from any mail because he is not allowed to open any envelope and he simply receipts for the envelope. I have no doubt, however, that the missing bills will be found and one object in giving this to the press was to ascertain if there had been any mistakes made so that corrections could be made before the thirty days had expired.

Very truly yours,

William W. Bufford

Private Secretary

L. Freedman, C. S. T. S.

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GIFTED HEALER AND MAGNETIST,

Consultation, 9 A. M. Till 8. P. M.

147 W. 45th Street,
New York.

461 N. 8th Street,
Philadelphia.

May 18th/94

Major Strong

Dear Sir

I take the liberty
of introducing myself
to you, as I have frequently
read in our daily papers
of your trouble with
Rheumatism & gout, I think
a man in your favourite
office, should be free
from

I am regifted with
a power of creating
disease by magnetism

by which method I have treated
a vast number of highly reputable
citizens of this city & Brooklyn
& in different parts of the world
reference of some well known
people who have suffered that
have been cured, (in this city and others)
can verify my statement,

I will give you my services
by treating your aggravating trouble
willingly so that it may enable
you to carry out all your
desires for the total good of
your Loyal Citizens

Your Obidient
Louis Freedman
#147 West 45th Street City

JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE
TO INVESTIGATE CHARITIES AND REFORMATORY INSTITUTIONS
IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

May 18, 1897.

Sir:-

Will you please inform the Joint Select Committee to Investigate Charities and Reformatory Institutions in the District of Columbia:

First; Whether any charitable institutions in the city of which you are Mayor receives the whole or a part of its maintenance from municipal or State monies.

Second; Are any public monies appropriated to aid charitable institutions under the care or control of any religious denominations?

Third; Are any public monies appropriated to aid charitable institutions controlled by private Corporations, whether sectarian or unsectarian?

Fourth; In case public monies are so appropriated, please give the names of the institutions and the amounts of the annual appropriations.

An early and full answer to these questions will be highly appreciated by the Committee.

Very respectfully yours,

James M. Hillman
U.S.

The Honorable,
The Mayor of New York City



His Honor
Mayor Strong:
New York City.

Sir:

I found in an old
ragged & time-worn New York Paper,
published May 18th 1793. (just
104 years ago.) an interesting &
quaint report of what must have
been one of the very Earliest meet-
ings of the Celebrated "Farmers"
Society.

I beg to Enclose the Same
to you, thinking that it was worth
of preservation in some kind of
frame - and that you might know
some prominent officer of the Society

who would desire to place it
among the records or archives
thereof: -

Very Respectfully

I am Yrs.

Geo. Edw. Sears

257 Pembroke Street.

Toronto, Ontario.

May 18th 1897.

N.B. You will notice curious
advertisements on the back: one
referring to "Books." - the other to
Hardware. - No idea of "Greater
New York" in those quiet times.

Knoxville, Tenn. May 19/97.

Hon. W. B. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor of addressing you to express my admiration for your excellent administration of public affairs in the Metropolis during the past three years, as well the thorough and satisfactory manner in which all the arrangements were made and carried out on the occasion of the Grant Monument Dedication.

Mrs. Tracy, who has witnessed many parades, was delighted with the wonderful smoothness of this one.

Being still in New York, she may conclude to pay her respects to your Honor in person. Though I have been in your city a good deal in former years, yet have never had the pleasure of meeting you, but hope to

do so, at some future day.

Your idea of presenting each G.A.R. Post with a brick from the old tomb is a very happy one, and will, I feel sure, be appreciated by every veteran of the late war. General Grant was truly the "Nation's Hero", and even here in Dixie he is held in high esteem, especially for his magnanimity towards Gen. Lee and the Southern army at Appomattox. Indeed, it would not surprise me were you to receive requests for "a brick" from some of the Confederate organizations also; in which case I trust you may be able to gratify them. Those I meet are always ready to grasp my hand warmly, as a veteran of the Northern army, and talk over the old battles in a friendly manner.

Yours very respectfully,

Edward H. Tracy.

Law Office of E. L. FANCHER,

No. 229 BROADWAY,

New York, May 19th, 1897

The Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of New York,

Dear Sir:

The Board of Aldermen at yesterday's session, passed a Resolution giving permission to the St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church in the City of New York, to retain the main entrance stoop and steps as already erected in front of its Church Edifice, corner of West End Avenue and 86th Street.

The Church Edifice has been erected, according to law - the Trustees having employed a well known Architect R.H. Robertson, and also a City Surveyor, F.M. Ford, who made a survey of the lots showing the lines of the lots, width of side walk, and stoop lines; and plans and specifications were made according to that survey. These plans and specifications were duly submitted to the Building Department and by that Department approved.

The erection was made strictly in conformity with the Survey and approved plans and specifications.

West End Avenue is 100 feet wide; and between the stoop steps in front of the Church entrance and the curb there remains a sidewalk of eighteen feet; which is more than exists on the Fifth Avenue and other wide Streets.

By some complaint as to the steps the Builders have been delayed in removing the board covers of the stoop and steps for several months.

The action of the Aldermen is fully author-

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City Record of May 20, 1897.

ized by Chap.310 laws of 1897, and as the officary of the Church think, justified by the former Ordinances of the City.

If your Honor would be pleased to affix your fiat of approval to the Resolution of the Board of Aldermen, it will relieve the Church from its suspense and allow the finishing of the Edifice.

With much regard, *Yours faithfully*
E. L. Sanchez,
President of the Board of Trustees,
of St. Paul's M.E. Church.

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Form No. 1.

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

INCORPORATED
21,000 OFFICES IN AMERICA. CABLE SERVICE TO ALL THE WORLD.

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This is an **UNREPEATED MESSAGE**, and is delivered by request of the sender, under the conditions named above.

THOS. T. ECKERT, President and General Manager.

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RECEIVED at the WESTERN UNION BUILDING, 195 Broadway, N. Y. May 19 1897

Dated Albany May 19

To Job E. Hedges

Mayers & Co New York

I will bring duplicate bills down tonight
Can you have certificates ready so can
be returned by messenger tomorrow
John Procter Clarke

DeLaney

Mr. Edward A. Drake, Chairman of Committee of Business men's Organization in the "Citizens Union."

My dear Sir:-

In response to your invitation to express my views on the impending crisis in local politics, I take pleasure in submitting to you the following criticism. You may not concur in its deductions, but upon these recommendations will hang the fate of the "Citizens Union" in the politics of the Greater New York.

As a member of the Business Men's Republican Organization, permit me to state that I have been and still am an aggressive and uncompromising Republican; this political bias I will surrender only when my party, National or State, repudiates its platform of principles and policies; yet in local affairs by evolution and absolute necessity the time has arrived when the government of municipal affairs should be undertaken by, and selected from, available Citizens irrespective of party; in fact this reflection is applicable not only to the Metropolis but should be the procedure in all large cities in our State and the Nation--particularly in those centres where citizenship is of a cosmopolitan character. For one, I am prepared to support a new departure in local politics in order to defeat the methods employed by self-appointed political bosses, whose unscrupulous methods meet with no punishment.

Men of sterling and able qualities can be found in our community who will not accept office for mercenary purposes. Such men insure good government and progressive possibilities based on business principles.

The principles and objects of the Citizens Union appeal to the conscience of all friends of American civilization; they are manifestly created in the interest of the public welfare. With energetic and able leaders selected from public-spirited citizens, its present and prospective influence can be made a great force. A newly organized political Association may be subjected to the derision and the sneers of political bosses, and their pliant supporters that are intrenched in power, yet when public opinion is aroused they have often met with a Waterloo at the hands of an indignant people.

I ask your indulgence for a brief commentary on the present political situation, which in my judgment is due to our Democratic allies in the last campaign that marched under the McKinley banners; many of these voters are restless--the signs of the promised prosperity have failed to make themselves felt quickly in every branch of our varied industries and interests. That there has been a gradual restoration of confidence, and an awakening activity among some branches of trade and commerce, no one will deny that carefully observes the course of current events; a general revival cannot take place until after the President has signed the Senate Tariff Bill.

It is unreasonable for our Democratic citizens and independent voters to expect the present administration to build up in four days or four months what it has taken the past administration four long years to destroy; but depend upon it, that from the moment the Senate Bill is passed protecting our National affairs and our wage-earners--- from that time we will all feel the beneficent effects of legislation that is enacted for the best interest of every citizen in this broad land; it will be a bill protecting our homes and our labor field against foreign competition.

The retroactive clause in the Bill promptly enforcing the new tariff should meet with general approbation, since it prevents foreign manufacturers from stocking our market with their products for years to come. If they are permitted to import their goods for a long period under the Wilson Bill it will simply create idleness in many branches of our manufactures, compelling wage-earners to await the time when those stocks are exhausted in the hands of importers and traders, or consumed by the people. We demand immediate relief from unnatural competition, at the same time exercising a spirit of fairness toward importers; if we must discriminate, then let us discriminate in our own favor; selfishness is a universal principle in the affairs of nations or individuals.

Therefore all fair-minded citizens should suspend judgment on National affairs until the new Tariff Bill is in active operation; you

will discover that every promise made by the present administration, so far as greater prosperity and sound money are involved, will be fulfilled completely. Capital will reënter into new and old enterprises, and the sound of the hammer and industrial commotion will be in evidence North, South, East and West---every section will feel the fraternal effects of an American policy.

