

FRANK J. TUTTLE,  
LAW OFFICE.  
Burchard Block, Fremont, Ohio.

*In Re.*

*V.S.*

April 27<sup>1897</sup>

Hon Wm Strong  
Mayor New York  
N.Y.

Sir -  
Will you have the kindness to  
give me a list of County and City  
officers which were filled at the General  
Election in your City last fall -  
State if you please with reference  
to each officer whether or no one  
or "more than one" person was elected.

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*to the officer named -*  
*After Representative I assume you*  
*elects some county officers as Sheriff.*  
*Treasurer and possibly some city officers*  
*on your general ticket -*  
*I will thank you for attention -*

*Respect*  
*Frank J. Tuttle*



Thursday Apr. 28/897  
40 CENTRAL PARK, SOUTH.

Dear Mr Mayor: I hope you will  
put your foot on that chican bill  
for the support of indigent parents:  
This the first attempt in the  
history of this state to invoke state  
aid and apply public funds direct-  
ly to the support of the family.

Ten years ago even no  
member of a legislature would  
have risked adverse criticism by  
the introduction of such an act, involv-  
ing such a principle.

We seem to be rapidly  
approaching a state of decem-  
position when nothing sur-  
prises the public or alarms  
the statesmen.

To  
Hon. Wm L. Strong  
Mayor.

Yours truly  
Thos. Westworth

HEADQUARTERS OF

German-American  
Independent Republican  
Association,

OF THE 6TH AND 8TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS.  
NO. 167 CHRYSTIE STREET.



Charles Krumm, President.  
Ed. Maurer, 1st Vice-President.  
Sam Kaplan, 2d Vice-President  
Henry Seng, Cor. Sec.  
Max Ketzer, Rec. Sec.  
Sam. Hutton, Fin. Sec.  
Henry A. Heinzlinger, Treasurer.  
Julius Frank, Sergeant-at-Arms.

New York, April 28<sup>th</sup> 1897

Bion L Burrows, Esq

N Y City.

My dear Friend:

You would do me a great favor by making out my license for only 3 months as it is impossible for me to raise the money for a year license, by that time I will have the business sold & the license transferred. I want to get out of the business as you know. Hoping you will do me this favor and thanking you for kindness in advance I remain your

very truly  
Charles Krumm

119  
126 West 66<sup>th</sup> St.  
April 28<sup>th</sup> 1897.

To His Honor.

Mayor Strong.  
City Hall.

Dear and Honored Sir.

Your notice  
of the public hearing  
tomorrow on Legislative  
Bill No 940, to exempt  
from taxation certain  
real estate leased to  
St Luke's Methodist Epis-  
copal Church in the City



of New York, so long as  
thus used, finds me ill  
in bed with an attack  
of Pneumonia - I beg you  
therefore to understand,  
and pardon my absence  
from the hearing.

Others will be there,  
doubtless all sufficient.

May I venture, however,  
to say that the present  
Bill was drawn as carefully  
as possible, on the lines ap-  
proved by yourself in the  
interview with Mr Sills

and myself a month ago.

As we explained then, we do the work of an ordinary active Church of today. Our buildings cover all our permitted space, & are used only for worship, for Sunday schools, for Mother's Meetings, Boys & Girls Clubs, & the usual social & religious life of a Church. Our work is all free; we have no fees; & our income consists of voluntary subscriptions, a few pew rents & public contributions.



We are now far from sick  
but try to do just as  
constant work as when  
the church was ten times  
as well off.

We are glad to do it  
although at times it is a  
heavy task; & we beg not to  
be choiced to death simply  
because we are too poor to  
buy & own our property.

I remember, gratefully,  
your kind words in our  
late interview, & doubt not  
you will protect us if in  
your power.

With profound respect

Your obedient

Per M. E. H. C. S. Harriman. Pastor

# HOUSE AND REAL ESTATE OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

OF THE 12TH AND 19TH WARDS,

OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

New York, April 28th, 1897

Hon. William L. Strong.

Mayor,

New York City.

Dear Sir:

Could we ask you to defer taking action upon the following bills which we understand are now in your hands and awaiting your approval or disapproval, namely,

"An Act to create a division of notification in the Department of Finance in the City of New York"; "Senate bills, numbers 1668 and 1669 known as the Anti-Trust bills" and also the bill relating to the refunding of assessments paid for the improvement of East River Park, until a committee of our association can wait upon you at your office, tomorrow, Thursday at 12 o'clock, if that hour suits your convenience or any other hour that you may designate.

Yours very respectfully,

*Conrad Harris*  
Pres.  
C.B.

Personal 128

262. Madison Avenue.

Apr 28 1897.

My dear Sir

To my great  
astonishment I saw  
this afternoon a copy  
of a Bill which has  
passed the Legislature  
& I understand is in  
your hands for approval  
for a New Park at  
Riverdale above  
Spyten Deyvel

I trust it includes  
in its limits my

Country home &  
that of my son Mr  
Cleveland H. Dodge  
I have lived there  
in the summer for  
thirty-five years

The two places  
represent a large  
value certainly \$250,000.-

The city has now  
more large Park  
property in that section  
than it can improve  
& certainly cannot  
afford to purchase  
such valuable  
property - It is

like cutting off my  
hand & then of being  
obliged to give up  
my home unnecessarily.

My good neighbor  
Mr Perkins of the  
N.Y. Life Ins Co told  
me that a Park was  
talked of - but I  
supposed it was an  
sentimental scheme.

I knew nothing of  
the Bill until I heard  
it had passed -

May I venture to  
beg you will not  
approve of the Act  
without full consideration



I should like the  
privilege of talking  
with you about it.

I think the Bill  
was carelessly drawn  
& was not intended  
to have the limits  
named in it.

I am  
With great respects  
Very truly  
yours

M. Dodge

To the

Hon W L Strong

Mayno



D. Walter Brown,  
Henry D. Brown,  
Attorneys and Counsellors at Law,  
111 Broadway,

D. Walter Brown,  
Counsel in Patent Causes.

New York, April 28<sup>th</sup> 1897  
Hon William L. Strong.  
Mayor of the City of New York  
Dear Sir:

Permit me to express my gratification that, in your address accepting the Grant Tomb on behalf of the City, you expressed the wish that steamboats should salute the tomb by tolling their bells as they pass. I had made the same suggestion in a letter published in the Tribune, Monday morning. Your influential advocacy will undoubtedly result in the introduction of the beautiful custom, which is one of those things that make for a higher patriotism both in national and municipal affairs.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant  
David Walter Brown

LAW OFFICE OF  
SAMUEL S. CHURCH,  
(NOTARY,)  
37 MITCHELL BUILDING,  
TEL. 1695.

CINCINNATI, April 28th. 1897. 189

To The Hon. Mayor of *New York, N. Y.*

Dear Sir:-

It may be in your power to do me a kindness and thereby a greater one to the heirs of John Hameridge, who went to Texas in about 1837 and invested in some real estate that has since become valuable. I desire to find and communicate with his heirs as they are entitled to this property. Some of them may reside in your city.

Anything you may do in this matter will be appreciated and the favor cheerfully reciprocated should an opportunity ever be afforded.

Yours very truly,

*Sam'l S. Church,*

*George Edward Kent.*  
*Counsellor at Law.*

*52 William St.*

*New York.* April 28th, 1897

S i r : -

I herewith enclose a copy of the charter  
and by - laws of The Trustees of the Sailors' Rest.

Very truly yours,

*George Edward Kent.*

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



MAJOR GENERAL GRENVILLE M. DODGE,  
GRAND MARSHAL.

A. NOEL BLAKEMAN,  
CHIEF OF STAFF.

COL. H. C. CORBIN, U. S. A.,  
ADJUTANT GENERAL.

CAPT. JOHN A. JOHNSTON, U. S. A.,  
ASST. ADJUTANT GENERAL.

COL. WILLIAM CARY SANGER, N. G., N. Y.,  
INSPECTOR GENERAL.

GENERAL T. F. RODENBOUGH, U. S. A.,  
SPECIAL AID.

# Grant Monument Inaugural Parade,

APRIL 27TH, 1897

HEADQUARTERS, GRAND MARSHAL,

Room 292, No. 1 BROADWAY,

TELEPHONE, 1758 BROAD

*New York, April 28th, 1897. 189*

Hon. W. L. Strong,

Mayor of New York City.

