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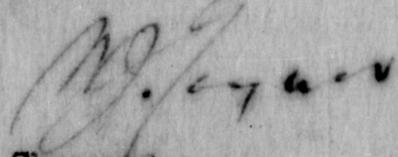
Nov. 21, 1910.k

Dear Mr. Shepard:

I thank you for your two very kind letters. I suggested to a friend of yours today for friendly newspapers not to be taking it for granted that Mr. Murphy will have another candidate for the Senate. I happen to know that Mr. Murphy has a very high regard for you, and that he will presumably be for you for Senator, unless the newspapers which I have mentioned drive him away. I am well aware that you will not attend to this thing yourself, but I think you can at least show this letter to some friend who will attend to it for you, as we do not want to antagonize any one.

As to the dinner which you kindly propose, I am now getting so that I can go out nights to some extent, and I would be most glad to dine with you and your company.

Sincerely yours,



Hon. Edward M. Shepard,  
44, Pierrepont Street,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

TELEPHONE, 485 MADISON SQUARE

OFFICE OF  
ERNEST HARVIER  
1193 BROADWAY

NEW YORK, December 13, 1910

My dear Judge:

I have received the enclosed. The matter is not one in which our members are very deeply interested, but in view of your early declaration for Mr. Shepard, we would be glad to take any action deemed expedient or opportune. The up-state Democratic legislators, of whom there are many this year, would be influenced considerably by an anti-organization declaration here, and it would have the support of at least three and perhaps four of our daily newspapers.

Very sincerely,

*Ernest Harvier*

Jan. 3, 1911. k

Dear Mr. Peters:

I should have answered your letter long ago, but it got delayed one way and another. Your idea about the Senatorship is the same as mine, and your way of working it out with the leader is the same. If he would do the thing it would make him twice as important as a leader as he is now.

Sincerely yours,

*W. J. Gay*  
M a y o r.

Richard Peters, Esq.,  
Knickerbocker Club,  
319, Fifth Avenue,  
Manhattan.

Jan. 4, 1911. k

Dear Mr. Gordon:

I thank you very much for your kind letter and I also wish you all the good wishes of the season. I am doing what I can to secure the election of Mr. Shepard. I was advised to come out and make a public controversy with regard to it, like that which is going on in New Jersey, but I knew that I could do more quietly than publicly.

Sincerely yours,

*W. J. Layton*  
M a y o r.

William Gordon, Esq.,  
Society for Savings Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Jan. 4, 1911.k

Dear Mr. Kelly:

I am very glad indeed to receive your letter of December 27th. I am doing all I can to bring about the results which you express as so desirable. I entirely agree with you. I can best work in the matter without getting into a public controversy like that over in New Jersey. I have found Mr. Murphy to be a very reasonable man, and my belief is that he will do the right thing. The newspapers do not know his attitude at all. I think he is in favor of Mr. Shepard. I know he is an admirer of Mr. Shepard.

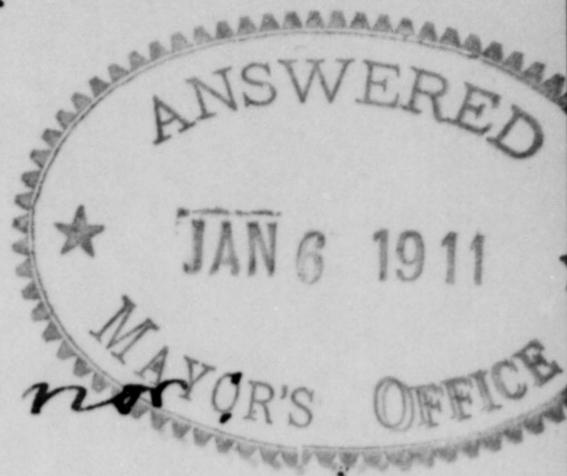
Sincerely yours,

*W. J. Gaynor*  
M a y o r.

James E. Kelly, Esq.,  
79, State Street,  
Ogdensburg, N. Y.