Let us not to listen to the misrepresentations and utterances of selfish political demagogues that have no comprehension of industrial, economic, or practical questions, who have promoted ruin and disaster to our people. They simply prey upon the weaknesses of their followers, and assert their ignorance for political purposes; temporarily they may succeed in pulling the wool over the eyes of our people but truth triumphs in the end. That Republican prosperity will repeat itself is as true as the law of gravitation.

The object I have in reviewing this phase of the situation is to assure all who assisted us in the last campaign, that the promises made in 1896 by a Republican administration will be a magnificent contrast to the assurances and the policies pursued by our rulers of 1892, who left us as a legacy a debt of 600 millions of dollars to prove that they could govern this glorious land of ours with greater ability and patriotism than their predecessors. This digression is closely allied to this movement; I have introduced these facts with the hope that it may in some manner induce independent Democrats and citizens who voted with us to consider the situation impartially, and become participants in an Organization that pledges its support to candidates who will govern our city with ability and on business principles.

It is not my intention to review the records made by past municipal administrations---their history is impressed upon the memory of every intelligent New Yorker, voter and tax-payer; yet I unhesitatingly state---considering the demoralized condition of our municipal affairs in the past---that the present incumbent of the Mayor's Office, after making great personal sacrifices has discharged the duties of his office with fidelity, sagacity, honor and exceptional practical wisdom, in the interest of the entire community. As business men, we thoroughly appreciate the labors which he has fearlessly executed.

Mayor Strong has made a brilliant record as a vigilant guardian of our city's best interests. This Organization of business men, representing the great branches of trade and commerce, feel a conscious pride in our President and his achievements as an administrator of public business, proving conclusively that trained men of affairs make the best managers of political life.

The Citizens Union has it in its power to concentrate in its ranks all of the best elements among the friends of good government in this cosmopolitan City, but its platform must represent the demands of all the people. This movement represents a revolution of public sentiment in a time of political confusion, therefore its principles and objects must be broad and liberal if bossism is to be destroyed or weakened in Greater New York. It is a contract to undertake, and will demand the highest wisdom, compact organization in every election district and section of the new metropolis supported by the press, and indefatigable labors on the part of its leaders. Fusion is the watchword.

The declarations and objects drawn up by the Citizens Union will be appreciated by the community; it champions Home Rule, honesty and ability, favors clean and well-paved thoroughfares and streets. An efficient Board of Health that will enforce sanitary regulations, and it stands for no gratuitous franchises, rapid transit facilities through Greater New York, ample school accommodations, small parks in our densely inhabited districts, and all collateral questions that represent progress, comforts, and conveniences for all of our Citizens.

I would feel gratified if the Citizens Union could win a local contest upon their announced platform; as business men we are in touch with the people, and it is my firm conviction that they cannot triumph at the next election---or in any future contest---if they fail to place themselves solidly on their attitude on the Excise question. As a matter of fact it is high time that the Excise question should be removed from politics.

In analyzing the tendencies and prejudices of the people in every section of the Metropolis, coupled with numerous conferences with local political leaders, chiefly in the thickly-populated sections on the East and West Side, among mechanics, wage-earners, and the humbler classes of our toiling masses, I discovered---not for the first time---that their animosity against the Raines Bill and other pernicious State

legislation is deeply rooted; and that a reform movement will be checked if we are blind and deaf to their grievances and demands. State Legislators, ignorant of the requirements of the Metropolis, have too long ruled our community.

We must bear in mind that the tax-payers of the Metropolis are paying nearly fifty per cent. of the entire State tax budget. ^{Between} the Raines Excise law, State taxes, special assessments, and ^{antagonistic} legislation, we are driving capital labor, taxable property, corporations, and old and new enterprises, out of the Empire State--particularly from Greater New York. As much as it grieves me to make the statement, the Republican majority in the legislature are responsible for the enactments and measures, the result of which will be to sweep them out of power if unchecked. Any political party which will advocate the repeal of such destructive and impractical laws from the statutes will be popular.

With the exception of a corporal's guard of representatives from New York, Kings, Erie and Onondago Counties, the majority in the present legislature are the puppets of an irresponsible political boss--mere vassals, without manhood, without ability, without independence, and without the slightest regard for the demands of their constituents.

Leaders and organization we must have; experience has taught us that lesson, but pure and simple bossism should be suppressed.

Do not imagine for a moment that my impressions are unstudied or exaggerated when I state that at least 100,000 voters in the Greater New York will vote against any political party--no matter how seductive and broad their platform may be--if they fail to pledge themselves in unmistakable language for liberal Sunday-opening Excise Laws! These reflections are founded upon stubborn, immutable facts.

Sumptuary Laws have been ~~proposed~~ ^{renewed} since time immemorial, and always will be, so long as human nature exists.

The independent citizen of moderate means has his club, the wealthy or well-to-do citizen has his wine cellar or side-board; the laboring classes have neither club, cellar, nor side-board, and in thousands of instances not even an ice-chest for summer use; and yet their appetites differ in no respect from their more fortunate cousins. Can we censure the wage-earning classes for voting with political parties, no matter how corrupt their administration may be, that assure them protection, openly or surreptitiously, on Excise questions?

The higgler voters are jealous of their individual liberty, and will resist and combat unjust discrimination, and will defend their rights at the ballot box. There lies their only remedy, and they exercise it.

Now let us be just. If we grant them the necessities to which they are entitled they are ever ready to cast their lot with the advocates of good government. The last reform movement and the Presidential election was an object lesson in that direction, and they will repeat their action if we favor them with liberal treatment. Puritanical laws are unpopular in cosmopolitan New York, and cannot be enforced; they will be circumvented. Why attempt to enforce hypocritical legislation for the benefit of political bosses?

London, Paris, Berlin, Vienna, in fact all large centres of population, even in our own country, have liberal Sunday-opening laws, enforced under strict police regulations. Reform movements have never been permanent in cities of the first and second class unless the Excise question is settled to the satisfaction of the masses. Political usurpers have continuously defeated reform movements on this issue, supported by voluntary and involuntary contributions from brewers and distillers, from corporations requiring special protection, and lastly--the most powerful factor of all--the votes of the toiling classes. These are the influences which have enabled political buccaneers to perpetuate their power and control legislatures. It is a sad travesty on liberty and justice when it can be truly stated that political bosses in either dominant party control local and State legislation on issues that common sense should entirely remove from the realm of partisan politics.

Respectfully submitted by

New York, N. Y., May 19th, 1897.

Very truly yours

George J. Seabury

M I N U T E S

of

MEETING OF MERCHANTS, &C.

held in the Governor's Room in the City Hall in the City of New York on Wednesday the 19th day of May, 1897, at 12 o'clock M., to take action in relation to Visiting Delegations of Business Men from Mexico and the Central and South American Countries.

Walter C. Gilson,

Secretary.

CALL FOR THE MEETING:

City of New York,
Office of the Mayor.

May 13th, 1897.

Dear sir;

A large delegation of representative business men appointed by the commercial bodies of South American countries, Central America and Mexico, will visit the United States in June and July next for the purpose of studying our resources and industries. These gentlemen (65 in number) will come to this City on the 9th of June and remain until the 14th. Previous to coming to New York they will be greeted and entertained in Philadelphia where the most elaborate preparations have been made. After leaving New York they will go to Boston and thence to a number of Western cities.

The greeting these gentlemen shall receive here ought to be in keeping with the prestige of New York as the greatest financial, commercial and manufacturing city of the country, and I shall be pleased to confer with you regarding the matter, with a few other gentlemen who are invited to meet in the Governor's Room, City Hall, on Wednesday next, the 19th inst., at twelve o'clock, M.

Respectfully yours,

W.L. Strong,
Mayor.

Pursuant to the foregoing call a meeting was held in the Governor's Room in the City Hall in the City of New York on Wednesday May 19th 1897 at 12 o'clock m.

Present, among others:-

Hon. W. L. Strong,
Charles A. Moore,
H.R.Towne,
Cornelius B. Mitchell,
Henry Dalley Jr.
Oscar S. Straus,
Hon. Charles A. Schieren,
F.B.Thurber,
William Brookfield,
George J. Seabury,
G. Waldo Smith,
George C. Boldt,
John P. Townsend,
Louis Stern
E.S.A. de Lima
C.H.Pierce,
Gen. E. A. McAlpin
Hon. W.R.Grace,
George Bethune Adams,
Francis W. Otheman,
W.C.Gilson,
Ludwig Nissen,
Col. A. G. Paine,
D. R. James,
John A. Tacaberry,
Charles T. Hughes,
Woodbury Langdon,
Gen. E. L. Molineux,
Whitelaw Reid
Salem H. Wales,
E.A.Quintard
George E. Armstrong

K. Mandell,
Hon. Joseph P. Daly,
T. C. Delavan,
Edw. Einstein,
M.C.D. Borden
Henry S. Manning,
Ex Norton,
Frank S. Witherbee,
Isidor Straus,
Robert C. Alexander,
George Rutledge Gibson,
E.W. Bloomingdale
Charles H. Webb,
James G. Cannon
Irving R. Fisher,
Richard Deeves,
Richard Watson Gilder,
Henry A. McGee,
Mr. McLellan
James M. Motley.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Strong, who stated that the first business in order would be the election of a Chairman and Secretary.

Upon Motion duly made and seconded Hon. William L. Strong was made Chairman and Mr. Walter C. Gilson secretary.

