

120 East 30th St.
December 10th 1896

To his Honour

The Mayor

Dear Sir

I have just received the notice
of my appointment as a
member of the Board of
School Inspectors for the
fourteenth School District &
I thank you very much for
it.

I hope I shall prove an.

Efficient inspector. I shall
be at your office on Satur-
day to take the oath of
office.

Respectfully yours

Carlotta Russell Lowell.

JAMES R. STEERS,
COUNSELLOR AT LAW,
55 LIBERTY STREET,

NEW YORK, December 10th 1896
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Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York,

Dear Sir,

Owing to my inability, by reason of
other engagements, to discharge satisfactorily
to myself, the duties of inspector of common
schools for the sixteenth district of this city,
I beg to tender you my resignation of that
office, to which you appointed me on May 26,
1896.

Very respectfully yours,

James R. Steers.

ROBERT E. DEYO,
WILLIAM A. DUER,
CHARLES F. BAUERDORF.

DEYO, DUER & BAUERDORF,
COUNSELLORS AT LAW,
115 BROADWAY,

New York, December 10, 1896.

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Dear Sir:

This will introduce to you Mr. William Fendrich, a client of mine who is a property owner on Tenth Avenue and 50th Street. He desires to present a petition of the property owners and storekeepers in that section against the proposed ordinance permitting pedlers &c. to have a market on Tenth Avenue between 49th and 53rd Streets. I don't know whether the Mayor has had the matter fully discussed before him, but if you could arrange to fix a meeting of a Committee of these property owners with the Mayor, they would be very glad to have the opportunity to present their objections.

Any courtesies that are extended by you to Mr. Fendrich will be highly appreciated by

Very truly yours,

Charles F. Bauerdorf

Job E. Hedges, Esq.,

Mayor's Office,

City Hall, New York City.

Monatsblatt.

No. 178 Avenue A,

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New York, December 10th 1896

His Honor the Mayor of New York
City.

Your Honor.

You have appointed Dr. Schieffelin Commissioner on the Civil service examination ignorant of the fact that Dr. Schieffelin is the head man of the vilest trust on the surface of the earth. Schieffelin & Co entered in a contract with the "Elberfelder Farbwaarenfabriken vormals Beyer" in Germany to bring the Coal tar preparation "Phenacetin" on the American drug market. The trust hired a number of tramp physicians, men without practice, knowledge and conscience, to overrun the the thoughtless mass of American medical men and induce them to prescribe the new Poly Arrest. I have to mention here a peculiar event in the history of medicine: Since the blamable Downfall of Dr. Koch's Tuberculin the German medical school seem to infect with a kind of superiority the mind of the American medical profession. The German medical school approves the vaccination of human beings but disapproved the Vaccination of sheep. After Tuberculin came Antitoxine, but Diphtheria

is calling for the same amount of victims as before. All kind of Serums are invented, all kind of Antiseptics are filling the drug counter, but the mankind has not benefit from. The modern Medicine is jumping from the remnants of the dyefactories to the residues of the slaughter houses, from them to the remnants of the tanneries and gluefactories. The last resources for the medical science offer Dried flies, fleas, Centipeds, serpents, spiders, etc. similar to the medicine three centuries ago.

The Phenacetin is a poison in the same form as all Coal-tarpreparations immitating Alkaloides. Schieffelin & Co succeeded to make the drug a Polychrest of the poorest kind of American Citizenship of our sewing girls, of the housekeepers of the tenement districts, who have to climp 4-5 stories high of our female clerks and typewriters, and of all those female bees of the American housewives, who by this hard times have to spare the food from their mouths to feed the progenies, who are condemned to live in filthy quarters where fresh air and sunshine is a luxury. Suffering from unbearable headache those poor women enter the free Dispensaries: "Take 3 times a day 10 grains of Phenacetine" is the ordination without examination. The drug is procured with

the bloody earned money, it relieves the headache but helps the patient to chronic heart disease, nervous prostration and insanity. Out of the wretched humanity the vile trust is sucking millions of Dollars. The German concern, "Elberfelder Farbwaren-fabriken" had last year 4,800.000 Marks Profit for Dividends. But Schieffelin and Co earned ten times more. To buy Phenacetine in any European country cost 13 Marks or 3 Dollars a Kilo equal to 30 ounces, in the U.S. 30. Dll. the customhouse duty is 60 cts. No government in Europe allowed a patent or a trade mark on Phenacetin, but the U.S. of A. have laws protecting the trusts. To import Phenacetin outside of Schieffelin & Co is a paying business, it does teach the intelligent American Citizen, that to be a law abiding honest Citizen is a folly! I beg Your Honor to take the appointment of Dr. Schieffelin in reconsideration, Dr. Schieffelin may be a screwed business man but he is not a patriotic American citizen, the trust to which he belongs represents "human Hyænas!" Your Honor may justly ask: What is the cause that a man alone raises a complain and not the members of the College of Pharmacy, the professional

body which is intrusted with the privilege to elect the board of Pharmacy of New York City. Here lays an other deplorable fact. The majority of the Wholesale-Druggists are united. Any independent Retail-Pharmacists is in danger to raise his voice against them, beside great many of the Retail pharmacists are indebted to the wholesalers, who in all cases are holding a chatelmortgage on the store. The debtor has no right to complain if he cant get the Druggs of the standard quality. The independent pharmacists can examine every chemical and galenic preparation on the purity and refuse all substitutes. The Wholesalers do not employ graduated Pharmacists as clerks, although the number of the unemployed is increasing from year to year! The retail druggists have not sufficient amount of work for them, because to many businessmen without knowledge of the effects of drugs or the means for preparing and dispensing them in proper manner enter the domaine of pharmacy to make money out of the suffering sick. The Wholesale druggists, the Patent medicine manufacturers and the Department store pharmacists Devote their efforts to creating a demand for medicine not seeing that they are doing a moral wrong to the community. The College of Pharmacy of New York City is controlled by the enemies of the Retail pharmacists. The president is an wholesale

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Indigo merchand, the board of Pharmacy has no representatives out of the ranks of the Retail pharmacists of New York City it consists of 4 Doctors and a clerk of a Wholesale Drughouse being illegal elected. The best members of the pharmaceutical profession tried in vain to get a law established, which would protect the public and the conscientious druggists by creating a commission to inspect the Pharmacies and analysing the pharmaceutical and chemical preparations on the standard purity. The commission has to have the power to discriminate between those pharmacists which are giving humanity the highest class of service by practicing Pharmacy as a liberal profession and between those who are employing ways and means to create a demand for cheap and adulterated Druggs, neglecting to care for the welfare of the suffering co-citizens.

The U. S. of A. are importing far over 150 million Doll. worth Druggs and Chemicals but no signs can be seen that the Chemical industry would be encouraged to employ our idle youth a contrary the chemical establishments of the country rely upon the import of foreign Chemists.

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The writer is hoping that this promemoria
may reach not only Your Honor but also
our legislative bodies and encourage them to
prepare laws, which would help to raise the
welfare of their constituents

Respectfully

R. A. Matter

editor of the American pharmac:
monthly Monatsblatt.

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NEW YORK, January 21st 1896

To His Honor William L. Strong,
Mayor of the City of New York.

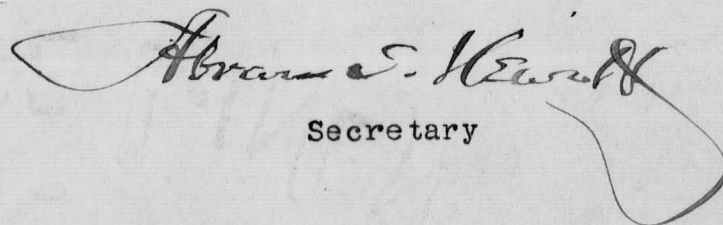
Sir:-

As required by the Charter of the Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art, I have the honor to transmit herewith the Annual Report of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Corporation for the calendar year eighteen hundred and ninety-five (1895) and to request that you will cause the same to be laid before the Common Council at its next meeting.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,


Secretary

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WIRE ROPE TRAMWAYS, ETC.

ADDRESS P. O. BOX 1465.

New York, May 16th, 1896

To His Honor, the Mayor:-

My attention has just been called to an act pending before you in reference to the acquisition of sites for school buildings by the Board of Education in the City of New York, intended to facilitate the acquisition of the land required for new schools. Your experience doubtless confirms mine, that there is a great and unnecessary delay in procuring the property required which this bill will remove. I therefore recommend that it receive your approval.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Wm. S. Hewitt

Wm
W. S. Strong

No. 9 Lexington Ave ³

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My dear Mr. Mayor

Lest you may
think that I am not
giving careful consider-
ation to the request
contained in your kind
note of 28th ult., I desire
to explain that I have been
unwell, but I hope
next week to be able to
come to a decision &
to write you fully on
the subject.

Sincerely yours,

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ADDRESS P. O. BOX 1465.

New York, Dec. 10th, 1896

Dear Mr. Mayor.

I am very much troubled about the Rapid Transit Commission. The desire of yourself and your associates to have me upon the Board is not only flattering but touching. I should have no doubt if I could only feel equal to the duties to be discharged. My Doctor tells me that I ought to pass the coming winter in a warmer climate and I have been trying to arrange my affairs for an absence of at least three months. In the meantime Mr. Orr has seen me personally and pressed his desire with so much force that I finally told him that in case Mr. Smith were elected to the existing vacancy, and another one were created later, I would no longer resist the wishes which have been so kindly expressed both by him and by you. I told him however that it must be distinctly understood that for the next three months I could not be counted on for any service, and therefore I earnestly hope that my election will not be made until after my return from abroad. It seems to me that Mr. Claflin can perfectly well retain his place with the understanding that when a vacancy is desired, and the Commission concludes that I can be of any real use, the proposed substitution can then be made without calling for criticism from

any quarter.

Upon one point however I am decided. I will not consent to precede Mr. Smith in appointment. He ought to have had the place originally and unless he is put on the Commission before I am elected, I shall certainly decline the position. I consider this due to him, as well as to the Commission itself.

Thanking you for your kind expressions, I am, as always,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Thomas S. Hewitt". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Thomas S. Hewitt".

Col. William L. Strong,

Mayor's Office, City.

German Liederkrantz,

111-119 EAST 58TH ST.

New York, December 10, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor of the City of New York,
City Hall, N. Y. C i t y.

S i r:-

The German Liederkrantz of the City of New York, will, on the 9th of January 1897, celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of its organization. Incident to this Celebration, there will be two Concerts, a Banquet and other festivities.