My dear Mr. Mayor:-

I desire to thank you personally for the efficient manner with which you and the different Departments of New York City have aided me in organizing and moving the Grant Inaugural Parade. In every instance where I called upon you, or any of the Departments, I received a prompt response and a great desire to in every way aid me, no matter whether it was part of their duty or not, and I desire to especially mention the ability and efficiency of the police in performing their duty in the matter. Being at the head of the column from 23rd Street to its point of dismissal, about seven miles, it gave me an opportunity that no other person had of noticing the manner in which the police kept the line of parade clear and the manner in which they handled the immense crowds throughout its entire length. Not a moment was lost in the parade by the interference of the crowd and cars, and certainly great credit is due to the Chief of Police and his Staff for the foresight and ability displayed in their preparations and their orders, and to the police force for the efficient and quiet manner in which

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they carried out these orders and handled the crowd, and this is also the opinion of that portion of my Staff who worked directly with them. Certainly the police force of this City must be a thoroughly disciplined and experienced force, and they are a great credit to their great City. I am,

Truly,

*Greville M. Dodge*



THE WINDSOR  
NEW YORK



April 28<sup>th</sup> 1917

His Honor Wm L. Strong  
Mayor of the City of  
New York.

My dear Sir,

As requested I enclose  
an acct of Expenses.  
This evidence of New York's  
consideration & hospital-  
ity is the more ap-  
preciated because  
unexpected; but it  
is New York's way.  
Please express

to The Committee &  
accept for yourself  
assurances of my  
most cordial regards  
& believe me, with  
every good wish,  
Faithfully Yrs  
J. B. Gordon

ANDREW D. BAIRD, President.  
SALEM H. WALES, Vice-President.

FRANCIS B. THURBER, Secretary.  
RICHARD DEEVES, Treasurer.

Office of Commissioners

## New East River Bridge,

49 & 51 Chambers Street,  
ROOMS 33, 34, 35.

COMMISSIONERS—NEW YORK.  
HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG, Mayor,  
SALEM H. WALES,  
FRANCIS B. THURBER,  
RICHARD DEEVES.

COMMISSIONERS—BROOKLYN.  
HON. FREDERICK W. WURSTER, Mayor,  
ANDREW D. BAIRD,  
JAMES A. SPERRY,  
HENRY BATTERMAN.

New York, ..... Apl. 28th, ..... 1896.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor,

New York.

Dear Mayor Strong:

I was proud of our Mayor yesterday. Your  
speech, accepting the monument, was admirable---well-fitting the place and  
the occasion.

Long live Mayor Strong!

Very sincerely,

*S. H. Wales*

Hope Chapel,  
339 EAST 4TH STREET,

New York, April 29, 1897

My Dear Mr. Mayor:

I sincerely trust that the hearings this afternoon will not detain you so late that you will not be able to come to our Federation meeting. There will be probably a hundred or more practical workers among the poor in all parts of the City and we want the inspiration of your presence and words even though you come late. President Wilson of the Health Board, has just written me that a special meeting just called will keep him away today, but that he will come another time. As my case is desperate, hence my pleading shall I send a carriage?

If so, at what hour? The route is  
Park Row, East Broadway and Columbia  
at. in case you have a regular driver,  
but I would be glad to send for you.  
The meeting is from 3.30 to 5 or a little  
after.

I am sorry to seem so impor-  
tunate, but I know you will under-  
stand me.

very sincerely  
John B. Devine.

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THE CENTURY  
7 WEST FORTY-THIRD ST.

Sam M. M. A. O'Leary

My dear Mr. O'Leary

I am desirous of  
confering with Mayn Strong  
with regard to the matter of  
injuries caused to Policemen  
and Citizens by the Cable-  
Railroads of which I have  
spoken to you and shall  
be greatly obliged if you  
will give me a letter of  
introduction to him, explaining  
that my sole object and  
interest is the Public welfare

Yours very sincerely  
Robert Heywood

Thursday April 29/97.

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

Introducing to  
Mayor Strong  
Mr. Robert Thurgood.

Wm. K. Scott.

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976 Third Ave N.Y.,  
April 29, '97.

Hon. Mayor Strong,  
Dear Sir,

Once more I take the liberty to remind you of the petition of the 30<sup>th</sup> of last month concerning the boy so cruelly treated in Juvenile Asylum, for the last ten months.

I don't think it necessary to repeat the petition because it is really as troublesome for me to write as for the reader to read. It is very sorrowful that, by the "Fin du Siècle" our "Pull" is always in existence. As long as a citizen has not a "Pull" he can do nothing. For instance - I have sent a petition to Your Honor the 30<sup>th</sup> of last month, not re-

quiring any charity, only the one word "Justice" but it is in vain, I cannot get it. Why? — For all justice which could have been done for me, was, I received the inclosed letter, informing me, that my petition was referred to Mr. Eldridge T. Gerry and this is all I heard of it and the boy has to endure the cruel treatment without pity. Before I wrote my first letter I was sent by Supt. Brown to Mr. Gerry but I did not go for I was sure it is useless. I have read enough of his charity. It is well known that his greatest charity consists in ruining honest families and to disturb their peace. For instance: — If a workman has worked hard all day, and comes home in the evening so tired that he is not able to move himself and sends his child for a glass of beer for his supper, he can be sure that the charitable Gerry or his helps will soon be there and get this workman

arrested, the child will be taken away, and the whole family ruined. Why? Because he has no "Pull." To this kind man my petition was referred; what for? Has he any feeling for a child? certainly not, or he would have released this boy on receiving my petition. As this boy was only sent there for running away from home, not for criminal action, is he not punished enough by being detained there ten months? What is to become of him? Is he not yet crippled enough? Why the greatest criminal is often pardoned and such a boy who only had the imprudence to leave home cannot be released? It is only because Gerry's Society wants to make use of their charity; they need inmates and only such inmates of honest parents to ruin them, to satisfy their ~~pleasure~~ pleasure, otherwise they could have inmates by the thousands of all sizes, strolling around on Frankfort St. with



newspapers who never go to school. Why are not those boys ~~not~~ taken in charity? Because they are not good enough. "The honorable Society" cannot have their satisfaction, although most of those children really need charity, but there is no money in it — — — — —

As I do not wish to trouble the reader with any more recitals, I will close my letter with the hope to have a far better result than the first one, and hope also, that Your Honor will make use of authority to command my boy to his home from the Juvenile Asylum or let me know the cause why he cannot, for I will go a step forward.

Yours very respectfully,  
J. Seidemann



R.M.S. "MAJESTIC".

New York, April 29. 1897.

Dear sir:

I read in the papers that some of the property owners in that neighborhood desire the extension of 135<sup>th</sup> Street.

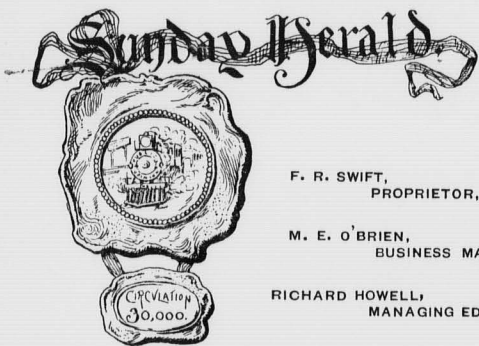
I am the owner of the house No. 307 West 136<sup>th</sup> St, and record myself as opposed to the scheme.

Yours respectfully

Howard Conkling.

170 Broadway

To Mayor Strong.



F. R. SWIFT,  
PROPRIETOR,

M. E. O'BRIEN,  
BUSINESS MANAGER,

RICHARD HOWELL,  
MANAGING EDITOR.

Bridgeport, Conn., April 27 1897.

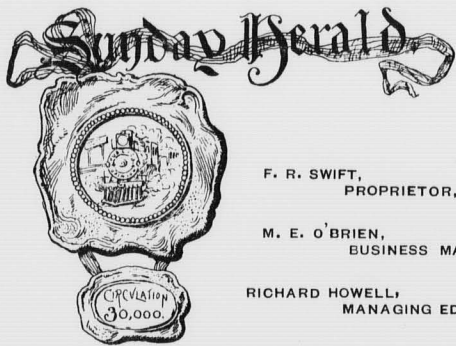
Dear Mr Hedges

By this mail I send  
to Mayor Strong a copy  
of Sunday's Herald contain-  
ing Reform articles.

I have been doing the  
work for time here on  
the reform question.

You will see that consider-  
able reference has been made  
to our work in N. Y.