At the suggestion of Mayor Strong, ex-Mayor Schieren of Brooklyn arose to explain the object of the meeting, and spoke as follows:

"The object of this meeting is to entertain the sixty-five representatives from the South American, Central American and Mexican Governments, who are visiting Philadelphia Commercial Museum and are delegates to that convention. They have convention of delegates from the various Boards of Trade from those countries, and also from the South American Republics.

"Philadelphia is taking quite an active part in this movement and will give those men one of the biggest entertainments that have ever been held in that city. I am credibly informed that a banquet will be held to which twelve hundred people will be invited. In other words, they will entertain the foreign guests.

"After the convention and entertainment these guests will take a special train to Washington to officially call on the President and visit the various departments, and from there come to this city, from this city to Boston and a dozen other cities through the East and West. The object of the visit is to see what commercial facilities

"The cities of Boston and Philadelphia have taken official action, and while the Committee has already been quite active, we thought it also wise that the City of New York should take official recognition of this matter and we called upon the Mayor, and he was kind enough to at once call you gentlemen together for the purpose of co-operating with the already existing Committee, especially to get up a banquet here that will be equal to, if not in size in other respects, that of any banquet given in this country.

"I think Mr. Mayor there is nothing more for me to say, but if there is anyone who would like to ask any questions I shall be glad to answer them. I believe there are some others who would like to say a few words."

Mayor Strong then stated that ex-Mayor Grace of New York would say a few words on the subject:

Ex-Mayor Grace spoke as follows:

"In the first place Mr. Mayor, I cannot but congratulate you upon having so large an attendance. I did not always find my voice so potent in getting the merchants of New York together.

"Of course, this is a matter of great interest to everybody. In the first place, the invitations having been given out from an organization such as Mr. Schieren is Chairman of, it behooves us to see that these gentlemen are at least properly entertained.

"The gentlemen composing this delegation are representative men, who in their own countries have practical acquaintance with the business interests in those countries.

"The programme which has been laid out by the Merchants' Committee and arranged with the Museum in Philadelphia was to have them here for a couple of days. I suggested at a meeting which I attended some time ago that we give them a practical idea of the great good we have accomplished in this city, that we ask the Mayor to

give them a small demonstration of the ability, activity and discipline of the Fire Department and other departments, and also an insight into some of the questions we have solved which the South Americans would naturally be interested in, such, for instance, as seeing what we had been doing in regard to education. I made a further suggestion, that while they would not expect the prominent clubs to give them any entertainment, that it would be a good thing to invite them to visit the clubs, just to show them and to give the Committee an opportunity of judging of how very superior we are in that respect to what our neighbors in London are.

"You probably know as well as I do that South American sympathies are with us, because he generally sympathizes with that country that offers him the facilities to do his business to the best advantage, and it would be in the interest of this country to show these gentlemen how much we have progressed in the last hundred years. I have entertained a great many of the most prominent men here from South America and have always been

gratified with the idea that they have gone away from here impressed with the highest opinion of the enterprise of this country, and I think it should be a matter of pride with all of us to give these gentlemen an opportunity of seeing the best of the cities."

Mayor Strong then introduced Mr. Whitelaw Reid, who said he fully endorsed all that ex-Mayor Grace had said.

Mayor Strong then introduced Mr. Nathan Straus, who spoke as follows:

"I will simply confess my ignorance of the subject. South America is nearer to us than Europe, and we should offer every facility to South American commerce, and in this connection I desire to offer the following resolution:

"RESOLVED that a committee of twelve be appointed by the Mayor, with power, to cooperate with the Joint Committee on Entertainment of South American Merchants who will visit New York June 9th to 13th.

The resolution, having been duly seconded, it was

unanimously carried.

Mr. William Brookfield moved that the committee appointed pursuant to the foregoing resolution be given power to add to its numbers, which motion was duly seconded and unanimously carried.

Mayor Strong stated that he would like to confer with ex-Mayors Grace and Schieren before appointing the committee under Mr. Straus' resolution.

After such conference the Mayor appointed as such Committee Messrs.

Charles Stewart Smith
Hon. Edward Cooper
Gen. Edwin A. McAlpin
Gustav H. Schwab
Col. Augustus G. Paine
R. Fulton Cutting
Wilbur F. Wakeman
John R. Van Wormer
Henry Dalley, Jr.
Walter C. Gilson
Henry Hentz
Edward Eyre
R.A.C. Smith

Walter T. Gilson

Secretary.



MADISON AVE. & 42ND ST.
NEW YORK.

PRIVATE OFFICE

(P E R S O N A L)

New York, May 20th, 1897.

My dear Colonel:-

I have written to some of the gentlemen you appointed on the committee to welcome the South American visitors upon their contemplated sojourn in our city. I would like very much to make some arrangement, if possible, whereby we could entertain them here. We have, as you know, every facility for entertaining and would be able to give them magnificent quarters and furnish them banquets, luncheons, etc., during their stay. You know how we are accustomed to entertain, and we would be glad to place a parlor at the disposal of the Committee for meetings, etc., and, in fact, do anything we can to render the entertainment of the guests a success.

Very sincerely your friend,

William D. Hawk

Hon. William L. Strong,
New York City.

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Rooms of the New York Board of Trade and Transportation,

MAIL AND EXPRESS BUILDING,

203 BROADWAY.

TELEPHONE CALL: 3992 CORTLANDT.

New York, May 20th 1897

His Honor

W. L. Strong

Mayor, New York.

Sir,

I have the pleasure to inform you that at a meeting held this P.M., of the above committee with the committee appointed yesterday by your Honor, it was unanimously

Resolved, that this joint committee request His Honor, Mayor Strong, to preside at the Banquet to be given in honor of the South American merchants on Thursday evening the 10th of June next at The Waldorf.

It was also moved and carried that Mayor Strong be an honorary member of all committees.

The Banquet Committee will meet in these Rooms tomorrow, Friday, at 4 o'clock P.M. and I am directed to invite you to be present at the meeting.

I remain

very respectfully

Frank S. Gardner
for the

THIRD DISTRICT
CITY MAGISTRATES' COURT.
NEW YORK.



NEW YORK, May 21 1897

Hon. Wm. L. Strong.
Mayor.

Dear Sir

As one of the Committee of the Magistrates, to look after the new Court House, 54th St., I have communicated with Mr. Geo. C. Graham and learn: That his Department has no funds or balance of appropriation applicable to furniture for the Police Court: He informs me that there is an unexpended balance of \$70,000 arising out of the Construction (apc) of the Court House under Chapter 43. L 1892. From the wording of the law, I am informed that some doubt exists as to the right of using any of this fund - for furnishing - The fund

being (under the wording of the statute) exclusively applicable to "Construction".

I have not the sum before me, but it is suggested that an appropriation be ordered out of the \$70,000 sufficient to furnish the Court.

As it is proposed to open the Court House on July 1. it becomes necessary to act with some little expedition - in order to leave the final needed changes and arrangements made & completed by that time.

I can not get away from my duties here to see you personally - as Chairman of the Sinking Fund Com^y, & therefore write this - as the time is short.

Very Respectfully, yours
Thos F. Wentworth
Chairman of the
Com. on New Court House

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New York, May 21st 1897

Mr Job E. Stedus
 Office of the Mayors
 New York City

Dear Sir,

It is proposed to appoint a large reception committee for the South American Merchants from the list of men who were invited to the Mayors meeting. Can you let me have the letters received by the Mayors in answer to his invitation as an aid in making up the committee? and oblige

Yours very truly
 Frank S. Gardner

ASCENSION PARISH HOUSE,
12 WEST 11TH STREET,
NEW YORK.

May 21st, 1897.

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

My dear Sir:

I write you with some reluctance feeling that you must be overwhelmed with communications that seem to you needless or to which you can give scant attention. I feel, however, that the question of Surface Line franchises now so prominently before the public and the City Government in connection with the future management of the Sixth and Eighth Avenue lines is one of such real importance to the financial interests of the city that any citizen who feels deeply about the matter, should express himself.

In regard to the legality of the city purchasing those lines I have nothing to say. My own private interpretation of the terms under which the franchises were originally given is most certainly favorable to the prospective purchase by the city of those roads. What I do wish to call to your attention is this: How largely in the past the finances of New York have been benefited by the Sinking Fund which is fed from those franchises and from public properties the city already controls. Mr. Fitch himself has assured me that the Sinking Fund has been the salvation of the finances of the city. Why should not this sheet anchor of our municipal credit be strengthened (especially considering the strain of increased expense incidental to the Greater New York) by the advantage it is possible for the city to derive from the Sixth and Eighth Avenue lines.

In the second place, municipal ownership of railroad lines is a principle which promises in the near future to receive a large public acceptance. There is an agitation now going on in Boston led by a man of such wealth, name and public service as Robert Treat Paine, looking to municipal ownership in the Bay State of city railroad systems.

I believe, sir, that you would make your mayoralty of New York memorable, and would distinguish yourself above your predecessors for many years, if your personal influence could bring about now what is sure to come sooner or later. We are not to put too much confidence in those vague auguries called the signs of the times, but when we perceive in many cities on this Continent a growing popular determination to control for the benefit of the whole people, the franchises of the city, especially of its transportation companies, there can be little doubt of the widespread ultimate success of such a movement.

ASCENSION PARISH HOUSE,
12 WEST 11TH STREET,
NEW YORK.

