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Letters to Mayor-elect  
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YALE CLUB  
30 WEST FORTY-FOURTH STREET

Hon. Wm. J. Gaynor,  
City Hall -

My dear Mayor Gaynor

Allow me to thank you,  
most sincerely, for your con-  
sideration, and for the letter  
just received -

It was handed to  
Commissioner Drummond, per-  
sonally, who assured me  
that it would receive his  
attention -

Yours sincerely  
J. Howard

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"New York City, July 4th., —

1907.

Deputy Commissioner Bert Hanson,  
Police Headquarters,  
New York City.

Dear Sir:—

Desiring to be "regular and proper" I register this communication to the Commissioner of Police, to be first considered by him and then passed on to you, and then back to him. If you have not already "put up" to General Bingham, transcript of the story I dictated at the "Yale Club", please do so.

From Commissioner Bingham's pamphlet entitled, "Information for Citizens", instructing them "what to do in times of trouble with the police", I quote as follows: "It is your duty to come forward and give your evidence when called on. There will be no danger of covering up a policeman who violates a rule and is complained of by a citizen".

Mr. Hanson, the 27th ult. you had before you on trial, Patrolman B. G. Merriot, charged with stopping while<sup>on</sup> duty, to pick up a "silver quarter", that some joker had nailed to a stable floor.

The 24th ult. at my patiently delayed request, our mutual friend and link, Mr. Gridley, asked you whether or not, you intended to afford me and the scores of my still indignant and horrified witnesses, an early opportunity to prove at an open investigation, the diabolically conceived and brutally executed police plot, I convincingly exposed to you, Mr. Gridley and to your official Stenographer at our three hours, "Yale Club" secret investigation, the night of May 29th last.

Sublimely grasp, if you can, my hopes centered in you ever since then. The 27th ult. Mr. Gridley reported you as having replied decisively, over the phone, "tell Mr. Smith, that I have looked over his charges and have learned that everything done by the police officials in 1903 was regular and proper.

Such an endorsement would do credit to even a Chief Justice.

If my charges of perjury and persecution were false, and if the "police officials" did to me only that which was "regular and proper", then some one ought to "yank" me into a libel suit, where cross-examinations etc., often startlingly reveal facts, too long adroitly suppressed, starting many people to thinking, who have never been thought to think before.

Today's newspapers, tell of a Connecticut hunter, who pointing his gun at a whip-poor-will, a few days ago, got red in the face, when he saw the brave bird, fly safely towards him and perch upon the loaded barrels of the hunter's gun. Your official aim at the trio of corrupt policemen, reminds me of the whip-poor-will, you as the hunter.

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I am still unspeakably amazed and dazed at your humiliatingly proffering me by phone, through a third party, such a "lemon". My veracity, honor and future public usefulness, which your remarkable decision, attempts to impute, bade me delay as to toss that untasted "lemon" back to you, this glorious Fourth of July, with the hurriedly dictated acceptance of your covert challenge.

For ~~if~~ you deliberately, after four weeks premeditation to desert and sacrifice to the "inner circle" of the insatiably, greedy "system" of modern crucifixion, your own enmeshed credulous, self sustaining volunteer, praying for justice only, fills me with additional horror and yet with unbounded enthusiasm. "He taketh the wise in their own craftiness." "So the poor hath hope and iniquity stopped her tongue" Job- V-

To indiscreetly cover as "regular and proper" a clumsily disguised, self-confessed, yet self-denying, cringing, perjured police traitor, (Riley) with your glittering embroidered mantle, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant", Patrick Henry, Washington, Grant, Lincoln, et al, if living, would instantly grapple with and throttle, as being stupendously too high a price for you to offer for "whitewash" fumigation, protection and canonizing of a "Titus Oates" criminal, still under your command.

Surely devotion to a traitor spy in your camp, does not preclude your doing your more sacred duty to the crushed victim of that ghoulish spy.

Having made you the official custodian of my charges, I have at least, again vindicated my inalienable right to citizenship and my duty to my fellowmen, and if from out of their ranks, additional hosts of indignant volunteers, crying, "Justice" do not rally to my support, then American manhood of today, is not of the good stout stuff we believe.

Every where you gaze, Mr. Hanson, you will see that strategically I have strengthened my lines of defense, officialized my charges, and have made you responsible for my future safety, for should the now more than ever frenzied and squirming "system" and its servile and slippery "tools" assassinate or muzzle me and my story, public opinion and my every drop of blood, would I believe, stain and torture every responsibly guilty soul, to the final judgment seat of God.

If not before death, then in Heaven, you and I must "measure up" our Earthly career, before receiving our reward or punishment above.

The "system" having robbed, enmeshed and forced me to abandon all earthly "pursuit of happiness" every cell of my seething brain, every "throb of my lacerated heart" and every step I take, with telling blows, shall frame a life-long prayer, rolling and merging with the invocations of the vast multitude, up to High Heaven, Oh, God, crush forever the pandemonium of crime, injustice and cowardice of today, that it be not as a legacy, handed down by parents, to curse, render still more impotent and enslave their own innocent children.

(3)

Visibly affected as you were, at the mere recital of my awful experiences with the police, praising my past and bespeaking to your aid, my future devotion to public duty as you did, had you then, promptly "turned down" and dismissed me and my story, with expressions of deepest doubt and disgust on your face, your present attitude towards me would not appear so mysteriously inconsistent, incomprehensibly unjust, offensively personal and officially cruel.

You attempted through Mr. Gridley, to belittle my veracity and integrity, too long after our secret investigation at which I cited you to three open Court Tribunals, that stamped the seal of their disapproval upon my persecutors, that you, with your eyes and ears shut tight, should freezingly render a decision that official persecution of any citizen, is "regular and proper" is the acme of official mockery, ancient or modern. Better far, have sealed your lips, instead of your eyes and ears.

There can now be but a short reign of such an un-American conflict, between official corruption and intimidation, God Almighty and our Penal Code.

If all that the "system" Inspector McClusky, Detectives Sergeants Dominick G. Riley, Edward P. Hughes, and scores of other renegades did to me and mine, was "regular and proper", then Sir, all that Recorder Stanton, Vice-Chancellor Pitney, Supreme Court Justice Scott and Jury, legally in three open Courts, were bound to do, and did do for my repeated liberation and vindication, from your view point and methods of subsequently "looking into" identically the same grievances, must have been "irregular and improper".

Bear in mind, Mr. Hanson, that having unaided beaten the "system" and its great army, to "last ditch" submission, and having legally "won the spurs", before coming to you, to make the personal liberty etc. of my fellowmen safer hereafter, I did at great personal risk my sacred duty to you, to Society and to my God.

Honor, truth and justice to my perjured persecutors are no more than the beauties of the Omar Khayari are to a mad dog; and your attempts to discourage me by "whitewashing" such "public servants" at the expense of honorable officials and good government, will be emphatically resented by the only slumberingly "submerged" ninety-nine per cent of our ninety million citizens.

