

F. B. THURBER,

143 CHAMBERS ST.

NEW YORK.

P. O. BOX 2251.

TELEPHONE 575 FRANKLIN.

New York, December 27, 1897.

To the

Honorable William L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

In June, 1865, a company was organized under the name of The City Gas Company of New York, which obtained on the 20th of June, 1865, a resolution of the Common Council purporting to authorize them to lay gas pipes in the streets. The company seems never to have furnished any gas or to have laid any pipes during the thirty-two years which have elapsed, but I am informed that persons claiming to own the charter are now endeavoring to sell it, with the idea that it carries the privilege to tear up the streets of the City and lay pipes at will without complying with the Gas Law or without having the permission of the authorities in whom the discretion to grant or refuse such authority is vested by the new City Charter. It seems to me that the indiscriminate tearing up of our streets and the destruction of our pavements by a large number of corporations is very injurious to the people of the City. I think it is carried to a wholly unnecessary extent and that it injures trade, interferes with business, with comfort and with health. I am told that there are fifteen or sixteen gas mains at the present time in Third Avenue and as many or nearly as many in many other streets. It seems to me that no one ought to be allowed to avoid the reasonable limitations which the law now imposes on the right to tear up the streets by virtue of a grant made thirty-two years ago which has never been acted on. It seems to me that something ought to be done about this matter before third parties have been interested to invest any considerable amount of money in the expectation of using this old consent, and I think seriously of asking the Attorney General to commence a suit to forfeit the charter of this company. May I ask you to inform me whether the opinion which I have expressed is not well founded, and whether it is not, according to your official judgment, a serious evil that so many companies are allowed to tear up the streets at will, and whether it is not greatly for the public interest that the City authorities should have the opportunity to say whether additional gas pipes should be laid in any particular street instead of being controlled by the action of a Common Council taken in 1865, when the City was less than half its present size.

Very truly yours,

F. B. Thurber

MAURICE RAPP,
COUNSELLOR AT LAW,
167 BROADWAY,

TELEPHONE CONNECTION.

NEW YORK, *December 4* 189*7*

Hon. William L. Strong:
Mayor.

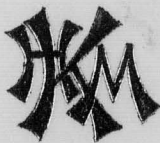
Dear Sir:

I hereby
resign my office of Inspector of
Common Schools for the 26th
District, having lately removed
from the district.

Very respectfully
Maurice Rapp

143 East 95th Street.

267 N. 23rd St
Dec 4th 1897



Hon. Wm. L. Strong
Mayor of New York City.
Dear Sir:

I herewith tender to you my resignation as Inspector of Common Schools for the 13th school district of the city of New York. An attack of sickness has made it impossible for me to attend to the duties of the position and will forbid exposure during the winter. Thanking you for your courtesy to me in the past I am
respectfully yours
Harriet M. Kemp.

The College Settlement,
95 Rivington Street,
New York.

Dec. 8. 1897

Mayor Strong,
City Hall,

My dear Mayor Strong, I
find that I must resign my
position as School Inspector. I
am especially sorry to do so,
because I was appointed for
five years. but I did not
know in the summer when
I accepted the position, that
I was to move out of the
district. I resign now in
order that you may
appoint my successor.
Very truly yours,
Jane E. Robbins

Dec. 11, 1897.

362 West Fifty seventh Street.

Hon. W^m L Strong
Mayor of the City of New York
Dear Sir.

I find this
winter that other pressing
duties prevent me from
properly attending to
the duties of School In-
specter of this District
XXI to which I was
appointed by you a

year ago, and I hereby
tender you my Resig-
nation. For many
reasons I am sorry
to give it up as
it is interesting work.

Yours very truly
Mary Helen Smith

(Mrs. John Jewell Smith
362 West 57 St.)



R. A. Lowenthal, Pres.
Aaron Carter, Vice-Prest. Wm. A. Francis, Secy.
H. W. Eadie, Asst. Secy.

Manhattan Fire Insurance Co.

of the City of New York.

45-47 and 49 Cedar Street,

New York, Dec 14/97

Hon. Wm S. Strong
Mayor
City Hall New York

Sir,

I herewith tender my resignation
as Inspector of Schools of the 20th District,
as I find it impossible to give the matters
connected therewith the attention which they deserve.

Very respectfully

R. Lowenthal

34 East 62nd St

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DR. IRVING S. BALCOM,
587 HIGHBRIDGE ROAD,
NEW YORK.

C
New York, Dec 16th 1897

Hon Mr. L. Strong.

Dear Sir - Mayor -

Kindly accept my -
resignation as Inspector of
Schools for 34th district.

I do this reluctantly, but feel
that I cannot give the time
that is necessary to properly
discharge the duties of the
office -

Very truly
Irving S. Balcom

T. H. NEWLAND, M. D.

304 East 14th St., N. Y.

New York December 18th 97.

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

I received the enclosed Letter of Resignation as inspector of schools of the 10th District from Mr. Gimivotti, & send it to you where it belongs, it seems Mr Gimivotti is very anxious to resign from the Board of Inspectors of this District & did not know that he must send his resignation to you, but thought that I could receive it please communicate with him as soon as convenient.

Chairman Board of Inspectors 10th Dist. N.Y. Respectfully
T. H. Newland, M. D.

Cimiotti * Unhairing * Company,

Seal, Goney and other Fur Skins Unhaired by Machine.

55 and 57 WEST THIRD STREET,

COR. WEST BROADWAY.

New York, Dec 18th 1897

Dr Newland Esq

Chairman of Board of School Inspection of Tenth
Dis.
My Dear Sir

I herewith tender
to you my Resignation as Inspector of Common Schools of
The Tenth District City of New York, to take effect at
once thanking you kindly for past favors shown me
I remain Sir

Yours Very Truly
F. F. Cimiotti

281 Fifth Ave

New York, December 28/97

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

Dear Sir,

In view of my intended
departure & prolonged absence
from the city, I beg to tender my
resignation as Inspector of Schools
of the 14th District.

Thanking you for the honor
conferred on me, I remain

Yours Respectfully,
Adolph Roskowitz

Fitchburg Mass Dec. 28, 1897.
To the Honorable Mayor,
of the City of New York,
Dear Sir,

Enclosed I send you some reasons I have to believe that there is in your City, a Pub. Co., who are obtaining Money from all parts of the Country, under false pretenses, and need looking after, as violators of Law.

I send an Advt. cut from the Columbian, which led me to think they were reliable, and would do something as they promised. I filled out the words correctly as I think, and sent them fifty cents, for 6 Mo. Sub. to the National Homestead Magazine, Pub. at 206. Broadway.
(copy)

Sept. 85. New York, in Noo.
After waiting some weeks, &
not having received any notice
of the reception of the money
or a copy of the Mag, I wrote
sending a Stamped Envelope
for reply, but rec^d no answer.
I think my letters must have
been taken from the P. O.
or they would have been re-
turned, as per order.

A week ago I wrote the third
time, with the same result.

The Columbian has quite a
large circulation, and this Ad.
may have induced many to
send in their quarters & half
dollars to them, and they
must be taking in quite a
pile of money, without ren-
dering an equivalent.

This Co. claim to do business
under the name of -

National Magazine Pub. Co
206. Broadway. Sept. 85
New York.

Trusting you will have
this matter investigated and
if the parties are guilty,
brought to justice: and
if innocent, prove their
innocence by doing as they
have publicly agreed,

Yours Truly,

J. D. Merriam.

69. North St.

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4. O * L L * * I * N Something which all should try to avoid.
5. * I * D N * * S A merciful attribute that should be possessed by all.
6. B * D S * * A * Useful in any house, especially sleeping rooms.
7. L * * D S * * E A work of nature that appeals to the sight.
8. * E * L * U S A condition of mind. A disposition particularly manifested by women.

REMEMBER You are to put a letter in place of each star thus forming a complete word. If you succeed in making three correct words you will receive \$5.00. If you succeed in making all of the words, you receive \$100. It does not depend upon the chance of being first, each successful contestant receives a cash reward for his (or her) labor of from \$5.00 to \$100.00. Prizes promptly paid. Mention when you send your list of words how you want prize money sent.

CONDITIONS. The only conditions are that in order to compete on four words, you must send 25 cents for a three months' subscription to The National Homestead Magazine. Send the four words (any four of the eight you choose), when you send your subscription and 45 cents. If you want to compete on the entire eight words, you must send 50 cents for a six months' subscription. Number each word to correspond with numbers above.

THE PLAN is the fairest, most ingenious, and most liberal ever devised. One living in Maine or California is on an equality with one in New York City. Time or distance makes no difference. This offer contains no element of chance or lottery and conflicts with no law. It is a study in words; an educational and instructive pastime for all who enter it regardless of the Cash Presents we give for a little work.

OBJECT. The National Homestead Magazine is not a cheap publication; its merit is conceded. With a circulation of 200,000 monthly its advertising revenue is worth to us \$100,000 yearly. We can therefore afford to expend a large portion of this amount in securing an additional 100,000 subscribers, because not only is that revenue good for a year, but for years to come. We believe, also, that the merits of The National Homestead Magazine will hold you a subscriber for years to come when you know its merits without the extraordinary inducements herein offered. The magazine is nicely illustrated, beautifully printed and bound with a handsome cover. Each month it gives a new design and plan of a home. It shows how to build, decorate and furnish a house from cellar to garret at a minimum cost. It contains a score of features new and interesting to the entire household. Its price is \$1.00 yearly.

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With a view to securing subscribers quickly, we offer, in addition to the above presents, for the first ten correct lists, \$2,000. For the second ten, \$1,000. Should more than the required number send correct answers then the money will be awarded the twenty best lists in appearance. This is a genuine bona fide offer by a reliable publishing house. We refer to any bank, mercantile agency in New York City. We pay prizes promptly and honestly, and to assure you of this we shall invite three representative men from New York newspapers to make the award and see that all are treated fairly. We also agree to refund money to any dissatisfied subscriber at any time. Can we do more? Here is a chance to secure cash for a little study. This contest closes and no lists will be received after December 31, 1907. Complete list of words and winners' names will be printed in January issue of our magazine. If already a subscriber your subscription can be extended. No notice taken of letters that do not contain subscription money.

