



NEW YORK COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS.

# New York Commercial Buildings

Broadway, Waverly & Washington Place & Mercer St.

{ Address Communications to RANDOLPH GUGGENHEIMER. }  
{ Bank Building 5th Cor. Third Ave. & 55th St. }

New York March 16th 1895

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

Mayor,  
N.Y. City.

Dear Sir:

I hereby tender you my resignation as a member of the  
Board of Education of the City of New York,

Very truly yours,

Randolph Guggenheimer

MANUFACTORY  
FOURTH TO LEXINGTON AVENUE,  
52<sup>D</sup> TO 53<sup>D</sup> STREET,  
NEW YORK CITY.

# STEINWAY & SONS,

MANUFACTURERS OF  
PIANO FORTES

FOUNDRY,  
SAWMILL & LUMBER YARD,  
ASTORIA, L. I.  
OPP. NEW YORK.



FOR CABLEGRAMS  
"STEINWAY NEW YORK"



STEINWAY'S PIANO FABRIK  
ST. PAULI, NEUE ROSENSTRASSE 20-24,  
HAMBURG.

New York, March 16<sup>th</sup> 1895.

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

My dear Sir,  
Pardon the liberty I am taking in writing these lines to you, but permit me to congratulate you upon the two most excellent appointments you have made in Messrs. Chas. C. Nehruum and Richard H. Adams as School Commissioners. Both gentlemen are personally known to me, are eminently fitted for that most responsible position and are hard workers in the cause they espouse. I have known Mr. Adams intimately since 1858, and he, with his executive ability and energy, will, like Mr. Nehruum, fully justify the wisdom of your appointments.

Very respectfully Yours obt. servt  
William Steinway

Building \* Trades' \* Section

OF

CENTRAL LABOR UNION.

Clarendon Hall, 114 East 13th Street,

Meets Every Wednesday, at 8 P. M.



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New York, March 16<sup>th</sup> 1895

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

Dear Sir

Owing to the many disasters that have occurred recently in the erection of Buildings in this City, and believing that the Department of Building has been lax in the supervision of the same and are therefore responsible for the many calamities that has occurred, I have been instructed by the Building Trades Section of the Central Labor Union of New York, to request your honor, to make a radical change in that Department.

I have the honor to remain  
Respectfully Yours  
Dwight Pratt  
Secy

*Lord & Taylor,*

Broadway and 20th Street.

New York, ..... March 16th, ..... 1895.

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To the Hon. W. L. Strong,  
Mayor, New York.

Dear Sir:-

At a meeting Thursday afternoon, before the Board of Aldermen and Committee on Railroads, we (the property-owners on St. Nicholas Avenue) protested against the use of our roadway for car-lines. To show our sincere desire to preserve the Avenue, we have invited the Aldermen and Committee to drive and inspect the ground, that they may see the irretrievable harm such a defacement would work. They meet at 116th Street and 8th Avenue at 3 P. M. to-day,- if you will advise me where to send a special carriage for your use,- and will honor us by joining these gentlemen at that time,- I shall deem it a privilege to explain the situation to you in person.

Very respectfully,

C. A. Coutant,

(Treas. Property Owners Association.)

*I drive on the  
Avenue and  
and with you*

*but will not be with you on  
that day*

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201 Grover St.

East Orange N. J. 9<sup>th</sup> 1895

Hon. William L. Strong:

My dear Sir:

Have you considered  
the scheme I presented to you,  
in relation to the managing of  
the stationery supplies for the  
City of New York?

I have called several times at  
your office in relation to the  
matter and seeing you busy  
I did not like to disturb you.

Any information you can  
give me, as to the time that

you will be able to take the  
matter up and discuss the same  
more thoroughly, if such is  
your intention, will be  
greatly appreciated.

You will find the matter  
in relation to the scheme  
in the possession of Mr Hedge.