Now I am going to ask  
you to do me a favor



F. R. SWIFT,  
PROPRIETOR,

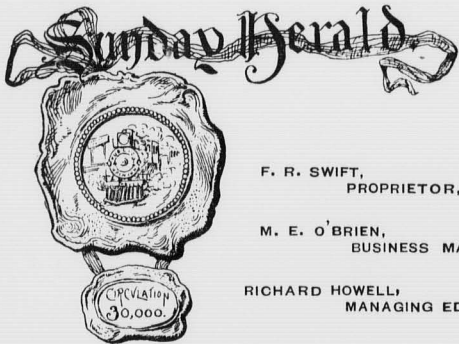
M. E. O'BRIEN,  
BUSINESS MANAGER,

RICHARD HOWELL,  
MANAGING EDITOR.

Bridgeport, Conn., ..... 1897.

Will you not get Mayor  
Strong to send us just  
about two expressing  
his opinion on the subject?  
Having had as much ex-  
perience in N. Y. it will  
have great weight here  
and be a graceful courtesy  
to our new Mayor who  
comes in as Mayor Strong  
did as a reform Mayor





F. R. SWIFT,  
PROPRIETOR,

M. E. O'BRIEN,  
BUSINESS MANAGER,

RICHARD HOWELL,  
MANAGING EDITOR.

Bridgeport, Conn., ..... 1897.

Thanking you in ad-  
vance with best wishes

Sincerely

Jessie M. Holland

Bridgeport Herald.

formerly H. G. Lindsay Papers.

# HAMMERSTEIN'S OLYMPIA

MUSIC HALL  
THEATRE  
CONCERT HALL

COLUMBUS  
THEATRE  
125<sup>TH</sup> STREET, EAST.  
NEAR LEXINGTON AVE.

HARLEM  
OPERA HOUSE  
125<sup>TH</sup> ST. WEST.  
NEAR 7<sup>TH</sup> AVE.  
TELEPHONE 749, HARLEM.

BROADWAY BLOCK, 44<sup>TH</sup> ST. TO 45<sup>TH</sup> ST.

OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN. Sole Owner & Manager.

MAIN OFFICES AT THE OLYMPIA.  
TELEPHONE, 643 38<sup>TH</sup> ST.

CABLE ADDRESS. "OLYMPIA"

New York, *April 29, 1894*

Hon. W. L. Strong  
Mayor!  
Dear Sir!

As directed by  
Mr. Burroughs, I beg to  
enclose check for \$500.- for  
license for "Olympia Music  
Hall," for the coming year.

Respectfully  
O. Hammerstein  
J. C. Burroughs  
Business Manager

LAW OFFICES  
CHARLES A. HESS,  
MANHATTAN LIFE BUILDING,  
66 BROADWAY,  
NEW YORK.  
TELEPHONE CALL, "651 CORTLANDT"

3 pm 6 CT

Apr. 29, 1897

JOB E. HEDGES, ESQ.

My dear Hedges:-

I am personally interested in a bill that was passed by the Legislature under which Capt. Cross was authorized to go before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and have himself reimbursed for counsel fees and expenses in defending himself before the old Board of Police Commissioners. The case is different from any other of its kind, for the reason that Cross was not indicted but was selected as a mark, by the old Tammany Board, for removal, as the result of evidence given before the Lexow Investigating Committee. The Court promptly reinstated Capt. Cross and this was the only one of several bills <sup>of its kind</sup> passed by the Legislature. Elihu Root and I were Cross' counsel, and you no doubt will remember the ~~scathing~~ opinion written by Chief Justice Van Brunt reinstating Cross, which was concurred in by all of the other Judges at General Term.

I hope that you will help us out in this matter if you can consistently; the bill is of great importance to us and I hope the Mayor will promptly sign it.

Very truly yours,

Chas. A. Hess.



April 29<sup>th</sup> / 1897

Mayor Strong of New York

Dear Sir I write these  
few lines to you as a stranger  
But hope you will be kind  
enough to answer as it will  
be doing me a great favor  
Now Sir I have a good many  
pieces of old silver of old date  
that I wish to sell to help  
me along as I am a poor woman  
I have a half ct piece of 1795-  
one silver dollar of 1806! one piece  
of gold that is called three dollar  
piece of 1830, one old one ct  
copper that has the word spelled  
on it one Penny and several  
old quarters dimes half dimes  
old Squire Blaines old spectacles  
Jas Blaines father



I have one piece silver dollar  
that is 1804 it is so rubbed  
out that I cant hardly tell.  
now if those old pieces are  
of any good I would like  
for you to see the ladies  
the Tennessee Centennial and  
try and get them to buy my  
old silver for there centennial  
I have set no price on them  
yet, if they will buy and  
will give me a handsome sum  
for them they can have them  
I read your name in the Pitts  
Burg Post about Mrs McLough  
Williams concerning the centennial  
and an other ladys dispute that is  
they way I got your name, excuse  
me that lady Mrs Williams is a  
plucky woman she means  
Business. I would love to tell  
her fortune with the cards,

so no more till I hear  
from you or some of those  
Ladies yours truly  
I remain yours  
address

Mrs Mary E. Worrell  
West Brownsville  
Washington Co. Penna.  
P.O. Box 67

# New-York Tribune.

New-York,

April 29. 1897.

Woman's Department,  
Mrs. Westover Alden, Editor.

To the Honorable  
Wm. L. Strong, Mayor.

Dear Mr Strong

I have just been told  
that you are going to be asked to  
appoint either myself or one of my  
staff to serve as chairman pres com  
for Lady Board of Managers of the  
representative at the  
St. Louis Exposition

Should such a complement  
be paid this department. I wish  
to assure you that I shall do my  
utmost to see that the work is  
well done. I doubt that you



will recall me as Mrs.  
Alden but as Cynthia Westover  
once. Secretary of Street Cleaning  
Department, perhaps my name  
is familiar.

I have a large staff of  
brilliant women and if the  
press work is turned over  
to us. I will call them all  
on duty.

Yours with the greatest esteem

Mrs Cynthia Westover Alden  
Editor Woman's Dept,  
N. Y. Tribune

DR. G. W. TESCHNER,  
1187 LEXINGTON AVE.,  
Cor. 81st St.

New York, April 3<sup>rd</sup> 1894

Hon. Jas. R. Strong Esq.  
Mayor of New York City.  
Dear Sir:

I regret exceedingly  
by that my removal from the  
District will necessitate my with-  
drawal as Inspector of the Fifth  
School District.

Very Respectfully yours

G. W. Teschner.  
1187 Lexington St.



OFFICIAL CHEMIST

—TO THE—

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Chemical research applied to manufacturing operations, patents, etc. Valuation and Analyses of commercial and technical products, ores, soils, fertilizers, waters, cloths, dyestuffs, etc. Foods, drugs and Chemicals examined as to adulteration. Toxicological and Pathological analyses.

Chemist to the N. Y. State  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

OFFICE AND LABORATORY.

JOSEPH F. GEISLER, Ph. C., F. C. S.

Analytical and Consulting Chemist,  
New York Mercantile Exchange Buildings,  
Cor. Hudson & Harrison Streets.

ANALYSES

OF

FOOD PRODUCTS

A SPECIALTY.

New York, April 30 1897

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

Dear Sir,—

Will you kindly inform me when the bill relative to the cutting through of 164<sup>th</sup> St. from Trinity Ave. to Stebbins Ave. will come before your honor and when those affected by the "improvement" will be given a hearing before you act on the same? The people affected by the above "improvement" are justly incensed at the manner the bill was sneaked through the legislature in violation of all decency and against the faith the people, by right, place in the final maps governing the district affected. The property owners of that district are overburdened with excessive assessments. To some people the assessments coming in such a short period of time must mean practical confiscation of their property. People affected by the above bill have been affected by the following assessments

Cutting through etc. of Cauldwell Ave.

" " Jackson "

" " + widening Trinity "

" " + " 163<sup>rd</sup> St.

Grading + Paving Trinity Avenue

Sewer — in Trinity Ave.

Sewer — 165<sup>th</sup> St.

Paving of 165<sup>th</sup> St.

There are several others in addition to those enumerated.

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Chemical research applied to manufacturing operations, patents, etc. Valuation and Analyses of commercial and technical products, ores, soils, fertilizers, waters, cloths, dyestuffs, etc. Foods, drugs and Chemicals examined as to adulteration. Toxicological and Pathological analyses.

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A number of other extensive improvements are to be carried out at once according to official maps. The assessments for these, though burdensome, will be regular and probably not in violation of the laws governing the district. However, as already stated, these assessments all coming in so short a time and during a period of <sup>a severe</sup> financial depression weigh most heavily upon the people. It is therefore no more than fair play, and decency demands it, that an earnest endeavor be made to point out to you the nature of the steal contemplated by the bill above referred to and which 95% of the people affected consider a needless taxation and a most brutal outrage.