All official corpses seen floating offensively on the crest of a criminal current, must be after rigid investigation, buried out of sight, but mark you, never before investigation.

Granted that you simply, "looked into" my charges and that you also "looked into" the perjured Riley's face and heard his polluted lips frame sentences of denial, would such a monumental liar, whose master-piece of discredited patchwork perjury before Recorder Stanton, hesitate one second to lie to you, that he might win your "regular and proper" rubber stamp approval and to retain his official position?

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How could you intelligently have "looked into" such officially admitted, astounding and voluminous charges, covering in two States six months of police perjury and persecution, without even consulting me, any one of my crowd of reputable witnesses or a particle of my evidence?

I'll bet you a basketful of gold eagles, against as many of your sour "lemons" that my charges are still locked up as "thoroughly in (your) mind", as they were when first I confided them to your official use.

I have often had to "side-step" pretty lively, but cannot be forever unjustly "side-tracked" suppressed or "hidden away".

Having overcome my repugnance to sensational publicity, I shall prepare my full story for publication (if at the end of another month, the heads of government show no disposition to officially investigate my charges, in a "regular and proper" manner. I have praiseworthy withheld the story from the press, for four years, preferring official investigation and vindication.

The morning after our interview, the Newspapers announced under "scare headings" "Police Investigations to End". " Urged to stop inquiry in the Gould case, etc".

The comparatively petty domestic Gould squabble, established the facts, that the rich are permitted to use the police force properly as well as improperly; but look, see where a poorer supplicant for justice has stood for four years, pleading and demanding of three successive Police Commissioners, my right to unmask and jibbet the wildest of Police lawlessness conceivable. There are no "silver quarters" nailed to the "Augean Stable" floor of my story.

Spies in your camp, evidently shadowed you to the "Yale Club" investigation, for Mr. Gridley informed me, that he was shadowed back to his home, and two detectives of the "system" on evil bent, also dogged my footsteps, and now in sacred confidence, (until I release you therefrom) let me inform you, that within forty-eight hours, after those two spies of the "system" began shadowing me, I received a printed letter, postmarked "New York, Station O, June 1st. 1.30 P.M. 1907."

" Louis Smith,  
110 W. 79th Street,  
New York City."

"Police unable to end outrages of Black Hand, we have decided to kill you. You cannot escape us. Black Hand."

"Scat" for the "Black Hand" could have no motive or object in killing me, unless hired to do so by such as he who mailed the above cowardly threat.

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Prior events and that letter, causes the index finger of Justice to point unerringly to the fact, that certain official spies are themselves masquerading in this City, as "Black Hand" outlaws.

For thirty years in Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey, "Black Hand" detectives have tried to kill and muzzle me, so as to discredit my "Muck-raking" etc. I believe however, that God has baffled and will continue to scourge, all such plotting criminals.

The three City policemen named above, boldly and savagely, did nearly everything they could to me and mine, except to gouge out my eyes, wreck my hearing, chop off my hands, jerk out my tongue and freeze my heart.

They even strove to rob me of my intellect; suicide or murder they tried to force upon me. Their fiendish torture, quickly turned my hair snow white, they hilariously broke up my happy home; their brutality to me, caused my two precious daughters to drop unconscious to police station floors, they scattered members of my family two thousand miles apart.

They discredited me, mystified the masses, thereby cruelly moulding "public opinion" to view their conspiracy as "regular and proper". They utterly wrecked my Men of Letters enterprise, which had previously netted me One Thousand dollars weekly. They destroyed my excellent credit from Maine to Mexico, thereby depriving me of the right to earn my living. They discredited my patented inventions in the public eye (doubtless that the "system" could purchase them cheaply, as soon as I could be disposed of).

They killed my "Pursuit of Happiness" and in my declining years they have handicapped me unmercifully in life's race, notwithstanding every time we clashed, in or out of Courts of Justice, unaided by a single menial friend, I tenaciously beat down their black flag, forcing them to hoist the white flag and surrender unconditionally.

And with this "Dante's Inferno" horror stinking and crying to High Heaven, and freezingly staring at your investigation of the jokingly nailed down "silver quarter" you "white-wash" as "regular and proper" recalls vividly to mind that "Nero fiddled while Rome burned".

When at the end of our very agreeable "Yale Club" meeting, you apologetically said of McClusky's, Riley's and Hughes' treatment of me, "Mr. Smith, they didn't arrest you". I then intimated to you, that you would have to "size up" largely to the situation and win your "spurs" or else by default admit official defeat and mastery of the "system".

If the three detectives didn't thrice arrest me, then as official thugs, they assaulted me. That's worse still and clearly illegal not "regular and proper".

I have almost been tempted to pray, that you Mr. Hanson, and every male adult in America, might suffer and be forced to battle, exactly as I have that all children might benefit and grow up men, not slaves to the "system".

(6)

The unprecedented, mysterious and powerful measures that have been resorted to, at Police Headquarters and elsewhere to "block" or suppress my Court-proven story, of the "system's" anarchistic brutality, is enough to make the devil gleefully rub hands with all of my persecutors in New York City, Philadelphia and Hoboken N.J.

The "system" "blocked" my lectures even in my own office, its invisible hand was ever present, to "put the screws" down tightly on every effort I could make to rehabilitate myself and expose my persecutors.

The attention monumental, I forced the "system" and its "tools" to focus upon me, during thirty years past, is personally gratifying and should now cause the slumbering masses to awake, stare, think and act in peaceful determination to end the struggle with a "system" so vile as to menace Church and State Institutions.

To ~~the~~ longer pity, plaster, praise and publicly parade such perfidious, paralyzed, petrified, pulverized, perjury-poluted policemen as Riley, is personal and public profession of official impotency, palsy, incompetency or fear of the "system".

Any policeman who wherever he goes, is seen carrying his own refrigerator and coffin, must after investigation, be dealt with and accordingly buried at least in oblivion.

Woe, woe, and still more woe, for every man, who attempts to esstop Justice, in her inevitable investigation of this festering and yet unburied scandal, that makes every official who approaches it, blush, hold his nose and breath and then desert his sworn duty and post.

A scandal that the tens of thousands I have told it to, in Churches, Theatres etc., from the Gulf of Mexico to the Great Lakes, threaten to make a political issue of, if longer "screwed" down by the "system".

The people can be depended on, to roll in soon, their volcanic protests, against further burial alive of innocent victims in cemeteries of the "system". And may God Almighty save for me and my Attorneys the American Czar of such a "system" of burial.

Mr. Hanson, for obvious reasons I did not reveal to you at the secret investigation, nor do I now half of the Napoleonic plot into which I was dragged, a victim, but having begun the investigation, you cannot wisely suppress or ignore the official scandal; I did confide to you more than enough to make out a strong case, for you admitted that it was a "horrible experience" and "challenges investigation".

Toward the close of the story however, you were palpably dismayed, confused, apologetic and swayed, because of the awful disclosures "higher up" which you saw must shadow you should you continue the investigation.