↑ Jimmy Quinn

FOUR EAST SEVENTY-FOURTH STREET



My dear Mayor Gaynor

As our leader and most powerful factor in the Shepard Senatorial Campaign, you shared & I think have you attention & specially called to a letter on the subject written by me and published in 10 days Evening Post. Some of the facts therein stated - without any personal vituperation - ought be instructive to our community. Truly yours

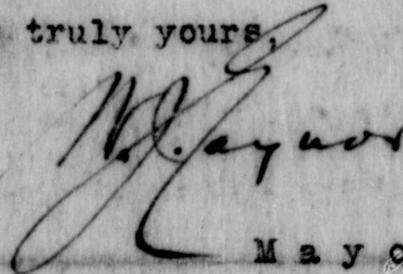
Francis Quinn Peterson

Jan. 11, 1911. m

Dear Senator Loomis:

I regret that I was not at the City Hall when you called to see me. I can only say that I am heartily in favor of the election of Edward M. Shepard as Senator. He stands for everything which is best in politics. His selection would bring great credit on the State of New York. During a generation the State of New York has been represented in the United States Senate by men who were mere lobbyists from their youth up, or corruptionists in politics. We now have the opportunity to set our face against that. Will we do it? There never was a plainer case, and if it be evaded the bad effect thereof will long survive.

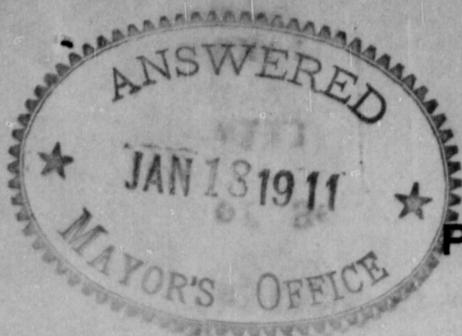
Very truly yours,



M a y e r.

Hon. Frank M. Loomis,  
Senate Chamber,  
Albany, N. Y.

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CITY OF NEW YORK

PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

THIRD AVENUE AND 177<sup>TH</sup> STREET

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

CYRUS C. MILLER  
PRESIDENT

Jan. 16, 1911.

Dear Mayor Gaynor:-

The question of the choice of a United States Senator to represent the State of New York at this time rises above the claims of the candidates and interests all who care for the Democratic party. After floundering about in the slough of despond for twenty years at last the Democratic party has reached dry land and looks about to accomplish something. At the outset it is confronted by a step which is so important that even with the wisest of leadership the party should almost tremble in taking it. If the choice of Senator is one which commends itself to the country, the people will heave a sigh of relief that at last the Democratic party can exercise intelligence. If not, the road back to the slough is short. The burden is on the Democratic party to prove its capacity for government.

Edward M. Shepard excels all the other candidates in the necessary attainments, and possesses one quality besides that they have not - he does not belong to Tammany Hall. This is meant not as a fling at Tammany Hall, but is a calm statement that in my judgment Tammany Hall has not outgrown the dislike and distrust of the country at large. A candidate from Tammany Hall, no matter how fit he may be personally, will serve only to impress the people

throughout the State and the Nation that the Democratic party and Tammany Hall are identical in the State of New York. The effect of this on the budding fortunes of the party will be disastrous. Practical politicians seldom realize that outside of the struggle in which they are engaged the people watch the fight and mark those engaged in it. Loyalty to the party should deter Tammany from choosing a Senator from its ranks. Undoubtedly Tammany has the power to elect a Senator. Undoubtedly Tammany should not do it. Self-denial at this time will benefit the party and Tammany itself. If it persists, it will gain a Senator, but at what a cost! Will Tammany be far sighted enough to place itself outside of the class described by Wordsworth:

"Because the good old rule  
Sufficeth them - the simple plan,  
That they should take who have the power,  
And they should keep who can?"

Yours very truly,



Hon. William J. Gaynor,  
Mayer of The City of New York.

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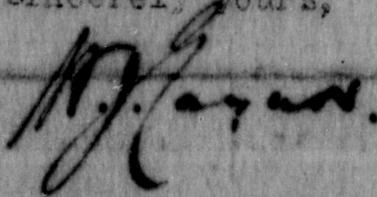
MAJOR OF THE

Jan. 18, 1911. g

Dear Mr. Miller:

I share your views about the  
Senatorship to the full, and have done  
[all I can to prevent what is now going  
on at Albany. The split they are mak-  
ing in the party will last, I fear.

Sincerely yours,



Hon. Cyrus C. Miller,  
President of the  
Borough of the Bronx.