NATIONAL MAGAZINE PUB. CO., 206 Broadway, Dept. 85 New York

Taken from the Nov. No. of the Columbian, Pub. at 13.15 & 17. Old Street, Boston Mass.

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Telephone Call, 1092 Cortlandt.

52 WILLIAM STREET, NEW YORK, December 28, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,

City Hall, New York.

Dear Sir:-

I understand that you have at your disposal a few copies of the old Dutch records of the city, which have recently been published. As you may know this Committee of the Reform Club has what is probably the best equipped library in the city^{upon municipal affairs.}. A gentleman is in charge who has made a special study of city government and probably knows the field better than any librarian in the city. The library is consulted not only by members of the Club, but by many others interested in city government. It is constantly being made use of by those outside of New York and requests for information are frequently received upon every possible phase of municipal affairs.

Hence you will see, I believe, that we are as deserving as any one to receive a copy of these old documents; and if you will be able to present the library with a set, we shall esteem it a very great favor indeed and you will be placing them where they will be made use of and not simply counted as so many volumes in the catalogue.

Hoping to receive a favorable reply, I am

Yours very sincerely,

Milo R. Maltby

Secretary.

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JANUARY 1st, 1897.

Reserve for Insurance in force.....	\$3,523,299.59
Reserve for losses and all claims...	438,828.78
Reserve for Contingencies.....	250,000.00
Capital paid in in Cash.....	1,000,000.00
Net Surplus.....	2,564,218.76
Total Gross Assets.....	\$7,776,347.13

December 20, 1897.

Hon. W. L. Strong,
Mayor,

New York.

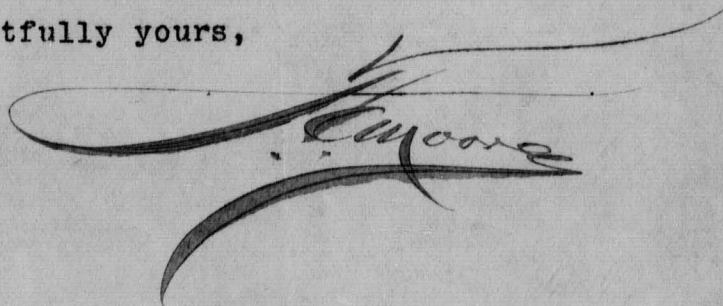
My dear Sir:

On the eve of your retirement from the important position which you have so ably filled, I wish to thank you for my little share of all that you have done for the city.

Do not take the trouble to reply to this. If every citizen who realizes your fidelity and good work takes the trouble to write and tell you so you will have no time for answering.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and many happy New Years, I am

Very respectfully yours,





THIRD DISTRICT
CITY MAGISTRATES' COURT.
NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Dec 24th 1897

My Dear Mr Mayor,

Cannot call today,
+ desire to send by mail my
wishes for a very merry Christmas
to you & yours, also Gods blessings
during the coming year.

Your official Term is nearly at an
end, but your name will be perpetuated
in the years to come, & your administration
looked upon as one of the bright spots
in our Municipal Government.

Rufus L. Blome

The Independent.
130 Fulton St.
New York.

Dec. 28, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

City Hall, New York.

Dear Mayor Strong:-

I wish to send you a line to express my hearty appreciation of all that you have done for the City of New York during your term as Mayor. Your devotion to the interests of the City during the past three years will always, I am sure, be held in grateful remembrance.

Very truly yours,

Charles W. Doorn



William Plimley,
Commissioner.

Office of
Commissioner of Jurors,
Stewart Building,
ROOM 127.

New York, Dec. 29th. 1897. *189*

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

My dear Mr. Mayor:-

Please accept my grateful thanks for the very strong and complimentary letter to the President, which you were kind enough to write. It is one which I shall always cherish and warmly appreciate, because of its candor and earnestness.

To have won your esteem and confidence as a public officer, under your successful administration, I feel honored, and I trust that I shall, in the future, merit the confidence you have reposed in me.

Again thanking you for your very great kindness, and wishing you and yours a Happy New Year, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

W. Plimley

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31 West 51st St.

To the Hon. W. L. Strong:

You waved the banner Bold and Free
For Government Reform

New York is in a better state
Since you've been Mayor Strong.

As an adopted citizen
of the great City of New York and
one who takes a great interest
in the same, permit me to say
a few words.

Ever since I first landed
in N. Y. which was in 1859, a
reform wave swept over the
city every 8 or 10 years but it
was only a nine days wonder
and we fell back in the
same old, deplorable condition

Your administration has accomplished Reform in reality. We have had clean streets, a pure government, and public improvement such as we never had before.

Allow me therefore to offer you my sincere thanks and congratulations.

That the heads of many departments have gone to extremes cannot be denied but for this no fair minded person can blame you.

New York can never have a perfect government until the Mayor has full power to remove any commissioner or

officer at pleasure or whenever
he does not fulfil his duties to
the satisfaction of the Mayor.
There can be only one head on
one body and all members of
that body must obey that
head. This rule holds good
through all creation and
New York can never have a
perfect government until this
power is conferred on the
Mayor. This power could be
modified so that if the mayor
puts a republican out of office
he must put another republican
in his place and so so in
the case of a democrat.

Wishing you many years of
well-earned peace and rest
after three years of busy
political life,
I am

Yours truly,
John H. Rohrer.

Dec. 29, 1897.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
WASHINGTON.

L/W

December 29, 1897.

His Honor

The Mayor of New York,
New York City.

Sir:

At the instance of the Minister of Belgium at this capital, I enclose for your information and consideration two pamphlets relative to the proceedings of the International Congress of Firemen recently held at Brussels.

Respectfully yours,

William R. Day
Assistant Secretary.

Enclosures:

Pamphlets as above.

New York, December 29, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:

On December 27th I received from the Secretary of the Treasury telegram as follows:

"Washington, D.C. Dec. 27th, 1897.

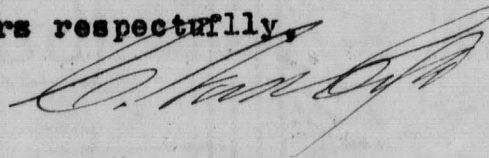
Custodian Court House & Post Office,
New York City.

Department will interpose no objection to widening of carriage-way on Park Row between Mail Street and Broadway by city provided Government put to no expense thereby and its use of any vaults or chutes under sidewalk not interfered with.

O.L. Spaulding,
Act. Secty."

As Custodian of the Post Office I concur in the views expressed by the Treasury Department.

Yours respectfully,



P. O. Box 1630,
Philadelphia, December 30, 1897.

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

My dear sir:-

I have learned through my banking correspondent in New York, that your city have just issued a translation of the old Dutch Records of New Amsterdam. Being very much interested in the early settlements of New York and Philadelphia, and from the fact that one of my ancestors was a resident of New York about 1664, having married into the Jay and Livingstone family, I would esteem it a great favor if I could have a copy or set of these translations for certain historical research in which I am engaged. I have taken the liberty of thus addressing you as a Philadelphian, having met you with Mr. Search and others upon the occasion of the reception to President McKinley at The Union League last June. Kindly advise me where I can get such a set, and I will gladly bear

the expense of the same.

Yours very cordially,

Frank M. Zeller. —

CITY OF NEW YORK.
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

Hon. Wm L. Strong
Mayor

Dec 30/97

My dear Sir:

I hereby resign as
City Magistrate & take effect
this day.

Yours Respectfully
J. W. McKays

Accepted Dec 30th 1897

W. L. Strong
Mayor

City Improvement Society,

(Incorporated June 14th, 1892.)

12 East Twenty-third Street.

OBJECTS.

TO PROMOTE THE IMPROVEMENT AND BEAUTIFYING
OF THE CITY, AND TO ASSIST AND STIMULATE THE
AUTHORITIES IN ENFORCING THE LAWS
RELATING TO SUCH OBJECTS.

New York, Dec., 31st., 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor, City Hall.

Sir:

In accordance with our custom we have the honor to submit to you a condensed report of the work of this Society for the year 1897.

Total number of reports to the several Departments----1530, covering such matters as broken & dangerous sidewalks, defective roadways, sidewalk & roadway obstructions of all kinds, unsanitary buildings, absence of fire-escapes on buildings, defective house leaders, unfenced lots, disorderly gangs in the public streets, noisy animals, the beating of rugs & carpets on private premises etc.etc.. In very many cases of communications to us from citizens we have been able to abate the nuisances complained of by means of written notices to the offending parties; thus the Departments have been spared much time and trouble. Such matters as these are, of course, not included in the report/above referred to, based as these are mainly upon our own inspections.

We beg through you to tender the officials of the City Government our thanks for the unvarying courtesy with which our communications have been received and the promptness with which they have been acted upon.

We trust you will allow us, at this time, to congratulate you and the citizens of old New York upon the success of your administration and the many permanent benefits which it has conferred on the people.

Very respectfully,

J. C. Pampelly
Secretary.

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The following suggestion is submitted, with the expectation that it will be regarded as a Utopian dream. I believe, however, that it is practical, and feeling that if adopted, it would prove a great boon to thousands of poor families, do present it, though impressed with a strong doubt as to its proper reception.

I propose that the celebration planned by Mayor Strong on the evening of December 31st be more than the assembling of citizens, the delivery of addresses, and exercises of a literary and musical character. A monument should be started that night which will become a permanent monument to the memory of the old City that is to be merged into Greater New York. It should be a monument more beneficial, more bountiful than would be the erection of any pile of stone or bronze to gaze upon. It should be a something, on the lines of charity in its broadest sense. But what? Is not every field of charity well covered? Is the question I can almost hear. No. There is one which has not been inaugurated, and in my humble opinion it should be, and this is the time and opportunity.