I have been requested on behalf of a Committee which has been appointed to wait upon you in connection with your participation in this Celebration, to inquire whether it will be convenient for you to receive them at your office on the morning of Saturday, December 12th, at 10:30 o'clock, or at such other time or place as may be convenient to you, and that you be good enough to inform me accordingly, at my office, 280 Broadway in the City of New York.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully yours,

Chas. J. Maher

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German House Owners Association
OF THE 22ND WARD
New-York City,

New-York, December 10th 1896

Honorable W^m Strong, Mayor of the City of N. Y.

A resolution recently passed by the Board of Aldermen and now before your Honor for consideration, permitting peddlars or vendors wagons to stand in Tenth Avenue between forty-ninth and fifty-third streets, has called forth considerable indignation from the property owners and tenants in that locality, as well as from the business-people and storekeepers along the line, a petition of whom has been presented to you, setting forth the reasons why they are opposed to the measure.

The House Owners Association of the 22nd Ward, joins in the request to your Honor to disapprove the said resolutions.

Yours very respectfully

H. W. Schmidt.

Secretary

719-9th Ave.

DECISION OF COURT IN THE OLYPHANT CASE.

Opinion was Rendered by Judge Gunster, who Holds that the Borough Councils had no Legal Right to Issue Bonds, and that the Contracts for Electric Light Improvements are also Void.

An opinion handed down in court yesterday by Judge Gunster brings disaster to the borough of Olyphant with regard to its recent issue of bonds in the sum of \$15,000 to provide for its electric light plant improvements. The bonds have already been sold, the money has been paid into the borough treasury and it is said that work has been done on the improvements contemplated. The main features of the opinion of the court are as follows:

JUDGE GUNSTER'S OPINION.

On January 5, 1895, council passed an ordinance to increase the indebtedness of the borough because the electric light plant appeared to the authorities insufficient. On February 19, an election was held and the borough cast 253 votes that "The indebtedness be increased" and 157 votes for "No increase of debt."

The council in June advertised for bids for an electric plant, steam engines, boilers, etc., and undertook to enter into contracts with different parties with a view of carrying out the purpose expressed in the ordinance containing the matter submitted to the people's vote. A preliminary injunction was granted to restrain the council from entering into contract and the injunction was afterward continued.

On March 20, 1896, the borough filed a formal answer and it appearing to the court that the plaintiffs had failed to prosecute their bill of injunction diligently and that the borough had apparently overcome the obstacles suggested by the bill, the preliminary injunction was dissolved on April 13.

The bonds were advertised, but no bids were received, and on April 20, 1895, the burgess and president of council sold the entire issue to Edward C. Jones of New York and the proceeds paid into the borough treasury. On October 3, 1895, also, the borough council authorized the purchase of a lot on Cum street for \$300, and the land was bought from the Delaware and Hudson company. Another ordinance was passed the same day for a building to be erected on the lot for the light plant. Spruiks Bros. were awarded the contract for \$1,616.

On October 3 also the council passed an ordinance to advertise for bids for an electric plant. The Pennsylvania General Electric Light company was the only bid, and their bid was \$3,175 and two old dynamos which they were to have in addition. On October 3 also the council passed an ordinance for the purchase of a steam plant. The only bidder was the Scranton Supply and Machinery company, which bid \$8,600 and allowed \$800 for the old machinery, making the net amount of the bid \$7,800. The bid was accepted and the contract awarded.

WHY ILLEGAL?

Judge Gunster, after passing upon matters of fact, says: "It is contended on the part of the plaintiffs that the bond ordinance and the issue of bonds thereunder to the amount of \$15,000 is invalid because it increases the debt of the borough more than 2 per cent. of the assessed valuation. The limit to which any borough acting within the scope of its authority may incur debt or increase its indebtedness is provided by section 8, article ix of the constitution of 1874." The debt might, by vote of the people, be increased to 7 per cent. of the assessed valuation.

"It is argued, however, on the part of the defendants that the assent of the electors to an increase of 3 and 6,245—4.89, 585th per cent. was regularly obtained prior to the act of 1895.

"The electors undoubtedly gave their assent and prior to the act of 1895 the borough authorities had the power to increase it for the purposes mentioned to that court, but the power was not exercised while they had it. While, therefore, the electors by a formal vote gave their assent to an increase of the indebtedness to the amount specified in the notice, the municipal authorities had no power after the act of 1895 was passed to increase the indebtedness more than 2 per centum."

BONDS AND CONTRACTS.

"The assessed valuation for 1894 was \$497,585, and for 1895 \$535,681. As \$15,000 is more than 2 per centum of these amounts the issue of bonds for that amount was without authority of law and illegal."

"The plaintiffs further contend that the contracts mentioned are invalid because the specification referred to in the ordinances and the resolutions accepting the bids and awarding the contracts to them were not recorded in the borough ordinance book and advertised. I find nothing in the law requiring resolutions accepting bids and awarding contracts to be recorded in the ordinance book and advertised, provided the authority to accept bids had been properly conferred.

"At the time the contracts were awarded and entered into no bonds had been issued, and there was no money in the treasury with which to pay them, the consent of the electors had never been obtained to pay increase of indebtedness except by the issue of bonds, and it necessarily follows that the contracts mentioned were not only not authorized by law, but were entered into in violation of law.

"After careful consideration of the case I am of the opinion that the plaintiffs are entitled to the relief prayed for, that the contracts awarded under

THE MANUFACTURE OF GAS

AN INTERESTING PAPER BY MR. SANDERSON.

Read and Discussed by the Board of
Trade—Process Patented by Author
of Article—Furnishing Commit-
tee Report Concerning the Fur-
nishings for the New Building on
Linden Street.

The meeting of the Scranton board of trade last night was more valuable for its quality than for its quantity. President W. A. May presided. There were probably fifty members present. The feature of the session was a paper by Mr. Sanderson on the "Manufacture of gas from culm." The paper was as follows:

Mr. J. Gardner Sanderson then read a paper on "The Production of Gas From Anthracite Coal." Lack of space prevents the publication of the paper in its entirety. He said that he had prepared the paper at the instance of Secretary Atherton. He begins his paper by reference to a number of authorities on the subject of producing gas from anthracite coal which he says has been growing in use for several years. He cites Nelson W. Perry's statement that for short distances power may be transmitted much cheaper by gas than by electricity. He says that the late Mr. Denny Lane, who was a gas engineer of prominence, stated before the institute of civil engineers that "with ordinary town gas of sixteen-candle power 3,000 horse power could be sent a distance of one mile for an expenditure of one horse power, an economy of distribution far exceeding that possessed by any other system, either hydraulic, pneumatic or electric, being only one-thirtieth per cent. of the power conveyed." I found at the Otto Gas Engine works, West Philadelphia, where they employ gas engine power, the gas being produced by buckwheat coal costing \$2.65 per ton in their bins, that their weekly cost per horse power was .08 cents and under, and that one pound of coal furnished one horse power per hour. The Ott company guarantee one horse power per hour for one and one-half pounds of anthracite coal with producers and engines of their own construction. They assert, practice has demonstrated that eighteen cubic feet of gas per hour are required for each 1,200 candle power arc light on a circuit of several miles, embracing 130 lamps. This would be at the following cost for gas in holder an expense to each lamp per hour as follows:

At ten cents for gas equals eighteen one-hundredths of one cent per lamp.

At five cents for gas equals nine one-hundredths of one cent per lamp.

There are a number of different styles of gas engines now being manufactured in this country. Inventive skill is actively engaged in the development of this class of engines and he believes that the steam engine will be displaced generally by this safer, more convenient and cheaper power.

Now as to what we are able to do with the millions of tons of waste coal scattered through the coal regions. With this he is prepared to make gas as valuable for fuel as the best prepared coal, and far more efficient in power—using gas engines, than with the best of coal for steam engines. Special devices were necessary in the use of culm. To force the necessary amount of air for combustion and steam for decomposition, uniformly, through a mass of fine culm from three to four feet deep, requires not only considerable pressure, but an equal distribution of the air and steam through the mass, with no vertical openings for the dust or culm to fall in or through or to blow openings—called volcanoes—up through the fuel; also means for maintaining a uniform depth of fuel. These provisions being worked out we are able to produce gas with this material without more trouble or cost than with prepared coal, and this we have been doing for several months. By actual measurement we produce and store from 118,000 to 120,000 cubic feet of gas with one ton of the fine waste from the washing. With culm from the pile after taking out all sizes above buckwheat we get about 140,000 cubic feet per ton. Fifty cubic feet of gas in a gas engine is a large allowance for one horse power per hour, hence one ton of culm will furnish 2,600 horse power per hour, or 260 horse power for ten hours, and there is no waste of fuel when the power is not in use. No boilers to care for, insure or explode; and but little expensive water required. At Oxford, N. J., gaseous fuel from anthracite buckwheat was used in all of the furnaces at the nail works, and about 600 pounds of buckwheat coal converted into gas did the work of 1,000 pounds egg coal used direct. For domestic purposes gaseous fuel is in every way most desirable and is being extensively used, even where more expensive than coal. The gas made with anthracite coal is not of itself illuminating, but he has carbured the gas making it luminous, and increasing its efficiency.

I know of no device enabling us to use the waste from the washing under boilers. The efficiency of boilers is greatly increased by the use of gas and used it would be economy to generate gas and use it under the boilers.

The reading of the valuable article was followed by an interesting discussion during which Mr. Sanderson gave some useful information in regard to the apparatus which he has patented for the manufacture of the gas, a description of which mention has already appeared in the public prints.

Committee on furnishings for the

The Anthracite Gas Producer Company

MEARS BUILDING

J. N. RICE, President.
E. B. STURGES, Vice President.
W. T. SMITH, Treasurer.

Scranton, Pa. Dec. 11, 1896.

Mayor Strong,

New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

I have watched with interest the efforts of the Consumers Fuel Gas, Heat & Power Co. to secure a franchise for the introduction of cheap gas in New York. I enclose you copy of an article read before the Scranton Board of Trade describing a new devise for producing gas from culm. This devise will do all its inventor claims for it. You will observe that if his statements are correct that New York City can be furnished with heat, light and power at less than one-fourth the present cost and still leave an enormous profit to the producer of the gas. I have written to the Consumers Fuel Gas, Heat & Power Co. in regard to our devise but the letter was returned unclaimed. If you will kindly give me their address I will gladly enter into communication with them and perhaps through them you will be able to secure to New York such vast advantage as will make it seem profitable to ^{the city for} you to grant their request for a franchise.

Very truly yours,

J. N. Rice

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BOSTON, MASS., Dec. 11th 189 6

His Honor,

Mayor Strong,

City Hall, New York.