Hoping to hear from you,

I remain

Yours respectfully,  
William J Foster,

C. LOUIS BARTELS,  
18 WALL STREET,  
NEW YORK.

March 16th, 1895.-

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor, New York City,

City Hall, New York.-

Sir,-

In view of the revival of the question of securing the most improved method for the final disposition of the Garbage of the City of New York, I take the liberty of politely reminding you that I am the representative of The Merz Universal Extractor & Construction Company, who are owners of what is known as "The Merz System" and as such would request the privilege of an interview and the opportunity of presenting to you in detail, the advantages of the aforesaid system, now in active operation at Buffalo, Detroit, Milwaukee, and principally at St. Louis, whereat the latest and most improved Works of our system are located.-

Abiding your convenience and awaiting the honor of an appointment, I am,

Sir,

Most respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

C. Louis Bartels

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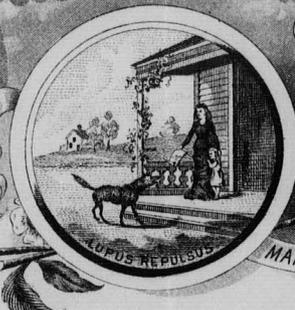
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EXCEEDS  
\$ 400,000.00

OFFICE OF C.H. UNVERZAGT,  
ACTUARY AND GENERAL MANAGER.

CHAS. C. STIEFF, President.  
ARTHUR D. THOMPSON, Secretary.  
C. E. P. BREWER, Treasurer.

# THE International Fraternit Alliance.

MAIN BUSINESS OFFICE  
404 Cathedral St. BALTIMORE, MD.



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- J. W. BELCHER, Providence, R. I.

Baltimore, March 16, 1895.

Mayor Strong,  
New York City,

Dear Sir:-

According to the New York World, you are trying to administer your office on a non-partisan basis. I want to say to you that I have heretofore been a strong Tammany Hall Democrat, but voted for you last year, and it is particularly pleasant to see that the vote was not thrown away as is frequently the case with these professed reform movements. I don't care a piccayune about politics, but always prefer to vote for people who really look after the interests of the community they represent. I desire to say to you that I think my vote, and other democratic votes that were cast for you last year will be re-cast for you in any other position in line with your present course. My reason for writing you is that it may be pleasant to know that your course is appreciated by people who believe in good government in preference to dirty politics.

Yours very respectfully,

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

WM. O. GILES.  
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KINGSBRIDGE  
IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION.

OFFICERS:

JAMES M. KIERAN, Pres.  
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FRANK HUXTABLE, Sec'y.  
JAMES J. NORTON, Treas.

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KINGSBRIDGE, March 16<sup>th</sup> 1895

Hon W. L. Strong, Mayor

Dear Sir,

I beg respectfully to enclose  
copy of preamble and resolutions adopted  
at the last meeting of this Association  
and ask your kind attention to same

Very respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

Frank Huxtable

Secretary.

Rapid Transit  
J.H.

At a meeting of the Kingsbridge Improvement Association, held at their rooms, Kingsbridge, New York City, March 5th, 1895, the following preamble and Resolutions were adopted by a unanimous vote:

WHEREAS, It is currently reported that the Board of Rapid Transit Commissioners, at a recent meeting, voted to construct their contemplated extension no farther north than 185th Street; and

WHEREAS, At the last annual election it was voted to construct a Rapid Transit Road to the City line, which, as we construe it, would carry the road beyond Van Cortlandt Park; therefore

RESOLVED, that we respectfully, but earnestly, represent that to stop this much-needed improvement short of the City line or of Van Cortlandt Park would not comply with the present and rapidly-growing needs of that portion of the City which we specially represent, and its immediate neighborhood; would not comply with the declared wishes of the voters as expressed last November; and, moreover, would be harmful to the members of this Association, and others, who have, on the strength of the vote above referred to, either purchased homes in this vicinity, or have purchased lots, built, or are now building, houses, and have largely increased the value of taxable property in and near that neighborhood. It was further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this preamble and resolutions be furnished to the Board of Rapid Transit Commissioners, and to his Honor the Mayor of this City.

*Frank Huxtable*  
Secretary

Office of the  
Commissioners of Accounts,

ROOMS 114 AND 115,  
Stewart Building,  
280 Broadway,

New York, March 17, 1895

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Hon Mr L. Strong,  
Mayor

Sir,

As a citizen permit me to express to you my sincere  
admiration of your course in the matter of Reform etc.

I shall certainly do all in my power, in  
my humble sphere, to aid in making your administration a  
success.

Respectfully

Edward Owen

COMMITTEE.

Captain KILIAEN VAN RENSSELAER.  
President and Treasurer.  
56 WALL STREET.

Gen'l ALEX. S. WEBB, JAMES TALCOTT,  
Vice-Presidents.  
Col. HENRY H. HADLEY, Supt. and Secretary.

Maj. Gen. O. O. HOWARD, U. S. A.  
Gen. WAGER SWAYNE. Gen'l IRA M. HEDGES.  
Col. FRANK C. LOVELAND, Pension Agent.  
W. T. WARDWELL. JOHN S. HUYLER.  
SAMUEL H. HADLEY.