What our poor need, more than anything else, during the heated term of Summer, is air. Our Parks, Recreation Piers, Roof Gardens, etc., fill a certain want, but do not produce the necessary relief where and when it is most needed. Air should be brought into the homes of the poor. Their miserable, closely confined, stifling rooms, should be made comfortable. Their nights of suffering when robbed of sleep, for want of air, almost insufficient to breathe in, should be changed by artificial means. The well-to-do either go to the country, or have homes which af-

ford space and surroundings that produce at least a modicum of health-giving or health-prolonging elements. In order to bring into life the means by which the poor can and will be benefited as suggested, I submit:

That an Association be formed on the night of December 31st for the purpose of furnishing to poor families electric fans, or fans worked by other means than electricity, substantially on the basis proposed below.

That said Association be organized to extend its charity to the poor of the Boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx.

That membership blanks be distributed on the night of the proposed celebration, with request that those in attendance agree to contribute annually on December 31st a stipulated amount to carry on the purposes of the Association.

That voluntary contributions be also asked for that night for a Permanent Fund; which, in my opinion, would be readily subscribed, and amount to an exceedingly large sum.

In a general way I will indicate how, or on what basis, the fans should be furnished. Details can be easily arranged:

1st. Upon proper investigation, any worthy poor family shall be given the use of as many fans as circumstances may warrant.

2nd. The current to be furnished from certain points and to be cut off until such times as deemed advisable.

3rd. A nominal charge to be made for the use of the fans, excepting in extreme cases of poverty.

4th. Laws to be passed making it a criminal offense to mutilate or destroy the fans, or to convert them to other

uses than intended.

5th. Inspectors to be employed to see that they are kept in order, and are being used.

6th. Under no circumstances is the Association to branch out and make effort to place fans for speculative purposes; such as hiring or selling to persons that can afford to pay regular price for their use. Care should be exercised to avoid entering into competition with or injuring those who are in that line of business.

It is needless to further enlarge upon the general proposition. The plan and purpose of the project can be readily understood. To the poor, and especially the sick poor, relief can be afforded, which, to me it seems, is greater than anything else, excepting monetary aid. If my views are not concurred in by others, then I will at least feel satisfied in having relieved my mind of a thought, which if accomplishing no good purpose on the lines indicated, has at any rate brought forth the idea that some practical plan ought to be evolved, which will be a permanent monument to the memory of the Old City of New York as now constituted.

x *George Davis*

N.B. Since preparing this communication, I learn that the projected celebration of Mayor Strong has been abandoned. The suggestion above made ought, however, to appeal to the charitably inclined; and if the plan is deemed practicable, it can be carried into effect on some other line, which will produce the results above contemplated.

x *Not interested, directly or indirectly,
in Fans or electricity*

Die Christen des Wandervogels zu New York.

Liebe Freunde! wir müssen Christen sein
zu wollen, wie ich von meinem Mann erfahren
werden kann. Ich habe in Deutschland schon ange-
fangen, aber weil wir in New York geblieben sind
bin ich noch dort geblieben.

Ich bin im Jahre 1893. d. 16. Mai mit Gräfin Wilhelmine
im Wandervogel zu New York gekommen. Auf dem
Wandervogel über New York am 2. Juni hat sie mich gesehen, weil
so sehr das Gold abgegeben und sehr sehr sehr
Auf sie hat der Wandervogel nicht Wilhelmine sein ich
habe es gesehen, sondern Wolke. Auf mich
nimmt Gold und ich hat der Mann mir ganz viel
dort gegeben. Ich habe das Reizgeld mir müssen wer-
ben und bin im März 1894 wieder nach Deutschland
zurück gefahren. Wäre ich die sehr ständige bitten
mir beifällig zu sein das ich von dem Mann
erfahren werden.

Im voraus besten Dank
ganz ergebend

Rosa Wilhelmine
Leynitzer Landstraße Nr. 222
Leynitzer, Gumburg
Deutschland

BROOKLYN EAGLE ALMANAC, 1897

STATISTICS OF AMERICAN CITIES.

To the Mayor of New York, N. Y.

For the purpose of making comparisons between Brooklyn and the other large cities of the United States, certain information in regard to your city is desired for publication in the BROOKLYN EAGLE ALMANAC of 1897 (a copy of which will be sent to you). Please kindly have the following blanks filled out and mailed to me.

With respect,

Very truly yours,

H. F. GUNNISON,
Editor *Eagle Almanac*,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

1897.		Statistics which appeared in the Almanac for 1896.
CITY	<u>New York</u>	
Estimated population January 1, 1897	<u>1,907,795</u>	
Area in Square Miles	<u>65</u>	
FINANCES.		
Actual Property Valuation	(Real, \$ <u>1,646,028,655</u>)	
	(Personal, \$ <u>370,919,007</u>)	
Tax Rate per \$1,000 of assessed value	<u>19.10</u>	
What per centage of Real Value of Property is the Assessed Value?	<u>.75</u>	
Net Public Debt \$	<u>10,988,550.9</u>	
STREETS.		
Total Miles of Streets	<u>63.5</u>	
Paved Streets (Miles)	<u>40.6</u>	
Annual Cost of Cleaning Streets \$	<u>330,000.00</u>	
Annual Cost of Removing Garbage and Ashes \$	<u>456</u>	
Total Length of Sewers (Miles)	<u>483.989</u>	
Annual Cost of Lighting Streets	<u>387,292</u>	
	(Gas, \$ <u>200</u>)	
	(Electricity, \$ <u>0</u>)	
Does the City own its Lighting Plant?	<u>No</u>	
WATER WORKS.		
Capacity of (Gallons)	<u>4,000,000</u>	
Average Daily Consumption (Gallons)	<u>1,800,000</u>	
Miles of Mains	<u>766</u>	
Total Cost of Works	<u>720,000</u>	
Does the City own its Water Plant?	<u>Yes</u>	
POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS.		
Total Number of Police Force	<u>3809</u>	
Average Annual Number of Arrests	<u>112,000</u>	
Average Annual Cost of Force \$	<u>359,815.2</u>	
Total Membership Fire Department	(Regular <u>1113</u>)	
	(Volunteer <u>208,442.1</u>)	
Average Annual Cost of Force \$	<u>208,442.1</u>	
PUBLIC SCHOOLS.		
Number of Pupils in Public Schools	<u>199,999</u>	
Number of Teachers and Principals	<u>4629</u>	
Annual Cost of Maintaining Public Schools \$	<u>482,423</u>	
MISCELLANEOUS.		
Entire Annual Cost of Maintaining City Government \$	<u>439,965.71</u>	
Annual Death Rate	<u>23.10</u>	
Name of Mayor	<u>W. L. Strong</u>	
Salary, \$	<u>10,000</u>	
Elected by what Political Party	<u>Rep.</u>	
Term Expires	<u>Jan. 98</u>	

Partial list of subscribers to the Reform
Club Committee on Municipal Administration for
the ensuing year, 1897-98.

Geo. F. Seward,	\$200.
Edward Cooper,	100.
Woodbury G. Langdon,	100.
Wm. B. Hornblower,	150.
Oelrichs & Co.,	150.
V. Everit Macy,	100.
R. G. Dun,	150.
Alexander Maitland,	100.
Anson Phelps Stokes,	100.
James C. Carter,	100.
Chas. S. Fairchild,	100.
Seth Low,	100.

GET-TOGETHER CLUB.

The next meeting of the Get-Together Club will be held at the Ashland House, Twenty-fourth Street and Fourth Avenue (24th St. entrance), Wednesday evening, February 10th, at six o'clock. Mr. R. Fulton Cutting will preside. This hour is named, in order that you may be in time for the dinner, which will be served at 6.15 sharp.

The general subject of the evening will be Labor. Various topics will be discussed in ten minute talks, with opportunity afterwards for questions and answers. No representatives of the press are present at these meetings, which thus far have been delightfully informal and profitable. John N. Parsons, President of the National Association of Letter Carriers, will describe the scope and object of the Association. J. W. Daggett, Superintendent of Mr. John Wanamaker's New York house, will describe the administrative methods of a large establishment. The Superintendent of the Cooper Union Labor Bureau will present an economic study of the longshoresmen and sailors of this city and their relation towards the "crimpers." It is expected that a representative of the State Employment Bureau will describe its administrative methods.

The price of the dinner will be one dollar and a half, and replies should be sent to Homer Folks, 105 East 22nd Street. As these gatherings are composed of busy people, standing for things done, each recipient of an invitation should reply as early as possible. As the number of invitations is not large, the Committee are obliged to hold each person replying affirmatively, responsible for the price of the dinner, unless the order is countermanded by the morning of Feb. 9th.

It is hoped that the Committee may have the pleasure of receiving your affirmative response.

Faithfully yours,

(Signed) Wm. H. Tolman,

Homer Folks,

John Lloyd Thomas,

Committee of Direction.

GET-TOGETHER CLUB.

It is the object of the Club, which as yet possesses nothing but a name, to get together busy and practical men who stand for things done in New York, in order that they may compare notes, and form a more conscious solidarity of civic effort and purpose.

The meetings are held at some restaurant centrally located, where an inexpensive dinner is served, as an excuse for getting together. The individual talks never exceed ten minutes, for the sake of giving opportunity for questions and answers. As no representatives of the press are present, the meetings thus far have been characterized by frank and informal interchange of views.

The hour of meeting is six o'clock, so that the men can come directly from their offices, and as yet no dress suits have been worn.

Letter from the Independent Order Free Sons of Israel
to Mayor William L. Strong thanking him for his "words
of wisdom" at the Order's convention.

Feb. 19, 189?
Mayors Papers, Box 6111

FROM SCRAPBOOK 6/02

Independent Order Free Sons of Israel.