Dear sir,-

We are arranging for a series of papers to be written by the mayors of the large cities on the general idea contained in this title,-
"The Practical Municipal Reforms I Should Like to See Accomplished."
Mayor Quincy of Boston will open the series in the ^{Feb.} ~~March~~ issue of the Arena.

We asked Mayor Quincy to give the first article because he is the Mayor of our home-city; then we desire, if possible, to follow with Mayor Strong of New York, which, by the way, is my own city, and which for that reason I would prefer to stand first, as well as because it is our greatest city.

Then we wish to follow this with Mayor Pingree, now Gov-elect of Michigan, and then with articles from the Mayors of Chicago and San Francisco.

I write this to ask if I may announce that you will follow Mayor Quincy of Boston on this general topic, wording your title as you see fit and saying anything you wish as to the changes and reforms you would like to see achieved in New York city. I would like the article

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to be from 2000 to 5000 words in length, and, if you are willing, I would like your portrait with it. We will use Mayor Quincy's portrait with his article.

As to the matter of remuneration, I can say only that, if you wish to be paid in money, I am at this moment able to offer you only the usual rates paid by the Company, since you will observe by the enclosed slip, that the Company is now going through a re-organization, and I am conducting the Editorial Department until this is completed, when the Editorial Chair will be filled by a very prominent College man, well known in this country and abroad. If you prefer to be paid (as some of the public men do) by having a large number of Arenas, containing your article sent either from this office to addresses you may furnish, or to yourself for your own use, that will be done; or perhaps you may prefer us to send a large number of yearly subscriptions to names that you may send us. Kindly indicate your preference as to the method of payment, and your wishes will be complied with.

I am assuming that you are going to write the article, because I cannot believe that I shall fail to secure what I want from Mayor Strong of my own city, while I am able to get it from the other Mayors.

If you will let me know at once, I will announce the article, but I shall not need it sent to me before the 20th day of January if you care to delay that long.

Very sincerely,
Helen H. Gardener,
For the ARENA PUB.CO.

Dictated G.C.)

Helen H. Gardener

BELDING BROS. & CO.

SILK MANUFACTURERS.

455 & 457 BROADWAY.



New York, Dec. 11th, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of New York City.

Sir:--

There is before you a resolution of the Board of Aldermen giving permission to the Consumers Fuel Gas Heat & Power Co. to lay mains in this city for Fuel Gas purposes.

There seems to be opposition to your acceptance of this resolution, based we believe, and are prepared to show, upon an entirely erroneous understanding of the true merits of our application.

We understand that your Honor in similar cases has given those interested in a measure an opportunity to present their side of the question at issue.

We therefore respectfully request that you accord us a similar privilege and hope that you will set the earliest day practicable for a hearing before you on this matter.

We have the honor to be,

Yours very respectfully,

The Consumers Fuel Gas Heat & Power Co.,

by, *M M Belding*
Pres.

330 Treasury

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New York, December 11" 1896. 189

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

Dear Sir:--

As Manager of the Publication Committee of the Military Bicycle Tournament to be held at the Madison Square Garden January 11" to 16" I would ask you to kindly furnish me with a photograph of yourself for the purpose of making a half tone cut to go into the Programme which it is the intention of the Committee to publish. This Programme will be full of illustrations of a different character pertaining to this work, and it is our desire to have portraits of all the members of the Managing Committee.

I would ask you to kindly give this your immediate attention as it is necessary I should have them at once as time is very short indeed.

Trusting to be in receipt of your photograph within twenty-four hours, I am,

Yours respectfully,

*Fred T. Alder,
manager*

1 1526 P O Box

New York Dec 12th 1896

Col Wm L. Strong Mayor City of New York
Honored Sir!

The undersigned at one time your near
neighbor for many years No 30 W 30th Str.
I take the liberty to address you viz: that should
you need statements concerning this "Gas Deal"
I can give you positive facts, about this Fuel
Gas Question, for I was instrumental that the
City of Philad^a. retained its Gas Plant in the year
of 1886, and is the owner of it now, and has a
Revenue from it. I had nothing to gain and

Continued p. 2.

wish to gain nothing, but I am full of information on the subject of manufacturing Gas of all kinds for Fuel & Lighting, I was at one time the owner of a Gas Plant, and as you know for many years as your neighbor that I was a Physician, and you may have known that I was also a Chemist. I am retired now, I saw the question of the Gas interest agitated in the papers, "Evening Post and Herald," and I am ready to assist you in any knowledge I may possess on this question. I am deeply interested in the welfare of our City, as I have been in the welfare of Philad^a. and I claim both Cities as my home, I am Ever

Continued 2^o 3.

ready and shall answer your Call, by sending
a few lines to my PO Box 1526, PO City,

and as I have "no" axe" to grind, it
will do you good to meet an disinterested
man, Ever ready to assist you, our fellow
Citizens to have a pure good Government,
to have if possible cheap, pure & good Gas
and our City to have the benefit of my advice
and experience.

I am Honored Sir!

Yours most Respectfully
Wm Real. de Krufft M.D.

P.S. I can assist Alderman Oleott's Committee, and can give facts of what I know concerning gas matters; it no doubt will be of importance to Alderman Oleott. I am also ready to meet him if you wish that I should do so, and you can make me acquainted with him
d'K.

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TELEPHONE "85 SPRING"

December 12th 1896.

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

Dear Sir:-

We notice by the Real Estate Record & Guide that you are one of a committee of three who are to look up a site for the proposed Hall of Records, we therefore wish to lay before you for consideration the plot as shown in red on the diagram enclosed, being the north-east corner Reade and Elm Streets and running through to and including the south-east corner Duane Street, in area 18,500 square feet.

Should your committee consider this plot favorably, we would be very glad to send you price and such other information regarding same as is in our power to obtain.

Awaiting your pleasure in this matter, we are,

Yours very respectfully,

C. H. Diamond & Company

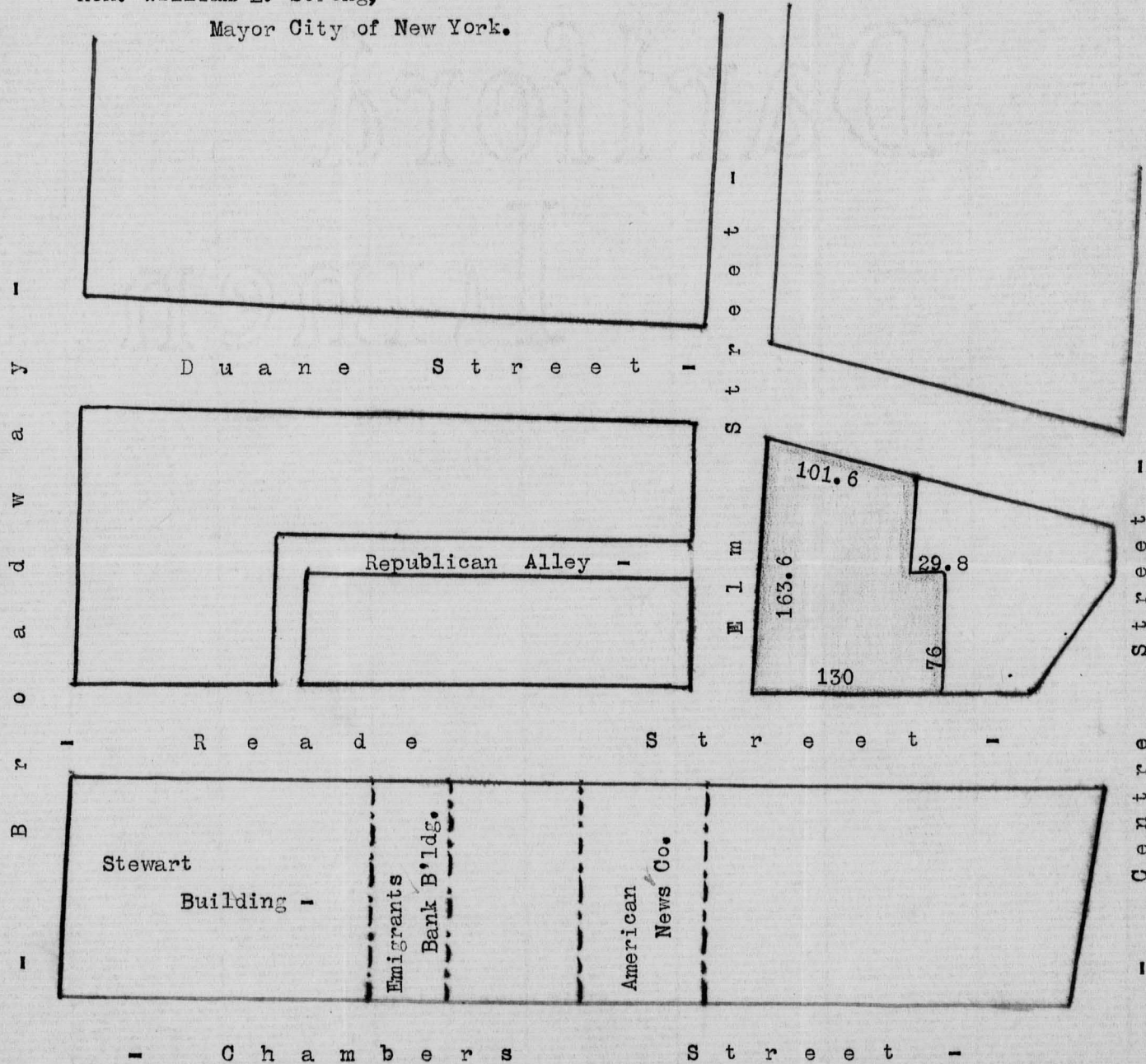
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To

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



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6 Bowling Green.

Clement Atton Griscom Jr.
Manager, New York.

New York, December 14th. '96.

Honorable William L. Strong,

Mayor,

New York.

Sir:

A concerted effort is making to clear the sidewalks around Washington Market, of the obstructions which exist there now, contrary to law and to the detriment of the general public.

We quite frequently have passengers by our lines and persons who come to our pier, complain of the condition of the sidewalks on the streets which they must use, and I take this means to earnestly recommend that you take such action as is possible to remedy this evil.

Yours respectfully,

C. A. Griscom Jr.
Manager.



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SPECIAL WORK ASSIGNED TO THE CLUB BY THE COUNCIL OF CONFEDERATED GOOD GOVERNMENT CLUBS:

EDUCATION AND THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

New York, *January 9*

1896

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

Dear Sir

I beg to express in behalf of this Club the very great satisfaction felt by its members in respect to the admirable reports made by the women who are now serving as inspectors of the Common Schools.