Respectfully yours,

J. F. Geisler.



CAPITAL \$ 500,000.



CHARLES H. FANCHER, PRES.

CHARLES S. BROWN, VICE PRES.

CHARLES F. MATTLAGE, 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRES.

JAMES DENNISON, CASHIER.

BENJ. F. WERNER, ASST. CASHIER.

*New York,* April 30th., 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

I take occasion to call your attention to a bill, which I am informed is, or will be placed in your hands for approval, which empowers Captain Adam A. Cross of the 5th. precinct, Leonard Street Station, to appear before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment in a request for an allowance of a claim against the City, for his expenses incurred in successfully defending himself against charges preferred by the old Police Board.

In presuming upon your time and attention in this matter, I feel that I am justified in so doing, from the fact that to my mind, this is the righting of a vicious wrong perpetrated upon an honorable, right-minded and painstaking officer, and knowing the trait of character which you possess, to assist all abused humanity in whatever form, I know that you will treat this case in the best manner, and in accordance with the knowledge that you possess in reference to it.

Thanking you in advance on behalf of Captain Cross, I am,

Most respectfully yours,

President.

John W. Farguhar,  
Attorney at Law.

40 Wall Street.

New York, April 23, 1897

Hon. William E. Strong,  
Mayor, &c.,

Sir:

Please accept the thanks of a citizen,  
who is a republican voter but otherwise  
not connected with politics, for the ap-  
pointment of Mr. Moss and all of your  
other official acts, recent or remote, tend-  
ing like this one, <sup>tending</sup> ~~toward~~ in a straight-  
forward, understandable manner toward  
good municipal government.

Yours respectfully,  
J. W. Farguhar.



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Hon. William L. Strong,

City Hall, New York.

Congratulations on your good judgment in Selecting Police  
Commissioner.

Frank D. Pavey.

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New York, April 23, 1897

His Honor - Mayor Strong:

Dear Sir:

I desire to express my personal and hearty thanks for your courageous and independent action in appointing Mr. Frank Moss on the Board of Police Commissioners. All who desire the best interest of the city, regardless of party politics, will be grateful to you for this eminently appropriate appointment.

Sincerely yours

S. L. Baldwin

24 East 4<sup>th</sup> St  
April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1897

Dear Mr. Strong  
Thank you very much  
for appointing Mr. Woods  
to fill the Recorder's place.  
He is the "right man in  
the right place" and now  
please as soon as it can  
be accomplished displace  
Mr. Conlin, Mr. Parker, and  
Mr. Grant, and you will  
find you can find men of  
Mr. Woods' stamp of char-  
acter. I have just been done  
in the Police Department.  
Yours respectfully M. Bradley.



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*New York, April 24 1897*

Hon. William L. Strong

Mayor of the City of New York

Dear Sir,

Being deeply interested in the general welfare and prosperity of New York, and in everything that goes to make your administration eminently successful, I regard the appointment of Mr. Frank Moss as Police Commissioner, as a most fortunate one. I have had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Moss for many years, and have been closely connected with him in business matters in which he had the management of large estates, and have always found him a wise and judicious counsellor. I believe that you will find that his administration of as Police Commissioner will mark him as one of the leading public men of this city.

I remain, with great respect,

Yours

*Richard V. Harnett*



Great Neck

April 24-1897

Hon. W. L. Strong  
Mayor.

Dear Sir -

Allow  
me to congratulate you  
on the appointment of  
Frank Knox as Police  
Commissioner - I have known  
him for fifteen years  
He is worthy to succeed  
Theodore Roosevelt - and  
will fill the position  
with credit to himself  
and your administration

Respectfully Yours

Geo. W. Goodell

HOPE CHAPEL,  
JOHN B. DEVINS, PASTOR,  
339 EAST 4TH ST.  
NEW YORK.

April 24, 1897.

My dear Sir:-

Allow me to express my hearty appreciation of your appointment of Mr. Moss, as Police Commissioner. While fulfilling the law in appointing a Republican, you have, here as else where, let factional differences severely alone. It has been such a comfort to work with Mr. Roosevelt and I trust it will be equally satisfactory to work with the new Commissioner.

The Corporation Counsel writes me that the bill affecting the Small Parks on the East Side has passed both Houses of the Legislature. You will remember that this is the bill which I suggested and which you kindly ordered Mr. Scott to prepare. I trust that the hearing on this bill will not take place next Thursday, April 29, as that is the time when the Federation meets at which we are to discuss Municipal questions.

Thanking you for your many kindnesses to an East Side pastor,  
I am,

Very sincerely,

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

*John B. Devins*

#134 West 18th Street,

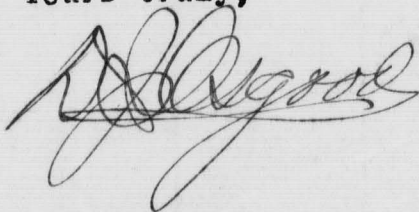
New York, Apr. 24th, 1897 .

My dear Mayor;-

I do not believe in rushing letters of congratulation before knowing what I am talking about. I know the non political citizens of New York feel very happy regarding your disposition of a number of matters which have of late come before you, and feel you will be thoroughly supported by them in your appointment of Frank Moss as Police Commissioner.

I have known Mr. Moss for a number of years and believe, all things considered, he was the best equipped man you could have found as the successor to Mr. Roosevelt. I congratulate you on the appointment, and after having had a talk with Mr. Moss and also with some of the Committee on City Affairs of the New York Board of Trade, think I can safely assure you that two of the commissioners on the present Board will sustain your administration, and that the City's Committee of the New York Board of Trade will take such measures as may seem best, looking to the final removal of Mr. Parker, or in case he is not removed, of placing the responsibility of continuing the present deadlock in the police board, directly upon the Governor. It will be our policy to either cause the removal of Mr. Parker through the Governor, or to have him understand that he will be held responsible.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John A. B. Grover", written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

To Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor, City of New York.



Office of John Townsend,

BENNETT BUILDING,

On Nassau, Fulton and Ann Streets,

NEW YORK.

April 24 1897.

Hon. W. L. Stang

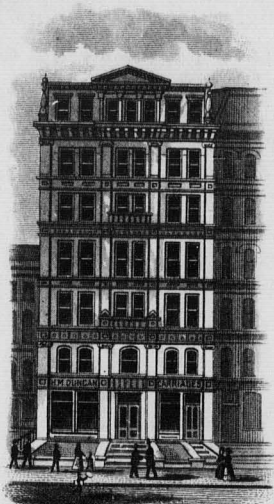
Mayor of the  
City of New York.

Hon. Sir,

Permit me to put  
myself on record as one  
who entirely approves your  
action in appointing Mr.  
Frank Moss as a Police  
Commissioner

Most respectfully,  
John Townsend.





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*New York. Oct 25 1897*

*Mayor Thong  
City Hall N.Y.*

*Dear Sir*

*I congratulate you most  
sincerely on the appointment of Mr  
Frank Moss as Police Commissioner.*

*He is capable, clean, beyond a  
question & will be a credit to your own  
good judgment*

*Our whole City should be proud of  
a Mayor who has the independence  
you have thus shown & our own  
party well partly have had a great  
up lift by this act of your  
wisdom & ability*

WILLIAM H. FALCONER,  
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New York, *Apr 26* <sup>18</sup>1897

Hon. W L Strong  
Mayor of N.Y. City } Dear

I want to  
say to you that I think you  
have done well in appointing  
Frank Moss: I have known him  
from boyhood, and know him  
to be honest intelligent, and  
reliable in every way, a good  
lawyer, a gentleman a scholar  
and a Christian; I don't see  
how he can give the time from  
his growing business, but if he can  
you and I hope will live to see  
results that will prove all that  
I see

(over)

Yours truly  
W H Falconer

PS I called on Friday at  
Mr Moss' office at Headquarters  
and Col Grant who is my neighbor  
and old acquaintance, and I  
specially introduced him to Mr  
Moss; we all had a pleasant  
time together, and I wound up  
by impressing it on both their  
minds, that it would make you  
and all good citizens happy  
for the Communists all to get to  
work in Harmony together, which  
I think will bear fruit WHP



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136 LIBERTY STREET, OFFICES, 605 AND 606.

New York, Apr. 26. '97

Hon. Wm. R. Strong  
Mayor of New York City  
Mayor's Office  
New York

Dear Sir: You certainly have made no mistake in appointing Frank Moss Esq a Police Commissioner.