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Our inspirations come to us from Heaven, <sup>also</sup> our Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States, and if you Mr. Hanson, upon second thought, will but do your paid for and sworn duty to government, as courageously as I unpaid have done and am now doing my duty to you and citizenship, the riotous "system" and its "tools" will very soon shake as if divinely struck with perpetual palsy. "The handwriting on the wall", has already appeared.

If for any reason you will not or cannot do your sworn duty to citizenship, you can and should protect your ~~individuality~~ individuality and future usefulness by resigning your very responsible position to some one who will "size up" to a situation, now so menacingly intolerable and dangerous to the public welfare.

If you begin thus early in your official career, to rubber stamp, Riley's rank ~~perjury~~ as "regular and proper" what will be your finish?

"As you sow so shall you reap". Either order the perjured ~~Mr~~ Riley to prosecute me in an open Court on the charge of libel, ~~in~~ thereby making him perjure himself over again, or investigate, break and officially unfrock such a criminal and then dismiss him from the force for ever.

This I ask on behalf of citizens and the more honorable policemen many of whom I know.

I fully appreciate and condole your embarrassing and delicate position as an Inspector or Judge over policemen. Responsibility though, comes with such power, and in America at least, you cannot officially stand sponsor for untried policemen, when they are responsibly charged with crime.

Choose before too late, between a brave and honorable career and a humiliating admission of incompetency or lack of courage.

We all in great issues, must possess a heart instead of a door knob. Get off of our own doorstep and merge our puny individuality with that of the hosts of good citizens, if we attempt to lead them successfully in the battles of life.

Considering the bitter, galling, poisonous and heavy doses, that the "system's" "tools" have unjustly and so long and often been pumping into me, not even Riley who as one of the "lemons" not "watermelons" of the "system" I devoutly pity, can afford to resent or condemn me for administering to them, homeopathic doses of their own medicine.

And now Mr. Hanson, both as Deputy Commissioner of Police and as a lawyer in good standing in the Courts, I appeal from your "regular and proper" decision and demand the enforcement of the Constitutional rights, guaranteeing Justice to Citizenship.

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I informed that three policemen, I have indicted, are yet in office and under your control. You as a Police Commander, and recruiting officer advertised for citizens to volunteer and "come forward" to assist in weeding out of the force corrupt or incompetent policemen.

In good faith I volunteered; you accepted my services and the story of police brutality I proved to you, shocked you as no other story has. Now, if you "turn me down" you will frighten away other citizens, demoralize the Police force generally and encourage crime and future persecution of your volunteer witnesses and others.

God forbid, that a native born and public spirited private citizen, as fiendishly persecuted as I was by policemen, shall ever again on American soil be officially denied less Justice than was repeatedly shown by the Republic of France to Dreyfus.

Yours very truly,  
Louis Smith."

With contemptuous disregard for my appeal Commissioner Bingham in utter silence restored Geo. McClusky to full fledged Inspectorship, just four days after receiving my registered complaint.

New York, July 2d., 1909

Hon. John W. Gaynor,  
Justice Supreme Court,  
St. James, L. I.  
N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

The pre-election fight now going on at Police Headquarters, has caused me to old time action again.

I am a "wee bit rusty", but if I receive one tenth the recognition and assistance, you have recently vouchsafed to Geo. B. Duffy, there will soon be some more dismissals at Police Headquarters, of officials more dangerous to good citizens, than were either Bingham and Hanson, whose dismissals yesterday, justify the criminal charges I have for a long time tried in vain to force them to investigate.

Carbon copies enclosed, of letters to Bingham, Hanson, Jerome and Mayor McClellan, will satisfy you that my charges are true, my grievances great.

Very faithfully yours,

New York, May 23d. 1903.  
# 202 W. 122d St..

Wm. Travers Jerome,  
District Attorney,  
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

At Cooper Union, you recently pledged your honor irrevokably, that you would soon give an account of your official stewardship, by answering publicly all pertinent questions, addressed to you in writing "at least three days" prior to your Explanation Exhibition, now advertised to take place the 26th inst. at Cooper Union.

Stupendously the most conspicuous and menacing of all ills, calling for fearless action by the people of today, is the lack of integrity in the many public servants, who, occupying high positions, shamelessly stultify themselves by favoring the wicked at the expense of the innocent.

My own agonizing experience with robbers, perjurers & official persecutors, outrageously favored and protected and your office, ever since June 8th 1903, you will find pigeonholed in your office, notwithstanding every letter registered and receipted for by you, and scores of past for men of Grand Juries, who, probably at your sinister suggestion also ignored my many appeals for a hearing and justice.

It is enumbent upon and I challenge you to publicly answer (having recently pledged yourself to do so) the many charges against numerous criminals and questions asked of you concerning them, and your refusals over and over again to prosecute.

My many letters, registered to you personally, you have by your recent promises, resurrected and brought up to this date. Refresh your memory by reading them.

Since my persecutors and incredulous critics, went down to defeat, and into a total and perpetual eclipse, in the Supreme Court, Jan. 4th 1903, I have again rehabilitated myself- won my spurs though awfully handicapped- by creating many new and useful inventions, referred to in specimen credentials enclosed from all pastors of my native home.

The questions you will avoid studying and answering, are, mind you, the very ones that voters whom you are planning to hood-wink, are most interested in, for there is always a liberty bracing tonic, in all pertinent questions which a discredited public servant selfishly and dishonorably attempts to suppress.

I shall place copies of this letter (registered "personal delivery" to you) in the hands of scores of my yet indignant and staunch friends, as also in the hands of all editors of daily papers in this City, and shall request the latter to publish such questions asked in former registered letters to you, as may interest the reading public.

Don't disappoint those of us who confront you, the 26th inst. and as you have so often and pathetically appealed to the public for a "square deal" for yourself, don't from your temporarily high though tottering pedestal, abuse one who has already suffered staggering torture, through your lack of official fidelity &c..

You and other incredulous scoffers, have through me taught American inventors, that originality is as perilous today as it ever was.

I shall be at your explanation meeting. Call for me and test me there, and then but as a public servant, "be fair", by according me a private citizen, the same rights you so often plead for.

Very respectfully,

Jerome's bondsmen refused to admit me to his place "at"

New York, June 29th.

Justice John W. Gaynor,  
Supreme Court,  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

Your many public utterances and communications to the press, regarding outraged liberty, justice &c, have during the past six years inspired me to write and register to you personally, many letters in which I offered to produce legal evidence and proof of official crimes, conspiracies and persecution, far more heinous than the many cases to which you have so indignantly given public ~~notice~~ attention.

You have autographically receipted for all of the said letters, the last bearing date of the 4th inst., but you have refrained from even acknowledging receipt of any one of them.

I do not wish to infer from your silence, that you are insincere in your public utterances, or that, probably having inquired into my official persecution, without even my aid or knowledge, you concluded that it reached up officially too high, for you to "tackle" ?

I had rather infer from your six years silent indifference, to my agonizing appeals to you as a justice of the Supreme Court, that you too, thought me "crazy" but in that case it would have been your duty to have had me "examined".