Hon. William L. Strong.

What the people want they will finally have, and unmistakably this is one of their demands, -- cheap fares and that the earnings of the Street Car Companies should accrue to the advantage of the city whose thoroughfares they use.

Believe me to be,

Yours most truly,

Percy S. Grant.

Treasury Department,

Office of the Secretary,

Washington, D. C.,

May 21, 1897.

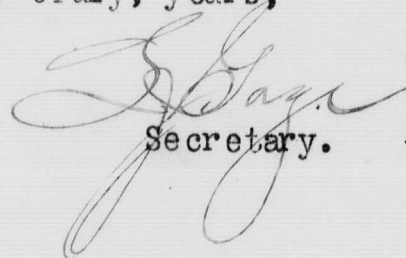
Hon. W. L. Strong,

Mayor of New York, New York City.

My dear Sir:

Your favor of the 11th instant, relating to Mr. Morris J. Power, has been duly received, and will be filed for special reference when the question to which his name is related is taken up for consideration.

Very truly, yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely of the Secretary, is written over the printed name.

Secretary.

Metropolitan Department.

The Penn. Mutual Life Insurance Co.

of Philadelphia, Pa.

J. A. Goulden & Son,
General Agents.

169 & 171 Broadway.

New York, May 22nd 1897

Hon. W. L. Strong

My dear Mr. Mayor,

The roster of the posts of
the G. A. R. in the Greater New York will
be in your hands early next week.

Pardon my allusion to a personal
matter. You will recall a request
made you recently for an appoint-
ment or two on commissions in con-
demnation proceedings for street open-
ings, &c.

The passage of the bill for a park
at St. James Place Fordham, providing
a field for athletic purposes, might be
of interest to me. Thanking you for
my many courtesies recd. from you,
I am with assurances of high regards,
Yours cordially,
J. A. Goulden

JOHN C. COLEMAN,
COUNSELLOR AT LAW,
AMERICAN SURETY BUILDING,
100 BROADWAY, NEW YORK CITY.

May 22, 1897.

My dear Sir:

Will you kindly advise what
action you propose taking relative
to the Communication sent you
by me on the 11th inst. on behalf
of the West End Association?

Yours respectfully,
John C. Coleman

Hon. William L. Strong,

LAW OFFICE
WILMER & CANFIELD,
(BANK OF NEW YORK BUILDING.)
48 WALL STREET.

NEW YORK,

May 22nd, 1897.

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

Hon. and Dear Sir:-

At the time of your appointment of Mr. Moss I took the occasion to send a copy of the within letter to the Herald, but it was returned as the Herald had already committed itself to a different view, which, of course, I regret. The observations of all right thinking people I find are quite in accordance with the views stated in my letter, and it must be a source of great pleasure and satisfaction to you to find that your action in this matter has been and is commended more and more by all the best people in the city of New York.

I take the liberty of recalling myself to your notice as a person who wrote you at the time of your nomination on the subject of appointment of women in connection with the school board, and also as one who aided in getting up the petition which was circulated approving and commending your appointment of Col. Waring at a time when a great effort was being made to discredit his course in connection with the Grand Army ^{of the} Republic. All such

Hon. W. L S-#2

acts of yours as are evidenced by your appointment of Col. Waring and your retention of him in office as well as your appointment of Mr. Moss commends you not only to the citizens of New York but to all the people of the country whose good opinions are worth having.

Yours respectfully,

Wm. H. H. H.

Hon. W. L S-#2

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Yours respectfully,

Wm. Wilmer

Editor ~~Y.~~ Y. Herald.

As your paper is read by all right-thinking people in this city- it may seem proper for all those who commend acts done for the public good to ask your aid. The appointment of Mr. Moss as a police Commissioner strongly emphasizes the Mayor's fidelity to his constituents. No matter how people may differ with Mr. Moss there can be but one opinion as to the ^{earnest} ~~correctness~~ & fearlessness of his efforts to expose and suppress official vice & corruption in this city, and he should have the support and encouragement of every right wishing citizen. To the Mayor we should all turn with gratitude at this evidence of his independence and courage. And although a stranger to both men yet I can join with pleasure and pride in recognizing in this appointment an act worthy of the greatest of ^{great} ~~just~~ men. Even those who may object to Mr. Moss personally cannot fail to appreciate & honor the motive & purpose of Mayor Strong in this matter.

W. N. Wilmer.

33 East 17th New York, May 22, 1897.

~~Mr.~~ W. L. Strong.

Dear Sir:

The Committee on Erection of the Washington Arch will meet on Thursday next, the 27th inst., at 4.30 P. M. at the office of Mr. Stanford White, 160 Fifth Avenue, to hear the report of the Auditing Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts, and to consider what action, if any, the Committee will take to fulfil its pledge to the City Government, to fill the vacant pedestals of the Arch with groups of statuary.

Respectfully yours

W. H. Miller
Secretary.

CITIZENS' SAVINGS BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

EDWARD A. QUINTARD, President.

HENRY HASLER, Secretary.

CHARLES W. HELD, Cashier.

56 & 58 BOWERY,

May 22 1897

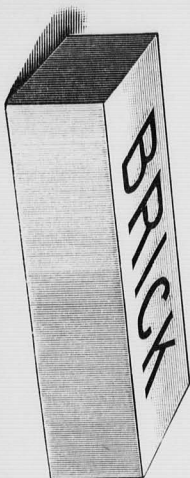
Dear Mr Mayson

On the 11th of
June the Home for Memorable
at Fordham have the
Amusement. If you will
come up and give the
ladies a little talk it
would be an hour that we
would appreciate.

Herace Russell
has promised a speech

He will please you all
to the Antislavery Cream

Very truly
Ed A Quintard



Please buy one Brick in the walls
of the International Hall,
125x25 feet, 3 story.

Please return this Brick or name
its owner.

No. 374

*This Card has been purchased for \$_____ by
Mr. _____*

No. _____

City _____

*Who is now the owner of _____ Brick in the
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"He that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord."*

JOHN J. SMALLWOOD, FOUNDER & PRESIDENT,

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65,000 feet of Lumber needed now to commence the work.
Industrial Hall must be erected during the school year of
1896 and 1897, to accommodate Students.

Spring term opens March 8th. Fall term Sept., 16, 1897.

Claremont, Va., May, the 2^{5th} 1897,

To Mr. William L. Strong:-
Mayor of New York City, N.Y:-
My dear Mr. Strong:-

Let me beg you to read this letter yourself,
and please answer the same yourself. Sending me
if you please, an autograph letter. I am a negro;
born a slave, a m. self-educated, having been
compelled to work my way through school.
Our humble institution about which, I write, is
non-sectarian and non-political, but strictly moral
industrial and religious. We are teaching the young negro
to solve the negro problem for himself. This institution
has bought a beautiful school farm for \$7,000. The
institution was founded Oct. 13th. 1891, with less than
ten pupils, and not four times that many dollars.
Our pupils are all poor, too poor, to pay the sum of
Six dollars per month. Many of whom we must clothe
and some we must clothe and feed.
Mayor Strong. The negro at the South, must be educated.
He must be taught true man^{hood}, and she must be taught
true womanhood. We must teach the negro, self-reliance

Self-respect, Race Pride, a useful trade, a straight
 and a strict business contact. We must teach the Negro
 to build his own colleges, establish his own banks,
 and to buy his own R.R. Stocks,
 so political party can ever hope to solve the Negro or
 the so-called, Race Problem. The Negro must solve his own
Race Problem. He now, after five years, of hard work,
 has a most beautiful farm. We have built a nice,
 plain, wooden Hall, 90 x 20 ft, with a "T." 40 x 20 ft, $\frac{1}{2}$ story.
 We have paid \$4,200, of the \$7,000. We have our farm,
 in the very best condition. But we were compelled to buy
 this place under one of these Negro hating, Virginiid,
unjust, land contracts. We shall lose all, that we have
 gained, if we miss a single payment, when the note falls
 due. We are unable to lose a cent, for tonight, Mr.
 Strong, we have not one dollar and fifty cents. We
 the teachers, get no pay. We are tonight in absolute
 need. We owe \$2,800 we must pay this man, who does not
 seemingly, want to see us success. We write Mr. Strong,
 to ask you to help us. We enclose to you Brick No. 374.
 We beg you to buy many of these Bricks, and let us name
 our little Chapel here where the first Negro was sold
 in your honor. This is a very dark day for us. We can
 not see a head out a single day. If you do not
 buy the Brick, please return the same to us. We shall
 thank you for any amount, that you may see fit to send
 us. Please send all money, by P.O. Order by bank check.
 I am Mr. Strong, most humbly, yours very truly,
 John J. Smallwood—

Consulate General of Chile
259. W. 131st St City May 24/97

His Honor The Mayor
of New York City

Sir: Señor Carlos Rogers, who has been appointed by the Government of Chile a delegate to the Philadelphia Pan American Commercial Congress, has been instructed by his Government to visit some of the New York institutions for the insane. I therefore, take the liberty of respectfully requesting your Honor to furnish Señor Rogers, through this Consulate General, with the necessary permits or recommendations to the Superintendents of one or more of such institutions as will enable him to visit them. I have the honor to remain your Honor's obedient servt.

Fredk. A. Berlan
Consul General of Chile

TELEPHONE CALL:
27 EIGHTEENTH ST.