Of course there is considerable machine-inspired criticism of the appointment. If the appointee were either a machine man or a man of party, these critics would be all sweetened <sup>and</sup> approved.

I think I know Mr. Moss well enough to feel assured that you have appointed a man of clear head, of sound heart, of unblemished character, of pure life, of high courage, both physical and moral, <sup>and</sup> of genuine Republican principles. He will make his mark <sup>and</sup> you may feel no doubt that his record will be creditable to himself and to you.

Very sincerely Your friend  
<sup>and</sup> well wisher

Wm. E. McLean



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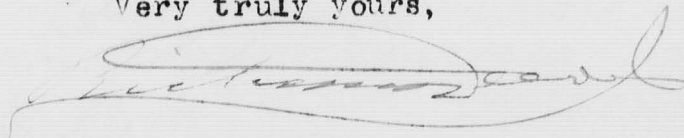
*Personal Office Hours:  
from 1 to 2 P. M.*

*New York* April 26, 1897.

My dear Mayor Strong:--

Allow me to congratulate you on the appointment of Mr. Frank Moss as police commissioner. I believe that he will make an excellent commissioner. From what I know of Mr. Moss, he has a number of qualifications which will go very far towards fitting him for this office; he has good common sense, he has legal knowledge, he is honest and will be loyal.

Very truly yours,



Hon. William L. Strong.

346 N. 20th St. N.Y. N.Y. 27 Nov 1897

John Munroe

Mayor Strong of New York City

Dear Sir: -

Though I had some  
interest & form a little ~~less~~ aid to placing you  
in the Presidential position that you are with  
intelligence and integrity. I am interested  
to you and should not but for my present  
purpose as a minute of your time. I am a  
thoroughly American of 40 years & since 40 of those  
have been spent in residence of Maryland and  
New York City & may be supposed to have a well  
call for the best government that your office will  
enable you to support or renew.

My single purpose is to express my profound  
sense of the wisdom you have shown in appointing  
Andrew Hays esp. to the position of Commissioner of  
Prison: I have known Mr Hays for half a century  
years & have seen him under circumstances to  
test his wisdom & future & have concluded from  
his highest ~~knowledge~~ in the maintenance of

both. & he in turn has been to the south in  
the great numbers of such a city as New York.  
John Brown is a stranger to declare his  
conviction that in your choice his city was  
its thanks and praise.

Yours sincerely

Most Respectfully

in humble esteem

John A. Roche



112 St 44<sup>th</sup> St

27<sup>th</sup> April 1897

Sir

I beg to offer you my hearty  
congratulations on your appointment  
of Frank Mass & a Police Com-  
missioner, as I know from my  
own personal knowledge that you  
have at last put the right man  
in the right place. I have had  
considerable to do in aiding Dr  
Parkhurst, & Mr Mass in their  
fight against the Police Dept. & it  
has always been debatable in my  
mind which was the best man in  
such a fight. Mr Mass is as perfect  
& honest as he is brave. I am, Sir,  
Yours respectfully,  
To the Hon<sup>able</sup> Mayor of New York City  
J. L. Storer, Mayor of New York City

HENRY PARSONS,  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR-AT-LAW,  
Rooms 1201-1202, Downing Building,  
106 & 108 FULTON ST.,

NEW YORK, April 28 1897

Hon W. L. Strong  
Mayn St.

My dear Sir

I write to thank and Congratulate you on the appointment of Frank Moss as a Police Commissioner. I have known him personally and professionally for many years and have the fullest confidence in his ability, good judgment and general fitness for the place. I write this in no perfunctory spirit but because I sincerely believe that you have put the right man in the right place and that he will do you and his many friends credit. You have tried no doubtful experiment and your judgment I am sure will meet with the hearty support of this community.

With great respect I remain  
Very sincerely Yours  
Henry Parsons

THE BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION,  
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MISS ALICE C. DECKER, REC. SEC'Y.

306 W. 14TH ST.

GEORGE E. CROSCUP, 114 FIFTH AVENUE, CHAIRMAN OF DENOMINATIONAL COMMITTEE.

New York, *Apr. 28<sup>th</sup>* 1897

Hon. Sir:

I have written Mr. Frank Moss, whom I have known favorably for a number of years, a letter of congratulation upon his selection, by you, as a Police Commissioner. I am however convinced that you are the one to be congratulated, for finding so good & upright a man as he, who would be willing to accept of such an appointment, in the face of all the abuse of the day. Such men are few and far between. You will not find him wanting. I congratulate you Sir. Yours very truly

To

Hon. Wm. S. Strong  
Mayor N.Y. City

Wm. H. Benjamin  
947 Vanderbilt Ave.



Brokaw Brothers,

Astor Place.

New York, April 28 1897

Hon<sup>ble</sup> Wm L. Strong  
Mayor of New York City  
My Dear Sir

I was glad to hear that you  
had appointed Mr Frank Moss a Police  
Commissioner.

I have known Mr Moss a great many  
years and have worked with him in Church  
and Sunday School and have always found  
him to be an upright Christian gentleman  
and doing what he could to advance the  
cause of Christ and Christ's Church.

I am sure he will do all in his power  
to promote the cause of good government  
in this great City and hope he will be  
sustained in this noble and good work.

Yours Respectfully

James H. Pelton  
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N. Y. City

J. W. HOWARD,  
CIVIL ENGINEER,  
No. 1 BROADWAY,  
NEW YORK.

April 29, 1897.

Hon. W. L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

The appointment of Mr. Frank Moss as Police Commissioner is very gratifying to me and my friends. I have known Mr. Moss for a long time and am sure that you will not regret that you appointed him. All things considered, he is the best man you could have chosen, especially in the spirit of a conscientious and business-like administration of this city involving as it does, the moral and mental welfare of the people as well as the much vaunted financial welfare.

Sincerely yours,



WILLIAM C. STUART,  
131 WEST 70<sup>TH</sup> STREET.

April 29<sup>th</sup> 1894

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

Dear Mr. Mayor -

Permit me to congratulate the City and yourself on the nomination and acceptance of the office of Police Commissioner &c. & by Mr. Frank Moss -

I know the spirit of the man & his ability - His judgement



I could rely upon  
His integrity is un-  
questioned—  
Accept my best wishes  
for the continued success  
of your administration  
Sincerely Yours  
Wm E. Stuart

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New York, April 27<sup>th</sup> 1897

The Hon. W. L. Strong,

Mayor of New York:

My dear Sir:

May I take a moment  
of your time to express my satisfaction  
of your appointment of Mr. Frank  
Mason to the Police Board?

I have known Mr. Mason for many  
years and believe him to be a  
true citizen - and well fitted for  
the peculiarly difficult duties  
which now devolve upon him;  
It is a place which tests the qualities  
of men very severely. Mistakes of  
judgment are inevitable. I believe,  
however, that in him there will be  
no mistakes of integrity.

Yours very truly,

Frank Mason North

150 Nassau Street  
April 30/1897

Hon W. L. Strong,  
Mayor,

Dear Sir:-

As an American Citizen  
and a Republican, I desire to give  
expression to my sentiment, <sup>and</sup> what  
I believe is the sentiment predominating  
in the heart of every lover of good Gov-  
ernment, such as we have enjoyed during  
our administration of City affairs, <sup>and</sup>  
especially in your selection and appoint-  
ment of Mr Roosevelt's successor in the person  
of Mr Frank Moss as Police Commissioner.

I but voice the sentiment <sup>and</sup> expressions  
of thousands, who are only heard in politics  
by their votes, when I say that in your  
selection your Honor had in mind what  
was in your judgment for the best interest  
of the city.

Respectfully,  
Thomas Allen,



# 236 E. 118th St.,  
New York, N. Y.,  
Apr. 30, 1897.

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

Dear Sir,

I desire most heartily to thank you for the appointment of Frank Mose, Esq., as Police Comm'r. As his appointment seems to have been an after-thought, I think it shows lack of knowledge of the merits of the man. In him you have made one of your best appointments. He has the courage of his convictions, ability, conscientious devotion to duty and Christian character, - qualities possessed by too few in political positions.

I am quite sure you will not regret the appointment. Very sincerely,  
Chas. W. Manchester.

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

April 30. 1897

Dear Sir

When your Park  
Commissioners come up  
to you for their new  
Commissions - please ask  
them by what authority  
legal or moral. have they  
allowed fake Rarities Law  
Hotels at Claremont: Mornh  
St Vincent & the "Casino" in  
Central Park. Why not  
establish Department Stores,

Respy  
Stuyvesant Van Rensselaer  
18 Orchard St  
N.Y. City



STATE OF NEW YORK  
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER  
ALBANY

April 30 1897

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

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th and beg leave to say that he will give it careful attention the first of the week.