Any such move however, would be instantly enstopped by the Supreme Court, records of Jan. 4th. 1904, on which date I routed my persecutors and proved to Justice Scott and jury that I was "perfectly sane".

The daily newspapers announced Saturday last, that Commissioner Bingham had begun libel suits against you for One Hundred Thousand Dollars. It would do you good to read copies of my many stinging letters registered to Police Headquarters, which culminated in my securing the fool confession that at Police Headquarters perjury and persecution is considered "regular and proper".

I now enclose you, descriptive circular of two new creations the "Magic Lamp" and Personal Identification Card, I have invented since certain heads of government mysteriously and cowardly tried to prove me "crazy".

The story, including my letters registered to you, I have humoursly yet patriotically written up for early publication.

If this final letter shall convince you of my public usefulness worth, submissiveness and the rank persecution and robbery, I have been officially subjected to, and you should feel it to be your sworn duty to investigate me, and the very horrible charges I have repeatedly and responsibly made over my signature, I shall be only too glad to respond either upon request or subpoena before you or the Grand Jury,

Faithfully & everlastingly yours,

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON

115 Broadway,

New York, Nov. 18, 1909

Hon. William J. Gaynor,

Brooklyn, N. Y.

My dear Judge:

This will introduce to you my friend  
Hon. Ira M. Black, of Kingston, N. Y. He is a sterling  
Democrat, a man of integrity and ability, and influential  
in his section of the State. He comes to see you  
about a matter which he will explain in detail. I  
commend him to you for your favorable consideration,  
and know you will be glad to meet him.

With best wishes believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

Wm. Sulzer

My dear Mr. Jaynor:

In writing these few lines to request  
an interview, do not wish to intrude on  
your personal time as I assure you that  
I will engross only a few moments of it, but  
I beg of you to grant me that - to - morrow  
morning <sup>27<sup>th</sup> inst.</sup> when I come down to your office  
at about eleven o'clock. I hope that you will  
kindly not refuse me this favor, as it ~~is~~  
is of a matter of the greatest importance to me,  
in fact, urgent that I should see you.

Sunday  
Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> 09.

Respectfully yours,  
Max W. Ague.

formerly — Stony Brook, L.I.

32 NASSAU STREET  
NEW YORK

December 21st, 1909

My dear Judge Gaynor:

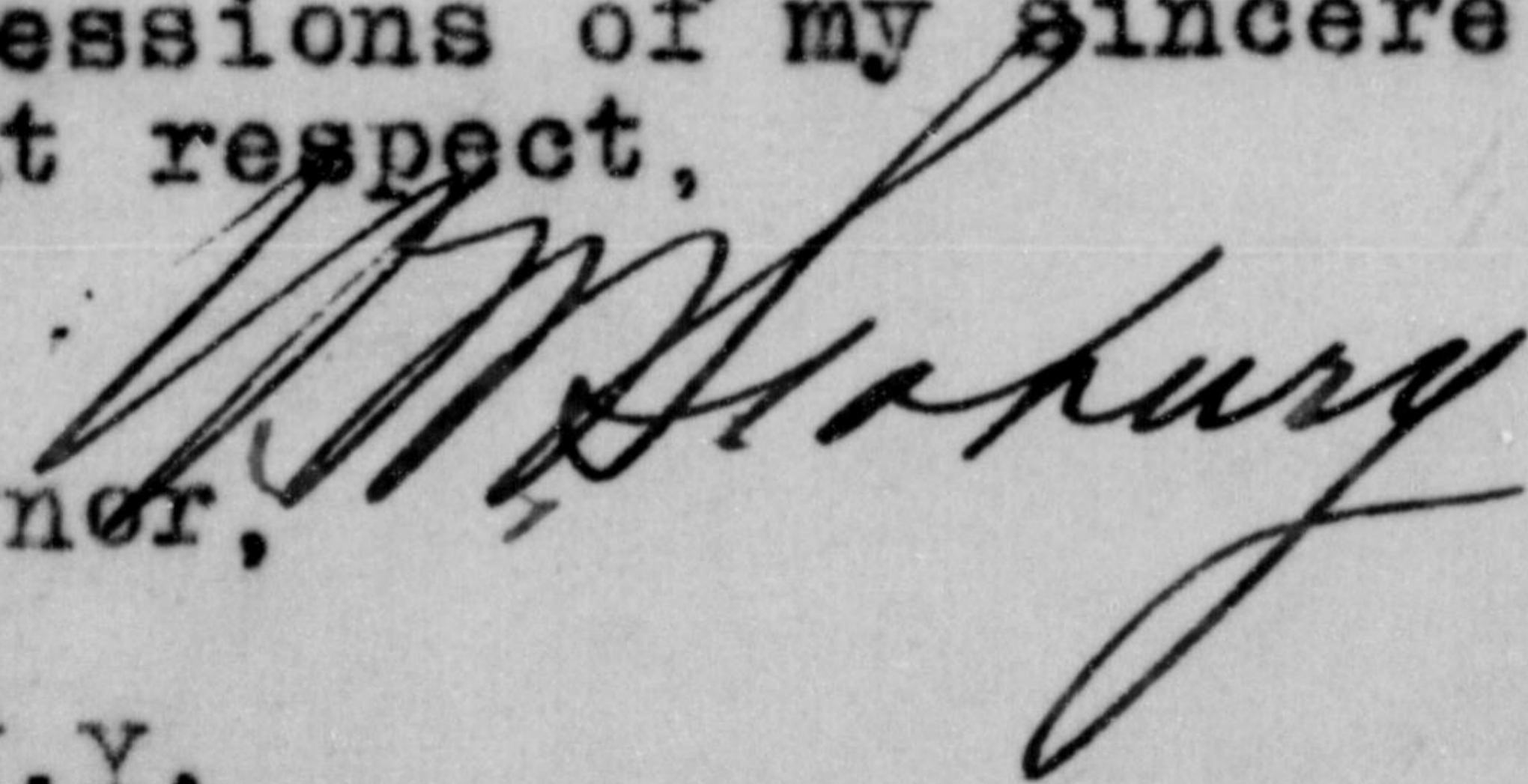
I enclose the review to which I recently referred. If it helps you even in the slightest degree, it will have accomplished its purpose.

I can assure you I have not overstated anything in the memorandum.

The discussion is based upon information disclosed, chiefly, by the published reports relating to the office, but if the disbursement of the Contingent Fund, appropriated by the Board of Estimate & Apportionment for this office, should be investigated, and the internal management of the office examined, I am confident that conditions would be disclosed, which you would not tolerate for an instant.