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PERSONAL.

Jan. 18, 1911. k

Dear Governor Dix:

I would like to recommend to you Robert Ludlow Fowler of the New York Bar for appointment as Surrogate. He would have no desire to be nominated for the office at the end of the year, and would be very glad to have the distinction of filling it by your appointment in the interval. He is one of the finest men that I have ever met, and I hope you will ask him to see you before you do anything in the matter. He is more than a mere lawyer. He is a legal authority of distinction. His recent book on the descent and distribution of estates of deceased persons, namely, "Decedents Estate Law of New York", which has to do with the law of Surrogates' Courts, is now the standard treatise of this state. He is a gentleman and a scholar, and in every way fit to hold the office with distinction. I may add that he is a Democrat of the very best antecedents. He is a son-in-law of the late Mr. Groesbeck of Ohio, who was one of the counsel in the impeachment of Andrew Johnson, and long distinguished national figure.

I regret exceedingly to see what they are doing about the Senatorship. I did all that I could to prevent it, as I know you did also, but these people will have their way. We will not get over the division which they are causing for years.

Sincerely yours,

*W. J. Gaynor*  
M a y o r.

Hon. John A. Dix,  
Governor of the State of New York,  
Albany, N. Y.

Feb. 1, 1911. k

Dear Mr. Travis:

I have your letter about the  
Senatorship. I did all I could to pre-  
vent them from going into the matter as  
they did, and they see now the mistake  
they made. Whether I can do anything  
more to persuade them I do not know.

Sincerely yours,

*A. J. Hayes*  
Mayor.

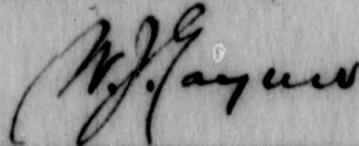
William T. Travis, Esq.,  
Department of Parks,  
Borough of Brooklyn.

Feb. 2, 1911. k

Dear Mr. Bainbridge:

Your letter of February 1st is at hand. I feel substantially the same as you do about the unfortunate contest going on at Albany. I did all that I could to prevent it. That our organizations should fail to be in accord with the best sentiments of our party is to be regretted. But that is true of the other party also. Nothing is left for us but to work away on the best lines and do what we can.

Sincerely yours,



Mayor.

R. W. Bainbridge, Esq.,  
2, Cumberland Street,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Feb. 7, 1911.

Dear Judge Gerard:

Mrs. Gaynor and myself accept with pleasure your invitation to the Mexico Society dinner, and I shall be willing to say two or three words unless my voice happens to be so vilely bad as it was last night, owing to the snowstorm.

Sincerely yours,

*M. J. Gaynor*

Hon. James W. Gerard,  
County Court House,  
Chambers Street, City.

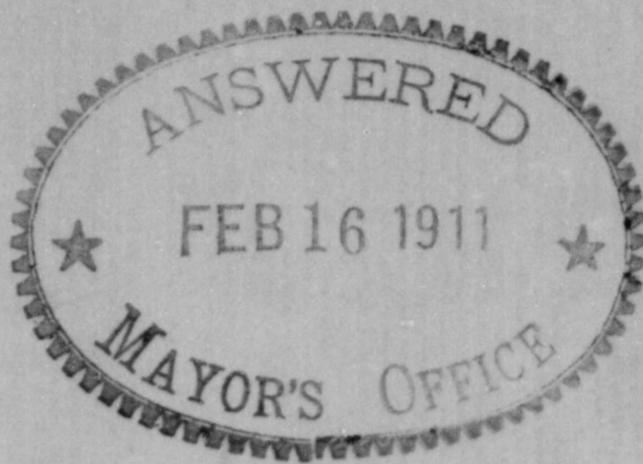
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P.S. Mr. Murphy saw me last Sunday, but the upshot of it all was that he is going to stick to Sheehan. But I have a notion that they may not stand up to the work much longer.



PINEHURST, N. C.

H. W. PRIEST, MGR.



Dear Mr. Mayor!

I am much improved, already, but the doctor urges that I should not return to my duties quite yet. I have been made to realize now, as I did not before I left, that I was really near to a breakdown, which might have been more than temporary in its effects. The chief trouble was a badly disordered stomach, which seemed to impair all normal functions. I have rapidly recuperated, however, and golf and walking and much sleep and complete relaxation have combined to make me feel like a different person in the ten days of my stay. My plan now is to return to New York the end of next week.