Their work fully justifies in our judgment the experiment of appointing women to the office of Inspector, and the wisdom of your selection.

With highest respects

Your Obedt Servant
J. Augustus Johnson
President

GOOD GOVERNMENT CLUB

B

Club House, 70 W. 104th St.,

New York, Jan'y 28 1896

Hon Wm L. Strong

Dear Sir:-

I take pleasure in transmitting
to you the unanimous expression of approval of
the Board of Police Commissioners passed by
the Club at a meeting held last evening:

"Resolved; that the policy of honest and impartial
enforcement of the laws pursued by the present Board
of Police Commissioners is approved by this Club
and merits the approval and support of all
good citizens."

"Resolved; that this Club protests against any
movement to legislate out of office the present
Board of Police Commissioners."

Yours respectfully

Geo W Finsley
7. Secretary

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263 West 11th Street.
Treasurer.
S. CARMAN HARRIOT.
524 Hudson Street.

New York, Feb. 15th, 1896.

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

Dear Sir:-

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of this Club, held on Wednesday evening last, Feb. 12th, a resolution was unanimously adopted opposing the bill of Senator Pavey giving power to the Board of Aldermen to grant bootblacks the same privileges as are at present granted to vendors of newspapers, periodicals, fruit, and soda water, and also requesting your veto of the bill when it came before you for approval,

By order of the Board.

Edward A. Merdian
Secretary.



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EDUCATION AND THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

New York, April 9 1896

Hon W L Strong

Mayor of New York

Dear Sir,

I have been requested by this Club and the Council of Confederated Good Government Clubs to attend with delegations from those organizations at any hearing you may hold on the Compromise School Bill, to urge your acceptance of said Bill on behalf of the City.

I beg to enclose a letter from Club E and to ask for notice of such hearing.
Respectfully, J. Aug. Johnson
President

President, GEO. M. CUMMING.
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Secretary, ~~PEOPLE'S BUILDING~~

Office of Secretary,
~~ROOM, 110 TRINITY BUILDING,~~
111 BROADWAY.

Council

OF

Confederated Good Government Clubs.

New York, April 11, 1896.

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

Dear Sir:

At a meeting of the Council of Confederated Good Government Clubs held on the 7th inst., the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED that the Council approve the Compromise School Bill which has just passed and request the Mayor to return the same with his approval.

Yours very truly,

Geo. M. Cumming
Secretary

"Efficient City Government without regard for State or National Politics."

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NEW YORK, 15 Apr 1896

Hon. Wm L. Strong

Dear Sir:

At a meeting of the trustees of the
Good Government Club of the Nineteenth
Assembly District, the Committee on Schools
was directed to inform you that the
club approved of the school bill
which is now before you, and ask
that you endorse your approval
thereon

Very respectfully yours

Arthur H. Ely
B.
Chairman



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New York, April 16

1896

Hon Wm d. Strong

Mayor of New York

Dear Sir,

I learn from the Committee on affairs of Cities in the assembly that assembly bill n 0661 for paving with asphalt streets contiguous to public schools, is not likely to pass because it is understood that you are opposed to the appropriation of \$250,000 named for that purpose, and that the Corporation Counsel has urged its rejection -

We have appealed in vain to the Department of Public Works for noiseless pavements near the schools. In an official letter from that Department received this morning Mr. Conner Childs says:

"If the bill pending in the legislature to raise a special fund fails to pass, this Department will be powerless to lay asphalt pavements on streets adjacent to public schools."

The argument that the public debt will be increased by such an appropriation should not outweigh the crying needs of the public schools which have been so long neglected.

Yours very truly, J. Augustus Johnson Sec'y



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SPECIAL WORK OF THE CLUB,

EDUCATION AND THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

New York,

Sept 28

1896

Hon W L Strong

Mayer of New York

Dear Sir,

Should you desire a list of approved names from which to select Inspectors of Public Schools in this Inspection District this Club will be able to submit a dozen or more names of persons well qualified to perform the duties of the office.

Yours truly

J. Augustus Johnson

Pres Club E.

oppose. Sec 8
Wagner

State of New York.

No. 2528. Int. 1618.

IN ASSEMBLY,

April 13, 1896.

Introduced by Mr. McCOY — (by unanimous consent) — read once
and referred to the committee on affairs of cities.

AN ACT

To provide for the acquisition and construction of a
park in the nineteenth ward of the city of New
York.

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

Section 1. All those pieces or parcels of land situate in the nine-
teenth ward of the city of New York, bounded and described as
follows: Beginning at the intersection of the northerly line of
Forty-ninth street and the westerly line of the exterior street
and running thence northerly along the said westerly line of the
exterior street to the southerly line of Fifty-first street; thence
easterly along the southerly line of Fifty-first street to the shore
of the East river; thence southerly along the shore of the East
river to the northerly line of Forty-ninth street, and thence west-
erly along the northerly line of Forty-ninth street to its intersec-

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

Objections to
Paragraph 1 of
the Bill
of the
Senate

tion with the westerly line of the exterior street, the place of beginning, are hereby laid out, set apart and appropriated as and for a public park, and the map and plan of the city of New York is hereby altered, modified and amended accordingly for that purpose.

§ 2. The commissioner of public works of the city of New York shall immediately prepare three copies of a map or plan of the aforesaid public park, and file the same as follows: One copy thereof in the office of the department of public parks in the city of New York; one copy thereof in the office of the register of the city and county of New York, and one copy thereof in the office of the secretary of state of the state of New York, said copies to remain of record in the said offices respectively. From and after the filing of said maps in the offices above designated, title to each and every parcel of land above described shall vest in the mayor, aldermen and commonalty of the city of New York, and thereupon the said mayor, aldermen and commonalty of the city of New York, shall become and be seized in fee of all the said lands, tenements and hereditaments and premises aforesaid, and the said mayor, aldermen and commonalty of the city of New York, or any person or persons acting under their authority, may immediately, or at any time or times thereafter, take possession of the same or any part or parts thereof, without any suit or proceeding at law for that purpose.

§ 3. Upon the filing of the copies of the said map or plan by the commissioners of public works, the said commissioner shall

notify the counsel to the corporation of the city of New York and request him in writing to take the necessary proceedings to ascertain the loss and damage and compensation to be paid to the owners of said lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises, and it shall be the duty of the said counsel to the corporation, within two months after the date of such request, to take such proceedings.

§ 4. Proceedings to ascertain the loss and damage and compensation for the lands and premises so taken, set apart and appropriated for a public park, and the improvements thereon including interest from the vesting of title in the city pursuant to this act, shall be had in accordance with the procedure provided for by chapter three hundred and twenty of the laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-seven for the acquisition of small parks south of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, except that publication of notices in the City Record shall be sufficient, where such notices are required by said act to be published in the City Record and in at least two other newspapers published in the city of New York. The loss, damage and compensation so ascertained, including interest as aforesaid, and the cost and expenses of the proceedings therefor, shall be paid in the first instance out of the fund known as the fund for street and park openings.

§ 5. The commissioners of estimate and assessment to be appointed pursuant to chapter three hundred and twenty of the laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, shall not be limited

1 as to the area of assessment by any of the provisions of existing
 2 acts, and shall assess twenty-five per centum only of the cost,
 3 including interest and expenses of the proceedings herein author-
 4 ized, upon the parties and persons, lands and tenements which
 5 they may deem to be benefited by such improvement, to the extent
 6 which said commissioners of estimate and assessment deem such
 7 parties and persons, lands and tenements benefited thereby and the
 8 moneys collected upon the assessments by said commissioners
 9 of estimate and assessment shall be paid into said fund for street
 10 and park openings. The cost of the proceedings herein author-
 11 ized, not assessed upon the parties and persons, lands and tene-
 12 ments deemed to be benefited as aforesaid, shall be borne and
 13 paid by the mayor, aldermen and commonalty of the city of New
 14 York.

15 § 6. Instead of the proceedings to ascertain the loss and damage
 16 and compensation aforesaid, the board of street opening and im-
 17 provement may negotiate with the owners of the said land for the
 18 acquisition of the title thereto, in fee simple, and may purchase
 19 the same from them for a sum not exceeding one hundred thousand
 20 dollars payable, in the first instance, out of the fund aforesaid.

21 § 7. The department of public parks of said city in respect to
 22 said public park shall have and possess the same powers of con-
 23 trol, maintenance, construction and jurisdiction, which the said
 24 department now possesses under the existing laws in respect to
 25 the other public parks of said city.

1 § 8. Public baths and roof gardens may be located upon said
 2 park hereinbefore provided, public school-houses may be erected
 3 and playgrounds for children may be provided in said park.

4 § 9. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as repealing
 5 or modifying any provisions of law relating to the exterior street
 6 along the East river.

7 § 10. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are
 8 hereby repealed.

9 § 11. This act shall take effect immediately.

10 Assembly, No. 2528. 2



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SPECIAL WORK OF THE CLUB,

EDUCATION AND THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

New York,

May 8th 1896

Hon. Geo. L. Strong
Mayor.

Dear Sir,

In behalf of the Legislative
Com. of this Club I beg to call your
attention to the accompanying bill,
with a view to your action upon same
in approving or otherwise as you
may deem best.

Paragraph # 8. on the last page is
considered objectionable by this
Club.

Yours Truly
James S. Day



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New York, May 9

1896

Hon. Am. L. Strong

Mayer of New York

Dear Sir:

Members of this Club feel keenly the delays incurred by the Board of Education in acquiring school sites, under the customary proceedings of Condemnation -

We are informed by the Corporation Counsel that he cannot expedite such needful acquisition with the office force at his command.

We respectfully urge you to consider whether existing methods and usages in condemnation proceedings cannot be modified and adjusted to comply with the urgent needs of the vast multitudes of the unaccommodated children of this City. Very respectfully, J. Aug. Johnson Pres.



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Hon Wm L. Strong

New York, May 11

1896

Mayor of New York

Sir, Referring to my recent letter to you urging that measures be adopted to expedite condemnation proceedings in the acquisition of school sites, I beg now to present the urgent wishes of this Club for your acceptance in behalf of the City of Assembly Bill 788, 1322 which, if it becomes a law, will shorten the delay to five months. Heretofore about three years were occupied in proceedings for utilizing a school site for actual occupation. The enactment of this law will effect a great saving of time and money and we strongly recommend it. Yours respectfully, J. Aug. Johnson Pres't

GOOD GOVERNMENT CLUB

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Club House, 70 W. 104th St.,

New York, May 26th, '96. 189

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

6 City Hall, City.

Dear Sir:

At a meeting of the Committee on Schools of Good Government Club B the following resolution was unanimously adopted, and we were instructed to forward a copy of same to you, and trust that it will receive your favorable consideration.