With renewed expressions of my sincere regard, I am with great respect,

To Hon. William J. Gaynor,  
20 Eighth Avenue,  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W. H. Murray", is written over the typed name and address of the recipient. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

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## EDITORIAL

### The New York Mayoralty.

Senator Root's work for fusion in New York has a significance which should not escape the attention of democratic Democrats, either there or elsewhere. When the fusion movement for the coming municipal election was on the verge of collapse, Senator Root revived it, so at least the dispatches report. "Senator Elihu Root today exercised his authority as Republican State leader"—runs the dispatch of the 29th, which we take from the Record-Herald of the 30th—"to save the cause of fusion, and his intervention brought about order in the uncertain ranks of the anti-Tammany forces." How? By his making "clear the interest," as the same report explains, "of national party leaders in the outcome of the New York election"!

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That is the true significance of the present "fusion" in New York. It is not a fusion for good city government. It is not a fusion for non-partisan city government. It is a fusion for the benefit of Republican machine politics. Confessedly so in this instance, such fusions are actually so in nearly all instances. The Republican machine resorts to "goo-goo" fusions in Democratic cities, in order to put itself into power there. It has done it more than once in New York. It has done it in Chicago. And in both cities the best difference in result has been like the difference between an open cesspool so public in its offensive-

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ness that it cannot long remain, and whited sepulchers full of all manner of uncleanness and emitting all kinds of odorless poisons. The fusion in New York this year is so plainly an enterprise of the Republican machine and its Big Business backers, that any democratic Democrats whom it may gather in are in need of guardians.

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Oh, but Tammany Hall! Well, what about Tammany Hall? It has such an unsavory record, don't you know? But hasn't the Republican machine an unsavory record? and is the savor of the assistant Republicans now co-operating with it altogether sweet? We are not speaking of Republicans with reference to their party doctrines. We allude to the Republican machine, with its Big Business ramifications. Neither do we sing any praises for Tammany Hall. But whom does the "fusion" against Tammany Hall, and in the interest of national Republican leaders as Senator Root has "made clear"—whom does this "fusion" put at the head of its ticket? Isn't its candidate a representative of the Interests? And whom does Tammany Hall put at the head of its ticket? Never mind about the necessity that forced it to. That is not the question, except as it hints at a better way than linking arms with the Republican machine of making Tammany Hall keep step to the drumbeats of democratic Democracy. Why it is that Tammany has nominated the right kind of man makes no difference. The point that concerns democratic Democrats is that he is the right kind of man.

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How can there be an instant's hesitation between those two candidates? As to a third candidate under existing circumstances, why not join the "fusion" and done with it? The contest is between Judge Gaynor and his Republican-machine adversary; between a representative of democratic Democracy whom Tammany has had to nominate or lose, and a representative of Big Business whom the Republican machine is steering into a place where he can serve the Interests. What objection is there to Judge Gaynor? None. Were he running on a hopeless third party venture, he would be ideal, if the dispatches are to be believed. Were he the candidate of the Republican-machine "fusionists," he would be acceptable. Had he declined Tammany Hall's nomination in endorsement of the nomination by the Municipal Democracy, he could have commanded all the enthusiasm of leadership in a forlorn hope. Does he rule himself out because he accepts Tammany's

nomination, though he hasn't yielded an iota of what he stands for? The only thing that makes him ineligible, then, is his acceptance of a nomination which insures his election! The objection would be absurd in almost any circumstances. Under the circumstances this year in New York it is worse than absurd. A candidate who declares in the convincing tone in which Judge Gaynor declares it and with the background of such a record as his, that with his accession to the New York mayoralty, government by the caprice of men shall give way to government by law, is the man for Mayor of New York, no matter whose nomination he refuses to spurn.

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The great indictment that democratic Democrats have made against Tammany Hall is that it has refused to nominate such men as Gaynor for offices of power. Shall they stultify that indictment now by refusing to support a Tammany candidate whom they acknowledge as one of their own leaders, merely because he does not spurn Tammany's nomination and throw the election over to the Republican machine? Judge Gaynor will doubtless be elected. But that is not enough. He ought to be made to feel when he comes into office that he has behind him, as against the Tammany machine as well as the Republican machine, the united and enthusiastic support of every genuine democrat in New York, whether of Republican or Democratic affiliations.

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#### **An Ingenuous Advocate of Public Plunder.**

There is a certain delicious ingenuousness about some of Mr. Taft's speeches on his "swing about the circle." Take his Seattle speech, for instance, the part of it in which he argued for ship subsidies against the objection that, to quote his own words, they would be "a contribution to private companies out of the treasury of the United States." A less ingenuous man would have dodged that objection. Or else he would have argued that subsidies are private gifts of public funds only in form and not in fact. But Mr. Taft was candid, as we may see from his reply as reported by the regular news dispatches: "We are contributing in various ways on similar principles in effect, both by our protective tariff laws, by our river and harbor bills, and by our reclamation service." All of which is perfectly true, and Mr. Taft's statement of it a charming admission that in these ways private interests are fostered at public expense. The reclamation service spends public funds to in-

you probably meant  
Mr. Parkhurst, and not  
Mr. Post.

20, EIGHTH AVENUE,  
BROOKLYN.

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December 22, 1909.

My dear Mr. Thompson:

Mr. Post's mention of Tammany  
Hall in connection with my name is mere  
humbug. He knew perfectly well that I  
never had anything to do with Tammany  
Hall.

Sincerely yours,

*R. F. Thompson*

Robert F. Thompson, Esq.,  
209, West 118th Street,  
New York City.

WILLIAM H. EDWARDS  
21 PARK ROW  
NEW YORK CITY

December 27, 1909.

My dear Judge Gaynor:

Regarding letter signed "Assistant Foreman", which I return to you, I would state that Deputy Paymasters are employed and paid by the City Paymaster and are not paid by the Department of Street Cleaning. At present no other way could be established to pay the men without using these Deputy Paymasters. The salaries of the employees of the Department of Street Cleaning are fixed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and the Board of Aldermen. We have regular messengers, salary \$780 per annum, who carry the mail from the stables to the main office. District Superintendents supervise the work in their respective districts.

Dec 27/09

Re to Letter Signed  
Asst Foreman

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Harvey, N.Y.,  
Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>, 1909.

Hon. H. J. Gaynor,  
St. James, L. I.

My Dear Judge,

As the New Year is nearing  
I again desire to be the first man to  
congratulate you and your beloved  
family.

As the Mayor of New York I fully  
realize this honor for you as I prophesied  
came to you in my letter after your nomination.

I have taken your honorable advice and  
have worked in my own way, without further  
molesting your valuable time or the organization.  
I struck out for the aid of all my friends  
through Fraternal organizations, of which  
I am a member, and business people that

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I know. Nearly everyone asked their friends assistance to gain your present victory, and I pray that this will be your stepping stone to higher honors.

I had many explanations to make among the different Nationalities to overcome their prejudices, as they brought in that the three (3) best Supreme Court Justices were defeated. I had to let them know that you were of a different type and to unite with their friends and work and vote for you. You noted after election that the work was done systematically.

It may seem to many of your opponents, that you will be handicapped during your four, 4, years of administrations but to your friends it is a victory.