791 Lexington Avenue.

New York, February 12. 1897

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

Dear Sir:

At the Convention of District Grand Lodge No. 1. of the Independent Order Free Sons of Israel, comprising the State of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, held on February 14, 1897, I was directed to communicate to you, that the Representatives were highly honored by your presence at that memorable occasion and have listened with gratification to your words of wisdom in laudation of the Jewish people and their Charitable Institutions in the United States of America. It is the sense of the members of the Convention that your cherished words have left an indelible impression on all creeds and denominations and we wish for you long life and success in all your future undertakings.

In discharging this pleasant duty,

I remain, very respectfully yours,

J. H. Goldsmick,
Grand Secty.



32 West Forty-fifth Street.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong
Mayor &c.

My Dear Sir. The
widow of the late
Mayor Wickham has
written my wife asking
me ^{to} write you to grant
a permit for a new
and the Charity Fair.
Mrs. Wickham will
call upon you personally
to get the permit.

This letter is quite
unnecessary, and I
write it because it
has been asked for by

the lady. The fair is
for the benefit the sick
poor's diet kitchen.

I know you so well that
I know you would grant
the permit most cheerfully
on Mrs Wickham's personal
application without any
troubling you to read this
letter. A number of
ladies including my
wife are managers in
this charity. It is one of
the best in the City.

Mrs Wickham will give
you all needed information.

Yours very truly
E. B. Hinckley

March 14th

Sus. Mar. 23rd

Mayor Strong Do, & use, all
your influence, to keep a
Cars off of 5th Ave. —

That Irish Catholic Alder-
man Roman would, likes
to make money off it by
selling the route.

The rich people on 5th
Ave. don't dare open their
mouths against it, on account
of the dirty trash — I belong
to the decent respectable
poor class on the East side

I've great respect for
our rich people they are
doing all the good they
can especially the late
Mrs. M. H. Vanderbilt

Bishop Corrigan says
there's no divorces among
Catholics - What a falsehood

I've read of several the
Pope has granted dispensa-
tions for divorces & they've
remained right after it, &
in every case they're rich
people who've given him
money - Poor people can't
get divorces, so get rid of
each other they murder -

One that got divorce was
Mrs. James G. Blaine -

He also says there are no
anarchists, that's another
falsehood -

& they get no thanks -

Mayer strong do all you
can for Pres. Roosevelt
his work is down-right
hard - Mr. Parker has
turned out a tricky polit-
ician -

Excuse the notes
they are my tears over the
way Europe is dumping
her trash over here -

Yours most Resp.
An American Citizen

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RESOLVED, that the Phenix Republican Club of this City extend to Col. Wm. L. Strong its sincere and cordial congratulations over his administration thus far of the important, onerous and exacting duties of Chief Magistrate of this Great Municipality. We desire in a very public and emphatic way to place upon record our profound appreciation of the manly and honest manner in which our worthy Mayor is honestly endeavoring to fulfill the pledges which he made to the people last Fall in the canvass preceding his election as Mayor, and we earnestly bid him God-speed in all his efforts to thoroughly purify and reform the Municipal Administration; and we desire to add our confident belief that he will, if given the power, thoroughly satisfy every reformer of this City, who like the Mayor honestly stand upon the non-partisan platform upon which Col. Strong was chosen Mayor of this City, receiving for that office the suffrages of 154,000 of his fellow citizens.

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of this State, strongly republican in both branches, is bound to heed the voice of the people of this City in all contemplated legislation affecting this Municipality, and that in the judgment of all patriotic and public-spirited men there can be no question but that the people of the City of New York are best qualified to judge of what laws will best ensure the future prosperity and well being of the City. We therefore call upon both the Senate and the Assembly to pass the bills now pending before them, which have the indorsement of the reform sentiment of this community.

The Treasurer of the Club, Mr. *Paul* Dickey, and Mr. Christie *James* spoke warmly in favor of the resolutions as did also the proposer of the same. All of the speeches created the greatest enthusiasm and it is safe to say that Col. Strong as the Mayor of New York has no more loyal and faithful adherents than the members of the Phenix Republican Club.

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Civitas Club,
160 Jerusalem Street.

Hon. William L. Strong.

Mr. Mayor,

The Civitas Club of
Brooklyn begs that you will
do it the very great honor
to preside jointly with His
Honor, the Mayor of Brooklyn,
at a meeting to be held
on Monday evening, April 26.

at Memorial Hall. in
Brooklyn. in the interest
of Public Parks and
their establishment on this
side of the River. The
good work projected in
New York during your
administration is very
highly appreciated here, and
it is hoped that your
appearance among our

Citizens will have a most salutary influence in arousing them to a similar interest and effort. Dr. Talmage will call upon you to present the cause of the Club, and to receive your decision. With the earnest hope that your manifold duties will admit of this additional service to an allied community.

Permit me to subscribe
myself, with very great
respect.

Sincerely yours.

(Miss) Catherine L. Mathey.

Senior director. Circular Club

April Fifth.

38 WEST THIRTY-NINTH STREET.

Hon. W^m L. Strong

Dear Sir,

The honor has been
conferred upon me
of calling for you,
at your residence,
to act as your escort
to the Columbia Un-
iversity Site, tomorrow
afternoon.

The Committee has
instructed me to
wait on you at
one forty five o'clock,

and I am informed that Mr
Hedges will probably also be at
your house, to accompany you.
But if you so indicate I shall
take pleasure in calling for
him elsewhere, before going
to Fifty seventh street.

If you desire me to stop for
Mr. Hedges may I trouble you
to send your orders either by
letter or by telegram to the
address given above—

Respectfully

E. E. Kelly

May first

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Amory H. Bradford
Mrs. Lillian W. Betts

The Outlook
A Family Paper
(New Series of The Christian Union)
Clinton Hall Astor Place
New York

To His Excellency,

The Mayor of New York.

Dear Sir,

A fact many people
not realize - unnumbered sympathize with
these demonstrations. Now that the city
has decided to build its own rapid
transit system. Every effort should be
made to make this a success.

Yours very truly

Charles B. Spahr

May 4.

University of Virginia.
Charlottesville, Va.

May. 4.

To Mayor Thompson:

Dear Sir,

I write from Peis
University & beg. to entreat,
& implore that his cottage
at Fredham may stand.
Surely we have enough of
shuts & screens, let us cling
to what is left us of our
past men. For no electric
lights nor brown stone fronts
can fill the place of that little

Stone - on its original site -

Remember & another it can
never be the same.

I understand that the deci-
sion rests with you.

A lengthy plea would no doubt
only tire you; let me but point
out that the wishes of those who
would keep inviolate this

relic, are as much above ^{those} of
the vandals who would
destroy it, as Art is above

Utilitarianism.

Believing that you will use your
power for the preservation & not
the destruction of this building,

I am, Yours most respectfully,
W. Sumnerford Snow.



Secretary to His Honor
the Mayor.

Dear Sir

I hope to spend
Friday in visiting
your Prison, to as-
sist me in my

work at home and
will be most
thankful for any
permits sent to me
here, where I am
spending a few days.

Gratefully yours,

Alice C. Robinson

to Mrs. Russell

116.55th St. N. York City

May
26.

Canada -

CASCAPIEDIA CLUB.

17. June.

My dear Mr. Strong.

I send you down a
Salmon from the Cas-
capedia - which I
hope will arrive in
good order.

You said on one
occasion that there
was a

A
Good deal of fun
in the Mayor's office.
There is more on a
Salmon River.

Faithfully yours

John L. Cadwalader

Wm W. L. Strong

To the Mayor of the City
of New York.

Dear Sir -

I desire to call
your attention to the dis-
graceful condition of
the Lake in Central Park,
near the 100th St. entrance.
It is covered with a thick
green scum, which emits
an odor most offensive,
and it is a serious menace
to the health of the resi-
dents of the vicinity,

many of whom are now
complaining of malarial
and other diseases which
no doubt, are attributable

to the lake I have
reference to. A
personal observation
will convince you of
the necessity for some
immediate action in
the matter.

Hoping such will soon
be taken,

Very truly yours,
A Citizen & Tax Payer

July the thirteenth.

MISS E. MARGUERITE LINDLEY
LECTURER ON HEALTH CULTURE
AUTHOR OF "HEALTH IN THE HOME"
MURRAY HILL HOTEL

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OFFICE OF
"HEALTH IN THE HOME"
ROOMS 2018 AND 2019
150 NASSAU STREET
NEW YORK

Mayo Strong New York City
Dear Sir,

NEW YORK,

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I enclose proof of the programme I have arranged for the Chautauqua at "Point o' Woods L.I." All the talent have volunteered their services as the enterprise is quite new and entirely without means.

I call your attention to my "Little Patriots Day" which is the first of its kind, given in our vicinity (children's day being usually without significance) and I would ask if you will help make it impressive for our young patriots by aiding me in the fund for refreshments for them. A large sum is not expected, but if a few friends who are interested in patriotism will contribute a small sum each, we can make a great success of the occasion, and one that will greatly aid in furthering the interests of patriotism. We shall probably have between two & three hundred children to entertain on that day.

I presume my name is not unfamiliar

to you through the press - and it
is possible you may recall that I
conducted the Health Culture Congress
at the Atlanta Exposition - during the
week that the N. Y. Delegates were there.

Very Truly Yours

E. Marguerite Lindley

Paul - O'Wood

L. L.

POINT O' WOODS PROGRAMME

THIS CHAUTAUQUA SUMMER SCHOOL TO
OPEN JULY 3.

E. MARGUERITE LINDLEY TO FURNISH A TWO
MONTHS' PROGRAMME OF STUDY, LECTURES
AND SOCIAL ENTERTAINMENT.

Generally a Chautauqua suggests an endless round of study and entertainment, but at the Ocean Chautauqua, at Point o' Woods, it is different. The summer schools hold single morning sessions, and one entertainment a day is the average limit. The remainder of the time is free for the uninterrupted enjoyment of nature's programme, which is nowhere more varied or interesting. *The place opens on July 3, and the programme for that month and for early August is in charge of Miss E. Marguerite Lindley, the lecturer on health culture. There will be six special days during this period, and no pains will be spared to make them interesting to visitors. The Reception Committee for these occasions will consist of Mrs. J. J. Robbins, Babylon; Mrs. Katherine C. Wallbridge, Brooklyn; Mrs. Jennie de la M. Lozier, New-York; Miss Edith Bond, Bay View House, Point o' Woods; Mrs. Clark F. Sumner, Montclair, N. J., and Miss Carolyn Barrus, New-York.