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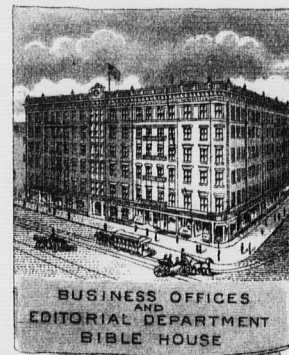
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91 TO 102 BIBLE HOUSE.

EIGHTH & NINTH STREETS-THIRD & FOURTH AVE'S

NEW YORK CITY.



May 25, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of City of New York, City.

Dear Sir:

I sincerely thank you for your communication of the 24th enclosing an exhaustive report by Mr. Gerry, President of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, respecting the case of Rose Adams, whose mother claimed she was illegally deprived of her liberty.

I have sent the report to Mrs. Margaret E. Sangster, whom the mother first addressed, and who in turn sent the communication to this office.

Very cordially yours,

L. Klopsch

NEW YORK SOCIETY LIBRARY

67 UNIVERSITY PLACE

New York, May 25 1897

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

Dear Sir,

Is a copy of "Records
of New Amsterdam," ed. by B. Fernow.
to be presented to each library by
the city and may this library
expect a copy or is it to be acquired
by purchase only? Ought not the
Mayor to own a share in the oldest
library in the city?

Respectfully

J. B. Bigelow.
Librarian.

421 E. Liberty St.,

Lexington, Mass.

May 25 1897

Mayor of New York City.

Dear Sir:

Please let me know the name and address of the gentleman who has charge of collecting the ashes and garbage of N. Y. city. I have evolved a new idea of collecting and transporting ashes and garbage by means of a patent house can, covered vehicle. The idea covered is to keep the refuse under cover and from the wind all the time.

I claim absolute cleanliness in handling refuse, to those engaged in the work, to passersby, to shops windows etc. If the superintendent of street cleaning answers, I would like to know whether an improved method is desired.

An early reply would oblige,

Very Truly Yours
Oberst Burbank.

STANTON & GILSON,
COUNSELLORS AT LAW,

HENRY STANTON,
WALTER C. GILSON.
CABLE ADDRESS "STAGIL NEW YORK"

Nº 31 NASSAU STREET,

(BANK OF COMMERCE BUILDING.)

NEW YORK. May 25th, 1897.

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

Dear sir;

I have this day received a letter from Mr. Gustav H. Schwab informing me that while he greatly appreciates the honor you have done him in appointing him a member of the committee to coöperate with the Joint Committee on Entertainment of the South American Merchants, he regrets exceedingly that he will be unable to serve as a member of the committee.

Yours respectfully,

Wm. C. Gilson

Thirty-Four Nassau Street.

New York May 25th. 1897.

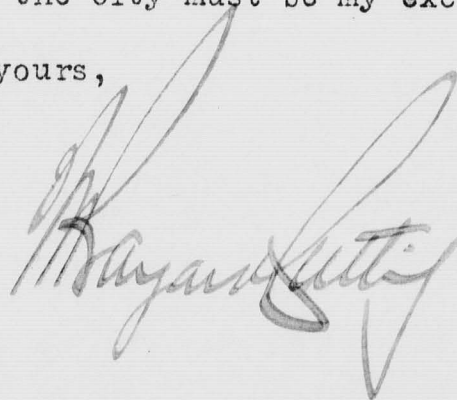
Hon. W. L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York,

My dear sir:

Owing to my absence at the Hot Springs of Virginia, I did not receive your communication of May 13th. in time to answer it in person. I was, therefore, unable to be present at the meeting called to consider the visit of the business representatives from South American countries. My absence from the city must be my excuse.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wm. L. Strong". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed text "Very truly yours,".

INCORPORATED 1857.

COOPER UNION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE AND ART.

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EDWARD COOPER, PRES'T.

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L. C. L. JORDAN, ASS'T SECY.

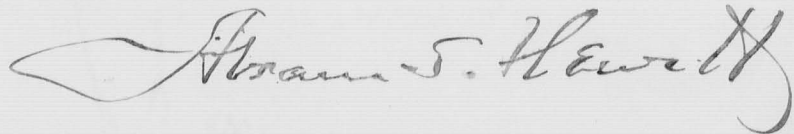
C NEW YORK. May 26th, 1897.

My dear Sir:-

It seems to me that the review of the Seventh Regiment will add a very desirable feature to the ceremonies connected with the unveiling of the statue of Peter Cooper on Saturday next. I am therefore heartily in accord with any arrangement which you may make, and I think the hour suggested will give plenty of time for the completion of the ceremonies.

Thanking you for the suggestion, I am

Sincerely yours,



Hon. William L. Strong, Mayor, etc.

New York, May 26th, 1897.

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

My dear Mr. Mayor:-

I have received your letter of this date, saying that on Saturday, the 29th inst., between four and five o'clock, the Seventh Regiment will be reviewed by the Mayor of New York in front of the Peter Cooper Statue near Cooper Union, and that you would be delighted to have me review the Regiment with you. I accept with much pleasure your very kind and courteous invitation.

I have the honor to remain

Very sincerely yours,

Edw A Cooper

Hamr Sch! No 15
May 27th 1897

For Mr L. Strong
Respected Sir

I take the liberty
of sending to you the address of welcome
made at your visit this morning to G. S. No 15
by Martin Victor Deutsch.

It is in the handwriting of the
little fellow who spoke, and while not
remarkable as a specimen of penmanship,
I thought that it might remind you of an
occasion, which the boys of No 15 will
long remember with great pride and
satisfaction.

Permit me to express to you
my great appreciation of the honor con-
ferred upon No 15 by your visit, coupled
with most sincere wishes for your long
continued health, happiness, and
usefulness to your fellow citizens -

Very truly
Yrs. N. P. Deers

The Vestry of Saint Mary, Islington.

TELEPHONE No 7649.
(KINGS CROSS.)



WM F. DEWEY,
VESTRY CLERK.

Vestry Hall.

Upper Street, N.

May 27th 1897

Dear Mr Mayor

I desire to acknowledge
the receipt this day of
your courteous invitation
to be present at the
discussion on "Vacant
Lot Farms" at the
City Hall New York
on the 20th inst.

I should have been
glad had circumstances
permitted to have
accepted

accepted it. but I
fear that not even
the advantages shown
in point of longitude
enabled me
to give the time 7
days short.

I remain,

Yours obliged servant
Wm F Dewey

Pintsch Pipe Line
from

8th Ave. and 135th St. to 3rd Ave. and 129th St.

Pintsch Compressing Co.

160 Broadway, New York, N.Y.

Scale $1\text{ in} = 1000\text{ ft}$.

Drawn by
E.E.A.

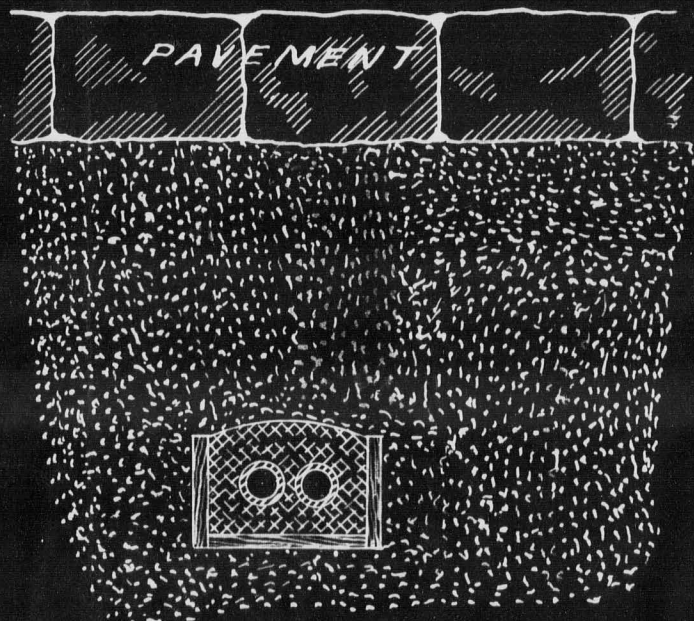
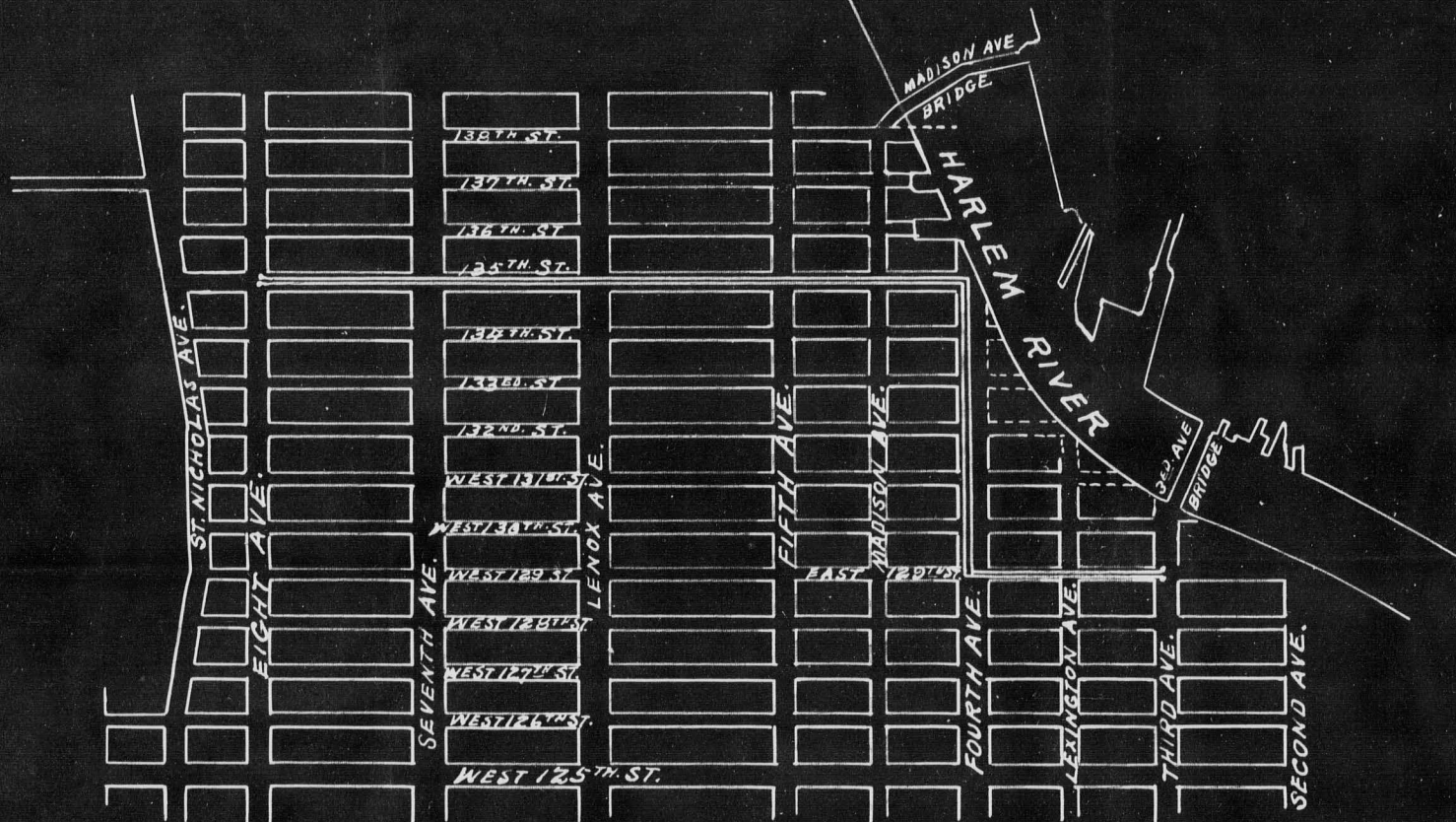
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Approved