The bills are now being classified and the printed lists are about to be issued. As soon as that is done I will see to it personally that the bill concerning which you write is among the first considered.

Very truly yours,

*William M. Buffum*

Private Secretary

# THE BUILDERS' LEAGUE OF NEW YORK.

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24 EAST 125TH STREET.

New York, April 30th, 1897.

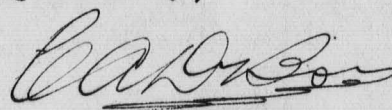
Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor City of New York.

Sir,-

Will you kindly notify me of the date and hour that you will set for a hearing on the bill introduced in the Senate by Senator Page and passed on the last day of the session, and which annuls the present Board of Examiners of the Building Department and substitutes a so-called Board of Appeal in its place ?

If so, we would like very much to be represented and be heard before you by a committee from this organization, in regard to the proposed measure.

Yours very respectfully,

  
Secretary.

(Dictated)

3:30 pm  
May 6

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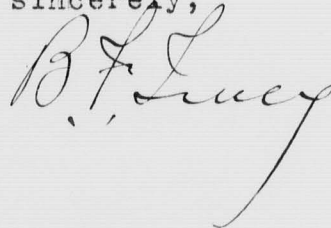
New York, April 30, 1897.

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

My dear Mr. Mayor:

This will introduce to you Mr. Everett Clapp, a charter member of the Union League Club, who informs me that although he has known you a long time he doubts whether he is known to you. Mr. Clapp will solicit a letter from you to Secretary Bliss in favor of the promotion of Mrs. Louise B. Haldeman, a clerk in the Interior Department, who desires to secure promotion. I myself have known Mrs. Haldeman for many years. She is a most estimable lady and a competent and faithful clerk. If you can give Mr. Clapp a letter to Mr. Bliss I shall feel that you have granted me a great personal favor.

Yours very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "B. F. Tracy". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "B. F. Tracy" which is also present in the text block.



DUNHAM, BUCKLEY & CO.,  
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P. O. BOX 147.

*New York*

April 30, 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor of New York City.

My Dear Sir:

I desire to call your attention to the case of Capt. Adam A. Cross of the 5th Precinct, Leonard St. Station. The Capt. has been there three or four years and has won the confidence of all the business men about him and has always done his duty in an honest and careful manner.

A relief bill was passed last session of the Legislature authorizing him to present a claim against the City to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, authorizing, in its discretion the payment of said claim which resulted from the action taken by the old Board of Police. This bill, I am informed, is in your hands for your official action.

I consider the Captain a straight-forward man in every way and hope you can see your way clear to favorably consider the bill referred to.

Yours very truly,

*Chas H Webb*

DR. W. T. McMANNIS,

361 WEST 42<sup>d</sup> STREET.

New York,  
Apr 30th. 97

How Wm L Stringer  
Sir,

I am about  
to remove from the 17th  
District and I offer  
you my resignation as  
an Inspector of Common Schools  
to take effect May 1st. 97

Respectfully,

W. T. McMannis M.D.

186 Lenox Ave.  
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Apl. 30/97.

My dear Mr Mayor:

I believe  
you will be glad to  
have the testimony of a  
fellow Republican as to  
the wisdom and justice  
of your appointment of  
the President of the Board  
of Health.

For more than  
a year past I have  
had exceptional oppor-



tunities for observing  
not only the results of  
of Mr. Wilson's work -  
as you have - but the  
methods in detail by  
which he has accom-  
plished them - I know

I have had sufficient  
experience in public  
office to qualify me  
a competent witness.  
As such a witness it  
gives me the greatest  
pleasure to testify

that no man could more thoroughly  
fulfil every requirement of an ex-  
acting office, or more loyally aid  
your administration - than has Mr.  
Wilson. In recognizing the fact  
and rewarding the officer as you  
have done, you have again exam-  
plified your own wisdom and added  
to the debt this Community owes you -

Yours very sincerely  
Donald Wilson.  
Humble  
D. L. Strong Mayor

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LELAND HOTEL,

CHICAGO, April, 1897.

Dear Sir:-

I have recently sent you the first number of "Sound Money," the bulletin of this League, which will be issued, henceforth, monthly from these headquarters. In order to comply with the post office rules and obtain admission to the mails at pound rates, we need, at the start, a regular paid subscription list. I will, therefore, be greatly obliged if you will send me your own subscription, (50 cents,) or if you prefer, \$1.00 for two names. Your friends may likewise subscribe if you will kindly bring "Sound Money" under their notice.

I thus frankly ask your co-operation as this is, in effect, a public enterprise for public aims. I shall value any suggestions you may give for promoting the circulation of "Sound Money" and for increasing its general usefulness as well as for advancing the main objects of the League. I remain

Yours truly,

*E. V. Smalley.*

General Secretary.



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N.Y. May 1<sup>st</sup> 1897

Hon. W. L. Strong,

Mayor L

D. Sir

About six weeks ago I called your attention to the filthy condition of the Grand Circle at 59<sup>th</sup> street.

Your prompt and courteous answer told me that the contract for asphaltting the Circle "had been let and the work would begin as soon as the weather permitted."

Surely it cannot now be said that the "weather" interferes.

It is now about ten years since

I began to urge the Street Dept and  
the Park Dept. to pave this mud-  
hole or to cover it with asphalt.

I have written from four to six  
letters yearly on the subject, and  
have received answers to all

But as every answer has been an  
excuse, I have a fine collection  
of them.

One of them, written  
by Albert Gallup Esq. then Pres.  
of the Park Dept., a Tammany appointee,  
told me that the "cost of repairing  
the said Circle exceeded the cost of  
all the other Parks roads together";  
but that it would cost about 25000  
to asphalt it, that he could not  
spare the money therefor as it  
was "needed for other purposes"

Hoping that you will not permit  
the Park Dept. to continue this  
nuisance any longer under any  
pretext whatever I am

Sincerely yours  
Chas. W. Flyer.

No 22 W. 60<sup>th</sup> St.

M.

P.S. A part of said circle has al-  
ready been covered with asphalt.

I am sorry to say it has been  
badly done



# State of New York.

No. 1333.

Int. 1049.

## IN SENATE,

March 31, 1897.

Introduced by Mr. PAGE -- read twice and ordered printed, and  
when printed to be committed to the committee on affairs of  
cities.

### AN ACT

Relating to the adult blind in cities.

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

- 1 Section 1. The mayor of every city of the first class may from  
2 time to time issue licenses authorizing any adult blind person  
3 who is a citizen of the United States to vend goods or newspapers  
4 or play musical instruments at such public places or thorough-  
5 fares as may be designated in said license, and upon such condi-  
6 tions as may be prescribed.
- 7 § 2. Such licenses shall be issued upon application without  
8 charge, and shall be good for one year and shall be issued only to

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

1 persons who have been actual residents of the city for upwards  
2 of three years.

3 § 3. Such licenses may be revoked for cause.

4 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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May 1st 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong.

Dear Sir,

Mayor New York City

As a Committee representing the  
totally blind people's association of the  
city of New York - permit us to thus  
address you and to pray that you be  
so good as approve Senate Bill No. 1333  
which has passed both Houses of the  
Legislature and is now in the hands of  
your Honor,

The Bill permits you to issue  
licenses to the helpless blind. and its  
becoming a law will be a blessing  
to many of us who are now compelled to  
suffer. Often humiliation, in being presented



from selling articles of necessity, and of  
performing other acts, which could not  
fail to be agreeable to the great mass  
of our Citizens, as well as a blessing  
to us and to ~~those~~ depending on us  
for support,

Your approving this measure  
will insure for you the sincere prayers  
of the afflicted blind of our City and  
State.

Sincerely yours

Committee

John Kopler, 368, N<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Thomas Costellow 535 E. 15<sup>th</sup> St  
Archibald Addie 210-E 127<sup>th</sup> St

Hon. Wm L. Strong.

75 North St.

Dear Sir, I cannot help but drop a line  
to you today to say that you can date  
the beginning of the end from today May 1<sup>st</sup> 1897.

It will I predict be a very long time  
in the future before New York City will ever  
see the "Republicans in power again"

John Rains-Luxon and their associates  
have been entirely too vigilant in pushing  
thorns into the sides of the suffering business  
community, (in the last six months) and.

