

THE COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

NEW YORK, March 1 1895

Col. J. E. Hedges,
Secretary.

My Dear Sir
It is exceedingly disagreeable to me to appear to annoy his Honor, the Mayor, and I avoid, as far as possible, presenting myself at his Office when he is engaged with Office seekers. I therefore write to you, to keep you fully informed in regard to what I would request of the Mayor, and await a summons from you, to which I will respond at any hour.

The Fire Escape I pronounce absolutely unnecessary. I cleared the Chapel of all students on Monday morning, all moving at a slow gait, in one minute and fifteen seconds. There was no running, nor was there any haste, - I may say no rapid movement on the part of the boys.

The Rule for the College site will

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pass the Senate, and will be sent from there
in a few days. May I ask for an early
hearing, and, after 25 years of service as
President of the College, may I request that
his Honor will designate myself, the Presi-
dent of the College, to carry the Bill to my
personal friend, Governor Morton. I should
like to be the bearer of the good news, and to
make it evident to some of the rascals not
yet turned out, that the Mayor thinks better of
my conduct than they do.

Sincerely
S. J. Mamm

With sincere regard
Yours very truly

Alex. S. Webb



OFFICE OF

The Scottish-American,

NO. 33 ROSE STREET.

P. O. BOX 2995,

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New York, March 1st 1895.

Mayors Sir,

New York City:

Some time ago I made a complaint to the Board of Public Works regarding the arrangement and condition of Rose street, and the enclosed reply will explain to you what the people here have to contend with. It is much desirable that pedestrians doing business, and being employed, every day should have a proper sidewalk on the each side of the street.

and from Pearl Street to
Frankfort Street.

If your office has granted
permits to come persons to
place bridges over the gutters
they should be cancelled
as early as possible, and
the bridges removed. This
would keep horses and
wagons off the sidewalks
and thus give a proper
thoroughfare to the people.

With great respect, and
an earnest desire that you
will be able to cause this
matter to receive prompt
consideration. I am,

Yours respectfully
Chas. Stearns

M. Berardini,
BANKER,
34 Mulberry Street.

CABLE ADDRESS: BERARDINI.

New York March 1st. 1895.

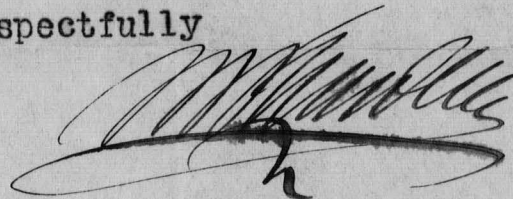
Honor. Mayor of the City of New York.
New York City.

Dear Sir:--

Your esteemed of the 20th. February last was duly received but with my greatest sorrow I am compelled to trouble you again about the same matter as there has not been done anything by the Fire and Health Department to which you have acknowledged you have referred my complaint.

You shall confer on me a very great favor by seeing that the above mentioned Department takes the necessary steps as to end the inconvenience as well as danger to which I am yet exposed.

Respectfully

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'M. Berardini', with a large, sweeping flourish underneath.

Samuel Wasserman.
Philip M. Goodhart.

TELEPHONE 1012 CORTLANDT.

Law Office

Samuel Wasserman,

Potter Building, 38 Park Row,

New York,

Uptown Office,
715 Tenth Avenue.

MAR. 1 , 1895.

Wf
William L. Strong, Esq.,

Mayor of The City of New York.

Dear Sir--.

After several ineffectual attempts to enlist the attention of the Board of Health to a public nuisance which has disturbed the peace and quiet of our neighborhood for the past six months, and continued so to do, I beg to lay the matter before you. Some six months ago, the Salvation Army installed itself in the premises No/ 107 East 92nd Street and its daily meetings have ever since been conducted in a most disorderly manner. The knowledge that the meetings were so conducted helped to attract crowds of a very low element from all quarters who are a menace to society. Such proportions has the noise and disorder assumed that a great many of the residents have been forced to vacate their premises . Notwithstanding the fact that the Board of Health and Police authorities have been notified they have failed to take any action.

I trust that you will find time to give this matter your attention.

Respectfully Yours,

Henry Meyers
110 E. 92nd St

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ASSOCIATE ALUMNI
OF THE
COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

COMMITTEE OF ALUMNI ON SITE.

A. G. COMPTON, '53, 17 Lexington Ave.
JOHN HARDY, '53, 265 Broadway.
JAMES R. STEERS, Jr., '53, 55 Liberty St.
CHARLES L. HOLT, '53, 139 Maiden Lane.
EVERETT P. WHEELER, '56, 45 William St.
ADOLPH WERNER, '57, 17 Lexington Ave.
ALEX. P. KETCHUM, '58, Cotton Ex. Bldg.
FREDK. J. de PEYSTER, '60, 7 East 42d St.

WILLIAM H. KENYON, '76, 38 Park Row.

HERBERT G. TORREY, '60, 32 Wall St.
JOSEPH S. WOOD, '61, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.
EDWARD H. BOWYER, '62, 79th St. & 10th Ave
EDWARD LAUTERBACH, '64, 22 William St.
R. R. BOWKER, '68, Elm & Pearl Sts.
G. H. CRAWFORD, '68, 229 Broadway.
WM. G. MCGUCKIN, '69, 17 Lexington Ave.
REV. HENRY MOTTET, '69, 47 West 20th St.

WM. M. K. OLCOTT, '81, 4 Warren St.

E. M. SHEPARD, '69, 111 Broadway.
M. H. CARDOZO, '70, 120 Broadway.
J. HAMPDEN DOUGHERTY, '71, 7 Nassau St.
CHARLES E. LYDECKER, '71, 120 Broadway.
SAMSON LACHMAN, '74, 154 Nassau St.
RICHARD L. SWEEZY, '74, 31 Nassau St.
JAMES C. MCCREERY, '75, 805 Broadway.
WILLIAM B. TUTHILL, '75, 287 Fourth Ave.

NEW YORK, MARCH 1st, 1895.

My Dear Mr. Hedges:-

The Bill to provide for the acquisition of a new site and buildings for the College of the City of New York has passed the Senate and gone to the Governor, I presume, today.

As under the law, this bill will come to the Mayor for the purpose of a hearing, and as I am not informed concerning the time given in announcing a hearing, I will esteem it a very great favor if you will let me know as soon as the bill is received by the Mayor from the Governor.

This bill passed both Houses of the Legislature last year, unanimously. It is, I think, an exceptionally popular measure because this is the people's college and the fifteen to twenty thousand persons who have been educated there, now represent the principal interests in the City of New York. It is the only free college and is a powerful supplement and capstone of the Public School system.

The bill was approved by the Board of Education and we believe that the Mayor will find it proper to send it back

with his approval at the earliest moment.

JOE B. HEDGES, Esq.

Sec'y. etc.

Very truly yours,

Charles E. Lydecker
Chr. Sec. Com.

New York Mch 1/95

To the Mayor of City of New York

Dear Sir:

In behalf of the
Members of the Old Volunteer Depart-
ment. they wish me to write to you
in relation to the protection of the Benev-
olent Fund, which probably you have
heard. that the New Paid Department
are trying to get ^{the} 2 per cent Tax which
~~was~~ & has been for years donated to the
Widows & Orphans of the Old Volunteer
Fire Department. A meeting has
been called for to meet on Monday Ev-

Week 4th at 8 P.M. to be held at
Nortons Building 110 E. 125th The members
would be please to hear from you. Your
views on the Subject. "

Hoping a Reply I
remain Yours. a

Wm H. Rayma Secy.
207. E. 118th

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DAVID M. MORRISON, President.

CHARLES F. CLARK, Vice President.

WM. LUMMIS, 2nd Vice President.

FRANCIS H. PAGE, Secretary.

M. S. LOTT, Asst. Secretary.

The Washington Trust Company
OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

No. 280 Broadway

CAPITAL \$ 500,000.

SURPLUS \$ 350,000.

New York, March 1st 1895

Hon. Ashbel P. Fitch
— Comptroller —

Dear Sir

Referring to a conversation I had with you a short time ago, in relation to the old issues of N. York city bonds or stocks, I want to say to you, that I have just been offered, by a broker, \$150,000 — N.Y. city stock, old issue, at an abnormally low price.

A bill passed by the Legislature making all N.Y. city issues payable in gold, as you suggested, would be very grateful to institutions & individuals

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The Washington Trust Company

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New York,

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CAPITAL \$ 500,000.

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Holding the old issues.

This Company holds five hundred thousand dollars worth of these bonds, & while we do not desire to sell them, as it is mandatory that we should hold such bonds in Federal account, we report them always in our statements to the Banking Dept. at their market value.

Hence it is important that our securities should continue to command fair prices in the market.

In conclusion allow me to congratulate you upon the success of your gold loan; an object known to Congress, but, alas, not heeded.

Yours sincerely
David M. Morrison.



SUPERVISORY BOARD.
DANIEL P. HAYS, CHAIRMAN.
LEMUEL SKIDMORE,
LEE PHILLIPS,
SECRETARY AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

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NEW YORK CITY CIVIL SERVICE BOARDS.
NEW CRIMINAL COURT BUILDING.

NEW YORK, March 1st 1895

Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor.

Dear Sir,
I hereby tender you my
resignation as Chief Clerk of the
New York City Civil Service Boards,
to take effect from this date.

Yours Respectfully
Michael F. Fitzpatrick

Evan Thomas.

Welshed B. Thomas.

Evan Thomas & Co.
426 New York Produce Exchange.

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Hon. W. L. Strong

New York, March 1, 1895. 18

Mayor.

My dear Sir:-

The ladies of the Normal College wish an appointment with you to have a talk in regard to their affairs.

They are a little scared as to having to say their say before a crowd, and if you can so fix the time and place with this end in view, you will mighty please them, and also with high regards,

Yours truly

Evan Thomas

E. D. NEUSTADT.
OTTO NEUSTADT.



New York, March 1st 1895

Hon. W. L. Strong.
Mayor.

Hon. Sir. The Ladies of the Alumnae Association of the Normal College desire an interview with you, in relation to the appointment of Women Commissioners on the Board of Education but find it very difficult to properly address you in the presence of a large number of men, and they have therefore asked me to request that you grant them a special or private interview of a few moments, either on Saturday or some afternoon next week, entirely agreeable to you.

As one who is deeply interested in the matter of our School system, I would respectfully request that you grant these Ladies such a private interview and wish highest esteem remain

Yours Very Respectfully
Otto Neustadt.

No hurry about this -
Read at your leisure -

St. Andrew's Church
RECTOR'S OFFICE:
2067 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK.

Mich 1 '95

My dear W. Mayor.

I want to tell you how
Entirely satisfied I am with
Everything you have said and
done since you have become
our honored Mayor. The en-
closed gives my sentiments
on the Sunday Closing question.
Since I am the "Anglicanus"
who signs.

Stick to your guns
and be obstinate in your adher-
ence to the principles on which
you canvassed was conducted,
and your election secured.

I am and always have
been a black republican, and
really black republican looks
honor more than any party
success. Never fear! our party
success will come if we stand

boldly for the right.