"Resolved, that in the opinion of this Committee the asphaltting of Streets contiguous to Public Schools is an absolute necessity, and we respectfully request your co-operation to secure such paving".

Yours very truly,

George H. Baker,

Chairman.

Isaiah Josephi,

Secretary.



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EDUCATION AND THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Sheffield Map
New York,

1896

Hon Wm L. Strong

Mayor of New York

Dear Sir,

*Accept grateful thanks of
Good Government Clubs for so many
good school inspectors and for
the prospect of the election of Dr
Gilman to be City Superintendent of
schools*

Yours respectfully

*J. Augustus Johnson
Pres of G. G. Club E*



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Hon Mr L Strong New York, June 3 1896
Mayor of New York of the
Linking Fund Commission -
Sir - In view of the great urgency for
more school accommodation in the vicinity
of Essex Market and of the repeated
requests made by the Board of Ed-
ucation that provision be promptly
made by the City authorities for the Fireman's
Volunteer association now occupying the
third story of Essex Market Building,
this Club has instructed me, as its Presi-
dent, to ask your great influence in
the matter, so that the entire building
may be used for school purposes. Begging
your kind interposition to expedite the desired transfer
I remain your very truly J. Augustus Johnson
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New York,

Oct 6th

1896

Con. Wm. L. Strong

Mayor of New York City

Dear Sir: You will

confer a great favor upon me ^{my} my friends, if you will kindly let me know why you suggested a non-competitive examination for examiners of dependent children, with Department of Public Charities.

Five examiners were to be appointed ^{my} I took a competitive examination for that position on May 13th last, ^{my} received the rating thereof of No 1, but instead of being appointed I found that a previous non-competitive examination had been given to five persons, two of whom did not pass it, which two later took the competitive examination which I took, ^{my} tho. rated less than I, were appointed; their chances of passing the competitive examination being greatly enhanced by the previous non-competitive, yet they received a less rating than I. This seems to me unjust ^{my} contrary to the spirit of Civil Service Reform, ^{my} you will help me wonderfully if you will tell me who first suggested the names of the five who took the non-competitive examination, ^{my} who were subsequently appointed, ^{my} why a non-competitive ex-



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New York,

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amination was given at all.

In a letter from the Civil Service Boards dated July 10th 1896 I am informed that you did not consider that the Civil Service covered the positions in that you instructed the Dept. of Public Charities to make the appointments. Is it true that you thus instructed the Civil Service Boards, in the Commissioners of Public Charities?

The examiners of dependent children have to do with lessening the number of dependent children in institutions in this city.

There are about 18000 such children, for each of whom the city pays \$2.00 a week board. Is it possible that there has been a tac-

it understanding between you in the managers of those institutions, to have examiners of dependent children of their own choosing? There are those of us who believe that since every-

thing has not gone on regularly, there is room for such a suspicion.

Kindly bid me to give this matter a thorough investigation by answering the within questions

Yours truly,

Emmanuel Montic Lischer
145-E-18th St.

CHURCHES FOR SCHOOLS.

To the Editor of The Tribune:

SIR:—The Constitution of this State requires that all children of school age shall receive a common school education. The Legislature has made ample financial provision for the construction of adequate buildings for that purpose. The school officials admit, however, that many thousands of children are untaught and in the streets because the schools cannot receive them. Evidently some one has blundered. The stinging effect of an aroused public sentiment is needed to stimulate activity in the proper quarter.

Meanwhile prompt action should be had to meet pressing needs. Shall the Christian city of New York silently submit to this greatest of school scandals while its chapels and churches remain closed on school days and untaxed throughout the year?

Would not such educational use of the church buildings, irrespective of creed, be useful to the public and a worthy response to the cry of the children? If the armories are not available because of legal restrictions and are not located in the most crowded districts, the same cannot be said of the churches, chapels, mission rooms and Sunday-school quarters, which are to be found in every district.

More than 50,000 children are still unprovided for. More than \$50,000,000 are invested in church and chapel which might now be used on week-days for school purposes. Churches were used for hospitals during the late war. Should they not be equally available during the present struggle against ignorance and vice?

Permit me to suggest that the trustees of churches or chapels who are willing that any of the buildings under their control should be thus used until school buildings can be erected should send their names and addresses to C. B. J. Snyder, Superintendent of School Buildings, or the undersigned.

J. AUGUSTUS JOHNSON,

President of Good Government Club E.

No. 145 East Eighteenth st., New York, September 22, 1896.



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Mayor of New York

Dear Sir,

Churches are now being offered to the Board of Education for use as schools, until adequate school houses can be erected, so that the thousands of children of school age now unaccommodated may be enabled to get the common school education to which they are entitled under the laws.

But the citizens of New York interested in the educational welfare of its children look to you for relief in dropping out from the Board of Education, the old members whose terms are about to expire, and the appointment of new men whose zeal, intelligence and civic pride shall make them efficient aids to your reform administration.

Yours respectfully, J. Augustus Johnson



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New York,

Dec 9

1896

Hon. Wm. L. Strong

Mayor of New York

Dear Sir. I fear I have been troublesome to you in the past by making suggestions concerning the public schools.

I trust you will pardon me if I write you again - This time, about the franchises which the City is asked to give away or to sell for an inadequate price. From the daily papers I see that the Aldermen are voting away the franchises asked for by the several corporations desiring to use the streets and other property of the City. We earnestly hope that franchises, if sold at all will be sold only for a term of years or subject to reappraisal from time to time - We hope that the taxes of the City may be greatly reduced by a prudent use of the franchises. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours respectfully, J. Aug. Johnson
Pres. Club E

The Census of the Tombs.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE EVENING SUN—Sir: A recent article in THE EVENING SUN pointed out an error in the provisional estimates of the Department of Correction, as published in the *City Record* of Nov. 20, 1896. It was shown that Commissioner Wright's claim for a 20 per cent. increase of appropriation for supplies for the Tombs prison was put upon a false basis. Permit me here to recapitulate briefly the facts as set forth. The following, which is an exact copy of Commissioner Wright's estimate, is taken from the *City Record*:

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The Tombs is a big prison. It is also a very bad prison. The Board of Health found occasion a couple of weeks ago to arraign the prison for its scandalous overcrowding. Its inspectors reported that the conditions prevailing in it were "such as are necessarily considered a source of danger to the public health," and recommended that no more than one prisoner be allowed in each cell, as a measure of safety. This official action was prompted by an inquiry undertaken by the Good Government Clubs in response to many and grievous complaints. Commissioner Wright informed the attorney of the clubs that there was abundant relief at hand in the detention of the prisoners now in excess in the Tombs, in the police court jails, in which there was lots of room. Upon the promise of the District Attorney to give him twelve hours' notice when prisoners were wanted in court, this relief would become available, he said. The desired promise was obtained of Mr. Fellows by the intervention of the counsel of the Good Government Clubs. But the crowding in the Tombs has not materially abated. Various excuses of a technical nature might be offered for this, perhaps, but they are not needed. The real reason was given by Commissioner Wright to the attorney of the council, Mr. Mulchahey, and within a week to myself, namely, that it would be like going back on the poor prisoners. "They like to be two in a cell, for company," Mr. Wright said frankly. At times there have been three in those cells. What guarantee have we that Mr. Wright's exceeding good nature will not increase the census per cell to four, given a poker deck, a jackpot and a party of prisoners yearning to break it?

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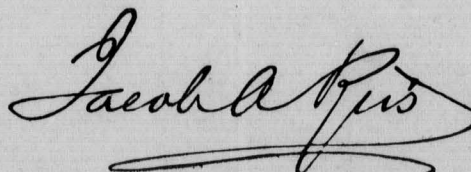
New York, December 14th, 1896.

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

Sir:-

Under instructions of the Council of Confederate Good Government Clubs, I beg to send you herewith copy of a communication published in the Evening Sun of December 10th last, relative to a certain error contained in the provisional estimates of the Department of Correction, for the year 1897. The facts therein pointed out were brought to the attention of the Commissioner of Correction; but his reply, so far from explaining the error, only made it appear more certain that it was one which could not be explained. Under these circumstances, therefore, we beg to submit it to yourself as Chairman of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment as a matter well worthy of serious consideration.

Very respectfully yours,



General Agent.

New York, Dec. 14, 96.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Dear Sir;

Whereas a most important franchise seems about to be granted by the Board of Aldermen for an insufficient sum and without any public competition,

And, whereas, we believe that any such franchise if disposed of at all should be sold by public competition to the highest bidder,

Therefore, we appeal to your honor to veto the ordinance granting a franchise to the Fuel Gas Company.

James B. Reynolds.
President of East Side Good Government Club

Edwin M. Waite Secretary.

Owner of

419 East Houston St.

New York December, 15th 1896.
To the Hon. Wm. Strong.

Dear Sir:—

Having received a letter, from the Police Department, on the matter of my complaint, which has been made by me, against the shanty, which is situated in the north half part of Union Market Square,

Mr. Mc-Ardle the owner of the oyster stand says, "I made this complaint in accordance to some prices of work. It is nothing of the sort. I want to have beneficial rights for the city and myself. I should like that this shanty, which causes so much nuisance, to be removed, so as to give a better sight to the Square. From this said shanty there exists nothing except the smell of oysters & clamshells etc."

The captain of 13th Precinct Station called me over to his police station. While over there, I had a discussion with the captain, who in

one of his phrases uttered "Do you know
that this shanty is in existence long before
you were born? I answered I don't know.
I am 38 years old, but from that report I received
~~from the times~~ the city has been utterly changed.
It is kept cleaner now. We know have bosses
which are seeing that the city has its rights.
In the Union Market we had a Live-Poultry-Mar-
ket and we drove them out. Now this chicken-
market is empty, in which the city may have
a great beneficial use. The 13th Precinct Station
has a police patrol which they are paying rent for
in East 3rd St. The said market is able
to hold 3 or 4 patrol wagons. The best thing
is to have this place expanded. If the shanty
comes away the patrol can go out excellently and
quickly from the interior of the market, and then
we will have a clean square.

Hoping this letter to be attended at once,

I remain

Yours Respectfully.
Davis Silberstein

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THOMAS F. GOODRICH, TREASURER.
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150 BROADWAY.