2/ They have destroyed the last Spark  
of affection the Public have for the  
"Grand Old Party". The time to probe  
the business Community is when  
prosperity reigns "not when it's about  
impossible for business men to keep on this  
jerk. They have Legislated unwisely" this Session  
because they have brought burdens more  
onerous upon the people. It will all end  
with this complete relegation to the rear,

Wholesome laws such as you have promoted  
are good for the whole people & the interests of both  
State & City. In the near future we will have  
in power men of perhaps less Brains but more



<sup>3</sup>/devotion to the intreats of this  
fellow man, people of all  
political shades will point to your  
administration as Mayor with  
pride & wish there were more men  
like you.

Faithfully Yours  
Republican Friend  
John Chalmers.

May 1<sup>st</sup> 1897  
New York }

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**WANT \$35 A DAY EACH.**

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**Grand Boulevard Commissioners Say It's No  
\$10 Job.**

James A. Blanchard, John H. Knoepfel, and Hugh R. Garden, Commissioners to condemn property for the new Grand Boulevard, moved before Justice Beach of the Supreme Court yesterday for an increase of their compensation above the legal allowance of \$10 a day. They were appointed about a year and a half ago and they have met 267 days. At first the time occupied was but about an hour a day, but of late their meetings have taken most of each day and have consumed about all their time. They want \$35 a day instead of \$10. No opposition was made to the motion, and the Court took it under advisement.

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A request has been made by the three Commissioners who have been engaged in condemning property for the grand Boulevard for an increase in their daily compensation from \$10 to \$35. This is a very big jump all at once. Did they not know the nature of their duties when they accepted the places?

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New York City May 1<sup>st</sup> 1897  
The Hon William B. Strong Mayor!  
City of New York

Dear Sir:

The attached clippings explain themselves. —  
As a Citizen and Taxpayer I beg of you to use —  
whatever power may be vested in the Mayor to  
put a stop to this attempted "Grab". The Commiss<sup>rs</sup>  
knew when appointed what their duties were to be, and  
the Law as to compensation. "I question whether the  
Law on the subject was departed from in the Elm Street  
Opening proceedings which were certainly much more difficult  
to handle than anything that can possibly confront these  
Boulevard or Concourse Commiss<sup>rs</sup>. — They are not to meet  
and say "Good Morning" at 10 Dollars per morning. But to render  
a certain specified service at 10 Dollars per day, stipulated  
by the Law under which they received and accepted their  
appointments to render such service as the appoint<sup>mt</sup>s  
carried with it. — All the Technical preparations and  
requirements are prepared by the City Depts, Experts are  
furnished and the Law Dept is there to aid in solving  
any questions in its line that may arise. Consequently  
the duties devolving on them are all but formal & the  
giving of their time. They initiate nothing "except such an  
action or motion as the above attached Article" calls  
public attention to. "That is" an action to "Gouge the Property  
Holders" and to milk the City Treasury. — There are  
any number of Citizens willing to succeed them at the  
Lawful compensation. To grant their demands would  
open a floodgate of such, in the hundreds of Street



opening proceedings where similar claims could  
be <sup>as</sup> justifiable as in this case. - I hope your Honor  
will request the proper City Officers to take action  
on this matter, before the Court having it in  
consideration and use all your power to squelch  
the same, and <sup>this</sup> request does not differ from your  
views of the matter. -

Yours Respectfully

Christian P. Roos. -

2025 Washington Avenue  
N.Y. City.

SEVENTY SECOND STREET,  
CORNER MADISON AVENUE.

May 1<sup>st</sup> 1897

Dear Sir:

I regret very much that I must tender my resignation as school-inspector to take effect at the close of the school year, but it will be impossible for me to give the time that the work requires another winter.

I offer my resignation with sincere regret, as I find the work

most interesting. I have given all the time to visiting and inspecting the schools in my district that it has been possible for me to spare. but I feel that I have not done full justice to the possibilities of the position, and that I ought to give the place to someone who has fewer family duties than I have.

Thanking you for the honor you have conferred upon me in giving me the position, and hoping that you may



find a more efficient inspector to take my  
place, I am

Truly yours

Louise Wademan Tiffany  
R-2-

To The Honorable

William L. Strong

Mayor of New York

EDWARD E. EAMES, Vice-President.  
HORACE J. FAIRCHILD, 2nd Vice-President.

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## **THE H.B.CLAFLIN COMPANY,**

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TELEGRAMS

**"CLAFLIN" New York.**

**NEW YORK, May 1, 1897.**

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor.

Dear Sir:-

It seems to me the Act authorizing the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of the City of New York to audit and allow the claim of Adam A. Cross against the Mayor, Alderman and Commonalty of the City of New York ought to become a law.

Captain Cross has suffered greatly by the action of the Lexow Investigating Committee, and the General Term decided that the adverse action of the old Board of Police Commissioners was unjust.

Under all the circumstances it seems to me that Captain Cross is entitled to present his case to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John Claflin". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Respectfully yours,".

## **BLEW UP.**

### **The Wind at Broadway and Thirty-first Street Came Straight from Below.**

There was a crowd at Broadway and Thirty-first street on Saturday. There seemed to be no reason for it. It impeded traffic and made grip-men and truck drivers swear. Occasionally a roar of laughter rose from the multitude, drowning the noise of cable cars and wagons. The windows in the Imperial Hotel and in all the neighboring cafés and stores were crowded with eager faces. The police were elsewhere.

"I wonder what it's all about?" said a young woman to her escort.

"Don't know. Let's go over and find out?" he answered, his curiosity getting the best of him. Across the street they went, and the crowd grew silent as it noted their approach.

"Funny, isn't it? I don't notice anything unusual," he said, a vague feeling that something was going to happen creeping over him.

The crowd that packed the sidewalk allowed but very little room for passers by, and that path lay directly over a row of gratings used by the hotel as ventilators for the kitchen. Through one of these there poured a draught capable of lifting a small-sized boy. On the unsuspecting couple walked.

"Strange, we don't —" But she never finished her sentence. Puff, puff went the blast of air. There was a scream from the girl, a curse from the man, and a thundering roar of laughter from the enormous crowd.

All the afternoon and far into the small hours of the morning this kept up. Hundreds of women fell victims. About 1 o'clock in the morning one of the policemen in Broadway made a miscalculation and appeared. For a moment his brain whirled at what was going on. Then he had an idea, and, with a smile of intellectual arrogance upon his features, he stationed himself directly over the grating. There the crowd left him, with his countenance wreathed in smiles and his coattails level.



Cor. Broadway



and 29th Street.

— \* GILSEY HOUSE \* —

J. H. BRESLIN & BRO.,

New York May 2<sup>d</sup> 1897

My Dear Mr Mayor

This clipping may read very funny, but it is damnable,

This nuisance was in existence all last summer, and I have seen lady after lady shocked by encountering this wind, and having her clothes blown over her head. I have seen at least fifty hats blown off the heads of gentlemen, of an evening. Some of the lighter colored head gear being ruined by falling in the mud. That the law regarding

coal chute is clearly violated.  
there is not the least doubt, and  
Gen Collis, who should never  
have given permission to excavate  
the sidewalk to the extent he has  
should be made to suppress the  
nuisance, close it down tight.

The police seem to  
think it funny; though how Capt  
Chapman can be ignorant of the  
law, ~~and~~ <sup>or</sup> averse to doing his duty, I  
cant conceive.

To realize just what it is  
come down some evening about  
8 o'clock, bring a lady with you,  
and walk over the chute.

Yours sincerely  
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My dear Mayor -  
Mayor Wm L. Strong

My dear Mayor Strong

I enclose the  
copy of a letter I have  
just sent to the  
"Herald" in care of Mr.  
Beick. It seems to me

as I have stated, a  
matter of grave im-  
portance, and I write  
to ask if you will  
give weight to the

subject by stating  
your views to the  
"Herald" in letter form  
or otherwise. I have  
made the request  
to several prominent  
men and trust  
New York may  
receive the consideration  
it deserves.

Very cordially yours  
(MRS) Margaret Townsend

340 West 34th Street  
May Second 1897 -



Copy

JOHN D. TOWNSEND,  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW,  
(Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank Building)  
49 AND 51 CHAMBERS ST.

New York, 189

"What's in a Name"?

To the Ed. of the Herald  
Dear Sir:

'Tis true there is great authority for the query, but only a rose was instanced when Shakespeare made it, and 20<sup>th</sup> century politics were yet without form.

I write in reference to our city being called - "Greater" New York - This name seems to me matter for very grave thought and consideration.