Sir,

Dear Mayor Strong,

Cordially Yours

Geo R Van de Water

Hon. Wm L Strong.

Mayor of New York

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Uniontown,
Fayette Co. Penna.,
March 1-1895.

It is difficult to know
just how to address a man
in your honorable, responsible
and vexatious position.

You can hardly be aware
of the extreme interest
which all lovers of good,
honest municipal govern-
ment felt in your success
in election to the mayoralty
of the metropolis of our
beloved land. The interest
was universal, that New-
York city and state should
have good, honest business

heads, with² power to direct
and enforce good government,
because the city was looked
upon as the example and
cynosure of all other city
governments in our Country.
And as it was well ad-
ministered, so other cities
would, in emulation,
follow in its direction.
It was a most marvellous
revolution to overturn the
hydra-headed leviathan-
Gammag. (one time an hon-
orable association). It is
hoped and prayed that
your physical health may

in conjunction with your
vigorous and upright in-
tellect ~~will~~ give such
an example of good city
rule as will cast enduring
lustre on your good name
and the generation to follow.

You doubtless have in Gov
Morton an able and sincere
honest coadjutor. Thousands
of his fellow-citizens rejoiced
when he was chosen chief
magistrate of the Empire State,
who never saw him or had
any knowledge of his person-
ality - there are a few salient
points to come out in men's lives
which cement the esteem

of their fellow ⁴citizens, and
thus it was in regard to
you and Gov Morton.
Now, if in a moment of
leisure and curiosity you
look at a map of Pennsyl-
vania, away down in the
Southwest corner you will
find Fayette Co. Uniontown
is County seat. where the
writer has lived 60 years.
That is all necessary to say
of the writer. Though there
are a few acquaintances
in your city. Agreeable
business relations for years
with Lyles & Polhams.

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(most excellent gentlemen) at
120 Front St. Schieffelin Bros
McKesson + Robbins, on
Fulton St. 91 + 93. I think.
Also John J. Stevenson, a
Ph. D. occupying a chair
in the College of New York,
apologising for infringing
on your good nature.

I remain Your well
wisher and firm
friend.

Wm. Campbell
To his honor
Mayor Wm. L. Strong -
New York City.

New York March 1/95

Hon. Wm. L. Strong.

Mayor New York City.

I hereby tender you my
resignation as Dealer of Weights and
Measures, for the First District.

Yours Respectfully

John E. Lynch

194 E. Street.

Has 18 Books.

John C. Lynch

Resigns as Sealer

1st District

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District Court in the City of New York
FOR THE
Fourth Judicial District.
Cor. Second Avenue and First St.

George F. Roesch, Justice.
Julius Harburger, Clerk.

March 1st.,

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To

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that I have this day appointed,
JOHN E. LYNCH, as Clerk of the District Court in the City of New
York, for the Fourth Judicial District, in the place and stead of
Julius Harburger, resigned, such appointment to take effect to-day.

M. F. Roesch

Justice of the District Court in

the City of New York for the Fourth

Judicial District.

HOW IS THIS, MR. DALY?

Residents Complain of the State of the Pavements at Eighth Avenue and Forty-Second Street.

Complaints have come from people in the neighborhood of Forty-second street and Eighth avenue concerning the condition of the asphalt pavement at that point.

A cursory glance is sufficient to show any one interested to that extent that the complaints are not without foundation.

At the intersection of Forty-second street and Eighth avenue the asphalt on both sides of the cross street is more or less filled with holes and ruts.

One opening near the southwest corner is fully six feet long by three feet in width. It is flanked by half a dozen openings somewhat smaller in comparison, but still large enough to be evident even to the passerby.

People living in the neighborhood say that the Department of Public Works has been appealed to in vain concerning the matter.

Telegram Dec 24/94

DEEP HOLES IN EIGHTH AVENUE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD:—

Much has been said about the condition of the streets. Perhaps in some places much has been done to improve their condition. I wish to call the HERALD's attention to Eighth avenue. There are holes or sunken places six inches deep in Eighth avenue, between Forty-fifth street and Fifty-eighth street. When your carriage wheel goes into these holes you feel as though you had driven into a country well. To the bicyclist it is a source of constant danger. This condition of the avenue has lasted for two years, and is daily growing worse, and if the avenue is not closed shortly or the pits filled up the city may have a few bills to pay. E. C. C.

Herald March 1/95

Eighth Avenue Should Be Repaved.

Comptroller Fitch yesterday sent a letter to Commissioner of Public Works Brookfield, calling his attention to the asphalt pavement on 8th avenue between 13th street and 59th street. The residents along the avenue and drivers and bicyclists have for several years been protesting against the wretched condition of the pavement. It is full of holes and ruts. The contractors that laid it have failed to keep it in repair as the law requires. The Comptroller suggests that the whole avenue be relaid with an asphalt pavement instead of the piecemeal repairs now in progress.

Mercury March 2/95

BAD PAVING IN EIGHTH AVENUE.

Might Prove a Profitable Field for Inquiry by the Lexow Committee.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD:—

Eighth avenue is in a terrible state, being full of holes. This poultice pavement is a monument to the badness of Tammany Hall. Before election the daily press complained of the bad state of this street, and some of the larger holes were closed up. Now it is just as bad as ever, and the winter is coming on. This street is the outlet for all the heavy trucking on the west side, and it is too bad that it is not paved with a block stone pavement. It is one of the biggest swindles of the present gang who are in office, and the Lexow committee should take hold of it and find out who the swindlers are that are responsible for it and hang them tried.

The present Mayor must know something about it; if he does, he should be placed on trial and convicted. I hope that your great paper will take hold of this matter and do what you can for the taxpayers on the west side.

WILLIAM J. OLIVER.

Herald Dec 13/94

Mayor Tong 76

for

8th av

*is in a bad state
wants to be repaved
The Police Parson
Should be removed
and a Block stone*

*put in its place
see what the press
says about it.
Yours H. W. J. Oliver*

8 av

36, West Eleventh St.
New York March 2nd 1895.

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

Sir: Cannot you,
for the health and comfort of
the residents of this City, remove
the extravagant and in-
competent Street Commissioners
and replace the late most
competent and comparatively
economical Mr. Andrews -
Mr. A. - gave clean streets
and perfect satisfaction to
all non-partisan citizens.
I have lived in my
house in Eleventh St. between
5th & 6th Avenues for over

thirty nine years, and I
do not remember ever having
seen the Street in such
a filthy condition, no
cleaning having been
attempted for weeks.

The "new broom" not
only doesn't sweep clean,
but it doesn't sweep at all!

Wall St. opposite my
Office. No. 88. is equally
filthy -

With assurances of esteem,
I have the honor to

remain

your's respectfully
J. Leutlithow.

New York Mch 2/95

Mayor W. L. Strong Esq
Dear Sir!

At the last regular meeting
of the South-Harlem Republ.
Club of the 7th Elect dist
of the 26th Assembly dist
the following Resolutions
were adopted. That we
the members of the above
Organization do indorse
Mayor Strong for his appoi-
ntment of Mr W. Brookfield
as Commissioner of Public-
Works, and also approves
of Gen. C. H. T. Collis as
Deputy-Commissioner

Jas. Roberts
Chairman

J. J. Weiss - Secy

STATE OF NEW YORK.

ASSEMBLY CHAMBER.



ALBANY,

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Rochester, March 2nd, 1895

Hon. William *L* Strong,

Mayor,

New York City.

Dear Sir:-

There will be a further hearing
on Assembly Bill, No. 169, introduced by *Mr* Lawson
and known as the Police Justice's Bill, on
Tuesday, March 5th, 1895, at 3:00 P. M. before
the Committee on Affairs of Cities of the Assembly, a hearing having been desired by Mr.
Aldridge T. Geary of New York City.

Yours, &c.,

James M. E. O'Grady,

N. B.

E. K. ALBURTIS,
1157 BROADWAY,

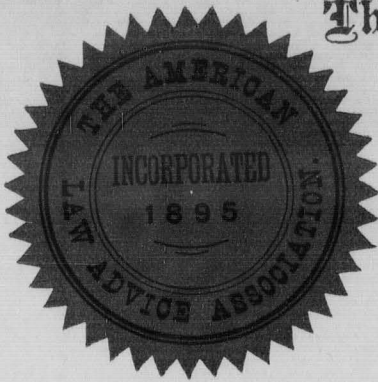
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NEW YORK,

March 21 1895

Hon William L Strong
Mayor City of New York
Dear Sir

Your esteemed favor of
15 July granting an interview at my
request on Rapid Transit any day between
2 & 3 P.M. was received in due time
and I am greatly obliged by your
courtesy. Noticing by the papers however
of the enormous pressure upon you and
withal your having been unwell I have
thought it not proper consideration that
I should delay my visit until your
endurance is not so heavily taxed, par-
ticularly as the postponement will not
be harmful. I shall watch the papers and
when I see the pressure on you is relaxing
I will embrace the opportunity to call.
Permit me to congratulate you ^{on the}
able and satisfactory manner you have
been administering the trust confided to
you by the people of the City I remain
with much esteem Very respectfully yours

E. K. Alburts



The American Law Advice Association,

Incorporated.

Nos. 256 and 257 Broadway,

WAUHOPE LYNN, President.
HENRY W. UNGER, Treasurer
WILLIAM W. VAUGHAN, Secretary.

New York, March 2nd 1895

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayer.

Dear Sir :-

We beg to herewith enclose Prospectus of The American Law Advice Association.

Our experience has shown that leading public officials are frequently questioned regarding legal matters which have no relation to their official duties. These inquiries are more frequently made by poor and deserving people who cannot afford to engage counsel.

We feel that by referring such inquirers to our Association you will be subserving a useful public purpose, and at the same time relieve yourself of perplexing and unofficial work.

I am,

Respectfully Yours, &c.

Wm W. Vaughan
Secretary

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We make no distinction as to the character or importance of the questions involved. All we require is a clear and concise written statement of the facts in a case.

We do not devote any time to oral consultations; under our system, we cannot have personal interviews with clients: our work is exclusively done by correspondence. While this enables us to give the opinions at a low charge, it also saves time and expense to our patrons.

It is a well known fact, that lawyers' fees and compensation are mainly dependent on litigation: this Association will not undertake to conduct any litigation whatsoever and can have no object in encouraging it. We will furnish advice based upon the latest and most valued decisions and authorities, regardless of its effect upon client's case. Nor do we enter into competition or conflict with the practicing lawyer: on the contrary, we feel our Association in advising people of their legal rights and standing, will enlarge the field of legitimate practice.

Our opinions are not given by word of mouth, which may confuse a client, or which he is likely to forget the next day. They are in writing, over our corporate seal, and are guaranteed to the public as being furnished by Counsel of standing and ability.

We call the especial attention of the public to the more common law questions which daily arise in the affairs of every one, wills, wages, contracts, landlord and tenant disputes, board of health and other municipal and excise regulations, city ordinances and their violations, debtors and creditors, marriage and divorce, real estate transfers, etc., life and fire insurance, corporation and stockholder's laws, savings banks, mechanic's liens, negligence cases, patent, pension and income tax laws and all other legal subjects.

We guarantee to our correspondents absolute privacy, and to treat all communications as confidential.