New York, Dec 15, 1896

Hon. Mrs. L. Strong

Dear Sir;

I am struck by the amount of attention now being given to the Western Boulevard in the laying out of grass plots, attention to its trees, superior lighting &c and the idea occurred to me some time ago why it wouldn't be a good plan to similarly improve Central Park West or 8th Ave. from 59th to 110th St. It certainly is a thoroughfare worthy of such attention and more as regards its future than present.

It should have an asphalt pavement, should be well lighted and its neglected trees, trimmed & replanted with new ones where needed. I have written letters to this effect both to the



MARSHALL S. DRIGGS, PRESIDENT.
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The LEGAL Surety Company

OF THE UNITED STATES.
150 BROADWAY.
New York,

Dept of Public Parks and Public Works and not the slightest attention has been paid to them. I am a property owner in this locality & certainly think the proportion of taxes which I have recently paid at least entitle me to some consideration as well as the Bicycle interest which is at present so much favoured on the Boulevard.

Very respectfully yours

Horace E. Fox

John W. Helbig.
Attorney at Law.
510 Equitable Building.
Denver, Colorado.

December 16, 1896.

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

Dear Sir: I take the liberty, as one of the members elect from Arapahoe County who will represent the city of Denver in the IIth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, to trouble you for a copy of the charter of your city. It is our intention to so amend the special charter of Denver as to incorporate in it the best municipal provisions that we can devise, and we think that we shall be able to secure valuable assistance with the aid of the charter governing your city.

A speedy response will greatly oblige,

Respectfully yours,

John W. Helbig.

AHEARN & LEE,
REAL ESTATE,
128 EAST 27TH STREET.

NEW YORK

Dec. 16th 1896

Hon. Mr. J. Strong
Mayor of New York City.
City Hall N. Y.

Dear Sir -
I deem it advisable
from the fact that my business will
not permit me to give the time necessary
to properly attend to the duties of
Inspection. And for this reason I think over-
sunder your resignation, as a member
of "The Board of School Inspectors"
of the 12th District. I have notified
Messrs. S. A. McLeod "Secretary of the
Board of my action. Yours Truly
Wm. J. Lee

LAW OFFICES OF

ETHAN ALLEN,

No. 115 Broadway,

(Boreel Building.)

New York,

Dec 17th 1896

Hon. W. L. Strong

Mayor of the City of New York.

My Dear Mr. Mayor.

The "Cuban League of the United States," will hold a mass meeting in favor of Cuba at Cooper Union on Monday next at 8 P.M. It will be an immense demonstration.

I want to introduce you as the first speaker, for a five minutes talk. The other speakers will be H. Potter, Senator Morgan, Gen. Brady T. Johnson of Baltimore, and who have accepted, and we expect Gen. Fickles & Mr. DeKeev.

This is as noble a cause as ever centered human agency. Come if you can. Since I have not the time to call on you in person, I send this by Dr. Lincoln de Jager, who will receive your response.

I am, Sir,
Ethan Allen

Pres. Cuban League of U.S.

WE, the Trustees of the New York Free Circulating Library, ask the Board of Estimate to grant us for the coming year the full amount authorized under the Statute. This amount fixed at the rate of ten (10) cents a volume circulated, is \$68,000. as our circulation for the twelve months ending July 1st consisted of 680,000 volumes, an increase over the previous year of 80,000. We ask this because we believe that it is time for the City of New York to awake to its duties and its opportunities in the matter of free libraries.

The late election and the experience of the past have taught all thoughtful citizens the necessity of educating the people, and to accomplish this end we deem free circulating libraries next in importance and efficiency to free schools. Public education not only should cultivate the intelligence, but also should make good citizens and we believe that next to direct personal influence, reading has most to do with the formation of character. Good fiction, history and biography teach high ideals, right standards, duty to others, public spirit and patriotism. There is a great awakening throughout the country to the important part played by free circulating libraries in the making of good and intelligent citizens and they are being started everywhere. A striking example is found in Philadelphia where The Philadelphia Free Library, which was started four years ago with a large appropriation and an annual grant from the City of \$90,000. has circulated the past year 1,300,000 volumes, surpassing all other libraries in the land. New York cannot afford to lag behind, and while we do not ask you to go beyond the law, we do ask you to give us what is authorized by the law.

We have done much work this year in connection with the public schools, the teachers co-operating with our librarians either by sending their scholars to the libraries or by themselves distributing the books selected from lists furnished by our librarians. It is apparent how superior our system of branch libraries is for this work to a large central library, whose distance from the schools would limit its usefulness. We could do much more in this line if we had more branches and more books.

We have opened this year a new branch at 816 Amsterdam Avenue, which in the second month of its existence circulated 7,000 volumes and that with so few books that readers waited until others brought in books, which they might take out. In our other branches we are doing what we can with our means, but we are sadly cramped by want of funds. Three of our branches have no printed catalogue; two others only such old ones as to be almost worthless; our librarians are underpaid, our Reference Libraries are of little use for want of books, a telephone service is needed to make all our books available to all our readers, and additional books are called for in all our branches. We have appealed to the Public and our answer is that the City should care for us, as is done in other cities. Give us \$68,000. and we can supply the most pressing of these needs and in addition we agree with the aid of our friends to start at least two and probably three branches the coming year, - one in the neighborhood of East 86th Street, another on the East Side, and a third on the West Side below the Park. We will also run these new branches during 1897, trusting that your Board will give us next year an allowance based on our increased circulation.

This would give us ten branch libraries (we already have seven) and we hope that we can with your help so long as we deserve it, go on with our work, adding branches year by year until we shall have a system of free circulating libraries adequate to the needs and the standing of this great City which we so much desire to see first in all the arts of Peace.

To put the matter in a few words, we use all our present means for current expenses, finding them inadequate at that, but if the City will give us sufficient to run our libraries, we will use our own money, and what we can get from our friends to establish new branches.

Dated, New York, Dec. 15, 1896.

Respectfully,

J. Andrew Heruochan President

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Secretary

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J. FREDERIC KERNOCHAN,
COUNSELLOR AT LAW,
44 PINE STREET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17th, 1866

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,
Mayor of the City of New York,
Office of the Mayor, City Hall, N.Y.

My Dear Mr. Mayor:

Enclosed herewith I send you a statement from the Trustees of the New York Free Circulating Library. I earnestly beg you to read over this statement carefully. We and the Aguilar Library together with a few smaller libraries are now doing in the City of New York the work which in other Cities has been undertaken by the City Government at the outlay of a large sum of money in the beginning and a generous yearly grant for expenses. Our private societies have for many years past been supplying to the people of the City of New York as well as we can the only free reading facility that our people now have, and it has now reached a point that we are now lending almost as many books as the large libraries of Boston, Philadelphia and Chicago.

In the progress of our work our Society and the Aguilar Library have established nearly a dozen branches, in many cases buying the land and erecting the buildings and in all cases purchasing the complement of books to make a proper branch lending Library which in each case requires from \$10,000. to \$15,000. *volumes*. Thus, the City of New York has already obtained by a private enterprise an exceedingly valuable property worth probably nearly one half million dollars devoted to library work, and we earnestly beg your Board to make us the full allotment which, under the existing law, you are authorized to make. This law is not mandatory, of course, but allows you to grant to each of us ten cents a volume based upon our circulation of last year; and, if we receive this sum, we shall certainly establish several other branch libraries in proper parts of the City.

I beg you to take this view of the present case: By generously assisting this existing enterprise to the extent that you are authorized to do under the law, you will very soon build up in the City of New York a library system with branches all throughout the City, and at a minimum of expense only increasing year by year in comparatively small amounts as the actual work done warrants. Thus, the City of New York will have a grand free library system second to that of no other City and built up at an expense ridiculously small in comparison to the amounts that have been granted in other Cities.

Hoping that you will give to this statement a most careful consideration, I am, with much respect,

Yours very sincerely,
J. Frederic Kernochan
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132 Nassau Street, Room 404, New York.

December 17th, 1896.

Dear Sir:-

Your name has been proposed as one of the Vice Presidents of a Mass Meeting to be held at Cooper Institute on Monday evening, the 21st inst., under the direction of the "Cuban League of the United States of America."

The object of the meeting is to promote the independence of Cuba by lawful, peaceful and honorable means.

No response will be construed as an acceptance of the position by yourself,

By order of the Committee,

Francis Wayland Glen,

Secretary.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

New York.

ROOMS OF

THE NEW YORK BOARD OF TRADE AND TRANSPORTATION,

Mail and Express Building, 203 Broadway,

New York, February 19th, 1896.

At a meeting of the New York Board of Trade and Transportation held this day, the following resolutions which had been referred to the Executive Committee at the January meeting were reported favorably by said Committee, and unanimously adopted by the Board, viz:-

RESOLVED, That this Board heartily endorses the present business administration of our city's affairs. While the financial statement shows a considerable increase in the expenditures of the year, this is largely due to deferred necessary repairs and improvements by previous administrations, and by accomplishing what no previous administration has ever accomplished, viz: Efficient cleaning of our streets.

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of this Board the people of this city will cheerfully pay a fair price for honest administration, and approve a further increase of taxation if needed to provide such necessary things as additional school buildings, docks, bridges, pavements, etc.

RESOLVED, That the application of Civil Service principles in our municipal service shows a steady improvement in the character of the service rendered the public, and we commend its continuance and extension.

A TRUE COPY.

Darius R. James.
PRESIDENT.

ATTEST.

Frank S. Gardner.
SECRETARY.

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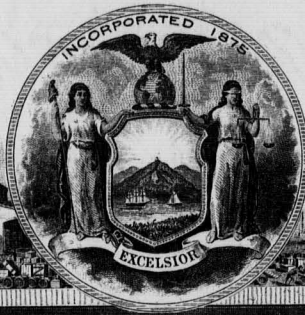
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NEW YORK BOARD OF TRADE AND TRANSPORTATION

TELEPHONE CALL :
3992 CORTLANDT.

MAIL & EXPRESS BUILDING,
BROADWAY AND FULTON STREET.

203 BROADWAY,

New York, Feb. 24th, 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong, Mayor,

New York City.

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to hand you, herewith, a copy of
resolutions unanimously adopted by the New York Board of Trade and
Transportation, at its meeting, on the 19th inst., and remain,

Yours truly,

Frank S. Gardner
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ROOMS OF
THE NEW YORK BOARD OF TRADE AND TRANSPORTATION,
Mail and Express Building, 203 Broadway,

New York, March 11th, 1896.