# The Grand Army Mission,

396 & 398 CANAL ST., NEW YORK CITY.

UNDER THE PENSION AGENCY.

March 18, 1895.

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Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

New York City.

Dear Colonel:-- I am requested by the Committee to ask you if you will not preside over the meeting Tuesday evening, in behalf of the Grand Army Mission?

The Consistory of the Marble Collegiate Church, 29th St. and Fifth Ave., have kindly given us the use of the Church in order that Chaplain C. C. McCabe may deliver his famous lecture, "The Bright Side of Life in Libby Prison."

If you cannot possibly be present, will you kindly send me word at my office, 56 Wall St., in order that we may feel encouraged in our work? In this way you will be enabled to reach the veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Yours very truly,

*Kiliaen Van Rensselaer*

President.

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THE CITY CLUB OF NEW YORK,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,  
27 PINE STREET.

R NEW YORK, 18th March, 1895.

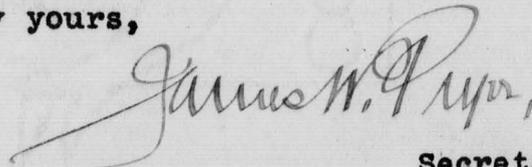
Job Hedges, Esq.,

Secretary to the Mayor of New York City:-

My dear sir,

The City Club of New York will be much indebted to you if you will inform this office of all hearings upon bills before the Mayor. We should like to have, in each case, notices as soon as the time of the hearing is fixed. I trust that this is not asking too much of you.

Very truly yours,



Secretary.

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Mayor W. L. Strong

Dear Sir

The action taken  
by D. A. 49 Nights of labor  
in Demanding Commissioner  
Col G. E. Waring Removal was  
entirely without my approval  
I did not know of the action  
taken by D. A. 49 until I saw  
it in the News papers and  
your answer to the same and  
I was very much pleased at  
your answer.. and I feel very  
Proud to say that we have  
got a Mayor of the City of  
New York with a good  
stiff Back Bone that wont  
take no Bluffs or fakes from  
a handful of Political

Trucksters had I a been at  
the Meeting of the D. A. 49.  
at the time the the action  
was taken I should have opposed  
it and further would have  
sent you a strong Protest  
against taken any action  
in the matter I denie the  
right of D. A. 49 to assume  
to speak for me or my  
union in the Removel  
off any Public Officer  
in the first Place there  
is two things Rights of  
Labor are Bound not to  
medle with that is Religion  
and Politicks but the Tammany  
Hall Political trucksters are  
trying to get some of their  
work in against the Present  
Administration had you  
taken any action on the

demand of D. A. 49 I assure  
you you would soon have  
had an nother one demanding  
the Removel of the Public  
works Commissioner  
now I D. S. Ritchie

do Most Respectfully ask  
in the intrest of good honest  
Government that you Retain  
in Office Col. G. C. Waring  
as Serving the very Best  
intrest of the People  
of New York City

I Remain Most

Respectfully yours

D. S. Ritchie

78 St Marks Place

New York City

37 East 50th St., New York City,

March 18, 1895.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

City Hall,

My Dear Sir:-

The meeting of managers of the NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN called for last Thursday, March 14th, at the rooms of the American Geographical Society, 11 West 29th St., failed for lack of a quorum, nine members being required, while but five were present.

Another meeting is therefore called for Thursday, March 21st, at the same place at 4.30 P. M.

Inasmuch as the Board of Managers must be organized by the election of officers and the appointment of committees before the enterprise can be further advanced, I would earnestly request your attendance, and would say that the necessary business will require but a very short time.

Yours very respectfully,

*N. L. Britton,*

Temporary Secretary.

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Starr J. Murphy.  
Herbert M. Lloyd.  
Robert M. Boyd, Jr.

Murphy Lloyd & Boyd,  
Attorneys & Counsellors at Law.

No. 111 Broadway,

New York, March 18th, 1895.

Hon. W. L. Strong, Mayor,

New York City.

Dear Sir:-

As arranged at our last interview I write to remind you of your engagement for this evening with the Congregational Club at the St. Denis Hotel. I enclose herewith programme for the evening.

We are exceedingly desirous to have you with us and trust that you will not disappoint us, even if you are able to attend only for a short time. We will arrange for your address at such time as is most convenient for you.