In this way, if all Panamoney was elected, you would be dealt with the same as is the present Mayor. If he gave appointment to a

party not suited to any of the Tammany Rulers  
 it was a mark to the Mayor and if the T. Rulers  
 do not gain their man for the Mayor's  
 appointment it is the same.

As it is Tammany has been shown  
 that you were elected through the people who  
 liked you, and they must keep from any  
 dictation until a better opportunity shows  
 itself and if they desire to see you to higher  
 honors they must give you all the ruling  
 of Greater N.Y. State and Nation will come  
 of itself. Tammany must support,  
 but not dictate to you so that no printers  
 ink will be able to make any capital  
 out of it and by your dictation a Governor  
 will surely be elected. Then Tammany  
 will have a show, but first a new State  
 Chairman must be elected, other wise it will be  
 difficult to elect a State Ticket, as have been

proven to date.

It is well known whose man Ex. L. Governor Chandler is, etc. but he must not get the next Governor's nomination. I wish I could gain such friendship in your heart as you have in mine, and I could control under your administration the police force or part of it, and to make N. Y. a more ideal place, in all its branches, it can be done, and to remove undesirable house tenants to places and streets so designed for such people and more to this, as all unpleasant doings have been under police protection so many people say. This would be your gain for the greatest and highest honor of our Country at large.

All I can say to you honor is that I have done what I promised

for your hon. and I am proud of it.  
I hope that your honor and the  
Honorable Chas. Murphy, the  
Tammany Leader and another interesting  
Party, as I state in this letter, will vote  
that what I state is and will prove  
correct.

I hope to receive your  
honorable, early, and favorable  
reply. I remain

Most truly yours,

Chas. Dolf,

442 Fulton St.

Manhatten, N. Y.

TELEPHONE 3435 COLUMBUS

**Isidore Klatzkie**  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW  
THOROUGHFARE BUILDING  
1777 BROADWAY, AT 58TH STREET

NEW YORK, December 30, 1909.

*File*  
Hon. William J. Gaynor,  
20 - 8th Ave.,  
B'klyn, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

At the outset please accept my fervent prayer for a most happy New Year to you and yours, and for the fullest measure of success in your administration of one of the greatest cities-- if not the greatest--in the world.

The writer is fully conscious of the cares and busy times your Honor is having preparatory to assuming the Chief Magistracy of this city. But the day demands that your Honor should obtain an item of information relative the doings and standard of Thomas J. Higgins, Esq., and the other six colleagues with him on the Committee on Care of Buildings of the Board of Education of the City of New York.

During the month of February, 1906, Comm. Thomas J. Higgins, assumed the role of chairman of said Committee. This committee by the by-laws of the Board, have sole and exclusive supervision and management of the janitors-engineers of the system, the supervisor of Janitors' Office, etc.

From the date of taking the chairmanship thereof to this very day, Thomas J. Higgins, Esq. as its chairman, and with the consent and knowledge of the committee, assumed the part of the tyrant and employed the tactics of Nero in his dealings with the school janitors. Illustrative of this fact, he continuously defied the law of the land, the learned and highly highly respected opinions of the Appellate Tribunals of this State, as is evidenced by the innumerable transfers of school janitors from school to school- from one borough to another-- and ridiculously increasing or decreasing the salary of such janitors without conscience, fear or decent consideration for the person involved. To say little or nothing about the imposition of heavy and unbearable fines upon janitors illegally, and maliciously and wantonly holding up men's pay without limit, time and on the merest, flimsiest excuse or pretense, depriving them of the necessary peace, comfort and maintenance necessary to live and care for,-- and all having for its foundation the satisfaction of a cruel, wicked and greedy soul, without having the least respect or concern for the rights of others and of subordinates. So that he has been the agency through which was destroyed more happiness of the fireside than any six public officials on superior command. He has done the possible and the impossible. He is guilty of more Civil Service law violations than any 100 officials in the service--and the same are done in an open, defiant, and authoritative way, and beyond reproach. There are those janitors that profit - and there are those janitors who suffer - and suffer they do, ~~xx~~ through a system of persecution. Query. All for what? The answer lies ~~in~~ a perusal of the minutes of the Board and his workings and manipula-

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tions of the office.

I represented janitors under alleged charges and under fire, and appeared before the Committee continuously for over two years, and have had occasion to learn and familiarize myself with the methods employed by said Higgins in bringing alleged delinquent janitors to terms - and the kind of justice he afforded them, and not to be unkind to the man, I say that the Siberian victim could expect no better. I studied him, familiarized ~~myself~~ myself with conditions and learned of the causes, effect and results. I have patiently gone through, searched and investigated into the doings of that ~~the~~ committee and said Higgins for the past three years as is evidenced from the minutes of the Board, and from conversations and documents and data in my possession and I venture to say with frankness and with precision that the conditions of the janitor in the schools to day are deplorable. Such is the man who rules with the iron hand.

One of your Honor's learned and esteemed opinions came in for a sharp and inconsiderate review at his hands when at a committee session, a lawyer called his attention to Honor's ruling in a previous janitor's case, as bearing contrary to his attempted ~~xxxx~~ disposition of the matter under consideration.

This letter is written out of a sense for right, truth and seeking correction of the abuses of these hundreds of men, whose service by reason of the foregoing, is made inferior and low in degree. Personal animosity and malice is foreign in the intent of the writing of this communication to you, and acting with pure and good motives and because I have the fullest abiding confidence in your Honor's unflinching devotion to the cause of right, and for your Honor's outstretched hand in the uplifting the oppressed and in alleviating the conditions of the needy.

Respectfully apologising for the liberty taken in communicating to you without call, and re-assuring your Honor of the unfitness and the dangerous element in having him to represent any branch of the city government in superior command, and thanking you in advance for the courtesy in the matter, I beg to remain,