At the regular monthly meeting of the New York Board of Trade and Transportation, held this day, March 11th, 1896, the following resolutions were reported by the Executive Committee, and unanimously adopted by the Board:-

RESOLVED, That the New York Board of Trade and Transportation heartily approves Senate Bills, No's 745 and 748, for facilitating the acquisition of property for the improvement of the water front in the City of New York on the North and East Rivers, and of Senate Bill No. 746, for providing additional funds to pay for acquiring property, and for the work of construction and improvement of the water front in the City of New York, in order that additional facilities for commerce, which are greatly needed, may be provided at an early date: and, further

RESOLVED, That this Board urges upon the Legislature of the State of New York favorable consideration for and the passage of said Bills at the earliest possible date, because of the urgent need of such improvement.

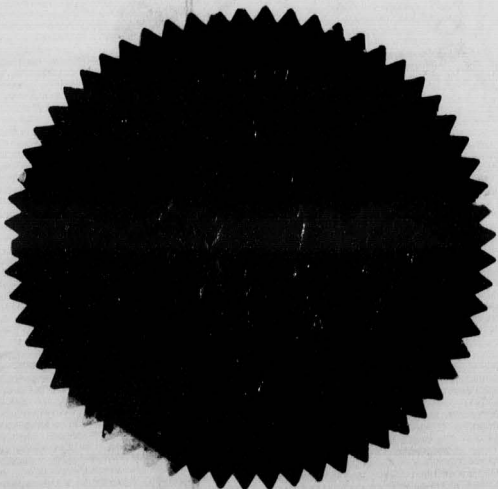
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Dawson R. James.
President.

Attest.

Frank S. Gardner

Secretary.



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THE NEW YORK BOARD OF TRADE AND TRANSPORTATION,
Mail and Express Building, 203 Broadway,

New York, March 11th, 1896.

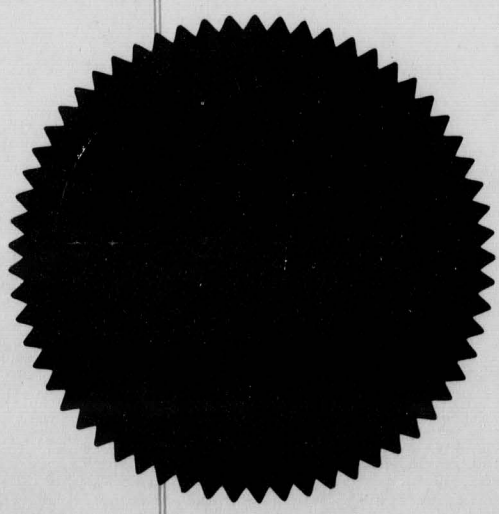
At the regular monthly meeting of the New York Board of Trade and Transportation, held this day, the following resolution was reported by the Committee on City Affairs, and unanimously adopted by the Board.

WHEREAS, under present circumstances it is very difficult to ascertain and determine what are the municipal ordinances:

RESOLVED, That this Board endorses the recommendation of the Mayor, in his recent annual message, that these should be properly codified; and hopes that the work will be promptly undertaken and completed.

A TRUE COPY.

Darius R. James PRESIDENT.



ATTEST.

Frank S. Gardner
SECRETARY.

R O O M S O F
THE NEW YORK BOARD OF TRADE AND TRANSPORTATION,
Mail and Express Building, 203 Broadway,

New York, June 10th, 1896.

At the regular monthly meeting of the New York Board of Trade and Transportation, held this day, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted, viz:-

WHEREAS, Since the negative decision of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in the rapid transit case, it is announced that the Rapid Transit Railroad Commissioners intend to resign, and one of them has already sent his resignation to the President of the Board:

RESOLVED, That, in the opinion of the New York Board of Trade and Transportation, the present Rapid Transit Commissioners possess in an unusual degree the confidence and esteem of the people of New York without regard to political affiliations, and if genuine rapid transit is to be secured the experience and study of the present Commissioners must be taken advantage of.

RESOLVED, That the New York Board of Trade and Transportation, representing to a very large extent the commercial interests of New York, most earnestly urge upon the present Rapid Transit Commissioners that they do not resign their offices, and that Hon. Seth Low withdraw his resignation as Commissioner, for the reason that their study of the question, and the experience they have acquired, fit them pre-eminently for the task before them. It is their duty as citizens to retain their offices, and to undertake to devise such measures, by legislation or otherwise, as will remove the obstacles which obstruct the progress of rapid transit, and thereby carry out the wishes of the people of this City as expressed in the polls in the election of 1894.

(A TRUE COPY),

Samuel R. James
President.

Attest.

Math S. Gardiner
Secretary.

R O O M S O F
THE NEW YORK BOARD OF TRADE AND TRANSPORTATION,
Mail & Express Building, 203 Broadway,

New York, December 9th. 1896.

At the regular monthly meeting of the New York Board of Trade and Transportation held this day, the Committee on City Affairs reported the following resolution, and they were unanimously adopted, viz;

WHEREAS, The building known as the Register's office of the City of New York, which contains the records of titles to property, and mortgages, in the City -- documents representing a value of not less than several thousand of millions of dollars-- is wholly insecure, being a veritable tinder box, and is most incommodious and inadequate, wholly unfit for its purpose, and withal both architecturally and in lack of equipment a reproach to the City; Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the New York Board of Trade and Transportation heartily endorses the demands of the Bar Association and other public spirited bodies and citizens, for the erection, at once, of a new and creditable building, adapted to meet not only the present, but also the future, requirements as a Hall of Records for the Metropolis; And be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor and other city officials be urged to take immediate steps to secure the drafting of an appro-

priate bill, and its presentation to the Legislature, so that the same may be put into operation at the earliest possible date. And be it further

RESOLVED, That the New York Board of Trade and Transportation, through its Committee on City Affairs, and in all other suitable ways, will diligently co-operate in all proper efforts to forward such legislation, and promote the speedy accomplishment of the object; And further be it

RESOLVED, That a copy of this preamble and these resolutions be forwarded to his Honor, the Major of the City, and to commercial bodies in the City, and that the Committee on City Affairs be instructed to present the views of the Board to the Mayor at an early date.

A TRUE COPY,

President.

ATTEST

Secretary.

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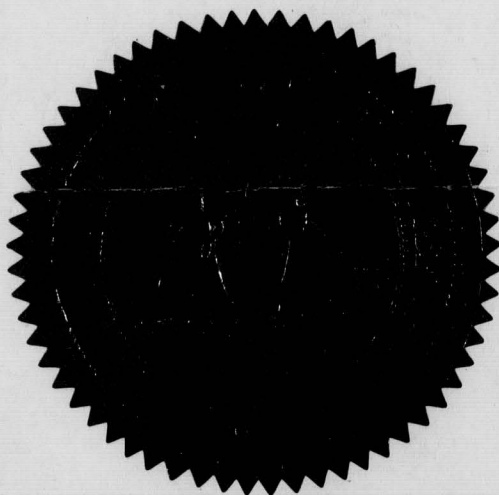
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A TRUE COPY,

Darwin R. James
President.



ATTEST.

Frank S. Gardner

Secretary.

R O O M S O F

THE NEW YORK BOARD OF TRADE AND TRANSPORTATION,

Mail & Express Building, 203 Broadway,

New York, December 9th, 1896.

At the regular monthly meeting of the New York Board of Trade and Transportation held this day, the Committee on City Affairs presented the following report relating to sidewalk encumbrances.

The report had three readings, was fully considered and unanimously adopted, viz:

WHEREAS, The streets of the City of New York were dedicated to the use of the people in the pursuit of all legitimate business and pleasure- the sidewalks for the exclusive use of pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, The sidewalks of this City are in many places seriously obstructed, in violation of law, by the transaction of many varieties of business thereon, and upon the stoops and areas, to the injury of law abiding tradesmen in the vicinity, and the annoyance of the public; and

WHEREAS, The Corporation of the City of New York, in violation of City ordinances and the State laws, but in consideration of rentals paid to the City, permits the occupancy to the stoop line of the entire space surrounding the block occupied by Washington Market, where from stands erected upon such space, fruits, meats, vegetables, tinware, dry-goods, and many other articles are dealt in, the boxes, barrels and cases containing them being deposited, unpacked and packed upon the narrow walk in front thereof, which is also used by the customers of such stands, to the injury of business interest in the vicinity and the inconvenience of the public passing to and from the ferries and steamships on the water front; and

WHEREAS, The City of New York by renting such stands maintains a public nuisance, and is in fact the chief offender against law; and

WHEREAS, Many complaints have been made to the Bureau for the Removal of Encumbrances, asking for the removal of these obstructions, and it has refused to remove them, because of the permit issued by the Comptroller granting this unlawful use of the stoop for stands, which refusal has been brought to the attention of the Comptroller who refuses to revoke the permits because the City of New York needs the fifteen or sixteen thousand dollars income which he states is derived from the rent of these stands; Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the New York Board of Trade and Transportation respectfully requests the Hon. Ashbel P. Fitch,

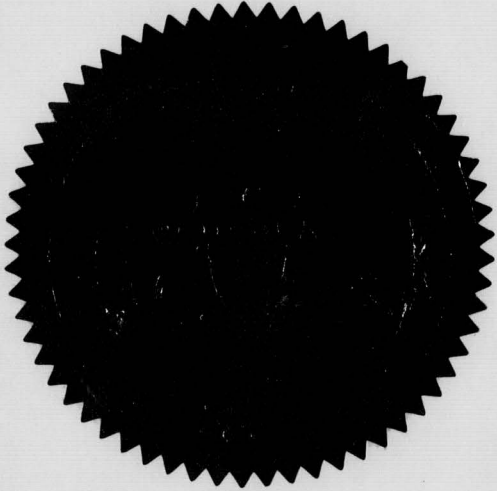
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Comptroller, to revoke all permits for stands outside the building line of the markets of this City, and that notice of the revocation of these permits be sent to the Bureau of Encumbrances, in order that the Superintendent may require the removal of the stands; that if not removed within a reasonable time said Bureau proceed to remove them and restore the sidewalk to the uses for which it was intended- the free and unobstructed passage of pedestrians.

RESOLVED, That the Secretary be instructed to forward a copy of these resolutions to his Honor, the Mayor, to the Comptroller, and the Commissioner of Public Works.

A TRUE COPY,

Darwin R. Jacobs.
President.



ATTEST.

Mark S. Gardum

Secretary.

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203 BROADWAY,

New York. Dec 11th 1896

To His Honor

W. L. Strong,

Mayor of New York. N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor, by instruction of this Board, to hand you resolutions unanimously adopted at its meeting on Wednesday last, relating to side walk obstructions.

Requesting your kind consideration for same

I am

Very truly yours

Frank S. Gardner
Secretary

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203 BROADWAY,

New York. Dec 11th 1896

His Honor

W. L. Strong

Mayor, New York City.