The fee for each opinion on a question of law is Two Dollars, which must be paid in advance and enclosed with the statement of facts upon which advice is sought. If the facts are so presented as to make it impracticable to furnish an opinion the money will be refunded or further information asked for.



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Department of Public Charities and Correction.
NEW YORK CITY ASYLUM FOR THE INSANE,
WARD'S ISLAND, NEW YORK CITY.

W. A. MACY, M. D.,
Medical Superintendent.

REFERENCE NO.—

2nd., March, 1895.

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Hon. H. H. Porter,
President, &c.

Dear Sir:—

Replying to the letter of inquiry of your Board, regarding a former letter of Mr. B. Goodwin, and enclosing a letter of Mr. Goodwin's addressed to His Honor, the Mayor of New York City, I would respectfully state that the letter Mr. Goodwin refers to, was not received at this Asylum.

Concerning the condition of Mr. Christopher Scanlon, I would report that he has improved mentally and physically since his admission, but he is not as yet in a condition to be cared for outside of an Asylum.

A letter has been sent to Mr. Goodwin informing him as to Mr. Scanlon's condition.

Respectfully,

W. A. Macy
Medical Superintendent.

Respectfully forwarded,

A. R. M. [Signature]
General Superintendent.

One enclosure.

ACTUARIAL DEPARTMENT.

The Prudential Insurance Company.
OF AMERICA.

Newark, N.J. March 2 1895

In re

Nm

Mr. C. Strong Mayor
New York City

Dear Sir:

According to the Public Press, you are reported to favor the taking of a census of the city by the Police force. In a former letter I stated some of my reasons against this method but could not go into the details as I would have been glad to for want of time. I will say, however, that the last Police Census is the laughing stock of those who are qualified to judge, is not made use of by those who constantly use population statistics and that to report the Criminal Blunders of 1890 would be an imposition on the public as well as on those who are in need of accurate figures. To report the Blunders of 1890 would be criminal because the public is deceived as to the real condition of affairs as regards the health of the city for instance. I stated some of the causes made in the part of the B of H. in my last letter, I cannot fill pages with statements of the same sort. A census is needed for the city but no Police Census which would be of absolutely no value.

The Prudential Insurance Company.

OF AMERICA.

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In re

Newark, N.J.

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There are a few who are qualified to speak on the matter -
 Carroll D Wright, Frank Walker, Horace Bradley (Chief Mass
 Labor Bureau) are probably the only three men, ^{in the country} able to
 speak with authority. It is wrong to mislead the public
 with another Police Census, it is criminal to do so in
 view of the consequent enormous death rate (not to speak of other
 phases of the subject) and the opportunity for taking an
 accurate census should not thus be wasted. Census
 taking is no child's work, it is not an everyday matter and of
 all the officials in N.Y. city, the men least qualified
 in the Police Bureau. Will you therefore do me the
 kindness and have me informed if the report is true that
 a census is to be taken by the Police in 20 on that date.

Very truly yours

E. C. Hoffman

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STRUCTURAL IRON SETTERS

PROTECTIVE AND BENEVOLENT UNION OF THE U. S. A.

❧ SUPREME LODGE. ❧

Organized June 1, 1892.

Incorporated Aug. 10, 1892.

New York, March 2nd 1895

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

Dear Sir.

at the regular weekly meeting of this Lodge last night I was instructed to request Your Honor to cause an early and rigorous investigation into the causes which led to the collapse of the new buildings which were in course of erection in Orchard St yesterday; which caused the loss of five human lives already. I am also instructed to request that the investigation be made and conducted by Mechanics who are not connected with the Department of Buildings; nor Employers in the Building Trade; but by journeymen of the different trades (viz) Masons: Carpenters: & Ironworkers: they being really the only erecting building Constructors we most earnestly request You to do this; as if it is left to the Building Department nothing more will ever heard of or about it: I am further instructed to call Your attention to the fact that on the 11th of last October sent in to Mayor Gilroy a similar request containing a complaint and considerable evidence in relation to the Monroe St disaster, and while my letter was referred to the Department of Buildings for attention and report nothing was

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ever heard from it ever since; we sincerely hope that You will cause that complaint and report if there was any report to be submitted to You for inspection inasmuch as there has never been published any report from the Department of Buildings showing who was to blame for that Horror; and we believe that You will not let this new case to be a whitewashing affair by the Officials of that apparently corrupt and ill cared for Department; we also hope that You will notify the Police Department to admit to the ruins for the purpose of investigation such representatives of building trade Unions herinbefore mentioned who will show proper Credentials from their respective Unions: hoping this will meet with Your approval we are with very best wishes respectfully Yours

The Structural Iron Setters Union

Edward J. Murray Corresponding Secretary
206, East, 20th St. N.Y. City.

REPLY TO THE DRIVERS AND HOSTLER

Colonel Waring yesterday gave out a copy of a letter which he wrote on Thursday afternoon. Michael Kennedy, chairman of the General Executive Board of the Drivers' and Hostlers' Union of the Department of Street Cleaning. The letter deals with the demands of the organization in this fashion:

Sir: I have your communication of February 1 with a "tabulated statement of complaints of our members in the department," as follows:

First, that your members hold that the annual wages of \$720 a year is for 313 days' work, and that you are entitled to extra compensation for Sunday; also, that instead of receiving \$2 30 a day, you are paid only \$1 97 a day.

Also, that whenever a driver or a hostler does not report for duty on Saturday, he loses pay for that day and for Sunday.

You ask that in addition to the annual wages of \$720, you receive \$2 30 a day for Sunday work. This would make your total yearly wages \$839 50.

Answer: I cannot see my way clear to make any effort looking to the payment of such wages to men who take care of horses and drive ash carts. I think that the payment of such wages is a distinct injury to the workmen of this city. I can get 5,000 men, averaging as good as the drivers of this department, who would be only too glad to get a life position, with a fair prospect for a pension for old age, with steady work and assured pay, for \$45 per month. In my judgment, the old wages of \$50 per month—\$600 per year—was not only ample, but, under all the circumstances, bountiful.

For \$839,600 the city, under the present arrangement, would get the services of 1,000 men. These men would be overpaid for the class of work in which they are engaged, and this overpayment would be an injustice to the taxpayers, including poor men, the cost of whose living is increased by reason of taxes. The same money, at \$600, would give the city the services of 1,400 men, and would give a life position and support to 1,400 worthy citizens. I must say that my sympathy lies on the side of the public and the 1,400 rather than on the side of the 1,000.

Second—You ask my assistance in collecting Sunday pay during the term of my predecessor.

Answer—Except in cases of absolute business importance I can give no attention to what took place during the term of my predecessor. In so far as it may become my duty to assist you in the collection of these claims I shall do so. I shall volunteer no such assistance.

Third—You ask that when a member is dismissed there should be "a hearing in all cases where there is any doubt or a good defence can be presented, with the right to face our accusers."

Answer—I am in full sympathy with this request and, while I cannot delay dismissal when the occasion for it arises, I shall be only too glad to restore to the service any man who has been unjustly dismissed.

Fourth—You ask that the "irresponsible spies employed by the ex-Commissioner be done away with," as you do not wish to be held accountable to any one except your direct and immediate superiors.

Answer—Unfortunately, there are many men among the drivers of ash carts in this department who cannot be trusted to do their duty, to keep out of liquor-saloons, to take proper care of their horses. There is no way in which a tolerable control can be held over such men except by the spy system, and I propose to extend this very largely.

Fifth—You ask that notice be given you of the entering of the next judgment for the increase of wages.

Answer—I hope that the next judgment will be paid on Wednesday next.

Sixth—You ask that I stamp out "the merciless system of blackmail which is practised upon the employes by superiors. The smallest aid to a proper performance of our duties has often to be paid for dearly."

Answer—I assure you that I shall do this in the most relentless manner, remitting no effort to rid the service of every officer who has been guilty of the crime indicated.

Seventh—This relates to a loss of wages, due to an improper computation of the daily rate.

In answer to this, I refer you to my answer to the first complaint.

Eighth—You ask that I continue the rule of giving every driver the same horse, cart and harness, and a fixed route.

As at present advised, I am inclined to the opinion that this rule is a good one and should be adhered to.

March 2, 1895.

HONORABLE WILLIAM L. STRONG, Mayor,

City Hall, New York.

Dear Sir:-

In accordance with your request on our Committee which had the honor to wait upon you yesterday, we beg leave to state that the Resolutions sent by the Drivers' and Hostlers' Union to Col. George Waring, Jr., Commissioner of the Department of Street Cleaning, and to Charles K. Moore, Esq., Deputy Commissioner of the Department, as far as we can remember were in substance as follows:

The Resolutions congratulated both gentlemen on their appointment as heads of the Department of Street Cleaning, and extended to them the best wishes of the Drivers' and Hostlers' Union for the success of their administration and the approval of the public.

They also pledged to them the best efforts of the Members of the organization in aiding the Commissioners in every way and in thoroughly cleaning the City and collecting and disposing of its refuse. They further appreciated the changes in the personnel of the Department, and showed how the men were enabled to perform their proper duties without unjust espionage and unnecessary interference. We also expressed the hope that as long as the pres-

ent rules of fairness and patience were observed there would never be any differences between the men and their superiors.

The original copy of the Resolutions is on file in the Commissioners Office.

On February 1st, we forwarded to the Commissioner a tabulated statement of the grievances of the organized men in the Department which the Commissioner had asked us to send him. The Commissioner replied to our grievance, his answer being printed in full in the Tribune, a clipping of which is enclosed.

In his answer the Commissioner admitted that in several instances we had just cause for complaint, and promised to remedy them. Since then, however, he has issued orders which are contrary to his promises. He has also issued new orders, some of which cannot possibly be lived up to, as our Committee explained to your Honor. The Commissioner has dismissed, without a hearing, a number of our active members, especially some of those elected to serve the organization.

We submit the above for your kind consideration, and hope that you will see that justice is done.

We remain,

Very respectfully,

ANDREW J. LUSK,
CHARLES MEYERS,
JAMES FLYNN,
PATRICK J. MC NULTY.

PATRICK J. MC NULTY,
Secretary of the Committee,
No. 538 East 14th St.

DU BOIS MANUFACTURING CO.

245 NINTH AVENUE,

Copy.

New York, Feb. 23, 1895. 18

The Hon. Judson Lawson,
Albany, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I enclose you a clipping from the Record & Guide of this City, relating to Colonial Park.

I have noticed some controversy in the papers in connection with your name which seemed to question if the adjoining residents really wanted that Park. For fear you may not have all the facts on the property owner's side of this matter, I will take the liberty of stating, for your information, that I have resided on Washington Heights for thirteen years, and for the last ten years quite a number of the largest property owners and tax payers in that vicinity have been strenuously advocating the propriety of converting that rough, rocky and wooded hillside into a rustic park for picnic purposes, where the poor could go with their children and dinner baskets and romp all day in the wild woods, free from the restraints required in Central Park. Ever since I have lived on the Heights the strip of woods below High Bridge has been thronged with such people on all fair days in warm weather. That lead my neighbours and myself to the idea of establishing Colonial Park, and we gradually drew up a petition and had it signed by all the property owners around that locality, each signer placing the tax valuation of his property opposite his name, and it aggregated nearly Three Million Dollars. We presented this petition to the Board of Street Opening and also urged it on the Park Commissioners, but it was treated with indifference and came to nothing, and we were discouraged. Not long after the petition was rejected the old Faye Estate was divided by a partition sale, and it was understood Richard Croker bought 8 of the lots with 100 feet fronting on that Park Site. Then there was a bill introduced in the next legislature, which on inquiry was understood to be "Croker's bill", which became a law in due time, and it accomplished just what we had been years trying in vain to do. We have congratulated each other since, that Tammany actually did one job the tax payers really wanted.