Very respectfully,

*Isidore Klatzkie*

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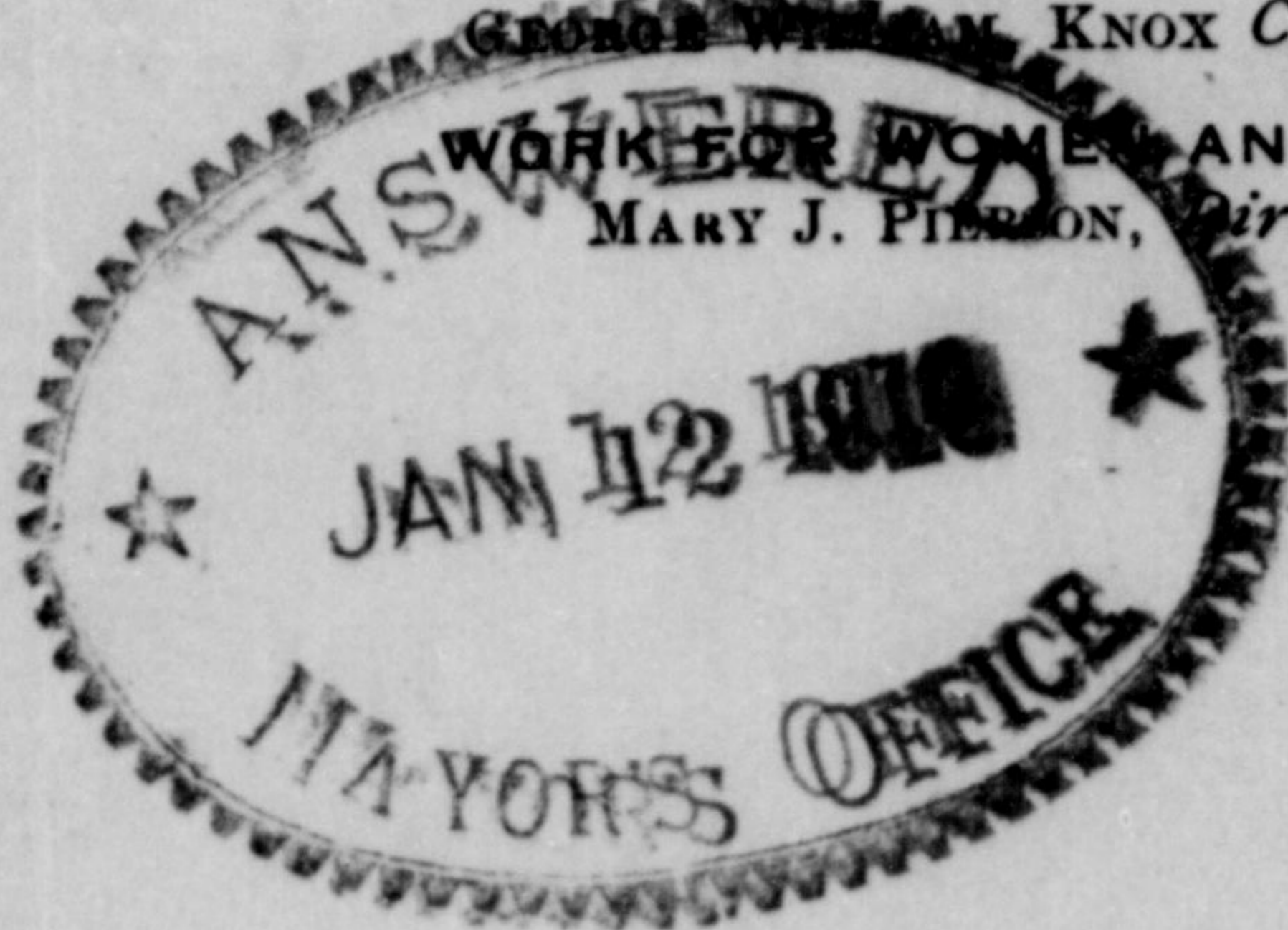
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Dec. 31st, 1909.

Hon. William J. Gaynor,  
Mayor of the City of New York,  
20 Eighth Avenue,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

My dear Judge Gaynor:-

In the name of The People's Institute, as well as my own, I tender to you, on the occasion of your entry upon the office of Mayor, the best wishes for success and satisfaction in the administration of your office. The platform of The People's Institute will always be open to you for such use as you may wish to make of it.

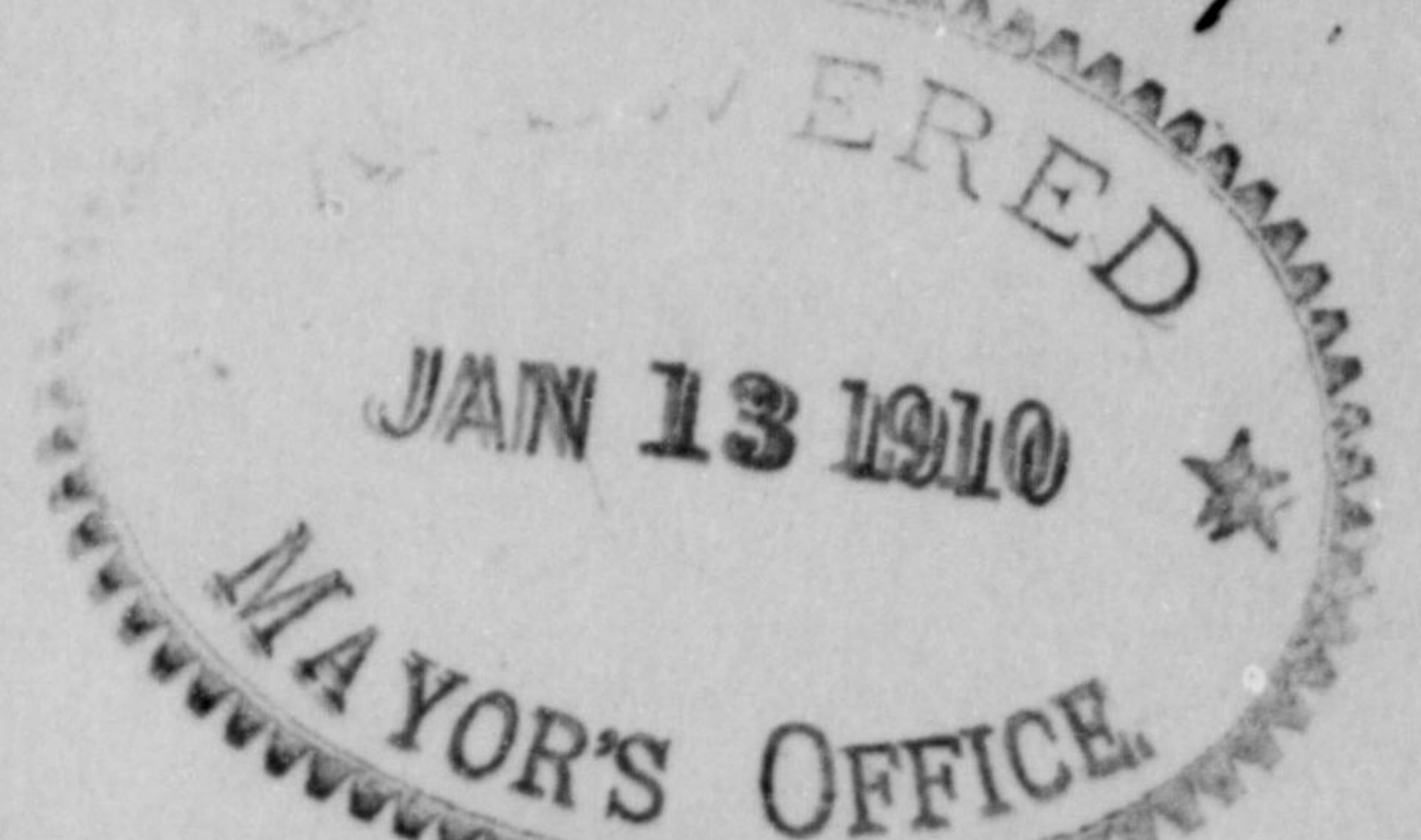
Respectfully yours,

CSS/NM.

LAW OFFICE OF  
GEO. VAN ETTEN,  
68 JOHN STREET.