The official programme is as follows:

HOUSEHOLD ECONOMICS DAY, JULY 15.

Morning session at 11—Presiding officer, Mrs. Theodore Frelinghuysen Seward, East Orange, N. J. Address, on "The Vagaries of the American Kitchen," by Mrs. Edward P. Terhune (Marion Harland), followed by five-minute speeches by Mrs. William G. Shaller, president of the Association of Household Economics, and others. Luncheon will be served by the Reception Committee, and will serve as an object lesson on "How to Serve a Summer Collation."

Afternoon session at 2—Addresses on "The Possibility of Advanced Work in Domestic Science for College Women," by Miss Caroline B. Weeks, of the Department of Domestic Science at Pratt Institute; "Our Work and Progress," by Miss Florence J. Parsons, of the Woman's Institute, Yonkers, N. Y., and "The American Home—the Interdependence of the Classes and the Value of College Settlement Work in Social Reform," by Miss Cornelia Bradford, founder of Whittier House, Jersey City.

MEN'S DAY, JULY 21, 1:45 P. M.

Presiding officer, Mrs. Lillie Devereux Blake, president of the New-York City Woman's Suffrage League.

Addresses on "The Pros and Cons of the Nineteenth Century Man," by Mrs. Fanny Halleck Carpenter, LL. B., of New-York; "The Possibilities of the Twentieth Century Man," by Mrs. Cynthia Westover Alden, of New-York, and "Where Man Is At," by Mrs. Eliza Archard Connor, of the American Press Association. St. Clair McKelway, Editor of "The Brooklyn

Eagle," will reply in behalf of the men, and a general discussion will follow.

LITERARY DAY, JULY 22, 2 P. M.

Presiding officer, Mrs. Arnold M. Schramm, of the Clio Club, New-York.

Addresses on "Shakespeare's Cleopatra," by Mrs. Emily Dickey Beery, of New-York, and on "Current Topics," by visitors.

PARENTS' DAY, JULY 23, 1:30 P. M.

Presiding officer, Mrs. Jennie de la M. Lozier, M. D., of New-York.

Address on "The Heart Hunger of Children," by Mrs. Frances Sheldon Bolton, Editor of "The Mothers' Journal," New-Haven, Conn.; "What Shall Our Children Read?" by Mrs. Margaret E. Sangster, and "The Relation of the Mother to the Health of Her Children—Physical, Mental and Moral Hygiene," by Dr. Grace Peckham Murray. A general discussion and a reception will follow.

LITTLE PATRIOTS' DAY, JULY 29, 11 A. M.

Presiding officer, Miss E. Marguerite Lindley

Address of welcome by La Salle A. Maynard, of the Patriotic League, Editor of "Christian Work," New-York.

"Song of the Battle Flag," by Miss Jennie C. Wilder, of Brooklyn.

Salute and flag drill by the Columbine Club, which comprises the Point o' Woods juveniles. Selections by the orchestra.

An "Object Lesson in Civics," by Mrs. L. B. Briant, principal of the East River Children's Aid Society, with illustrations by children of the Street Cleaning League.

"Health Culture Drill" and "First Aid to the Injured," by the Columbine Club.

Readings from popular children's writers, by Miss Jennie C. Wilder.

"Our Country," by the audience.

Refreshments for the children.

The Columbine Club will meet visiting children on the arrival of the steamers and will escort them to the auditorium, accompanied by the orchestra from Prospect House, Bay Shore (by courtesy of Mr. Rogers, the proprietor).

RAINY DAY CLUB AND BICYCLERS' DAY,

AUGUST

Morning session at 11 a. m.—Presiding officer, Professor Charles F. Kroeh, Stevens Institute, Hoboken, N. J.

Addresses of welcome by Mrs. Emma Beckwith, president of the Rainy Day Club of New-York, and by the president of a well-known cycle club.

Reading by Mrs. Bertha Welby, of New-York.

Address on "Dress As It Should and Should Not Be," by Mrs. Gertrude Andrews, of Brooklyn.

Afternoon session, 1:45.

Bicycling tales, led by Mrs. William N. G. Clark, L. A. W., Mount Vernon, N. Y., with response from the audience.

A prize will be awarded for the most heroic tale. (Those desiring to enter this contest please send names early to committee.)

Refreshments, with William N. G. Clark, Consul of New-York State Division, L. A. W., as toast-master.

THE TIME-TABLE.

The Point o' Woods Chautauqua is the only reachable-in-a-day Chautauqua for New-York. One may leave New-York by the East Thirty-fourth-st. ferry at 8:20 and 10:50 a. m. and at 4:20 p. m., reaching Point o' Woods inside of three hours, while, in returning, one can leave the place in the morning and get to Long Island City before 9 o'clock.

*National Air
by the orchestra*

Hingham

Southampton,

Long Island.

July 23

O. L. Purness Esq
Dear Sir:

I shall be
obliged to be
away from New
York next week.
But if a
meeting is called
Early in the

next week I
will gladly at-
tend and look
at the Polwar
model meanwhile.

Very truly yrs.

Wm. J. Farney

Pres^{nt} Municipal Art Socy

FOURTEEN DOGS KILLED.

They Acted Queerly and Policemen Shot Them.

A dog which had been ailing for several days and was at five o'clock yesterday morning acting queerly, was, at the request of his

owner, shot by Policeman James Breen, at No. 527 Fifth avenue. He had made no attempt to bite, but his condition showed his brain to be affected.

Policeman Thomas O'Reilly at eight o'clock saw a fox terrier at large in East Fortieth street and running about with open jaws and pendant tongue, and apparently mad. After a short chase the policeman shot the dog.

Policeman Taw at eleven o'clock saw several persons running from a wildly acting dog in front of No. 403 West Thirty-sixth street. He shot the animal.

Policeman Jonys, of the Oak street station, saw an excited crowd about a dog that had lost consciousness and was in a spasm, at No. 62 Henry street, and he ended the animal's struggles with a bullet.

In front of No. 26 Broad street another queerly acting dog was met by Policeman Coleman and shot at sight.

Policeman Glick overtook a dog in Norfolk street that had been chasing children and killed it.

A similar case occurred in front of No. 643 Tenth avenue, when Policeman Thwait killed a small dog that had run several blocks, frightening pedestrians by its wild manner.

A dog that had been chased from a yard in First street, and which fell several times in spasms, was shot by Policeman McCarthy.

A dog in St. Nicholas avenue, running, apparently, without seeing where he went, gave pedestrians quite a fright, until it reached No. 895, when Policeman McDonough ended its life.

A commotion was created in Broadway in front of No. 1,416 in the afternoon by a worthless looking cur, with open jaws, hanging tongue and bulging eyes. It ran wildly about in a crazed condition. Policeman George Fallon was called and shot it.

Yet another dog overcome by the heat, and which held the sidewalk in front of No. 329 West Fourteenth street, was killed by Policeman Hatingham.

Policeman Schellwig was called with the cry of "mad dog," and, going to No. 1,162 Second avenue, found a supposed rabid pup in the street, which he shot.

There was a dog chase along Grand street, and Officer Mahony overtook a running cur in front of No. 194, and ended his life with a bullet.

Another dog created a scare on East Fifty-second street because he was running in an uncertain manner and now and then falling, while froth ran from his mouth. Policeman Dwyer met him in front of No. 413, and ended his life.

Fourteen E. 11th St.

Dear Mr. E. Strong,

Sir. Your correspondent
urgently requests that
some measure may
be devised by which
the streets will be
free from vagrant
dogs, as their number
is a constantly increasing
source of danger.
and the present system
seems entirely inadequate
to prevent the evil.

Respectfully
E. H. Richards
August 10th



His Honour the Mayor.

Dear Sir -

I received a letter
Some weeks ago that
you had been good
enough to reappoint
me a School Inspector
of the 16th District.

I am much gratified

& Shall be pleased to
serve again.

I called at your
office within the time
mentioned by your
Secretary but was so
unfortunate as to
find you away.

Just now I am out
of town but if you
will set a time I

will come to New York for the
necessary formalities.

Very truly yours
Martha Lincoln Draper.

Wintthrop House.
Glen Cove. L. I.

August 14.

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Mrs Catharine Custer
two children
7 & 9 yrs
Mearns

Alpine Hotel
Bethlehem N. H.

My dear Mr. Mayor -
The
note - requesting me to
call at your Office to
receive Reappointment
has been forwarded
to me, and if I was
at home I should cer-
tainly answer it in
person, to tell you
that I must regretfully

decline the honor

During the early part
of the last school
year I was prevented by
sickness and death in
my family, from attend-
ing to any of the duties
pertaining to my office.
Later, my own long
illness made school
visiting an impossibility,
so that all I have to
my credit in the way
of school work is two
or three visits and
an attendance at the
closing exercises of some

of the schools in June.
My interest in the
work is unabated, but
I conscientiously feel
that I am only stand-
ing in the way of a
more competent person.
It has been a great
pride and pleasure to
me to have served even
in the humble capacity of
a school inspector under
your Honor's admin-
istration, and my visits
to your office will always
be treasured among my
most pleasant recollections

I am coming to see
you after I return to
New York in October.

With most sincere and
grateful regards, believe
me yours very truly

Anna W. Lawrence Brown.