In regard to the treatment of this Park, our idea has been that there should not be much money expended on it, but leave it in its wild romantic condition as far as possible, planting it full of forest trees and work a few paths for convenience, and build a few rustic shelters that would protect the people from Summer showers. The section of land on the low ground adjoining this Park on the East is destined to be filled with tenement houses in the near future, and this Park will be just in line with the general idea of small parks for the tenement population.

We feel that we can trust to your influence to help us prevent that Park act being repealed.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) F. N. Du Bois

DU BOIS MANUFACTURING CO.

245 NINTH AVENUE,

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New York, March 4, 1895. 189

Hon. Wm. F. Strong,

Mayer New York City. 2

Dear Sir:

I wrote our Assemblyman Judson Lawson in reference to the matter of Colonial Park, and he writes me that the matter had been referred to you, hence, I herewith enclose copy of my letter to him, which explains itself.

I would refer you to my friend and neighbour Mr. William A. Wheelock for further information regarding the character of citizens in that vicinity.

Yours respectfully,

F. N. DuBois

New York. March 4th 1895

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

Dear Sir

I have been directed that at a Meeting of the Business Men's organization 8th Assembly District that the Resolution pass by our Executive Committee short time ago highly Commending you honor for you just appointments thus far made of men who will give this City a business like administration from the hands of Corrupt politicians in the different Departments of our City Government. Was this Evening approved by a Standing Vote of this organization

Very Truly

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William A. Mass
President

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TWENTY SIXTH STREET AND ELEVENTH AVENUE.

3-4-95

Mr J. E. Hedges Secy

My dear Sir

In reply to your
favor of 2nd inst. I regret
that neither time nor
health will permit me
to accept such an important
position as the one named.

Please thank the Mayor for
thinking of me very truly
John C. Russell

✓
108 W. 4th St -

March 4 - 95 -

To Wagon Store

Reading that you have
refused to allow Supt. of
Building Dept. Mr. Brady
to retain his position. I
want to say "Amens" to that.

I have in my possession
a sample of so-called montan-
little more than sand - which
I took to him some time
since that he might see for
himself what was used in a
building near me. which he
rolled in his hand and declared
was "very fine montan" exceedingly
fat. "better than ordinary" - and
as a proof of his statement
said "you see it leaves a trace
of lime on my hand"

Perhaps the montan

used in stone buildings that
fell last week might have
left a trace of him on
his hands

Very truly

(Miss) M. W. Warren -

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LEAGUE OF LOYAL CITIZENS,

44 COURT STREET,

OFFICERS.

WILLIAM C. REDFIELD,
President.

ALFRED F. BRITTON,
D. G. HARRIMAN,
Vice-Presidents.

A. A. LOW, Treasurer.

EDWARD BARR, Secretary.

TELEPHONE CALL,
BROOKLYN 1570.

BROOKLYN, March 4th 1895.

Hon. William L. Strong

attorney of New York

My dear Sir

At a meeting of our Executive Committee held Saturday March 2nd, a committee of three was appointed to have a conference with your Honor on the "Greater New York Bill" will you kindly let me know at what time it would best suit your convenience to receive us. The Committee consists of

Mr. C. C. Skilton Chairman

" Jesse Fuller Chairman Kings Co. Republican Committee

And your humble servant

Edward Barr
Secy

Any time
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U. S. GOVERNMENT CONTRACTOR.

J. L. ST. JOHN,
301 BROADWAY,
NEW YORK.

P. O. BOX 2755.

March 4th, 1895.

Hon. W. L. Strong, Mayor,

Dear Sir:-

Respecting "City Record Dept." about which I have written you, I have further valuable information and would appreciate the favor of a short conference. I have refrained from calling fearing to trouble you.

Four bids only were offered March 1/95. A hundred or more would have resulted had the competition been open.

I am aware of the power the City retains to reject all bids not considered to be to its interests, but surely the head of the department should be competent a practicable buyer, non-political and one working solely for the interest of the City.

Take one item - Rope Manilla Paper. City has paid 9¢ per lb. The West Jersey Manufacturing Co. supplies it to the government direct at 6 1/2¢ per lb.

The close friendship existing between the present supervisor, ex-Mayor Grant, Gilroy and Corporation Council Clark left this office to do in all things as it saw fit, and could best serve the Tammany Combine.

Hoping to be favored with a reply,

Yours very truly,

J. L. St. John

Send order.

229 WEST 34TH STREET.

Mayor Thong
Hae Sir;—

I took the liberty of
writing you several
days ago in regard
to a policeman
to be stationed at
34 Street & Broadway—
I hear to day that
there is one there,
and if it is
owing to my sug-

- question I want to prompt attention
Thank you. to my letter
The women have I am
spoken to me of it. Yours very truly
to day, and of what Eleanor V. Hutton
a comfort it has
to them. There is it
seems to me, hardly
a more dangerous
crossing in New
York City.
Thanking you
Again for you

Mrs Laurence Hutton
229 W. 34 Street
March 4/95.

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229 WEST 34TH STREET.

Mayor Thong;

Dear Sir —

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Mr Hutton has lived
in West 34th Street for
over forty years -
during that time there
has never been a
policeman at the
Crossing where Brooding
& 6th Ave Cross, and
where now there
are, counting the

checked, ten (10)
Times of Cars. It is
one of the very
worst and most
dangerous crossings
in the City - I
note two years ago,
and a policeman
has stationed there
for a few days
only, and twenty

Years ago Mr Sutton's Mother
also had a policeman there
for a while — It is a
much frequented spot,
and several bad accidents
have already happened
there to my knowledge —

It seems to me that it is
imperative that there should
be some one stationed there
to help women and children
across the Street.

Yours very truly
Eleanor V. Hutton

Mrs Laurence Hutton - 229 W. 34th St

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G. B. SHEPPARD, SECRETARY,
10 Wall Street.

OF THE

WEST END ASSOCIATION,

No. 167 West 81st Street.

CHAIRMAN OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

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TAXATION:

Hon. GEORGE F. LANGBEIN, 315 West 89th St.

HOUSE COMMITTEE :

JAS. V. D. CARD, 248 West 73rd St.

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted by the West End Association at its meeting held in the City of New York on Monday, March 4th, 1895:

WHEREAS, The Third Avenue Railroad Company has presented a petition to the Common Council of the City of New York, for its consent to the construction and operation of a street surface railroad through, upon and along the Boulevard and the Kingsbridge Road from 125th Street northerly to the City Line; and

WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Street Railway Company has likewise presented its application to the Common Council of the City of New York, for its consent to the construction of a street surface railroad from a connection with the said Company's railroad in 116th Street through, upon and along Manhattan Avenue, St. Nicholas Avenue and the Kingsbridge Road, northerly to the City Line, with a branch or extension along the Boulevard from 170th Street to 125th Street, with a connection with the Amsterdam Avenue road at 125th Street, and likewise with an extension in 145th Street between the Boulevard and the East River; and

WHEREAS, The said Third Avenue Railroad Company does not own any railroad in the City of New York west of Central Park, and is without any means of furnishing transportation to persons who desire to reach the lower portions of the city through its westerly section; and

WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Street Railway Company has agreed to transport passengers from any part of the upper portion of the city to the Battery by way of Amsterdam Avenue horse car line, the Columbus Avenue cable line and the Lexington Avenue cable line, with a right of transfer to the more important ferries along the Hudson River and the East River now reached by roads operated by it, and has also agreed to transport passengers upon the extension upon 145th Street proposed to be constructed, to a connection with the Lenox Avenue electric road; and

WHEREAS, The members of this Association, business men, property owners, and representing a majority of the residents of this section of the City of New York, are desirous of having railroad accommodations to the southern part of the city by way of the Columbus Avenue cable road:

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IT IS RESOLVED, That the Metropolitan Street Railway Company, by means of its system, furnishes accommodations superior to those of the Third Avenue Railroad Company, and also the most desirable means of transportation from the upper to the lower portions of the City of New York.

RESOLVED ALSO, That the proposal of the said Metropolitan Street Railway Company to carry passengers from the upper portions of the city, with transfers to the more important ferries, is a greater boon to, and a greater economy in favor of the public than the proposed method of operation of the Third Avenue Railroad Company.

RESOLVED ALSO, That the Common Council of the City of New York, and his Honor the Mayor of said city, be and each of them hereby is requested to decline to grant the right and privilege of constructing the street surface railroad applied for by the Third Avenue Railroad Company.

RESOLVED ALSO, That the said Common Council be, and it hereby is earnestly solicited to grant to the said Metropolitan Street Railway Company the right, franchise and privilege of operating the street surface railroad set forth in said Company's petition, and his Honor the Mayor is requested to do all in his power to facilitate the granting of the said Company's application.

PRESIDENT WEST END ASSOCIATION.

ATTEST:

G. B. Sheppard
SECRETARY.

City of



Boston.

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Executive Department.

March 5, 1895.

Job E. Hedges, Esq.,
Mayor's Secretary,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear sir:-

His Honor the Mayor would be greatly obliged to you if you would cause to be sent to him the editions of the City Record giving the salary lists of the different departments in your city government.

Yours very truly,

Courtenay Guild

Mayor's Secretary.



EDWIN U. CURTIS,
MAYOR.

CITY OF BOSTON.
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,
CITY HALL.

March 5, 1895.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of New York.

Dear sir:-

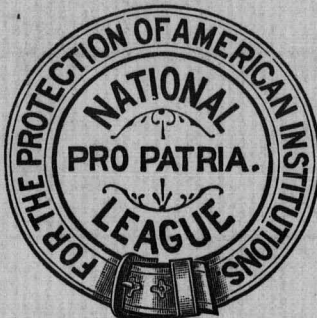
The departments of fire, water and public institutions are each managed in this city by three paid commissioners, but believing that this system causes a division of responsibility, and that if these departments were intrusted to single, responsible heads, with salaries sufficient to command the services of the best men, expense would be saved, responsibility concentrated, and the efficiency of the departments increased, I have presented a bill to the Legislature asking that this be done.

I would like to ask you if the management of these departments in your city (or any of them) by one man has worked well, and what you consider to be the advantages of that system? If I am correctly informed, your water department is managed by one man.

Yours very truly,

Edwin U. Curtis

OFFICES:



"THE METROPOLITAN,"
1 MADISON AVE., NEW YORK, N. Y.

The National League for the Protection of American Institutions.

Incorporated under the laws of the State of New York on December 24, 1899.

ARTICLE II. OF THE CONSTITUTION.