KINGSTON, N. Y., Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 1909

Hon William J Gaynor  
Mayor Elect



Dear Sir:

While not-prone to proffer advice yet-I have been impelled to write you this letter just-to acquaint you with some of the many most-remarkable facts connected with the Ashokan Reservoir Condemnation proceedings. believing that you have not-had time as yet-to become familiar with some of the methods in vogue. I will mention but two peculiar acts or conditions which have prevailed and are still prevailing. that are noteworthy.

William D. Brimmer a Lawyer of Kingston was appointed by Judge Betts a Commissioner about-a year or more ago. Since when he has been acting as such and hearing claims and still is doing so, and at-the same time he has been and still is trying claims with impunity against New York City before other Commissioners in condemning lands in said Reservoir basin. and making and arguing for outlandish and preposterous claims against New York City. without any protest from any one. and he has presented many claims against the city.

There were acts for which in my opinion he should be disbarred from practicing as a Lawyer. and his Commissionership taken away. and for which the City of New York should take the necessary proceedings.

Ex. Judge G. D. B. Hasbrouck has been and still is serving as a Commissioner. after he became and while serving as such he purchased for \$12000. three parcels of land within the Ashokan Reservoir basin. Completing his said purchase just-a few days before the Commissioners before whom as he well knew his claim would have to be presented. were sworn in.

This was in my opinion aside from its moral turpitude involved. Clearly Champerty. and an act-which the law condemns. and his claim would be void.

The above reprehensible acts are not-the only ones I might mention connected with those proceedings. The public Conscience of the People of Ulster County has been debauched in those proceedings. Having lived all my life of 60 years in Ulster County. I have been made acquainted with many facts connected with Ulster County's affairs. and with its present-shame

Confidentially Yours Geo. Van Etten

## QUITS AS PRESIDENT OF CARNEGIE TRUST

In Going Out Charles C. Dickinson Leaves Big Bank Merger

He Planned Uncompleted.

SEEKS TO BENEFIT HEALTH

J. B. Reichmann, President of National Starch Company, Elected as Mr. Dickinson's Successor.

Announcement was made last night that Charles C. Dickinson, organizer of the Carnegie Trust Company and its President since Leslie M. Shaw resigned, two years ago to nurture his political ambitions, had resigned at a special meeting of the Directors held yesterday, and that he had been succeeded by J. B. Reichmann, who has been a Director of the company for about a year.

Mr. Dickinson's resignation surprised those who have followed the course of the company's affairs since its organization, in 1906, and aroused special interest because he had not consummated the merger of the Carnegie Trust Company with the Van Norden Trust Company, and through it with the Twelfth Ward Bank and the Nineteenth Ward Bank, which was President Dickinson's leading purpose, and which, it was announced as far back as last April, had been practically accomplished.

In the statement sent out by the company it was announced that Mr. Dickinson had resigned "in order to fully restore his health from the effects of his recent accident and as preparatory to thereafter devoting himself to his personal interests."

The statement went on to say that Mr. Dickinson presided at the meeting and was elected a member of the Executive Committee, of which he had been a member only ex-officio as President. He also retains his large interest in the company's stock, so the statement said, and added: "The Board of Directors passed resolutions of the strongest character as to their appreciation of the services rendered by Mr. Dickinson."

"Mr. Dickinson assured the company that in every way he would co-operate to insure the continued growth and prosperity of the institution."

Mr. Dickinson confirmed this view of his resignation at his home last night. He recalled the severe injury he received in an accident while riding in the Park some months ago, and said that it had become imperative for him to let down the tension of business a peg or two. He had a number of personal enterprises which required a great deal of his time and energy, and was giving up the Presidency to be free for these matters, as well as to save his health. He said he would probably go away for a while, but not far enough or long enough to get out of touch with things.

Asked about the merger which has been hanging fire for so many months, Mr. Dickinson said it was still on. He added that the new President had not told him that it was not going through.

When President Dickinson announced last April that he and some of his associates in the Directorate of the company had purchased a controlling interest in the Van Norden Trust Company, and would merge it together with the Twelfth Ward and the Nineteenth Ward Banks, which, in their turn, were controlled by the Van Norden interests, the plan was to make a combination which would have resources of \$40,000,000. There was opposition on the part of some of the smaller stockholders, and the deal has never been completed.

The first President of the Carnegie Trust Company was Leslie M. Shaw, who resigned as Secretary of the Treasury to take the office. When he resigned C. C. Dickinson succeeded him, saying that he would keep the office only temporarily, or until a stronger man could be found for the place. C. C. Dickinson had been associated with the late Roswell P. Flower in the organization of the Colonial Trust Company.

J. B. Reichman is President of the National Starch Company, a subsidiary of the Corn Products Refining Company, of which F. T. Bedford, of the Standard Oil Company, is President.

## \$800,000 WATER BOND ISSUE.

East Jersey Company Secures It by a Bankers' Trust Company Mortgage.

A mortgage given by the East Jersey Water Company to the Bankers' Trust Company of New York to secure a bond issue of \$800,000 has been filed with the Essex County Register in Newark, N. J. The property mortgaged is the water company's interest in land in the townships of Little Falls, Wayne, and Manchester, N. J., and the towns of Bloomfield and Nutley, and includes the company's plant, pipe lines, and right of way, and the Garrett Mountain reservoir.

Emmet Le B. Gardner, President of the water company, said that the mortgage was being made to meet financial demands upon the New Jersey General Security Company, of which the East Jersey Company is a subsidiary. The New Jersey concern, it is said, is reorganizing, among other things, three electric and gas lighting companies in Ohio and Indiana. The bonds are for \$1,000 each, bearing interest at 5 per cent., and mature on Jan. 1, 1958.

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Honorable William J. Gaynor  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Permit me to address you regarding a police court lawyer, the account of whose objectionable actions I beg to send to you herewith.

If the account be true - that the lawyer did nothing for his client, it would seem that the public would be benefitted by his being debarred.

Feeling that I have some knowledge of your humanitarianism, and with the hope that the seeming injustice to the family in question may be investigated, I take the liberty of referring the matter to you.

Very respectfully  
J. J. Watson

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TELEPHONE 1784 ORCHARD

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December 31, 1909.  
NEW YORK, ..... 19

To Our Worthy Mayor, Judge Gaynor,  
City Hall,  
N. Y. C.

Dear Sir:-

I wish you aA HAPPY NEW YEAR, and trust that your adminstration will be a happy, prosperous and successful one.

Among the many reforms and changes which you will make, if you would include one to accord foreigners, as the Jews, Italians, Germans etc. who do not speak the English language well, the same rights and privilages as ybase who do, that is, they should not be mistreated on the streets, and then, when they seek redress, they should have the police afford them protection, and not to laugh at them, as they do.

Should you do this you would earn the heartfelt gratitude of a good many people.

Trusting that you will pardon my presumption in addressing you thus, and with the best of wishes for your success, remain,

Yours truly,

*I. B. Krinsky*

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