August twenty-fourth

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242 East 15th St.
August 25th

M^{rs} John Lay
begs to thank
the Mayor for
his most kind
and prompt
attention to her
request in regard
to Asphalting
15th Street

242 East 85th St
Trinity Park Square.

Although not
personally acquaint-
-ed with the Mayor
Mrs John Day
thinks that her
late husband was,
and trusts that
he will excuse
Mrs Day for asking
him to use
his influence

with W. Colley &
put Asphalt in
15" sheet opposite
the Park according
to a petition
sent to him sometime
since by the property
owners in 15th Street
W. Lay resides
with her daughter
W. W. H. Scheffelin
who is one of the
property owners &
resides in 15th Street
W. Scheffelin is
away but W. Lay

takes the liberty
of asking for the
influence of the
Mayor not only to
give them Asphalt
but as soon as
possible, as owing
to there being car
tracks in 14th Street
and 17th Street and
16th Street not running
through all the
terribly noisy trucks
mail wagons heavy
iron loads and every
other sort of wagon

go through 15. That
at all hours so
that it is impossible
to hear one speak
in view of the real
terrible suffering
W. Lay hides
daily she would
consider it a great
boon to have the
asphalt and she
thinks that if the
Mayor approves of
it being put down
his influence with
Dr. Collins would be
more than the petition
and produce speedy results

To -

Bion L Burrows -

Secretary -

Office of the Mayor
of the City of New York.

Dear Sir

I shall be out
of town until about
the first of October
when I will call
at the Office of
the Mayor to receive
my reappointment

as Inspector of Common
Schools for the Twelfth
District -

Yours truly

Sarah B F Bacon

175 Second Ave

New York City

The Acorns

Please Date - B F

September the third

September 22.

Mayor Strong

Dear Sir

Pardon me if
you are the wrong Gentl
man to write to but as
you have so much Credit
of doing so much good for
order and Cleanliness for
the City of New York I take
the liberty to write to you
to say at some convenience
you should look at the
North East ^(corner) of 3rd ave
at 9 st there is an Itation

Family keeps a Fruit
stand they take up the
whol side walk it is not
possible for two people
to pass at once they have
a room like box built
where it looks actually
to me Under the Elevated
Stairs as if they Cooked
there they roast Peanuts
it seems even dangerous
to pass with a Steam
stove the Liquor Store
tenant must have great
pull to let that for so
great a nuisance.

I pass every Eve to
take the Elevated Cars
to go up town and
hear so often people
making remarks about
the nuisances I am
astounded they dont
let you know

..... Yours
a lover of justice

At a regular meeting of the Builders' League of New York, held in the League House on the evening of Thursday, October 1st, the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS; The collapse on Saturday last of the building in course of erection at No. 1078 Madison Avenue, thereby causing death and injury and also casting undeserved reproach upon the building trades in general, was evidently due either to the ignorance in regard to methods of proper construction or perhaps the connivance of the officials in the Building Department of this City.

AND FURTHER, as the Building Law gives authority to the Superintendent of Buildings to demand the aid of the Supreme Court in enjoining all persons from building unlawfully, and, as the present head of this Department has held this position for about a year and a half, during which time he has had absolute discretion in the selection of subordinates, having discharged without charges or trial many capable men, and placed in their stead men of little or no experience or training, in utter disregard of the provisions of law;

AND FURTHER, as it is a fact that the present liberal appropriation by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment is well understood by all practical men to be more than ample for the needs of this Department, if properly used;

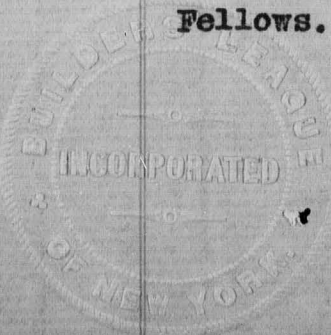
AND FURTHER, as the bulk of the alleged violations, so often quoted by the incumbent of this office, are known by him to be so technical that he dare not take the cases into court; while serious and real violations are absolutely ignored;

AND FURTHER, as his absolute lack of executive ability is shown by the fact that architects and builders are so annoyed by the delays and errors in passing on plans presented, that they are willing to petition the Board of Estimate to give the Department extravagant and unwarranted appropriations of money;

AND FURTHER, as the Department as at present conducted has lost the confidence of the building crafts,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; That we call upon His Honor, the Mayor, and the District Attorney to use any and all extra and ordinary means that in their power lies, not alone to take such action as to guarantee that the Building Laws shall be enforced, and the Department of Buildings be reorganized in such a manner as to merit confidence instead of distrust, but also, in addition, to see that those in any degree responsible for this disaster are brought to justice;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to Mayor Strong and to District Attorney Fellows.



W. A. Dwyer
Secretary

ISIDOR STRAUS.

SIXTH AVENUE
13TH TO 14TH STREET
NEW YORK Oct. 17th, 18

My dear Mr. Mayor:-

I see from the proceedings of the Board of Apportionments that there is some hesitancy in allowing the Commissioner of Public Works the comparatively small sum he asks for to improve the centre grass-plots on the Grand Boulevard. As a resident of the Boulevard for the last fourteen years (I live at the Northwest corner of 105th street) I have often deprecated that a street conceived with such an eye to beauty should have been permitted to so completely miscarry from what it was meant to be, by the short-sighted policy of neglecting the centre plots, which form its chief attraction .

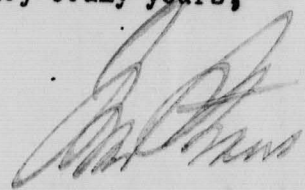
The few plots here and there which have, within the last few months, been beautified, must convince any one who has observed it that every

dollar the city spends with so moderate an outlay, compared to what it accomplishes, will redound to the city's benefit ten-fold in taxes through improved values.

The whole sum asked for by the Commissioner of Public Works, if my memory serves me correctly, is less than Twenty thousand dollars, and I am sure that it would be a good investment if the outlay was three times as much.

I trust that you will see it in the same light as I do, and use your influence to have the apportionment allowed.

Very truly yours,



Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor.
New York City.

October 24th -

Hon Major Strong

Dear Sir.

Finding the duties of
Inspectors of Schools for
the 20th Dist. will interfere
with my home occupations
I beg to tender my
resignation.

Yrs John Kelly

34. East 69th St

Mrs. Lena Vineburg

127 E. 61

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Leus. Oct. 26th

Mayor Strong

Won't you
work from now on until
Election day & like a Tro-
jan for Mr. Low? I fear
he'll not get it - I'm do-
ing all I can in my small
way for him - neither I or my
family have anything to
gain by it only I'm an

American & don't want
this City to go to destruction
The impudence of that Irish
Catholic Croker with his nobody
Van Wyke getting the best
of it - I wish Mr. Low's
friends had waited a while &
Mr. Low (I think) would have
been their ^{Republican} Candidate - There's
some educated fools in this
World - Croker's education
has been only what he

got from the World - The
few short years he went to
sch. which was only 5 or 6
he played $\frac{1}{2}$ of it in hooky with
the tunnel gang of boys in
42^d st. Platt is a devil along
with Cooker. Mr. Low should
have knuckled to Platt in order
to win, then when he got ⁱⁿ do
as he darned please - You
know there's no wickedness
in cheating the Devil - Mr.

Cornelius Bliss is a liar—
Dr. Lefeur is joining Platt
& the Republicans (instead of
Mr. Low for his own low selfish
greed for the R R in the Legis-
lature he's worse than a tenement
person who'll give a vote for \$5.
Lefeur is an American they are
foreigners— I regretted you were not
going for the Mayorality— I sup-
pose ~~with~~ ^{with} blackguarding
^{A few more disgusted with the}
You & Mr. Low ought be proved as
you are said to be, strictly ^{thorough} I agree
with them— The time is very short
bef. now & election— I sincerely
hope Mr. Low will be elected—
If he can only get the German vote
Respect. Hrs. American Citizens

UNITED SERVICE CLUB,
NEW YORK.

Nov 15th

Hon Wm L Strong -

Mayor -

Dear Sir -

In the appointment of Mr Schefflen I desire to congratulate you upon your choice - and desire to say that had I known him to be a member of the Military Order of the Logal Legion of the U.S. I would not have intruded myself upon your notice as an applicant for the position -

Believe me dear Sir with many regrets in any annoyance I may have occasioned you - for you doubtless have many others -

Very Sincerely

Chas. Swift

Mayor Strong -
Dear Sir.

Now that separating ashes and garbage is a fixed fact - for which we labored so long - I hope that you will try and get the rest of the plan that I submitted to the Board of Estimates and to Commissioner Andrews, carried into effect. It was this ^{way} we have the ashes (now clean and in proper condition)

sifted at the dumps.
And the coarse cinders
and coal washed and
sold to the poor.

I have been working
for this (for one thing)
since July '94. and I
feel that the plan is
feasible - and that the
result will pay the city
for the little trouble.

I learned from my
cook in the South, that
cinders washed - assumed
new life, and made
a quick fire. and I

have consulted
with-poor women
here. These latter
say that-they are sure
poor people will be
glad to buy the washed
cinders for 2 or 3 cts.
per pail.

One woman is fami-
tress in a flat-house.
she sifts coal thrown
away by tenants.
washes it.. and has
all the coal she needs
for her stove.

My plan is, that
ashes from all the

sections of the city;
excepting the tenement
house districts, he
saved as above - dump-
ed from carts upon
a large sieve - (screen)
the fine ash then being
sent to the filling-in
grounds. In this way
the city gains an income
and at the same time
receives at last the final
ashes. It is really sin-
ful to throw these tons
of good cinders into the
sea - or elsewhere - when
so many are dying of
cold in the city in Winter.

Here is a simple
way of helping the
poor - at the same time
bringing revenue to the
city - and in hard
times it can be given
away - along with
good new coal.

Thanks to your active
cooperation, the plan
of having householders
do the separating of the
waste - is nearly carried
out - and a further expan-
sion by collectors
by having partitions
in the carts - may in

time make the various
kinds of rubbish more
easily salable - at-
present however,
the ashes are all
ready - clear, and
can be easily made
revenue producing -

Yours truly -
Wm. L. Baxter -

3-8 West-3-7th St.
Hornum fourth -

With the savings that
will in time be made in
the disposition of garbage -
there are many philanthropic
projects that can be carried out -

President—G. WALDO SMITH,
of Smith & Sills.
V.-Pres'te—THOS. W. ORMISTON,
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WHOLESALE GROCERS' ASSOCIATION

OF NEW YORK AND VICINITY.