Dear Sir:

The President of this Board desires me to acknowledge your favor of the 8th regarding the naming of the New York City Commission for the Tenth Centennial Anniversary.

Thanking you for the opportunity to nominate to your Honor two or three of our active members for places on the Commission, our President will take pleasure in complying with your request, but first desires to get the assurance from those he shall nominate that they will interest themselves in the matter in the ways you have indicated.

If you have any printed matter relating to the celebration I would be pleased to receive three copies.
Very truly yours Frank S. Gardner, Secy

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New York.

Dec. 14th, 1896.

To his Honor W. L. Strong, Mayor,
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to hand you herewith copy of resolutions
unanimously adopted by this Board on the 9th inst., relating to the
condition of the Register's Office in the City of New York, and
urging that steps be taken to secure the early erection of a
building suitable for the purposes of a Hall of Records. I remain,

Very truly yours,

Frank S. Gardner
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The Coffee Exchange of the City of New York.

113-117 PEARL STREET,

New York, December 17 1896.

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

The attention of the Board of Managers of this Exchange has been drawn to the resolutions adopted by the New York Board of Trade & Transportation, on Dec 9th 1896, in relation to the erection of a new Hall of Records, and I am directed to say that the Board of Managers of this Exchange endorse very heartily the sentiments expressed in the resolutions in question -

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
R. J. Van Rensselaer
Supt

Dr. S. HEMINGWAY,
205 E. 17th STREET,
NEW YORK.

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Hon Wm L. Strong,
Mayor &c.

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Dear Sir:

In the matter of the estimate
of the Depts of Charities and Correc-
tions just passed by the Board of
Estimate &c, will you pardon a
few words. I have served at
Bellevue, lived two years on
Blackwells Island, four years
as Examining Physician at Bellevue
nine years in charge of Class
of Nervous diseases, and since
1881, to date, attached to the
Work House Alms house and In-
curable Hospitals. - In fact for
the past twenty six years I
have had continuous service

and I, therefore, can assume I
know something about the dept's.
About 1872 through the influence
of Geil, Bowen, or Phillips was
the first inspection appointed.
Sanitization resulted and the
office abolished later.

The Commissioners satisfied
themselves by sitting at 11th
St & 3rd av, and listening to sub-
ordinates without personal investi-
gation. Later, Brinnan, who began
as a night watchman, later warden
of Bellevue, became Commissioner.

He knew the needs of the dept
and scarcely a day but he made
a visit to the Islands.

The object of this letter is not
personal. It is for better food
better clothing and better manage-
ment for the poor individuals
in the Alms House and I fearable
they are old people at the last

run of life. You yourself have
had a view of Chinatown and
think you know it as it is. As
a physician in Chinatown for
twenty odd years, at one time having
the Chinese Hospital, then at ^{#14th} #16
West St. I assure you, while
the clientele is improved the
same debasement exists.

The official visit is proposed for
for instance: Grand jury visit
to Blackwells Island.

Let the Commissioner go in co-
at any meal time see and
sample food. Go thoroughly
through the wards of the Alms
House. Look at drainage &c;
Ask Dr H-M. Biggs about the
one time epidemic of dysentery
at the Alms House from faulty
drainage (since improved.)

Therefore, I ask that the Comsance
with his buggy (which is regular)
go personally, himself, and investi-
gate these things. The inspector
is accepted as an enemy in
every building. If you must have
me let him be on a par with
Ch. Waring, a sanitary engineer
and me capable of meeting
physicians on a scientific basis.
This is a personal letter and not
for any other use than one who
admires your administration and
one who also asks nothing.

With distinguished Consideration

Faithfully Yours

W. Lawrence, M.D.

Honorary Consultant

to Col. A.H. & the Hosp.

B. F.

Summer Residence.

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OFFICE OF THIS COMPANY:
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The Engle Sanitary AND Cremation Company.

REPRESENTED IN NEW YORK CITY BY
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56 & 58 Pine Street, New York, Dec. 18th, 1896.

Hon. W.S. Strong,

Mayor, New York City.

Dear Sir:-

I have respectfully to ask your attention to the following statement:

The institutions on Blackwell's Island under charge of the Dept. of Corrections and Dept. of Charities varying in number of inmates from six to seven thousand persons, daily produce garbage and waste material of all kinds and character amounting to 6 to 8 tons per day. At the present time the disposal of this large quantity of objectionable matter is conducted under difficulties which are daily becoming more apparent. It is collected from the various buildings, a portion is buried on the Island (the ground is exhausted where this can be done with safety), a portion is brought to a central point and burned in open fires and a still larger portion is disposed of by some other means.

The proposed construction of new buildings in connection with the Department of Charities offers an unusually favorable opportunity for providing for the sanitary disposal of this large quantity of objectionable waste. A modern Garbage Cremating Furnace can be easily attached to the chimney of the proposed buildings and by its means all waste destroyed in a manner at once inoffensive, sanitary and economical.

Hon. W.S. Strong (2)

The cost of this proposed apparatus is very moderate in comparison with the work done, even insignificant taking into account the sanitary protection which it affords.

I have respectfully to ask permission to lay before you, or the proper authorities in charge of the Department plans and drawings of proposed Crematory which shall be capable of destroying all the waste in a manner at once acceptable to the Health department and the Departments having in charge the several institutions, on Blackwell's Island.

Very respectfully yours,

W. F. Morse

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San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 18/96.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

MAYOR OF NEW YORK CITY.

DEAR SIR:-

The citizens of San Francisco, irrespective of party, believe that a new city Charter is necessary for the welfare of this municipality. The present Act governing this City was originally created in 1856. Decided improvements in the system of municipal government have occurred since that time.

The Merchants' Association is desirous of ascertaining the best system of municipal government suited to the present requirements of this municipality. For this purpose, we desire very much to have a copy of the existing Charter governing your City. It would be esteemed a great favor if you will, therefore, have a copy forwarded to this office by return mail; and, if desirable, the amount of postage will be refunded.

Hoping you will have our request complied with promptly, and that we may be permitted to reciprocate the favor, we remain,

Very truly yours,

MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION,

J. Rich'd Freud

SECRETARY.

N. Y., December 18th, 1896

Hon. William L. Strong,

Dear Mr. Mayor:-

In last Sunday's paper I read a short address made by you to members of the Westside Republican Club in which you stated that you would decline a renomination for the office of Mayor. As one of the several million citizens of Greater New York, I regret exceedingly that you have made such a statement although I am not personally acquainted with you or you with me, yet I was in hopes of having the privilege of again voting for you and I sincerely trust that you will reconsider the statement made and give to myself and many others the opportunity of voting for you to fill the high office of Mayor of Greater New York.

I remain,

Very respectfully yours,

John T. Lockman
J. F. Tassan St. Uly

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New York, Dec. 18 1896.

Hon. W. L. Strong,

Your Honor:

We are "knocking at your door again" and in a very worthy and honorable cause.

This dinner is in honor, especially, of our grand and noble President, Hon. C. N. Bliss, who retires from the Presidency in a week afterwards.

We feel that you will be more than willing, by your presence and voice, to join in this tribute to so good and prominent a Republican and Citizen — and friend.

Yours very respectfully
J. C. Thomas.

Chairman House
Committee

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Plainfield North
New Jersey.

Hon. Wm L. Sturgis.

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N. Y.

My Dear Sir:

I have from this
place where I am in obligatory
retirement directed to your affairs
and am no less than four
letters. Each and every one directed

upon some topic or subject in
which you were supposed to have
some interest. For reasons as inti-
mated in my last communication
to you, I have been and still
am extremely desirous of viewing
of possible some acknowledgment
that one or more of them reached
your eyes or hands. I have been
informed that the letters were not
sent but I have reasons to think
this information unreliable. as
an acknowledgment of some sort
will justify an opinion. I again
ask leave and trust that you
will not consider it for some persons
upon my part. of addressing you
this time directed to your Residence
an act which I trust you will pardon
as the exigencies of the case seem to
require it. with a view towards

receiving some acknowledgment whether in truth you
received within twelve months past any commu-
nication from me. If it were in any wise feasible for
me to reach the City I would spare for the in-
convenience or trouble of pursuing answer, in such
an event I might receive a face to face answer.
Inasmuch as the uncertain summer air such
that I cannot avail myself of so great a cherished
desire. I am constrained to resort again to
ink and pen, and sincerely trust that an ack-
nowledgment may be forthcoming and reach me
promising of course that you know the writer is a
connection or was to one of your most cherished friends.

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BOOKS

Plainfield North
New Jersey.

Hon. Wm L. Strong.

West 57th St.
N. Y.

My Dear Sir:

I have from this
place where I am in obligatory
retirement directed to your official
address no less than four
letters. Each and every one touched

It seems as though it costs some-
thing to maintain conviction in
these days and courageously express
them. Turn of conviction and back-
bone it would seem are useless
in these degenerate days and I
trust that the age will develop
more of them rather than the
times have such.

I learned through the "Press"
of the death of one of your
confidential servants. Sheriff
Gustavus H. Hest. "Big Toe",
as my friend Dewitt Patton was
familiarly wont to call him.
He was in some respects a
noble character. True and loyal
to his friends, a fearless fighter

an open enemy. a just reward,
a good fate. And one whom some
controlling parties in Passaic County
sawed, because of his popularity.

His integrity and strength
of purpose. What a pity.
that he should have been
robbed of his cherished hope,
and just at the time when
the reward was tendered him.
the silver chalice was broken
the golden pitcher broken.
and the brave man was
cheated from enjoying an office
which so many of his friends
thought he had earned, and which
in his illness his jealous adver-
saries endeavored to juggle from him.

Four years ago when I commenced the task of
organizing the Republican Party in New Jersey
on a more thorough and systematic basis. I

recall of having visited the veteran John D. Blair
to interest the old gentleman in the work. as
I was about departing. he who now is approach-
ing the century mark, took me by the hand and
said "Good Bye Judge take good care of yourself
good men are scarce". I felt complimented.

Good men are indeed scarce some who were
with us at that time are not now with
us to-day. And sincerely I hope and trust

that there will be no more
funerals of good first class citizens
of New Jersey. Especially such as
have high regard for the
achievements of New York and
the highest glory of our
Nation -

I trust it may be my
good fortune as expressed to you
in my last note of meeting
you at the Inauguration Ceremon-
ies of the distinguished son of
Ohio. Your personal friend Maj.
McKinley. And if by that time he
has not fully made up his Cabinet
I might take the liberty of suggesting
a literary man to him, who has
taken for public affairs, and one
well worthy to become a member of
his official family. Yours Truly, J. M. McKim