M. Dixon

Apr. 21, 1897

Manager.



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SCALE $1\text{ in} = 1\text{ ft}$.

The Pintsch Compressing Company

General Offices of the Company,

160 Broadway,

New York,

April 22d, 1897

A.W. SOPER, President.
ROBT. ANDREWS, Vice President.
ROBT. M. DIXON, Manager.
W. R. THOMAS, Secretary and Treasurer.
C. H. WARDWELL, Asst. Secretary and Treasurer.
J. A. DIXON, Engineer.
D. W. PYE, Purchasing Agent.

To the Mayor and Board of Aldermen

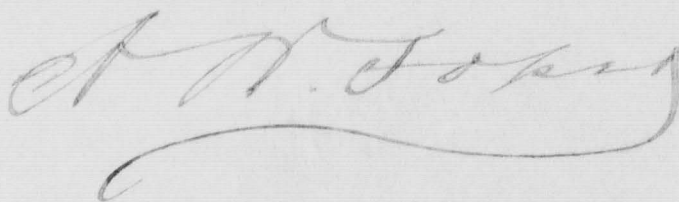
of the City of New York.

Gentlemen:

We respectfully request permission to lay and maintain two 2" pipe lines from 8th Ave. to 3d Ave. as follows:-

From 8th Ave. along 135th St. to 4th Ave., along 4th Ave. to 129th St. and along 129th St. to 3d Ave. The pipes to be two 2" wrought iron pipes, laid to a depth of about 30", and used for the purpose of supplying Pintsch gas for extending the system of lighting the Elevated Railroad cars now in use on the west side of the city to those on the east side. A drawing showing the route is attached.

Yours respectfully,



President.

ARTHUR W. SOPER,
130 BROADWAY, N.Y.

Personal

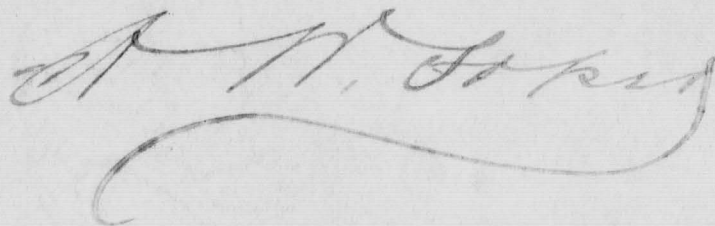
New York, April 23, 1897

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

My dear Sir:-

I have made today an application for pipeline for the Pintsch Co. over 135th St. and would appreciate it a great personal favor if you could assist us in this matter. The people are crying for more light, and it is the only possible way that we can accomplish it.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Arthur W. Soper". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name. It features a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

The Pintsch Compressing Company

General Offices of the Company,

160 Broadway,

New York,

May 19, 1897

A.W. SOPER, President.
ROBT. ANDREWS, Vice President.
ROBT. M. DIXON, Manager.
W. R. THOMAS, Secretary and Treasurer.
C. H. WARDWELL, Asst. Secretary and Treasurer.
J. J. A. DIXON, Engineer.
L. D. W. PYE, Purchasing Agent.

Hon. W. L. Strong,

City Hall, N.Y. City.

My dear Mayor Strong:-

I understand that the Board of Aldermen have passed the permit to your office for signature, for our pipe line on 135th St., for the purpose of better illuminating our street cars, and I would appreciate it a personal favor if it should receive your early autograph to enable us to proceed with the work.

Yours very truly,

A. W. Soper
President.

The Pintsch Compressing Company

General Offices of the Company,

160 Broadway,

New York,

May 27, 1897

A.W. SOPER, President.
ROBT. ANDREWS, Vice President.
ROBT. M. DIXON, Manager.
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C.H. WARDWELL, Asst. Secretary and Treasurer.
J.J. A. DIXON, Engineer.
LD. W. PYE, Purchasing Agent.

Hon. W. L. Strong,

Mayor, N.Y. City.

My dear Sir:-

The Commissioner of Public Works advises me that he signed the papers for permit for our pipe line on 135th St. some several days since. We are anxious to get to work at this matter before they commence to relay the pavement in the streets and would be exceedingly obliged if we could have your autograph to the document.

Very truly yours,



President.

JOHN C. COLEMAN,
COUNSELLOR AT LAW,
AMERICAN SURETY BUILDING,
100 BROADWAY, NEW YORK CITY

(Dictated)

May 27th. 1897.

My dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your valued favor of the 25th. inst. enclosing copy of a report on a portion of my letter of the 10th. inst. by Commissioner Waring.

As you state that you may answer the matter more in detail I will refrain from commenting on Commissioner Waring's report at the present time.

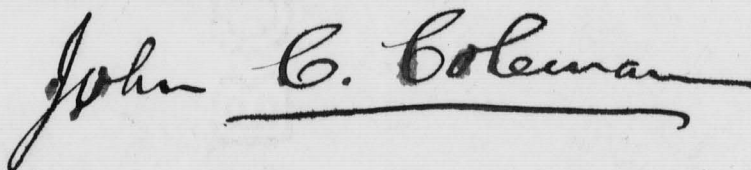
One thing, however, I do desire to say at this time, namely, that I also regret exceedingly that there is so much difference of opinion between Commissioner Waring and the West End Association, but you will also bear in mind that the controversy was not initiated by the Association. One other thing, the West End Association does not feel that it has any other or different claims on any of the Departments of the City than the inhabitants of any other portion.

We do feel that there has been an unjust discrimination shown towards our section of the City.

Yours very truly,

To

Hon. W. L. Strong.

The signature is written in a cursive, handwritten style. It begins with a large, stylized 'J' for 'John', followed by 'C.' and 'Coleman'. The signature is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

CITY LECTURES COMMITTEE,

ARTHUR W. MILBURY, Secretary,

No. 170 BLEECKER STREET,

New York, May 27th 1897

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Dear Sir:-

We send you the enclosed report of the work of the City Lectures Committee in the earnest hope that you may feel disposed to contribute some part of the small amount needed to continue the work of public education in the interest of good city government.

The work accomplished at such small cost last winter, and the material gathered for the work of the future open a wide field of usefulness which we are most anxious to cultivate.

Yours very truly,

Arthur W. Milbury
Secretary.

ST GEORGE'S RECTORY,
209 EAST 16TH ST

My dear Mr Mayor -

I want to say to you that neither
directly nor indirectly did I criticize your adminis-
tration at the Corps Union meeting - I am beginning
to read - that is a news paper lie - I spoke from
manuscript - We do not see eye to eye naturally.
My idea of non-partisan government is not perhaps
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Mr Ransomford begs me to say to you his kindest
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May 27. 97

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May 27. 97

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.
ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

NAVY DEPARTMENT,
WASHINGTON.

May 28, 1897.