"**OBJECTS.** The objects of the League are to secure constitutional and legislative safeguards for the protection of the Common School system and other American institutions, and to promote public instruction in harmony with such institutions, and to prevent all sectarian or denominational appropriations of public funds."

The National League is absolutely unsectarian and non-partisan in character. It is proposed to secure an amendment to the United States Constitution prohibiting sectarian legislation by the States. The Amendment, in form as submitted by the Law Committee, has been adopted by the Board of Managers.

PROPOSED FORM OF THE XVI. AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION.

"No State shall pass any law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or use its property or credit, or any money raised by taxation, or authorize either to be used, for the purpose of founding, maintaining or aiding, by appropriation, payment for services, expenses, or otherwise, any church, religious denomination or religious society, or any institution, society, or undertaking, which is wholly, or in part, under sectarian or ecclesiastical control."

OFFICERS.

WILLIAM H. PARSONS,
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GENERAL SECRETARY.

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HENRY E. HOWLAND,
WHEELER H. PECKHAM.

Law
Committee.

March 5th, 1895

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

My dear Mr. Mayor:-

The National League for the Protection of American Institutions with the endorsement of the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor, The Children's Aid Society, The Council of Confederated Good Government Clubs and the City Club, is seeking to secure the passage by the Legislature of the State of a law providing for a Biennial School Census to be taken in every town and city in the State of New York of 10,000 inhabitants or over, being convinced that such provision for ascertaining periodically our actual educational needs is of the utmost importance in order to secure the larger accommodations required by the constantly increasing population.

In the hearing recently given by you on the bill to issue 5,000,000 of dollars in school bonds, it is reported that the Commissioners of Education said that over 12,000 children were without school accommodations, and that it was imperative that new school buildings should be erected.

It has also been stated that there are 30,000 vacant seats

in the public school buildings. In view of this contradictory statement emanating practically from the same source, an explanation is due to the public.

Knowing your intense and intelligent interest in the question of adequate accommodations for all children of school age in this City, may we not ask that you require from the educational authorities a statement of the schools where these vacant sittings are found and in what grades; and also how many children are on the waiting lists and from what schools the 12,000 referred to were turned away.

We observe that it is stated that the annual growth of the numbers of children of school age is given as 9,000. Statistics in our possession lead us to believe that the annual growth exceeds 16,000. These inaccuracies in statements emanating from the highest authorities certainly prove the necessity for a school census, if we are to carry out the requirements of the amended State Constitution or in any adequate way enforce the Compulsory Attendance Law.

If the schools at the present time furnish ample accommodations for all children of school age as certain high authorities state, why ask for 5,000,000 of dollars for increasing the accommodations, and why turn away 12,000 from a limited number of the schools because of lack of accommodations.

It is the elementary class of pupils for which no approximately adequate accommodations are now provided, and we have reason to believe that a census as conscientiously and accurately taken as it is taken in certain other States, would reveal the fact that the number for whom no adequate provision is made would be revealed to be in this City scores of thousands instead of 12,000.

We do not doubt that the Mayor, the intelligent members of the Board of Education and all thoughtful citizens are in favor of adequate accommodations for all children of school age, and are anxious to aid intelligent action in these lines by the passage of a school census bill.

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction has recently declared in writing "I am willing to place myself upon the platform of requiring an annual school census in all cities, villages and school districts. It seems to me that this Department requires such information in order to properly carry out the provisions of the Constitution and especially of the Compulsory Attendance Law."

May we not hope for your co-operation in securing the passage of a school census law in the interests of a multitude of now neglected children and in the interests of a future intelligent citizenship?

Sincerely,

James M. Brady.

General Secretary.

P. S. After sufficient time has elapsed for your honor to give this communication consideration, I shall have the liberty to call upon you for a brief interview.
J. M. B.



CITY OF NEW YORK.
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

March 5th, 1895.

Hon. John Jeroloman,

Prest. Board of Aldermen.

Dear Sir:-

I return without approval resolution of the Board of Aldermen permitting St. Cecilia Church, of 106th Street and Lexington Avenue, to place transparencies on the lamp-posts at the intersection of 106th Street and Lexington Avenue, and 100th, 110th and 116th Streets and 3rd Avenue, during the pleasure of the Common Council.

The Commissioner of Public Works reports upon this work as follows:

"I concur in the view of the Superintendent of Lamps and Gas that this privilege, if granted at all, should be limited to a specific period, not exceeding two weeks. If the present resolution should be approved, it would require a resolution of repeal to abridge the privilege."

Respectfully yours,

W. L. Strong
Mayor.

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POLITICAL EQUALITY CLUB,

16TH ASSEMBLY DIST.

ANNIE W. HADLEY, Ch'n,
158 East 55th Street.

JOHANNA M. SJOBERG, Sec'y,
304 East 55th Street.

ELMIRA TUTHILL, Treas.,
212 East 46th Street.

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HEADQUARTERS,

212 East 46th Street,

New York, March 5th 1895-

To his Honor Wm. H. Strong
Mayor of the City of New York,
Dear Sir,

At the regular
meeting of the Political
Equality Club of the 16th
Assembly District held at
the headquarters 212 East 46th St.
on Tuesday evening Feb. 26/1895
the following resolutions
were unanimously adopted.

Whereas The majority of
the teachers in the Public
Schools of the City of New York

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New York March 5th 1895

are women, and

*Whereas One half of the
pupils in our schools are
girls, therefore:*

*Resolved That we request
the Mayor to appoint
women as Commissioners
of the Board of Education
and Inspectors of Schools
until one half of the school
officers are women—*

*Respectfully yours
Johanna M. Sjoberg
Secretary.*

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New York City, March 5th 95

Hon. William L. Strong
Mayor
New York City

Dear Sir: Being a resident of this City, I beg leave to ask you to favor me with an opportunity of presenting to you my drawings of a Hydro-Carbon Crematory for the sanitary incineration and reduction of Garbage together with certain data bearing on the subject and the results of a careful and practical study of the Garbage question.

Very Respectfully
Charles W. Heine.
297 Pleasant Ave.

Morning Advertiser.

EDITORIAL ROOMS,
29 PARK ROW.

NEW YORK,

February 19, 189

Wm. Williams L. Stone

Dear Sir:-

You are doubtless aware of the fact that a movement has sprung up in this city to make Abraham Lincoln's birthday a National holiday. It is cordially endorsed by men of all political parties and will undoubtedly meet with success if intelligently directed. The Morning Advertiser and the Commercial Advertiser have opened their columns in the interest of Lincoln Day. Will you favor us with a short communication giving your views on this subject?

Yours Very Truly, Foster Coates.

Editor
New York

DAILY AND SUNDAY EDITIONS.

Morning Advertiser.

EDITORIAL ROOMS,
29 PARK ROW.

Confidential

NEW YORK,

March 4,

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Hon. William L. Strong, Mayor,

Dear Sir:-

We hereby agree to publish pawnbrokers' auctioneers' sales in the MORNING ADVERTISER at the rate of eight (8) cents per line, for the term of three years from Jan. 1, 1895. This rate is much lower than any other newspaper and is made in consideration of having the MORNING ADVERTISER designated as one of the official papers for this class of advertising.

Yours Very Truly,

Foster Coate

Publisher.

**Morning Advertiser
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Commercial Advertiser**

EDITOR'S OFFICE.

New York, March 2, '95

Hon. Edward H. Healy,

Mayor's Marshall.

Dear Sir:-

We have decided to make a special rate of eight cents a line for the advertisements of pawnbrokers' auctioneers' sales in the MORNING ADVERTISER.

As the rate of the newspapers now publishing these advertisements, under the designation of a former Mayor, and Board of City Record, is 20 and 30 cents, the saving to the pawnbrokers' auctioneers would be more than \$1,000 a year in the Morning Advertiser.

This is a reduction of an average of over 68 per cent, and would be such a large saving that the auctioneers would be pleased and the interests of re-

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New York.

form would be served. It is important enough to be brought to the attention of his honor, the Mayor.

Yours Very Truly,

Foster Coates
Publisher.

New York, March 4, 1895.

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

As the MORNING ADVERTISER has named the lowest rate for publishing pawnbrokers' auctioneers' sales, namely eight cents per line under a three years' pledge, and as this price is a very great reduction from the rate now prevailing, we take the liberty of calling your attention to the fact that the MORNING ADVERTISER would be entirely satisfactory to the undersigned:

Joseph Shargood 94 Bowery
Auctioneer

27 R. Burger 51 Bowery
Auctioneer

22
J. M. Alexander
Auctioneer
94 Bowery.

S. FIRUSKI & SON
Auctioneers,
No. 85 BOWERY

Respectfully
referred to this
Honorable, the Mayor
by Morning Advertiser

New York,

May 5. 1895

To the Morning Advertiser.
Gentlemen:

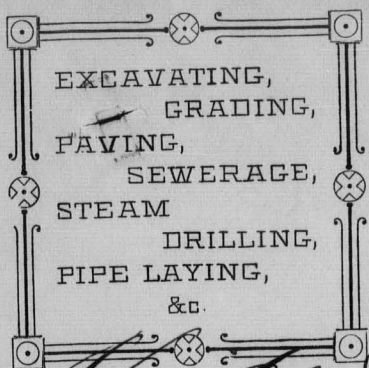
We shall be
only too pleased to place our
"ad" in your journal when
so designated by the proper
authorities - in fact we be-
lieve it would be considerably
to our benefit to have your
paper mentioned - first being
a penny paper - ^{English} a large cir-
culation and gives us a cheap rate.
Respectfully S. Firuski & Son S. Firuski

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JOHN SLATTERY,
CONTRACTOR,

Between 52d and 53d Sts.

368 PARK AVENUE.



New York

March 6th 1895

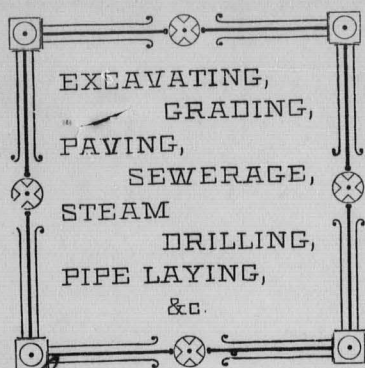
Now Mr. L. Strong, Mayor:

Dear Sir,

Having perceived in "The Daily News" issue of March 4th 1895, an account of a hearing which you gave at your office, in reference to a bill known as "The Mechanics Labor Lien Law" (the wells bill) I notice with regret that no one appeared in opposition to the adoption, and passage of said bill.

Should I have been enabled through leisure time to attend the hearing, I would have certainly been present but, on account of business of a pressing nature demanding my attention elsewhere, I was compelled, to suffer the disappointment of not having an opportunity to give vent to my expressions in condemnation of a bill (should it become a law) that would bestow on a class of people who undertake responsibilities much larger than they can really afford to assume, unjust privileges to the detriment of those whom they employ, and to other reliable Contractors.