OFFICE: 6 HARRISON STREET,

New York, December 14, 189

(Dictated)

Hon. W. S. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York,

New York,

Dear Sir:--

Yours of December 9th received and I would respectfully suggest the names of the following gentlemen from whom you might select such as you deemed desirable:--

Thomas W. Ormiston,	61 Hudson St., New York, N. Y.
F. H. Leggett,	128 Franklin St. " " "
August Koenig,	Washington & Beach Sts. "
F. C. Clark,	177 Duane St. New York, N. Y.
E. H. Sayre,	56 Hudson St. " " "
S. J. Berry,	84 Murray St. " " "
Geo. P. Bergen,	Brooklyn, N. Y.

These are all men of good reputation and excellent ability and if appointed their services would reflect credit upon the city.

Yours very respectfully,

G. Waldo Smith

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State of New York,
Assembly Chamber,
Speakers Room,
Albany.

Dec 27

My dear Hayes -

Will you please
to oblige my friend
Yale by signing a
bill which he has
my office, with
all right as I understand
it to be

Very truly yrs
Samuel B. Fisk

Lot E. Hedges Esq

TO HIS HONOR MAYOR STRONG;

May it please your Honor, I notice with great regret that the Board of Aldermen has granted by a vote of 20 to 11 a franchise to the Third Avenue Railroad for an extension from West 162nd. Street along Kingsbridge to Yonkers. Being a resident and property owner of the upper West Side for many years past, I am greatly interested in the matter and consequently attended the meeting given on this question in the City Hall on Saturday the 1st. and Monday the 3rd. insts. and gave in my name to be heard in favor of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company getting the franchise, but owing to the great press of speakers the time expired before my chance came to speak. As the grant was yesterday made to the Third Avenue Company, I beg your Honor will allow me to plead for your veto of that grant for the following reasons: The migrations in this city follow longitudinal lines. The residents of the lower East side moved up to Yorkville, and as that became crowded, crossed over the Harlem to the annexed district. On the West Side the American families of the old Ninth Ward moved up to the region West of Central Park and West Harlem, and their children in this era of bicycles have discovered the charms of those heights stretching from the Convent of the Sacred Heart to the Yonkers line, of which a local poet sings:

"Hail to the glories of Northern Manhattan,
Hail to the beauties of Washington Heights,

"Famed for its bridges, its parks and its fountains,
Famed for its mansions, its forts and its fights".

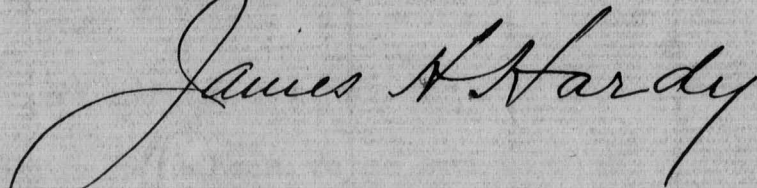
It needs good transit facilities however to make it accessible. Its picturesque Eastern fringe overlooking the Harlem River has long been occupied by the Third Avenue Cable Road which has made Fort George and its adjacent woods a picnic ground for the overcrowded population of the East side.

Fort Washington, Inwood, and Riverdale still need transit facilities and are much in the position of a marriageable maiden with two suitors. Custom and true gallantry give her the right to choose which shall have her, and I believe the law rightly allows the adjoining property holders a voice and they have unequivocally decided for the Metropolitan Street Railway Company. The other suitor however, boldly claims priority of demand and boasts of its wealth and political "pull". The Metropolitan Company is favored by the property owners because they want the best facilities for West as well as East Side communication. The growing importance of West side business interests, as well as social, religious and educational requirements can be best served by this Company who are the pioneers of the transfer system in this city, and by whose agency we hope to have the best transit accommodations through every artery of the West side. It is the everyday travellers and the home builders who are to be accommodated as well as the holiday people. The Third Ave. Company is overtaxed now and on Sundays and holidays it is impossible to get a seat in their cars unless one starts from the terminus, while

cars are run almost too close for safety. This consideration alone should prove the necessity for new lines unincumbered by travel.

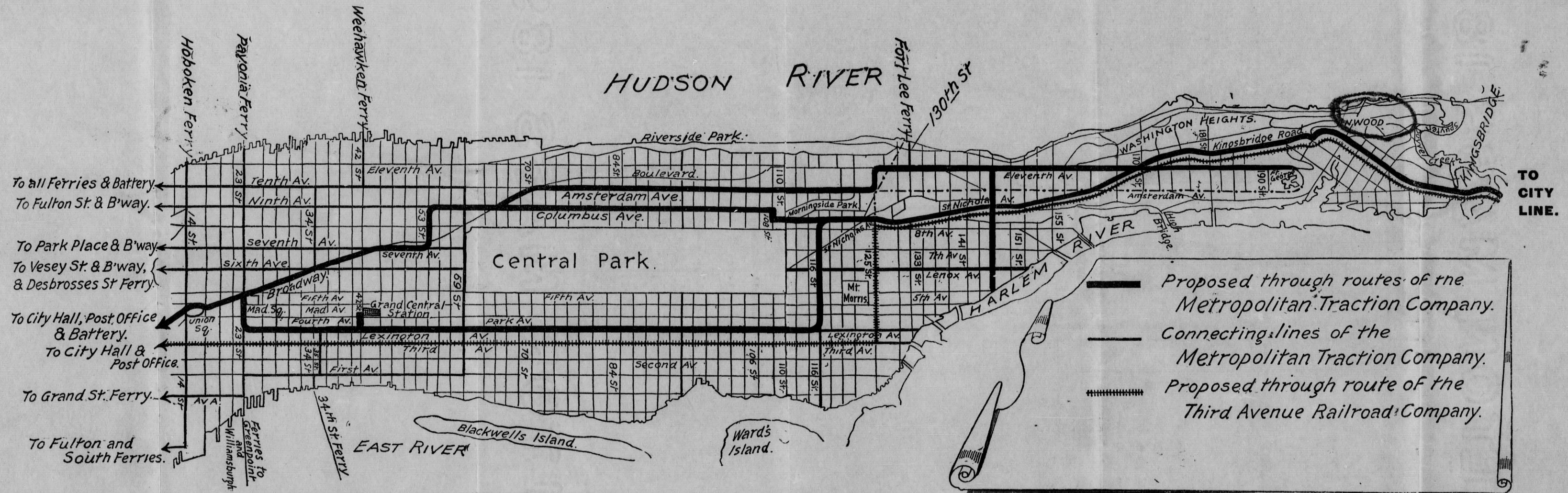
We therefore pray your Honor to veto the aforesaid grant, that the wooded crest of our beautiful island may rejoice in its prospective wealth of happy homes, its taxable enhancement and in the appreciation of our worthy Mayor.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James H. Hardy". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "James H. Hardy".

Summit Avenue & 165th. Street,

New York City.



-----X
I N T H E M A T T E R
of the
Application of the 3rd. Avenue Railroad
Company, for a franchise to construct a
railroad on Kingsbridge Road and other
Streets, in the City of New York.
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Memorandum in behalf of a number of the residents
and property holders of Manhattan Avenue, between 116th
and 124th Streets, in opposition to the granting of the
franchise.

STATEMENT.

Manhattan Avenue runs about Four hundred feet west of
and parallel with Eighth Avenue. It begins at 100th
Street, and runs into St. Nicholas Avenue at 124th Street.

The Traction Company with the consent of the owners
of that part of Manhattan Avenue, which lies between 109th
and 116th Streets, has laid its tracks there and continued
it's Columbus Avenue Line thereon.

In the Spring of 1893 the 3rd. Avenue R. R. Co.,
made application to the Board of Aldermen, for a franchise
to extend it's road along Manhattan Avenue, along St.
Nicholas Avenue to 162nd. Street, and from there along
Kingsbridge Road, across and beyond the Harlem Ship Canal
and Spuyten Duyvil Creek to the City line. This applica-
tion ^{was} endorsed by many of the residents of Washington ^{Heights} and
Inwood, who are now opposed to the granting of the present
franchise. It was opposed by some of the residents
of the Kingsbridge Road, by many of the residents of St.

Nicholas Avenue, and almost unanimously by the residents of Manhattan Avenue. This application was not granted.

In the Spring of 1894ⁿthe 3rd Avenue Company made another application which asked for practically the same franchise as it ^{had} petitioned for the year before. A few weeks after the 3rd. Avenue Company had made it's application the Traction Company made an application for a franchise which was virtually the same as that asked for in the petition of the 3rd. Avenue Company. These two applications were sent to the Railroad Committee, and the history of what was done there, although highly interesting, is not particularly pertinent to the present issue. It is sufficient for present purposes to say that the Board of Aldermen took no action on either of the applications.

The 3rd. Avenue Company, inaugurated the present contest. Warned by the experience of the past and moreover knowing full well that the franchise, without the privilege of using St. Nicholas Avenue, from 125th to 145th Streets, would be valueless to the Traction Company, the 3d 3rd Avenue Company has omitted St. Nicholas Avenue from it's present application. By this policy the 3rd. Avenue ~~Company~~ ^{Company}, has made friends of the residents of that Avenue, and allies of their one time foes, Valuable allies:— as they are the only people who have advocated the granting of the franchise to the 3rd. Avenue Company, who are above the suspicion of having given their advocacy for a pecuniary consideration. Their action however is selfish in the extreme, and in order to preserve St. Nicholas Avenue

from railroad tracks they are anxious to aid the 3rd. Avenue Company to obtain this franchise regardless of what their neighbors or their City may suffer as long as they go ~~unseated~~ *unseated*.