My dear Mr. Mayor:

I am very sorry to say that all of those positions are under the labor rules, or the civil service law. It isn't in my power to do more than see that he gets a fair show; that I will gladly do.

Faithfully yours,

Theodore Roosevelt

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

THE BOARD FOR THE
PARK AVENUE IMPROVEMENT ABOVE 106TH STREET
OFFICES

501 Fifth Avenue, Corner Forty-second Street

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ERNEST HARVIER

NEW YORK, *May 28th,* 1897

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

Dear Sir:-

I am directed by the Board to acknowledge receipt of your recent communication regarding complaints from citizens of Harlem as to the slowness of work on the Park Avenue Improvement. Every effort is being made by this Board in the direction of relieving the situation.

I am also directed to say that by resolution of the Board, the commissioners appointed by you would be glad to have an opportunity to confer with you at your office regarding the subject of your letter, and that they await your convenience for an audience.

Yours truly,

Henry L. Stoddard

Secretary.

(Dic'd.)

Thurs 5/28/97



CITY OF NEW YORK.
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

May 28th, 1897.

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

My dear Sir:-

I hereby tender you my resignation as
Secretary to the Mayor, to take effect May 31st, as-
suming that this date is acceptable to you.

Very respectfully yours,

Job C. Hedges

ESTABLISHED 1833.

New York Freeman's Journal
AND
CATHOLIC REGISTER.

REV. L. A. LAMBERT, LL.D., Editor-in-Chief.
A. BRENDAN FORD, Manager.
No. 17 Barclay Street, N. Y.

New York, May 28th 1897

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

Hon. & Dear Sir:-

We desire to make application for the City Legal Notices which are published in the daily and weekly papers. The N. Y. Freeman's Journal is the oldest and most influential paper of its kind published and is read by a very large portion of our citizens who are particularly interested in such advertisements.

We feel that the Freeman's Journal ought to receive its share, not alone on the ground that it gave a consistent support to the Party of which you were head in the Campaign of 1894 but for the reason that a large percentage of our readers should be given the same opportunities as are given to other publications.

We forward by this mail a copy of the current issue of the Freeman's Journal which we would kindly request you to look at.

Very truly,

Wm Freeman's Journal

N. Y. Harmonic
Journal

Application
for "Legal
Notions"

City Government

B. F. GILKISON, PUBLISHER.
H. J. GONDEN, EDITOR.



PUBLISHED MONTHLY BY
CITY GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING CO.,
150 NASSAU STREET.

New York, May 28th 1897

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

Dear Sir:-

The problem of municipal government is today interesting all good citizens of the United States, and a great many professional and business men have organized into municipal leagues and civic confederations to aid in its solution. These so-called municipal reformers have a national organization which holds an annual conference for the praise-worthy purpose of discussing ways and methods for the improvement of municipal conditions. The practical results attained by these conferences cannot be said to be commensurate with the efforts they have cost, which is perhaps accounted for by the fact that the reformers, well meaning as they may be, have shown a disposition to criticise and destroy rather than a disposition to devise and construct. Our position, as publishers of a journal devoted to municipal work, has enabled us to observe that the governments of a great many cities have been vastly improved during recent years, that new methods have produced better service in many municipal departments, and that the lasting and practical reforms that have been accomplished are due to the studious efforts of the city officials themselves, rather than to any action of their critics. We are convinced that improvement in municipal service can best be attained by an interchange of ideas and knowledge born of practical experience, between the officials of our cities. Municipal reform, if it means anything, must mean improvement in municipal service - the securing of the best street improvements, light and water supplies, tramway facilities, etc., at the least possible cost to the taxpayers. It is a plain business proposition, which can be best handled by those who have had actual experience in the business of municipal government. Therefore, as a means of promoting better municipal government, we desire to propose a national conference of mayors and councilmen, for the purpose of exchanging, with mutual profits, the ideas and knowledge gained by actual experience. We would like to have your opinion of this proposition; also a suggestion as to the most suitable time and place for such conference.

Yours truly,

CITY GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING CO.

per

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "B. F. Gilkison", written over the printed name of the publisher.

*Richard Deeves & Son,
Mason Builders.*

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

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

New York May 28, 1897.

My dear Mayor Strong:--

A resolution has passed the Board of Aldermen in which I am interested, and I understand now awaits your signature. I trust you will favor me with your approval of the same.

The resolution is to give me permission to erect a temporary tower in front of the Downtown Club on Pine street. We have a contract to make alterations at this building, and the material for same has to go up on the outside. It was therefore necessary for us to obtain permission to build a tower, such as we have built elsewhere around town for this purpose.

I will be in to see you on Tuesday next about noon, in connection with the new Bridge.

Yours truly,

Richard Deeves

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of New York City.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
NEW YORK
FACULTY OF PHILOSOPHY

May 28, 1897.

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

My dear Mr. Mayor:

Is it possible for me to get a printed copy of the Message that you sent to the Legislature, in returning the Charter without your approval? I am making a collection of literature bearing on the Charter, and I am very anxious to get a copy of your Message.

Yours very truly,
Richard Henry Butler

To,

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

The Department of Docks of the City of New York,
and the Commissioners thereof;

Ashbel P. Fitch, Esquire,
Comptroller of the City of New York;

And all others whom it may concern:-

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the WESTCHESTER DREDGING COMPANY, a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the Laws of the State of New York, and having its principal office of business at No. 5 Bowling Green in the City of New York, State of New York, has and claims a lien pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 315 of the Laws of the State of New York, passed in 1878, as amended by Chapter 629 of the Laws of 1892, and the acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, for labor and services performed and materials furnished by the said Westchester Dredging Company, between the 1st day of February, 1897, and the 1st day of April, 1897, as follows:

Dredging at West 11th Street, on Dock Department
contract - 6336 yds. at 12 1/2¢ per yd. . . . \$792.00

Rental of Scows, Nos. 1, 2 and 3 - 8 days -
\$27.50 220.00

To damage done to scow No. 1, while in service
at West 11th Street 42.12

Said labor, services, boats, machines and implements were furnished to Henry E. DuBois, Jr., and used by the said Henry E. DuBois, Jr., in the execution of a certain contract made between the said Henry E. DuBois,

Jr., of the City of New York, State of New York, and the said City of New York, on the 9th day of May, 1896, for dredging on the North River between the Battery and West 34th Street in the said City of New York.

The amount claimed by these claimants is the sum of Ten hundred and fifty-four and 12/100 Dollars (\$1,054.12), with interest thereon from the 1st day of April, 1897, which is the amount of the claimant's demand, after deducting all just offsets and credits, and which amount is due from the said Henry E. DuBois, Jr., to the said Westchester Dredging Company.

That the name of the person or persons to whom the said Westchester Dredging Company furnished the said labor, services, materials, boats, implements &c. is Henry E. DuBois, Jr., the contractor aforesaid, or Henry DuBois, Henry E. DuBois, Henry E. DuBois, Jr. and William DuBois, composing the firm of Henry DuBois & Sons.

That, on information and belief, the said Henry E. DuBois, Jr., took the contract in his name, merely as the representative of Henry DuBois & Sons, and that in reality the said contract was taken and performed by the said firm of Henry DuBois & Sons, which said firm consists of Henry DuBois, Henry E. DuBois, William DuBois and Henry E. DuBois, Jr.

The following is a statement of the terms, time given, and the conditions of the contract, viz:

That the said Westchester Dredging Company was to perform the labor and services and furnish the scows, dredges, machines and implements necessary to do the mud dredging

for the said Henry E. DuBois, Jr., under his said contract with the City of New York, and to perform the labor and services and furnish the materials incident to such services, and the said Henry E. DuBois, Jr. and Henry DuBois & Sons agreed to pay therefor the sum of 12 1/2¢ per cubic yard for the mud dredging, and agreed to pay rental at the rate of \$27.50 per day for the three scows required for the work, and to pay for any repairs which might be required for damage done to the dredges, scows &c. in the performance of the said work; that under the said contract, the said Westchester Dredging Company, dredged, as above stated, 6,336 cubic yards of mud at West 11th Street, North River, for which in accordance with the terms of the said contract, the said Henry E. DuBois, Jr. agreed to pay \$792.00; in pursuance of the said contract, the said Westchester Dredging Company used on the said work and rented to the said Henry E. DuBois, Jr., the scows numbered 1, 2 and 3, for the space of eight days, for which in accordance with the terms of the said contract, the said Henry E. DuBois, Jr. agreed to pay the sum of \$220; and that while the said scow No. 1 was in the service of the said Henry E. DuBois, Jr., at West 11th Street, North River, the same became damaged, and the cost of the repair of the said scow was \$42.12, which in accordance with the terms of the said contract, the said Henry E. DuBois, Jr. agreed to pay; making the amount due and unpaid Ten hundred and fifty-four and 12/100 Dollars (\$1,054.12).

That the said labor and services were performed

and that the said materials, boats, machines, implements &c. were furnished to the said Henry E. DuBois, Jr., and were actually used in the execution and completion of the contract with the said City of New York as aforesaid.

That the whole work to be performed under the contract of the said Henry E. DuBois, Jr. has not yet been completed and has not yet been accepted by the said City.

That the property to be charged with the lien is described as follows:

The property rights of the City of New York in and about the water front on the North or Hudson River, from the battery to 34th Street, whether the said property consist of the docks or the property rights incident thereto, or the land underlying the said North River and contiguous to the docks or shores of the said River, between the points mentioned; and further all moneys due from the said City of New York to the said Henry E. DuBois, Jr., the contractor, under and by virtue of his said contract with the City of New York, dated the 9th day of May, 1896, and numbered 535.