To be explicit the



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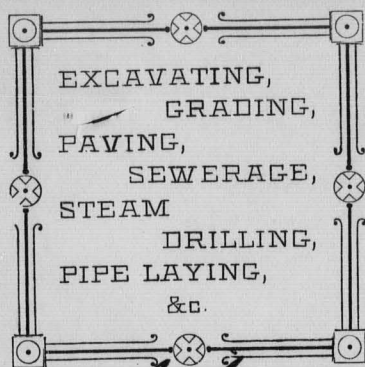
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Law as it now stands upon the statute book is an excellent one for the reason that it protects the laboring man, the mechanic from being subjected to the whims, and fancies of his Employer in as much that when a Contractor obtains, signs, a Contract for performing work for the City, the present law gives the laborer or mechanic whom he employs in fulfilling said Contract, the privilege of going to the Comptroller's Office, and placing a lien on the money due his Employer from the City, in case he should defraud (or attempt to defraud) him out of his salary.

It appears to me that this objectionable bill (The Wells) has been constructed and championed in the interests of some irresponsible Contractors who undertake the execution of Contracts that are far beyond their means (financially speaking), and the only alternative in order that they may keep their heads above water is the adoption of a plan which you will readily perceive is not only unjust, but a hardship upon the mechanic



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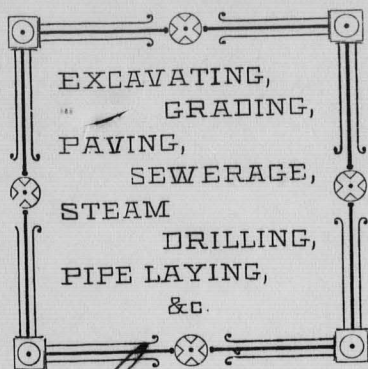
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or laborer whose misfortune it is to accept a position with said Contractor for the following reason. They will take the contract at an exceptionally low figure, thereby discouraging more competent, & reliable contractors to such an extent that they will not attempt to compete when an invitation is offered because they look upon it as valuable time wasted.

Now how is it that these contractors can under bid others, and when the total of each & every bid is summed up a particular one is found to be so much lower than ^{the} rest, as to cause general comment?

The principle reason (and one which I can safely assert is the only one) is the adoption of rules & regulations by them governing all employees of theirs to this extent that they compel them to render their services, & wait until they receive their money in installments from the Comptroller as stipulated in



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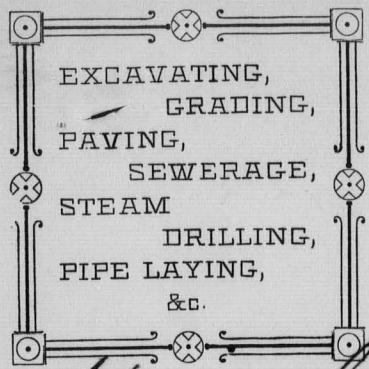
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their contract which provides for their receiving a percentage of their money from time to time as the work on their contract progresses.

This point of my argument would not be very strong in opposition to the passage of said bill but when I consider and state other details in connection therewith, no doubt you will coincide with me in my views as expressed in this missive. I am convinced of the sound principles contained herein.

To be brief their rating will not permit of their enjoying the privilege of being able to go to any manufacturer or dealer in the material which they require to complete said contract, and obtain credit, in other words they must pay cash, or have some one vouch for them before they can obtain the material required.

Now with their employees on one hand awaiting their pay from the installments which the contractor



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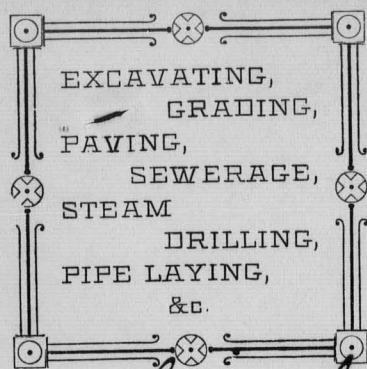
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obtains from the Comptroller, ~~the~~ the party
or parties supplying the material claim-
ing their money at the same time you
draw picture to yourself the state of
affairs as they exist, and after
considering the fact that these
payments (in rare cases only) are not
made more often than once a month.

During which time
the employees are compelled to suffer the
hardships of want, ~~the~~ privation, many
of them with a wife and family depending
upon the few pennies they receive
for each days labor, ~~the~~ which is not
sufficient to more than just keep
body and soul together, (they receiving
pay only for time which they worked
being every day when the weather is
stormy or when for other good reasons
the work cannot be proceed with;
for instance in severe cold weather.)
Who of the two claimants must
be ~~the~~ are satisfied first?

The Contractor
must have the material necessary in
order to execute the Contract, ~~and~~



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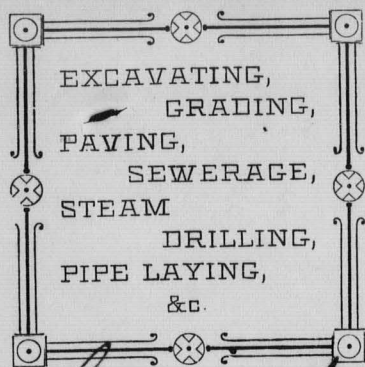
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While he is between two fires, he pauses to reflect, and naturally he decides to satisfy the claim of the one who supplies the material, knowing fully well that the laborer and mechanics he has in his employ have performed so many days labor, and rather than suffer the loss of all, they will trust to luck, and continue in his employ living in hope. As each day dawns upon them, and passes silently, but of consequence they are forced to quiver themselves with the thought, and their hopes (which are bordering on the verge of despair) that the morrow will bring better luck.

In trying to forget the unfortunate plight in which they are placed they toil unceasingly during the day, and toward their weary steps homeward at eventide their to meet the expectant gaze of a devoted wife and fond children the sight of which makes them sick at heart, and causes them to have recourse to one of the essential requisites which nature has endowed, and which every human being should enjoy. And by participating in this the only recourse he has to forget



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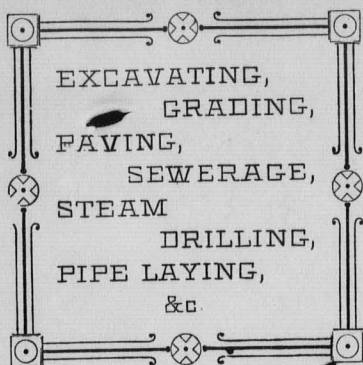
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For a while his trials & tribulations viz; I beg.
Scripture tells us that
one of the most grievous offenses that man
can commit, which in the eyes of his
Creator, ^{his} master of all things is punishable
in the here after (if not in this life) is to
defraud those who toil out of their wages.
It is my earnest desire
to have this bill crushed in its infancy,
that prompts me to present the fore-
going facts to you for your most
careful consideration. I trust my
efforts to prove the justness of the
cause which I advocate will be
proven to your entire satisfaction.
Crush this bill, ^{and thereby}
guard against a further repetition of
the abuses here before mentioned
which will be the means of forcing
people whose tendencies urge them
to reckless speculations (to their own
benefit) to a full realization of their
sense of duty ^{and} obligations to the
laborer ^{and} mechanic, and you can
rest assured that this abuse
which (if not at present) would



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Eventually become a fact will be obliterated.
Thanking you in advance
for any assistance you may render in
accomplishing the defeat of this
bill, I remain,
Very Respectfully,
John Slattery

WM. H. STEINKAMP,
345 East 16th Street,
NEW YORK.
345 EAST 58th ST.

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March 6 1895

Hon William L. Strong
Mayor

Dear Sir:

At a meeting of the "House^{9th} Real Estate Owners Association of the 12th and 19th Wards," held last evening, the so-called "Tenement house bill" now under consideration in Albany was discussed and a committee was appointed to confer with you regarding the same, should the bill become a law in its present shape. There are very many seriously objectionable features in the bill as it now stands and we therefore request an opportunity to be heard when the bill comes to you for a public hearing.

Will you kindly give us due notice of such hearing and greatly oblige

Yours very truly
Wm H Steinkamp
Sec of Com.

WISE & LEVY,

Counsellors at Law,

Evening Post Building, 206 BROADWAY.

TELEPHONE CALL, 2692 CORTLANDT.

Benedict S. Wise.

Joseph L. Levy.

Joseph M. Jean

NEW YORK,

March 6th 95

Hon. William L. Strong

12 W. 57th Str.

Gentleman

Allow me to address you at your private house, being not a politician office-hunter.

I quote from the newspapers the Tammany's plot to discredit the reform's administration, principally the Street cleaning Depart^t, so easy to criticise & so uneasy to handle. Will you allow me to send you some suggestions about several of the City's Depart^ts about rules in different countries. Having been, after my graduation from the french military school in charge of the engineering corps in a french colony with charge of the canals, roads & bridges & for 7 years a director in the Water Supply C^e from Paris, France, perhaps you will find in my suggestions some good ideas to pick up for N.Y. City.

If agreeable to you, I will even point the defects of parisian systems or modifications resulting of climatic & political differences between the 2 countries. But before to start such a work I would like to know if it will not be put out of your eyes by office hunters believing I am a competitor.

Respectfully yours
Joseph M. Jean with Wise & Levy

MANHATTAN BUILDING CO.

J. J. SMITH, MANAGER,

241 WEST 185TH STREET,

#4 corner of
Room 20

NEW YORK,

March 6th 1895

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The Hon. W^m L. Strong

Mayor of New York City

Dear Sir —

I wish to thank you for your position as is reported in regards to "Changes in the Building Department" of this City.

I have no feeling personally against Mr. Grady. As the department is now organized the Building must either submit to the fifty Blackmen Limited by the Inspectors or submit to my great annoyance and more pecuniary loss thereby.

Some of the Laws of the department might be changed greatly to the advantage of the really owners Architects and Builders.

All Buildings should be constructed upon a scientific basis. and a uniform construction is simply a mathematical problem. No chain is stronger than its weakest link and no Building stronger than its weakest part

MANHATTAN BUILDING CO.

J. J. SMITH, MANAGER,

241 WEST 135TH STREET,

4 Warren St
Room 70

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NEW YORK, 189

We are obliged to use a factor of safety when estimating the strength of materials which make up the construction of a Building as a protection against defective materials, but we should not be required to use unreasonable multiples nor should any man be allowed to guess, experience has taught us as to a reasonable and fair weight which should be allowed per square foot of each floor of each ^{stage} of buildings to support in excess of its own weight and with a proper factor of safety established by Law for each material used in a Building the construction of all Buildings should be uniformly strong.

I beg pardon for taking your time but I feel interested and would like to be in the Building Department a scientific and capable man Very Truly Yours

J. J. Smith
4 Warren St.

Tom Houn Mayn Strong:-

I am requested by the
Members of the
Women's Prison Association of
New York to present the enclosed
petition to you, hoping it
may receive the favor of
your Honor's early attention

Respectfully

Adeline A. Hefworth.

Sec. Genl.

"The Chelsea"
222 West-23rd -
Mar. 5-95

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DAISY ROLLER MILLS.
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BOSTON,
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TROY.



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Hon. W. L. Strong.

New York, March 6 1895.

Mayor.

Hon. Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your favor of the 2^d inst., and returning thanks for your kindness in granting a private hearing to the ladies of the Associate Alumnae of the Normal College; I beg to advise you that they will call on you at the City Hall on Thursday the 7th inst. at 2.³⁰ o'clock in the afternoon if that time is entirely agreeable to your Honor.