Yours very respectfully,

Robert M. Boyd Jr.  
Secretary

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Columbia County  
Board

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March 18, 1895

Chief Justice of

New York City

Kind sir in reaching the  
daily republic paper I notice  
that there is a lot of Property  
in New York State that the  
men are in none I am request  
to Wright in regard to a lot  
of land on some river that  
was owned by Robert Edwards  
from England was leased by  
American for 99 years the  
one that request me to Wright  
is Mrs Sarah Stewart of  
this Place she was a Carter  
before she was married  
to Johnson Stewart

his grand father was  
an Edward from England  
There is quite a number of  
certain al relations of mine  
we have a Hamley tree of al  
of our redations if you  
Just-drop me a line as to  
in regard to this and let me  
who to write to in regard  
to this matter and also the  
Hampletons are here in this  
Place Edward of Hampletair  
his grand-mother was an  
Edward I no in fact that  
it is ~~the~~ done and we will  
find out in the future  
the Hamley tree shall it  
here it was given from  
New York some year ago  
now I do not know that  
there is any use to

wright any thing more  
Just now you can find  
out from the Census  
Court - I shall not detain  
you any longer Please  
Drop me a line as to  
I shall send you my  
addr in my letter so that  
you shall not be at any  
expence and am willing to pay  
you for your trouble  
I am a groceries merchant  
in this place so good  
by respect

William C. Hill  
Columbia mo

City of Richmond  
March 14-1895

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred the annexed resolution in favor of annulling, rescinding and repealing resolution and ordinance passed December 11, 1894, to regulate and grade Twelfth avenue, from One Hundred and Thirty-third to One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, respectfully report that, having examined the subject, they believe the resolution and ordinance above mentioned should be repealed. They therefore recommend that the said annexed resolution be adopted.

Resolved, That the resolution and ordinance calling for the regulating and grading of Twelfth avenue, from One Hundred and Thirty-third to One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, which was adopted by the Board of Aldermen December 12, 1894, and approved December 21, 1894, be and the same is hereby annulled, rescinded and repealed.

Collin H. Woodward, William K. Olcott, Andrew A. Noonan, Joseph Schilling, Jacob C. Wund, Committee on Streets.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to accept said report and adopt said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, the Vice-President, Aldermen Brown, Clancy, Dwyer, Goetz, Goodman, Goodwin, Hackett, Hall, Kennefick, Marshall, Muh, Noonan, Oakley, O'Brien, Olcott, Parker, Randall, Robinson, Schilling, School, Tait, Ware, Wines, Woodward, and Wund—27.

Negative—Alderman Murphy—1.

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred the annexed resolution in favor of permitting

REPORTS.

The Committee on Ferries and Franchises, to whom was referred the annexed resolution in favor of establishing a ferry from and to the foot of One Hundred and Thirtieth street and Manhattan street, over and across the waters of the Hudson or North river to Dempsey avenue, Ridgefield Township, Bergen County, in the State of New Jersey, respectfully report: That having examined the subject, they believe the proposed improvement to be necessary, and that it would be a great benefit to the people doing business in that section; they therefore recommend that the said annexed resolution be adopted.

Resolved, That a ferry be and hereby is established from and to the foot of One Hundred and Thirtieth street and Manhattan street, in the City of New York, over and across the waters of the Hudson or North river to Dempsey avenue, Ridgefield Township, Bergen County, in the State of New Jersey; and the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City of New York are hereby authorized and directed to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder or bidders, the right to operate the ferry hereby established (subject to the existing rights of any ferry now lawfully operating to or over any part of the route herein described), for such period, on such terms and conditions and subject to such restrictions and regulations as may be prescribed by said Commissioners.

Frederick L. Marshall, John J. O'Brien, Joseph T. Hackett, Rufus R. Randall, Committee on Ferries and Franchises.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree to accept said report and adopt

LOUIS O. VAN DOREN,  
COUNSELLOR AT LAW,  
2 WALL STREET.

NEW YORK, March 18th, 1895.

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

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Dear Sir:-

The resolution noted above should not have your Honor's approval. The Legislature of 1894 in making the Hudson River water front, from 72d Street to 129th Street, (except two small parcels) a part of Riverside Park, restricted the commerce of the City on the North River, north of 72d Street to five blocks, viz: from 129th Street to 133d Street. (Chap. 152 Laws 1894.) The resolution which is rescinded would have opened up an additional 1000 feet of available water front for Harlem and West Side business. As attorney for a large owner of water front between 136th Street and 138th Street, I opposed the rescission before the Committee. My client's interests accrued in May, 1893. No real estate speculation was involved. We bought twenty months before the regulating and grading resolution was passed. But our protests were disregarded and the best interests of the City overlooked.