Dated New York, May 28th, 1897.

William H. Dunning & Co.

John A. Bensen
Vice President

City and County of New York, ss:

John A. Bensen, being duly sworn, says; that he is the Vice President of the

Westchester Dredging Company; that he has read the foregoing notice of claim, and knows the contents thereof, and that the same is true of his own knowledge, except as to the matters therein stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and as to those matters, he believes it to be true; that deponent affixed the signature of the said Westchester Dredging Company to the above notice of claim by authority of the Board of Directors of the said company.

Sworn to before me this
29th day of May, 1897

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⋮

John A. Russell

R. L. Young
NOTARY PUBLIC,
NEW YORK COUNTY.

Westchester Dredging Company,
Claimant.

City of New York,
Owner.

Henry E. DuBois, Jr.,
Henry DuBois & Sons,
Contractor.

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Amount \$1,054.12 and interest.

C. H. & J. A. Young & Terry,
Attorneys for Claimant,
170 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

To,
Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor of the City of N.Y

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DISTRICT COURT IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

For the

FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

New York, May 27th 1897.

My Dear Sir:-

No doubt you know that the City recently made a new lease of premises for this Court. The new landlord is the Tradesmens National Bank, which has been represented throughout, by its Vice President, Mr. Bates. In his dealings with me, I found him a gentleman of the highest character, genial and honorable throughout our intercourse. He has gone in behalf of the Bank to a very large outlay in order to put the premises in proper condition. There are now, however, some matters which were never covered by any agreement between us, and which really ought to be done by the City. The work is now in such shape that such portion of it, as would be done by your servants could soon be commenced; I beg leave therefore to enclose you an inventory of what is deemed necessary. The passage of the Greater New York Charter which increases the jurisdiction of our Courts to \$500. will result in a large increase in our business. There is every reason why the City should provide proper facilities for it, and I have no doubt that after an examination by your representative you will yourself conclude that the work should be done. Asking your early consideration of the matter, and thanking you in advance for your courtesy, I have the honor to remain,

Respectfully Yours.

Hon. Charles H.T. Collis,
Commissioner of Public Works,
N.Y. City.



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THE TRADESMENS NATIONAL BANK.

ORGANIZED
AS A STATE BANK 1823 = UNDER NATIONAL ACT 1865.

NEW YORK, May 29th 1897

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

Appropriation for supplies for
the Fourth Judicial District
Court, Judge George F. Roesch.

My Dear Sir:-

Recalling the fact that the Sinking Fund Commission on March 12th last authorized a five years' lease from the Tradesmens National Bank of enlarged space in the Florence Building, #24 Second Ave., for the Fourth Judicial District Court, George F. Roesch, Justice, I beg to say that we have nearly completed the necessary changes and improvements, at an expense of over \$3,000., and Judge Roesch's court will shortly be in its new quarters.

We have gone considerably beyond our legal obligations in order to put the court room in the best possible condition, for the comfort and convenience of the court, but over and above all that there are certain supplies which the Fourth Judicial District Court appears to require, as set forth in Judge Roesch's letter to General Collis, of May 27th instant, copy herewith enclosed, and which is now having Gen. Collis' attention.

Without desiring to interfere with his prerogatives, I would esteem it a favor, and in the interest of the City Government, if you would say a word to General Collis on the subject, so that he may feel, perhaps, more free to strain a point to accommodate Judge Roesch at this particular time when the new court room is being fitted up for a five years' lease.

Thanking you in advance, I remain

Very Truly Yours.

David H. Bates

Vice President

One Enclosure



MAYOR'S OFFICE

New York, May 29th, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,

M a y o r,

New York City.

Dear Sir:-

I hereby tender my resignation as Confidential Clerk to
the Mayor, to take effect on the 31st of May, 1897.

Very respectfully,

J. L. Burrows

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

May 26. 1897.

Dear Sir.

It will be most convenient for Mr. Maquand and Mr. Schuyler, as well as for myself, if you will have Mr.

Thomas's drawings for the Record Building sent to my house,
No. 126 East 28th Street.

As I have already written to the Clerk of the Board of Esti-

work and Appropriation-
ment, it will facilitate
our work if there can
be sent to us, with
the drawings, a copy
of the Instructions, or
Requirements, to which
Mr Thomas was to
conform.

I am, very respect-
fully, your obedient
servant

William F. Ware.

126 Eur 28th Street -

May 29, 1897.

Dear Mr. L. Strong.

My dear

Dear Sir.

Mr Thomas has sent
his sketches to me and
the committee have care-
fully examined them.
We found that a confe-
rence with Mr Thomas
would be desirable be-
fore we put an exhibi-
tion into shape for me.

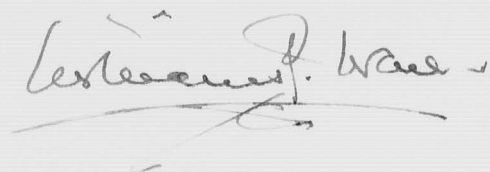
colatitude and have asked
him to meet us the first
thing on Tuesday morning.

It will then I think
take only a day or two
for us to prepare and pre-
sent our report.

Meanwhile I send this
line for your information.

and remains, —  —

Your obedient servant

~~Wesley~~  W. W. W.

126 East 28th Street -

May 31. 1897.

Dear Genl. Strong.

Dear Sir,

Dear Sir.

Since I wrote
to you yesterday Mr
Therrell has been to see
me and I have explained
to him in some detail the
points in which it seemed
to us his design could
easily be made more
adequate to the occa-
sion. He quite agreed
with us in our criticisms,

some of which he had anticipated in his own mind, and asked leave to submit for our consideration a revised version of the principal part, in which he thought he should be able to meet our objections to the design as it stands.

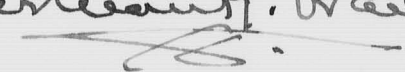
This, though it may seem to delay things at the moment, will facilitate things at last, as it will probably enable us to make definite recommendations instead of offering, in our Report,

merely criticisms & suggestions.

The main features of the scheme greatly commended themselves to us.

As soon as we receive this supplementary drawing we will prepare our Report and forward it to you without unnecessary delay.

I am very respectfully
Your obedient servant

Arthur D. Wall.


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NEW YORK, May 31, 1897. 189

Hon. W. L. Strong,

My dear Sir:-

As the last meeting of the Park Avenue Improvement Board, Mr. Bulkley submitted a communication received from you on the subject of this work.

Whenever it would be agreeable for you to see us, Commissioner Davis and myself would be glad to meet you at the Mayor's office, in reference to the matters referred to in the letter to Mr. Bulkley. We fully concur in the views expressed in your letter.

Yours very truly,

Ernest Davis

Monday, 21st June '97.

To Mayor Strong

Sir: If you should consider it your duty as Mayor, I think it would be well worth your while for the interest of the people at large, to test the efficiency of the following Depts of the City Government, under your supervision, and you will find that they are not alone, most negligent and irregular in attending to the reports of Citizens, but you will discover that they are absolutely as rotten in their management as ever Tammany was.

Charities and Correction. Police.
Health. Streets. Encumbrance.

Trial is the surest test.

Respectfully,
Veritas

P.S.

As for excuses and protests to try and

to wink at the several violations of
law you will find to be most plausible
in every instance, nevertheless you will be
able to see very easily that the violators
of the law are sneaks and criminals.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON ENTERTAINMENT OF SOUTH AMERICAN MERCHANTS WHO WILL VISIT NEW YORK, BROOKLYN AND VICINITY, JUNE 9-13, 1897.

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Rooms of the New York Board of Trade and Transportation,

MAIL AND EXPRESS BUILDING,
203 BROADWAY.

June 1st, 1897.

His Honor Mayor Strong,

Dear Sir:-

The Joint Committee on Entertainment of South American Merchants, hoping that you may be able to accept their invitation, already forwarded, for the banquet to be given at The Waldorf on the tenth of June, request that you will also preside on that occasion, and advise them of your decision at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Oscar S. Straus

Chairman Committee

on Invitations.

Committee on Invitations.

Oscar S. Straus,
E. S. A. de Lima,
Richard Watson Gilder,
F. B. Thurber,
Whitelaw Reid.

National State Bank Association
of America,

Callicoon Depot, New York.

1 June

1897

Sir: I have the honor, to enclose, a copy of a Banking bill; which I am anxious should be enacted,

Our present plan of Banking and currency, was enacted during, and after the war, for Government purposes.

Our proposed system, is for business purposes, only: and as may be seen, provides a Uniform note, for State Banks.

The Bleating House, provided, is necessary for the flexibility of the note.

National State Bank Association
of America,
Callicoon Depot, New York.

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and to provide for the exchange
of checks in different parts of
the Union. The subject, is one
that, interest us all; personally,
and in our relation to the
Municipalities, & states, as well
as Nationally.

Should any portion
of the bill ^{appear} ~~be~~ obscure, I feel
that I could explain to your
mind, in such a manner,
as to make it present the system
clearly. as I have given the
subject much thought, and study,
after sixteen years residence abroad,
among British bankers.

To His Honor.

The Mayor,

New York City.

Yours very respectfully,

Lanning Coates