Respeaking your favor for them I remain with high esteem

Sincerely Yours
Otto Neustadt.

No. 109 East 46th Street
New York City -
March 7th 1895.

W. L. Strong ✓
Mayor New York City -

Dear Sir We, myself and neighbors have
for years past tried to accomplish certain
abuses in our immediate neighborhood
through appeal to the lawful authorities,
Mayor, Board of Health, Police officials,
of the highest grade, and officials of the
R.R. centered in our neighborhood, but
owing to the fact as appears, that
our appeals were referred from one
to another of these officials, the purpose
seeming to be to discharge the obligation of
the office through a reference to a minor
official, on to another Board, we have
got no redress or correction of the
difficulty or difficulties, In the case

of the Police I think ^{and is in a measure} the failure was
owing to the fact that we have got
such a lot of first bellied, over fed
over breeded, over whiskeyed lazy lot
of patrolmen in this Sub Precinct 23rd
that if they had the disposition to follow
up the complaints to correct them at least
they would be physically, they are I should
say, as now made up, they can not move
faster than at a snail's pace.

From my point of observation and experience
I have been a resident of New York since
1845 and from New England } the whole
entire force of Police, Subst. and including
common sense down to down man needs
to be reorganized, thoroughly sifted.

These needs to be organized and attached
to the Office of Chief of Police and subject
to his orders only a body of young men
say from 17 to 20 years of age, say after a
service of few years (5 years) to be advanced

to patrolman, this body of young men to
be added too as fast as they are advanced
This body of young men to be supplied with
bicycles, uniformed with a concealed
badge to identify them and by which to show
their authority, to be required to report
their location often to the Chief or if
necessary they may be recalled on
Concentrated. Their work to be, to follow
up escaping persons, small boys and
the like committing offences, and lots of
duties which older and uniformed men
can not discharge. Let the experiment
be made with 50 or less young men

Excuse haste and blunder

Yours very truly

Wm C. Southworth



OFFICE OF

The Scottish-American,

No. 33 ROSE STREET.

P. O. BOX 2995.

New York, March 4, 1895.

Mayor Strong.

New York City:

Dear Sir:

I have answered to
the communication of your
secretary of the 5th inst.
Let me say that the bridges
over gutters in Rose Street,
to which I have complained
to you by former letter, are
placed in front of No. 31
and extending down to
the Brooklyn Bridge, and
also at the junction of
Browne and Rose streets.
In addition to have

what I have already said
regarding this mis. an ed
let me state that where these
bridges are placed the gut-
ters are hardly ever cleaned.
Under them filth accum-
ulates, and this endangers
health. They should be
condemned at once, and
the gutters would then
get a thorough cleaning
from the Street Cleaning
Department.

With great respect, I am

Yours faithfully,

W. W. Stenard

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J. A. Scriven Company,
Sole Manufacturers of the
Cosmopolitan Shirt
and
Scriven's Patent Elastic Seam Drawers.

18 East 15th Street.

New York. March 7 — 1895

Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor of City of New York,
Dear Sir—

As secretary of the Regular
Republican Organization in the First Election District of the
Twenty-eighth Assembly District, it is my duty and pleasure
to hand you herewith a set of resolutions, which was drawn up
and carried without a dissentient voice, at the last regular
meeting, March 1st, at 250 St. Nicholas Avenue.

Kindly acknowledge receipt and oblige

Respectfully yours
Franklin I. Brown.
Secretary.

211 W. 121 St.

REGULAR REPUBLICAN ORGANIZATION
FIRST ELECTION DISTRICT OF THE 28TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

WHEREAS- Hon. William L. Strong was elected Mayor of the City of New York upon a pledge to the people to serve their best interests and

WHEREAS- he has conscientiously carried out that pledge and

WHEREAS- the vote of the First Election District of the 28th Assembly District by giving Mayor Strong a majority of the 257 votes, the largest in the Assembly Dist. expressed at the last election their confidence in his promises, ability and personal fitness, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED-that the First Election District Republican Organization of the 28th Assembly District assures Mayor Strong of its continued confidence in his administration and endorses most heartily his sincere efforts to administer a fair and clean municipal government, and be it

RESOLVED-That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to his Honor the Mayor and the Press.

Julius M. Mayer,
Chairman.

Franklin I. Brown,
Secretary.

Resolution

Reg. Rep. Orig. in 1st F. Dist. of 28th A. Dist

TO

Hon. William T. Strong, Mayor.

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SAMUEL H. BENTON,
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR,
MUTUAL LIFE BUILDING,
NEW YORK.

CABLE ADDRESS "ADVOCATE NEW YORK,"
TELEPHONE 1080 CORTLANDT.

March 7th, 1895.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

I would like to have an interview with you in regard to a bill about to be introduced in the Legislature which will add nearly \$1,000,000 yearly to the revenues of New York City. It will provide that trust companies be taxed as banks now are.

As you know as a banker, the banks, with an aggregate capital of about \$100,000,000 exclusive of real estate, are taxed on about \$88,000,000, while the trust companies, with an aggregate capital of about \$52,000,000, exclusive of real estate, are taxed on about \$7,000,000. The evasion of taxation on this \$45,000,000 of trust company capital increases the tax rate on every citizen as well as on every bank.

The Tax Commissioners of this city say in a recent report:

"The experience of the Department warrants us in claiming that there should be no difference in the legal methods of taxing banks and trust companies. While both engage in a banking business, the latter have more extended powers and correspondingly greater opportunities for profits and consequent large dividends".

I represent the banks which have caused the bill to be prepared.

The measure certainly appeals to the interests of this city and does a tardy justice to the banks.

CABLE ADDRESS "ADVOCATE NEW YORK."
TELEPHONE 1080 CORTLANDT.

SAMUEL H. BENTON,
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR,
MUTUAL LIFE BUILDING,
NEW YORK.

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I would like to see you, both to consult with you in regard to the introduction of the bill, and to obtain the influence of the city, if you believe it to be a proper measure. I am,

Respectfully,

Samuel H. Benton

J. L. James, President.

F. A. Rugg, Secretary.

L. A. Camp, Treasurer.

The New Haven Copper Co.

Manufacturers of & Dealers in

Braziers' & Sheathing Copper.

Kettle Bottoms, Bolts, Circles &c.

also Manufacturers of

Cast Steel Augers & Bits of Superior Quality.

Office 294 Pearl Street N.Y.

Works Seymour, Ct.

New York March 7th 1895.

Replying to yours of

Hon. W. L. Strong
Dear Sir:

Permit me to ask you to call for an inspection of the building now being erected on the corner of Pearl & Beekman Street; such buildings are a disgrace to the City, old & broken and soft brick are being used with hardly mortar enough to hold them together, and all the timbers are second hand stuff.

The same party erected a similar Building last year on the corner of Gold & Beekman Street, and around here it is considered a death trap

Respectfully Yours

John H. Jones.



ALBANY.

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March of 1895

Hon. William L. Strong
New York City

Dear Sir

I have understood that a feeling prevails amongst the republicans of New York City, that the colored republicans should be represented in some of the departments under your charge. If this sentiment prevails, and you anticipate appointing one of their number, allow me to suggest the name of Charles Anderson the present private secretary of State.

STATE OF NEW YORK.
ASSEMBLY CHAMBER.



ALBANY.

1895

Dear Mr. Colvin, I have known Mr. Anderson for some time, and believe him to be a gentleman of the highest character, and worthy of your utmost confidence. He is a sterling republican, and one of the best campaign speakers in the state, and has been of great service to our party. He has many friends throughout the state, that would be pleased to hear of his elevation to a higher position.

Very Respectfully, H. M. Allen

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"Personal"

15 West 100 St
N.Y.
Mar 7/95

Mayor Strong

Dear Sir

In view of the Orchard
St. disaster, I think it my duty to
to tell you of a Flat House now in
Course of Erection on the North Side
of W 99th St. between 8th Columbus Av.
the rear wall of which is shored up, &
has been since the second floor wall was
put up. I do not know who the
building inspector is for this dis-
trict, but it does appear to me

that a new building ought not
to require outside support of this
kind, I mark this Commu-
nication "Personal" as I do not
want to get into trouble with any
of my neighbours,

Mr Jas a Fulton of the Court of 70
knows me well, I refer you to him
if you wish to make any enquiries as
to your Communicant.

Yours Respectfully
John F Fort

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Ninth Ward Pioneer Corps
OF NEW YORK

INCORPORATED 1890.



240 West 14th St.,

New York, March 7th' 1895. 189

Hon. William L. Strong.,

Dear sir:-

The following resolution was passed by the
Ninth Ward Pioneer Corps of New York at their regular meeting held
Wednesday, March 6th' 1895.

WHEREAS: The Hon. William L. Strong was elected
Mayor at the last election by a combination of the better element of
the voters of the City of New York City, for the purpose of giving
this City a business administration and to clear the municipal
departments from the corruption heretofore existing.

RESOLVED; That the Ninth Ward Pioneer Corps of
New York heartily endorse his actions in appointing to office men of
ability and character, thereby fulfilling his pledge to the public
prior to his election.

RESOLVED; That in appointing the Hon. William
Brookfield to the important position of Commissioner of Public Works,
he has justly recognized a staunch and true republican, and one who
will conduct his office in a thorough business manner and in the
interest of the whole City.

J. Behr Secy

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TABLETS.

U. S. GOVERNMENT CONTRACTOR.

J. L. ST. JOHN,
301 BROADWAY,
NEW YORK.

P. O. BOX 2755.

The Hon. W. L. Strong,
Mayor of New York,
City Hall.

March 7th 1895

Dear Sir:-

March 5th your Secretary Mr. Job E. Hedges wrote to me stating that you directed him to acknowledge my favor of even date and to say that you would be pleased to see me at the City Hall any day between the hours of twelve and three; but added: "Tomorrow, (6th) however, he will be engaged between those hours".

The letter referred to was devoted to showing you my inside knowledge of the working of the Tammany clique in the office Supervisor of City Record. I showed you how even in this last (present) contract the city had been unnecessarily overcharged. I asked for an interview because being a practical stationer and no political man, one who desired the office for its own sake, but also because I knew that I could and would be able to save the city very much money - I felt that I could so place the matter before, that with your well known principles of reform you would at least investigate before making the appointment.

I followed the instructions contained in your letter, and called to-day - the first date granted by your indication. I waited from noon until 2.26 P. M. only to be told by you that it was "Too late" If "Too late" why was I invited to call ?

As I told you I have not troubled you personally because I

knew how you were importuned by others; and relied solely on your knowledge of me, my exceptional experience and the many letters of recommendation from my influential friends.

I have steadily kept "The personal" element out of the question. I knew what I could do for the city.

Still,- if personality weighs in such matters perhaps it might have been to my interest to have reminded you of the many services I have willingly rendered to the Central National Bank during the past twenty years. A glance at the signature book will show how much I have done.

Before seeing you to-day in response to your letter I supposed that, if the newspaper reports were correct regarding the appointment, you had probably decided to split the departmental positions- letting a Newspaper Man attend to the municipal, and a practical stationer to the buying of stationary.