We are taking the outlying districts under our wing as a mother would her increasing family, and though the latter grows large and as will possibly ensue, unruly, there should be no thought for these reasons of change in the family name.

One is forced to ask - "May nothing remain sacred in America, and must we all come under the head of Iconoclasts?"

In few instances do additional words give added weight, and in the present case absolutely

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JOHN D. TOWNSEND,  
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retract.

How stupid ~~fortune~~ <sup>fortune</sup> would  
"Greater" London sound in daily use.  
It's greatness is apparent as will be  
that of New York, without, like a  
child proud of a new frock, calling  
the attention of every passer by!

Anything superfluous is its own con-  
demnation, and where admitted exhibits  
a lack of the best taste; merely pro-  
nouncing the ~~three~~ proposed <sup>three</sup> words is  
awkward and a great loss to the  
concentrated power of the original two.

Will you open your columns to the  
discussion of a subject that should be  
of interest to all, and by so doing let  
us proudly hope the proud old  
name New York which has come  
through many struggles to its present state,  
may be allowed to stand in simple  
dignity, bearing new honors as its  
inherent right?

Very truly yours

Margaret Townsend

New York City  
343 West 84<sup>th</sup> Street  
May 2<sup>d</sup>. 1897 -



*Metropolitan Museum of Art,  
Central Park,  
Fifth Avenue and Eighty-second St.*

*Office of the Director.*

*New York,*

May 3rd.

1897.

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

Sir:

I have the honor to forward to you,  
herewith enclosed, copy of a resolution adopted by  
the Trustees of the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Very respectfully,

*J. Pilesuola*  
Secretary.



*Metropolitan Museum of Art,  
Central Park,  
Fifth Avenue and Eighty-second St.*

*Office of the Secretary*

*New York.*

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RESOLVED "that the thanks of the Executive Committee of the Metropolitan Museum of Art are due and are hereby most cordially tendered to The Honorable William L. Strong, Mayor, and The Honorable Francis M. Scott, Corporation Counsel of the City of New York, for their valuable assistance in the preparation and passage of a bill in the Legislature by which One million of dollars heretofore appropriated and payable in five successive years are made available for immediate use in the making of a contract by the City for the erection of a new wing to the Museum, thereby saving a large amount of money for the City Treasury, and very much aiding the duties of the Building Committee of the Museum."

RESOLVED "that a copy of the foregoing be sent to the Mayor and Mr. Scott."

This is a true copy,

*L. B. Slesnola*  
Secretary.



*Mayor's Office.*  
*Brooklyn, N.Y.* May 3, 1897.

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

My Dear Mr. Mayor:

Permit me to direct your attention to two measures before you which are designed to benefit the Borough of Brooklyn under the Charter constituting the new City of New York. One is Assembly Bill No. 2531, entitled, "An Act for an appropriation for the school board of the borough of Brooklyn of The City of New York, involving the issuing of bonds to the amount of two million five hundred thousand dollars." and the other is Senate Bill No. 1617, entitled, "An Act in relation to slaughtering animals in the territory now in the City of Brooklyn."

These two bills will be of such marked advantage to what is now the City of Brooklyn that I hope you will give them your approval, as I have already done to the former, and expect to do to the latter as soon as the hearing is held, which is set for Wednesday of this week.

Very truly yours,

*F. W. Winter*

Mayor.



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ANALYSES  
OF  
FOOD PRODUCTS  
A SPECIALTY.

New York, May 3 1897

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

Dear Sir, - By vetoing the bill authorizing the cutting through of 164<sup>th</sup> St. from Trinity Ave. to Stebbins Ave. you have justly earned the thanks and appreciation of every property owner in that vicinity and section of the city. Such bills, if they pass your hands, are a menace to the community, as they are in direct violation of vested rights and faith people place in the final maps governing that section of the city. Once shake that faith and the improvement now going on will come to a stand still and result in depreciation of property. For that reason any bills affecting the change of grade or cutting through of streets contrary to the final maps should be killed. Two other bills affecting the final 23<sup>rd</sup> Ward maps were before you this P. M. to which little or no opposition was offered probably for the reason that those affected knew nothing of the measures. The bills once in the hands of the street opening bureau are dangerous instruments. While the extensive improvements are going on in about the only section of New York in which people own their own homes it would be an immense relief



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to a large and industrious class of citizens of the city did not exact a usurious rate (7.7%) of interest from the unfortunates who are unable to pay the assessments immediately. You will bear in mind the city is paying only  $3\frac{1}{2}$  per cent on its ~~these~~ bonds while these people pay 7.7% for improvements for which the assessments are collected or levied while the improvement is often not undertaken for a year or two thereafter. We have had several such instances on the North Side. The man who will make a change to a lower interest rate will create votes for the future Mayor of Greater New York. I for one, after 10-days experience, would like to see him a Strong Mayor.

Yours respectfully,  
J. F. Geisler.

THE CIVIL-SERVICE REFORM ASSOCIATION,  
OFFICE, 54 WILLIAM ST.

Everett P. Wheeler,  
*Chairman.*

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*Executive Committee.*

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GEORGE MCANENY, *Secretary.*

A. S. FRISSELL, *Treasurer.*

New York, May 3 '97. 189

Job. E. Hedges, Esq.,  
Private Secretary, Mayor's Office,  
N. Y. City.

My dear Sir:

I am informed that a public hearing will be held at the Mayor's office at 2.15 this afternoon, on a bill to legalize the appointment of certain stenographers and attendants in Justice Davenport's Court. I shall be glad to have the opportunity so offered to oppose this bill on behalf of the Civil Service Reform Association.

I shall also appear on behalf of the Association, in opposition to the bill legalizing the appointment of officer Tyson, of the Park Department, the hearing on which has been set for tomorrow afternoon.

I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Geo. W. Aneny  
Secretary.

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No 208 N. 89<sup>th</sup> St

My dear Mr. Mayor.

I have asked  
my newspaper friends to  
leave my name out of  
the City Magistrate's candidacy  
without, of course, saying  
anything about our  
annunciation, but simply  
stating that I was not  
in the race, or likely



to be appointed,

With best wishes

Thos. G. Greenley

May 3/97

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## **MAYOR APPROVES BILLS.**

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### **Under One His Honor Will Name Three New Police Magistrates.**

Mayor Strong yesterday approved the bill for the appointment of three additional Police Magistrates for the city of New York. Nobody spoke either for or against it.

The Mayor also approved bills to extend the term of the Board of Electrical Control to the end of the present year; for the payment of compensation to the owners of animals destroyed by the Board of Health, and for the issue of bonds to build the new Hall of Records.

The Mayor will have the naming of the three new Police Magistrates. The name of former Police Justice Clarence W. Meade is mentioned.

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N.Y. 5-3-97

Sir

Does this Magisterial appointment authorize the man to be a pickpocket or a highwayman Is he authorized to say in open court Money or your life without cause —

I am a veteran of the Mexican War I am depending on a pension of \$8 per month the last quarterly payment \$24 of which I was master about 18 hours when one of your Magistrates took 20 from me leaving me 4 to get through 3 months with I beseech you have that \$20 restored to me And Oblige Yours  
Very Respectfully

Ferdinand Blauss  
#5 E. Manhattan St  
11 Ward

N.Y.C.,  
To Hon Wm L Strong Mayor N.Y.C.



A. D. Juilliard & Co.  
New York.

May 3rd, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,

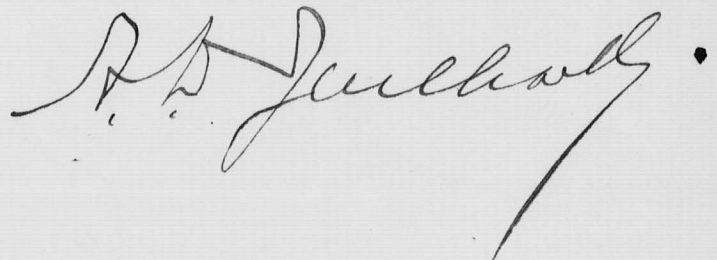
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

I trust that the Act which will come up before you for hearing the 6th inst. authorising the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to allow the claim of Adam A. Cross for expenses incurred in successfully defending himself against the charges growing out of the report of the Lexow Investigating Committee, may receive your approval. I believe Captain Cross has performed his duties faithfully and well, and that to reimburse him for losses sustained as above would, under all the circumstances, be but an act of justice.

With high esteem, I remain

Yours very truly

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "A. D. Juilliard", followed by a period. The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.