Many of the residents of Manhattan Avenue are in favor of granting the franchise asked for by the Traction Company, some are indifferent, a respectable ^{minority} ~~minority~~ are opposed to it; but all without any exception are unalterably fixed in their opposition to granting the franchise asked for by the 3rd. Avenue Company.

The reasons why this application should be denied in as far as it affects Manhattan Avenue are as follows:

FIRST: NO FRANCHISE SHOULD BE GRANTED UNLESS MANIFESTLY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE CITY AND NO PORTION OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE CITY SHOULD BE ~~DAMAGED~~ ^{Damaged} UNLESS THE BENEFIT OF THE ENTIRE POPULATION ABSOLUTELY DEMANDS THAT THE FEW BE SACRIFICED.

SECOND: THE GRANTING OF THIS FRANCHISE WOULD NOT BE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE CITY.

(1) It would not be for the benefit of the inhabitants of the west side. This is proved first by the opposition of the people of the West Side, secondly by the fact that the advocates of the granting of this franchise do not even hazard the assertion that it would be for the benefit of any of the residents of that part of the City. In fact those in favor of the granting of this franchise claim that, "the Great East Side" is the only part of the City to be considered."

(2) It would not be for the benefit of the inhabitants of the East Side. (a) That it would not be for the benefit of the inhabitants of the East Side above 23rd. Street, if the Traction Company; should obtain the franchise; owing to the existence of the Lexington Avenue Road a part of the Traction Company's system needs no argument. To those living below 23rd. Street, the Lexington Avenue Line would give additional comfort in less crowded cars. (b) If the Traction Company does not obtain a franchise, the granting of this franchise to the 3rd. Avenue R. R. Co., would give no additional facilities to the residents of the East Side on Sundays and Holidays, to reach the hills and woodlands of Fort George.

All the cars would start from the Post Office on the main line run through the Bowery and 3rd. Avenue to 116th Street, some would continue on 3rd. Avenue, others would run through 116th Street, (provided it could be done over the tracks of the Traction Company, which is very doubtful) run through Manhattan Avenue and St. Nicholas Avenue, and join the main line again at 125th Street. This would allow additional tracks for about one mile of the entire route, but not additional facilities enough to permit of the running of a single additional car.

THIRD: THE 3rd. AVENUE COMPANY WISHES TO ACQUIRE MANHATTAN AVENUE NOT FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACCOMODATING THE PUBLIC; BUT TO PREVENT THE USE OF THE AVENUE BY A RIVAL COMPANY.

This is clear from the statement of Mr. Lauterbach before the Board of Aldermen: that the Kingsbridge Road extension was in reality ^{mainly} ~~namely~~ all the 3rd. Avenue Company wished, that the other Streets and Avenues were asked for so that no rival could come into the territory of the 3rd. Avenue Company. The 3rd. Company must have acquired this territory by "Divine Right"; There is no other evidence of title.

FOURTH: THE OCCUPATION OF MANHATTAN AVENUE BY THE 3rd. AVENUE COMPANY WOULD CUT OFF MANHATTAN AVENUE FROM ALL WEST SIDE ^{Railroad} COMMUNICATION.

This is true not only of railroad communication with the lower West Side; but also ^{with} ~~of~~ that part of Manhattan ^{the} between 109 and 116th Streets, which is now occupied by the tracks of the Columbus Avenue Road.

FIFTH: THAT THERE IS NOTHING IN THE APPLICATION OF THE 3rd. AVENUE COMPANY, WHICH PROHIBITS THE USE OF THE OVERHEAD TROLLEY.

Francis Duffy,
Attorney for M. E. Donnell,
Trustee
579 Manhattan Ave.
& others
Residents of Manhattan Ave.

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I N T H E M A T T E R

of the

Application of the 3rd. Avenue Railroad Company, for a franchise to construct a railroad on the Kingsbridge Road & *etc.*

MEMORANDUM OF MANHATTAN AVENUE RESIDENTS IN OPPOSITION TO GRANT OF FRANCHISE.

FRANCIS DUFFY,
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3 BROAD STREET,
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For
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By
Hon Wm L. Strong
Mayor of the City of
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To Hon. WM. L. STRONG,

Mayor of the City of New York.

The undersigned citizens, residents and owners of property in the City of New York, respectfully request your Honor to withhold your approval of the resolutions recently adopted by the Common Council giving consent to the railroad extensions applied for by the Third Avenue Railroad Company.

Having under consideration applications from two competing corporations for valuable street railway franchises, and being vested with power to prescribe conditions in the public interest, it was the duty of said Common Council to exercise that care and judgment in the premises as would lead to such action on their part which would best promote the public welfare and secure for the City a compensation in addition to the percentages required by law commensurate with the value and importance of the franchise granted.

Wholly disregarding this duty, they declined to consider the proposition made by the Metropolitan Street Railway Company to pay \$100,000 to the City in addition to the percentages it might otherwise be legally subjected to under the law and as bidders at the sale of the franchise, and they summarily voted down the resolution offered by Alderman Hall to amend the resolutions consenting to the application of the Third Avenue Company by requiring the purchaser at the proposed sale to pay into the City treasury the sum of \$250,000 in addition to the other payment it would assume as the successful bidder; thereby in both instances subjecting the City to a loss of compensation which could have been saved to its treasury if the majority of the Common Council had been considerate of its welfare.

We further object to the approval of said resolutions, because the action of the Board of Aldermen does not furnish the people of that portion of the city most affected the adequate relief which they require, nor give to the public generally the best travelling facilities which were attainable.

The Committee on Railroads admits in its report that the preponderance of testimony before it was greatly in favor of the Metropolitan Street Railway, and endeavor to excuse their refusal to find in its favor by alleging that in order to provide the greatest good for the greater number they recommend the other application because the Third Avenue Railroad could furnish better accommodation to the public than a company operating a railroad principally on the west side, or, in other words, that a line of about 13 miles in length can be of greater service to the public than a line 80 miles in length running on both sides of the city, with numerous cross-town connections from river to river, making a complete system of railway travel from any part of the city to any other part.

They willfully ignored the fact that the extension asked for by the Metropolitan Street Railway Company would open a direct line on the West Side from the north limits of the City to the Battery, with connecting lines cross the City reaching all the ferries on the East River, and would also, by a junction with 116th Street and Lexington Avenue route and intersecting connecting routes, open a new route or line of railway from the east side of the City to the extreme northwest portion thereof and give

increased facilities to the travelling public, and as a competing line running parallel with the Third Avenue route, guarantee better accommodations and better public service.

If their action should be approved, and the franchise be acquired by the Third Avenue R.R. Co., then the only avenues suitable for street railroads north of 125th Street, west of Eighth Avenue, would be entirely in control of said company, and would naturally shut off all competition in the future on the upper part of the City and prevent the extension of any other railroad into that section, no matter how much the same might be needed by the people in the future.

Geo. J. Payson
Jacob M. Dyckman
Henry J. Carlson
Baskford Dean
Ethan Allen
Sara Payson
J M Thomson
E
M
A. H. Lowell
Margaret Veitch
Agnes Burgess.
Jane J. Carlson
H. J. Allen.
Jean Perkins -
Ida H. Allen.
L. H. Perkins.
Sam M. Allen.
Mrs M P Person
Emma L Cole

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Mayor of the City of New York.

The undersigned citizens, residents and owners of property in the City of New York, respectfully request your Honor to withhold your approval of the resolutions recently adopted by the Common Council giving consent to the railroad extensions applied for by the Third Avenue Railroad Company.

Having under consideration applications from two competing corporations for valuable street railway franchises, and being vested with power to prescribe conditions in the public interest, it was the duty of said Common Council to exercise that care and judgment in the premises as would lead to such action on their part which would best promote the public welfare and secure for the City a compensation in addition to the percentages required by law commensurate with the value and importance of the franchise granted.

Wholly disregarding this duty, they declined to consider the proposition made by the Metropolitan Street Railway Company to pay \$100,000 to the City in addition to the percentages it might otherwise be legally subjected to under the law and as bidders at the sale of the franchise, and they summarily voted down the resolution offered by Alderman Hall to amend the resolutions consenting to the application of the Third Avenue Company by requiring the purchaser at the proposed sale to pay into the City treasury the sum of \$250,000 in addition to the other payment it would assume as the successful bidder; thereby in both instances subjecting the City to a loss of compensation which could have been saved to its treasury if the majority of the Common Council had been considerate of its welfare.

We further object to the approval of said resolutions, because the action of the Board of Aldermen does not furnish the people of that portion of the city most affected the adequate relief which they require, nor give to the public generally the best travelling facilities which were attainable.

The Committee on Railroads admits in its report that the preponderance of testimony before it was greatly in favor of the Metropolitan Street Railway, and endeavor to excuse their refusal to find in its favor by alleging that in order to provide the greatest good for the greater number they recommend the other application because the Third Avenue Railroad could furnish better accommodation to the public than a company operating a railroad principally on the west side, or, in other words, that a line of about 13 miles in length can be of greater service to the public than a line 80 miles in length running on both sides of the city, with numerous cross-town connections from river to river, making a complete system of railway travel from any part of the city to any other part.

They willfully ignored the fact that the extension asked for by the Metropolitan Street Railway Company would open a direct line on the West Side from the north limits of the City to the Battery, with connecting lines cross the City reaching all the ferries on the East River, and would also, by a junction with 116th Street and Lexington Avenue route and intersecting connecting routes, open a new route or line of railway from the east side of the City to the extreme northwest portion thereof and give

increased facilities to the travelling public, and as a competing line running parallel with the Third Avenue route, guarantee better accommodations and better public service.

If their action should be approved, and the franchise be acquired by the Third Avenue R.R. Co., then the only avenues suitable for street railroads north of 125th Street, west of Eighth Avenue, would be entirely in control of said company, and would naturally shut off all competition in the future on the upper part of the City and prevent the extension of any other railroad into that section, no matter how much the same might be needed by the people in the future.

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