Yours Truly
J. A. White

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EDWIN U. CURTIS,
MAYOR.

CITY OF BOSTON.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,
CITY HALL.

March 8, 1895.

Job. E. Hedges, Esq.,
Secretary,
New York City.

Dear sir:-

I have received four favor of the 7th inst., and note
that you have directed the Supervisor of the City Record to send
the copies desired.

Please accept my thanks for your courtesy in the matter.

Yours very truly,

Courtenay Guild

Mayor's Secretary.

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Superintendent of Public Works

ODD FELLOWS BUILDING

NEW BEDFORD, MASS.

MAR 8 1895

The answers quoted are in reply to the following questions.

Do the working departments of your city insure their workmen
against accidents?

If so, will you please answer the following additional questions?

What department is insured?

At what rate is the insurance taken?

Upon what sum is the insurance based?

Do you approve of this method of looking after the men in City
departments in which accidents are liable to occur?

March 8, 1895.

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG, Mayor,
City Hall , New York City.

Dear Sir:-

We have been instructed to call your attention to the resolutions adopted by the Americus Labor Club on February 12th, contain certain charges against Street Cleaning Commissioner Waring, of incompetency, extravagance and hostility to organized labor.

In your note acknowledging the receipt of the resolutions, you stated that they would have "due consideration". Commissioner Waring's conduct since those charges were made public, compels us to reiterate them and to insist that the public good demands his immediate removal.

We would respectfully suggest that in naming a successor to the Commissioner such qualifications as sympathy with the rank and file of his subordinates, and consideration for their welfare, as is consistent with the discharge of his duty to the public, should not be lost sight of, among those qualifications considered necessary for the office.

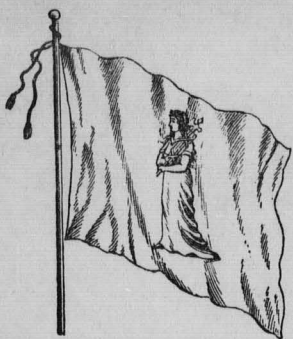
We have the honor to remain,

Very respectfully,

THE AMERICUS LABOR CLUB,

John Wilkins, Chairman of the
Committee on Resolutions
2,706 7th Ave.,
City.





TELEPHONE CALL,
BROOKLYN 1570.

LEAGUE OF LOYAL CITIZENS,

179 Remsen Street,
44 COURT STREET,

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BROOKLYN March 8th 1895.

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Hon. William F. Strong
Mayor of New York City
Dear Sir: In reply to your favor
of yesterday's date I will
state the Committee from this
League. C. C. Skilton, Chairman.
Jesse Fuller
Edward Barr

Will take pleasure in calling upon
you Monday March 11th at 12 noon.
Yours respectfully
Edward Barr
Secy

State Charities Aid Association,

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UNITED CHARITIES BUILDING,

105 EAST 22D STREET,

ROOM 503,

New York, March 8th, 1898

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

Dear Sir:-

I am informed that one of the bills prepared by this Association and introduced in the Legislature at its request, has passed both branches of the Legislature and, under the provisions of the Revised Constitution, will now be forwarded to you and a public Hearing held upon the same. I refer to Assembly Bill No. 426, introduced by Mr. Wilds (Senate Bill No. 350, introduced by Mr. O'Connor), entitled " An Act in relation to the Commitment and Discharge of Persons convicted of Public Intoxication, Disorderly Conduct or Vagrancy in the City and County of New York".

I am directed to ask you to kindly notify us of the date of the public Hearing upon the bill, when the date shall have been fixed, in order that we may appear before you in its behalf.

I have the honor to remain,

Yours very respectfully,

Homer Folks
Secretary.

600 Henry St Brooklyn N.Y.

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March 8/95

Hon Wm L. Strong

Mayor of New York City

I regret that the Police Commissioners did not approve the Andrews Resolutions. It seems to me that the Police Commissioners appointed by the Mayor are the proper officials to reorganize the Police Force I am a firm believer in a non-partisan Police Board Chosen only by the Mayor with enlarged powers of the Superintendent Chosen by him also. I am temporarily residing in Brooklyn after being a citizen & taxpayer in N.Y. City 53 years for the most part in the Dist now represented by Mr Conkling in the N.Y. Assembly & which I had the honor to represent in 1873 I naturally feel interested in the welfare of that noble City which I hereby Congratulate on having a Mayor from whose physique the Spinal Column was not omitted when he was born. Gen McCook whom I highly esteem knows me very well & ever mind dear Mr Mayor what is done in Albany go right ahead on the line on which you have begun & the question of Municipal Government in this Country is solved With my approval & admiration of your course thus far I am truly your friend Geo. W. Clarke.

THE
WASHINGTON HEIGHTS
TAXPAYERS ASS'N.

NEW YORK, March 8th 1896.

Hon. Wm. L. String,
Mayor New York City,
My dear Sir,

Enclosed you will
please find a copy of
Resolution Passed at a
Meeting of The Executive
Committee of The Washington
Heights Taxpayers Association
regarding the proposed
extension of the Fraction
Railroads on Washington

I trust you will favor us
by reading them over at
your leisure.

Very respectfully, yours.

David Starnuch
Secy.

At a special Meeting of the ExecutivedCommittee of The Washington Heights Taxpayers' Association held Saturday Evening March 2nd, 1895, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted,

WHEREAS:- The Washington Heights Taxpayers' Association has learned that the effort has been renewed to secure from the Mayor and Common Council of the City of New York their consent to the construction of a street surface railroad, operated by Cable or Trolley from Harlem to the upper end of this Island, and that among the street to be covered by the projected road is St. Nicholas Avenue from 125th to 162nd Streets at its junction with the Kingsbridge Road and

WHEREAS:- This Avenue, as far as built upon, has been restricted to private dwellings and apartment houses, and the unimproved land is held for residential purposes solely, and

WHEREAS:- This Avenue has been Macadamized, planted with shade trees and generally improved by the City at great expense to the property owners with the purpose of making it a private residential locality, and many of the streets contiguous thereto have been restricted by agreement among the property owners for occupation by private dwellings only; and

WHEREAS:- There is no present necessity for a surface road on St. Nicholas Avenue, people living on said Avenue having ample facilities on the roads running on 8th and Amsterdam Avenues, a short distance East and West of St. Nicholas Avenue; therefore be it

RESOLVED:-That this Association representing the citizens, taxpayers and property owners on Washington Heights petitions and urges that St. Nicholas Avenue should be kept free of street surface roads as it is already specially excepted from steam railways and elevated roads by the Rapid Transit Act (Chap. 606 of the laws of 1875 Sec. 41) incorporated in New York City Consolidation Act Sec. 1945.

RESOLVED:- Further, that the placing of a street surface road with two tracks on this Avenue (only one hundred feet wide) which is the direct connecting link for driving purposes between the Central Park and the new Harlem Speedway now being constructed at a great expense by the City of New York would greatly impair the benefits to be derived from the use of the Speedway by destroying the direct access afforded by St. Nicholas Avenue.

RESOLVED:-Further, that the projected surface road up Eleventh Avenue or Boulevard from 125th to 169th Streets where it joins the Kingsbridge Road, with branch on 145th St crossing St. Nicholas Avenue and running East to Lenox Avenue, will afford ample facilities for reaching the upper end of Manhattan Island from the East and West sides of the lower portion of the City without destroying the value of St. Nicholas Avenue for residential purposes, and preventing its use by the public as the direct route from the Central Park to the new Harlem Speedway.

RESOLVED:-Further, that in no event shall the projected road be operated by overhead Trolley.

RESOLVED:- Further, that these resolutions be forwarded to the Governor, and Legislature of this State and the Mayor and Common Council of the City of New York.

David S. Smith

Secretary.

Ly. W. D.

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United Societies of New York
for
Liberal Sunday Laws.

New York, March 8th, 1895.

Job. E. Hedges, Esq.,
Secretary.

Dear Sir:--

A Committee has been appointed to wait on Mayor Strong at 2 o'clock this afternoon for the purpose of inviting him to attend the mass-meeting to be held on Thursday, March 14th at the Cooper Union to advocate the passage of a liberal Sunday law.

Will you kindly inform me through bearer if it shall be agreeable to the Mayor to receive our committee at the hour specified, and oblige,

Yours Respectfully,



P.S. If you cannot reply at once, please send answer to Room 93, World Building.

"House of the Lord Mission,"

190 BLEECKER STREET, NEW YORK CITY.

March 15th, 1894.

*What we are doing, and what we purpose doing with
God's help and yours.*

THE work of "**The House of the Lord Mission**," 190 Bleecker Street—formerly "**THE BLEECKER STREET RESCUE MISSION**"—has steadily increased in interest during the past year, and has been instrumental in the conversion of many men, women and children. It is undenominational, being neither supported nor controlled by any particular Church, but by earnest Christian workers from various Churches. There are no salaried officers nor paid agents connected with the Mission, but in obedience to the command, and following the example of the Saviour, its workers, mostly men and women who labor for their daily bread, have gone forth into the tenements of the poor, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and the prisoner, and "compelling" all, as far as possible, to come to **The Marriage Feast**. Several hundred families have been visited, and the sunlight of God's love and mercy has broken into some darkened souls in cheerless tenements. Families, beggared and broken up through the curse of strong drink, have been re-united in happy homes. Several thousand free meals and lodgings have been given. Penitent believers, including households, have publicly confessed Christ in baptism, and received **the promised gift**. Acts 2: 38 and 19: 2-6. These converts are now reaching out to rescue others, and the Hall is frequently filled to overflowing. It is our desire and purpose to enlarge it soon as means are at command, that the good work be not hindered. Free-will offerings, sent to the Treasurer, or to the Superintendent at the Mission, will be used in extending the Master's work, by keeping open a **Light House** in this dark locality, "even where Satan's seat is," and by adding improved facilities for throwing out "**The Life Line**."

Two young men, recently converted here, will prepare for Missionary work, in a Training College, soon as the way is opened.

Through the kindness of friends who responded to the appeal of John Bulness, in the *New York Tribune*, we were enabled to rescue a number of worthy families from being dispossessed and set out on the street; to comfort sick and sorrowing ones, and to bury the dead. And through the *Tribune* Fund, many homes in which there is neither food nor fuel, are being cheered and gladdened. May every donor realize that "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Gospel Services every Evening.

Bible Readings, 2 P. M., and Communion Service 3 P. M. every Sunday.

You are cordially invited to attend all the Services.

J. E. JEWETT, *Treasurer*,
77 Bible House.

E. BALLOU, *Superintendent*,
190 Bleecker Street.

✓ House of the Lord Mission
190 Bleeker St New York
5/8 95

To the Mayor:

We the officers ~~and~~ workers of the House
of the Lord Mission 190 Bleeker St. respectfully
petition your honor for a Permit to hold outdoor
services in the open space at the intersection of
"Cottage Place" with W. Houston St. Such meetings
would in no way interfere with, or obstruct travel.

Very Respectfully J.H.N.

27 J. E. Jewett Treas.
77 Bible House

22 E. B. Hanson, Pres.
33 E. 22nd St

1 A. Nelson
E. Ballou Supt, 190 Bleeker St