I have been much distressed



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that the deadlock should continue at Albany, though I realize that the situation is such that it must work itself out as best it may. Kernan, so far as I can understand, has more of the elements of availability than any who have been spoken of as possible for the place. Murphy must overestimate the importance of the senatorship, so far as the local organization is concerned, or he could not have been, from the first, so deaf to sense and reason. A petty departmental position in New York City would be, for the present at least, of greater material help. But how greatly would prestige have been enhanced by a display, for once, of real enlightenment, in the sending to the Senate of a man of the Kernan sort, of distinguished family,



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unquestioned character and position, ripe experience, ample means, against whom no one has ever said, or can ever say, a discrediting word.

I earnestly trust your own health is good, but I hope you will not give up the idea of going away for a vacation during the Spring. I understand better now than ever before, the physical and psychological benefits of a change.

With great respect, believe me,

Faithfully yours,

McCluskey R. Watson.

February 14th  
1911.

To Honorable W. J. Gaynor,  
Mayor.

*General*

Mar. 2, 1911. g

Dear Mr. Bak:

I have the appeal of your Alliance to the Governor, but I am not prepared to say that the caucus is not a good and reasonable method of selection of a Senator. The way of this world is when men cannot agree to get together and talk it over and take a vote, and, as a rule, abide by the majority judgment. Do you know any other way to get along in the affairs of men? That is what is being done all over this country, no better way having been devised unless a selection of a Senator by popular vote. I have not thought deeply into the matter, and may not be altogether right, but it seems to me that I am nearly right. We can invent fine phrases all we wish, but in the end we have to sit down like reasonable men and agree to something.

Sincerely yours,

*M. J. Ryan*

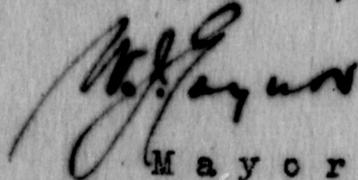
Richard Bak, Esq.,  
American Civic Alliance,  
507, Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

March 16th, 1911.

Dear Mr. Batten:

I am very glad to receive your letter. If a settlement is to be reached the candidate will be selected by the people here in New York City in authority, in the Democratic party. I understand that Mr. Sulzer stands high with them, and I assure you that he has always had my admiration and good will for his sturdy course.

Sincerely yours,

  
M a y o r .

Reverend L. W. Batten,  
232, East 11th Street,  
New York City.

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April 4th, 1911.

Dear Governor Dix:

I heard some one say that Mr. Battle was likely to be appointed Justice of the Supreme Court. If so I trust you will allow him first to get through with the Grand Jury which is investigating the Police Department. He is counsel to that Grand Jury.

I congratulate you on the outcome of the senatorship. Everyone now seems to see that the protracted controversy has resulted in a way beneficial to the party. These differences in parties very often stimulate the party and lead to good results.

Sincerely yours,

*W. J. Gaynor*  
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Hon. John A. Dix,  
Governor, State of New York,  
Albany, New York.

Apl. 5, 1911. k

Dear Mr. Kernan:

I should have been most glad over your selection as Senator, but Mr. Murphy insisted on having some one out of his organization here; and from his point of view he was largely justified. I do not need assurance from you that you are perfectly satisfied with the outcome. It is not those in office who do the most for the good of society, *as a*

Sincerely yours,

*W. J. ...*  
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John D. Kernan, Esq.,  
U t i c a,  
N. Y.

Apr. 24, 1911. m

Dear Mr. Fox:

Nothing would give me more satisfaction than to attend the dinner of the National Democratic Club in honor of Senator James A. O'Gorman, and to express my satisfaction there of his selection for the great place of Senator in Congress from the State of New York. The State has a fitting representative in him in the Senate, and we can all feel confident that in the great national questions which are to come up we shall find him on the right side; not an extremist, but one capable of progressing all the time without tearing everything up by the roots before he has something better to plant instead.

Sincerely yours,

*W. J. ...*  
Mayor.

John Fox, Esq.,  
President, etc.,  
617, Fifth Avenue, City.