We respectfully call your Honor's attention to the matter,

Very respectfully,

*Louis O. Van Doren*

FRANK A. STUMM,  
PURCHASING AGENT,  
248 WEST 15TH STREET,  
NEW YORK.

ARBUCKLE BUILDING,  
BROOKLYN.

MAYOR'S OFFICE

COMPLAINT NO. 193

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del. No 23<sup>d</sup> St NY

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My dear Mayor Strong: -

Every man from Ohio seems dear to me especially if he was born & brought up there and afterward settled in NY City as you & I have done. I have been here going on 9 years & have had much to do with various NY City public officials & departments and much has been done - in fact everything I have asked with no influence except self evident facts pointed out by me - Since January 1<sup>st</sup> 1895 no attention whatever has been paid to two items I have brought before the proper departments -

Now I am going to try the Mayor direct for the sake of his reference. Just now I came up Broadway from 14<sup>th</sup> St to 23<sup>d</sup> - and saw a number of street-sweepers

with stiff brooms stirring up the pulverized  
horse-manure ground stone etc - + with  
the aid of the high March winds they succeeded  
in landing every atom of it on to the garments  
and into the eyes of the passing throng - Men,  
women + children ran, jumped, dodged, even  
dared the prowess of the cable-car to get out of  
the clouds of the dust - It is no new thing, but  
should be stopped at once + forever - If it must  
be done when most people are in the street  
then every inch should first be thoroughly sprinkled  
and then an ordinary carpet-broom be used  
rather than the elephantine tooth-pick affair.

Please acknowledge receipt + so  
beat the record  
Your most obedient servant  
address 248 W 15 please Frank A Stumm

THE RIVERSIDE PARK  
PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION,

SAMUEL G. BAYNE, CHAIRMAN,  
J. ROMAINE BROWN, SECRETARY.  
OFFICE, - - 18 BROADWAY.

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION & IMPROVEMENT.

JAMES A. DEERING, CHARLES T. BARNEY,  
CYRUS CLARK, PETER DOELGER,  
W. W. MAC FARLAND, WILLIAM F. FOSTER,  
JOHN J. GIBBONS, JOSEPH J. KITTEL,  
JOHN H. STUPHEN,  
SIR RODERICK W. CAMERON.

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NEW YORK, March 18th, 1895.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

New York, N. Y.

Honorable and Dear Sir :

I hope you will use your influence to protect the West Side from the great loss that would come to it by the construction of a stone viaduct. Would it be just or wise, for the City of New York to destroy the West Side, to save one million, or ten millions - particularly as it would be a large loser, in the reduction of taxes, caused by depreciation that would promptly follow ?

I feel assured you will give this matter fair consideration, and remain,

Yours very truly,



Chairman.

No. 132 West 104th Street,

New York, March 18, 1895.

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Hon. William L. Strong,

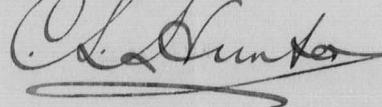
Mayor.

Dear sir,

In my constant association with Republicans of all shades and color of thought and opinion, and also those gentlemen working in the cause of reform, I find what may be called an almost universal disapproval of the reappointment of Mr. Lee Phillips. I am not aware of any personal objection to him, but it is generally contended that as his influence has been detrimental in the past, he is not clean enough to give the city an honest administration of his office. In common with my associates, and I believe with the people generally, I am constrained to think a mistake has been made that should be rectified as soon as practicable.

I am not ambitious for the place myself, although I have certain ideas about the conduct of that office which I should certainly like inaugurated, and might accept if the position were tendered to me. But in any case I think you will have no trouble in finding a good Republican, who will do the work better and more in accord with your wishes than the present incumbent.

Yours, very truly,



Brooklyn, March 18th 1895.

## Chief Requirements for A Building Department.

During a one year's term as Chief Examiner in the B'lyn Building Department I had ample opportunity to form a just idea of what should constitute a proper staff of inspectors, experts, and examiners in such an important office. The safe condition of buildings, the loss of human life through sudden collapses or conflagrations depending entirely on the ability and proper performance of duty by these men. A thorough school and professional education, a fully warranted and absolutely clean record of good character and honesty, men of high ambition, pride, and incessant zeal to fulfill their duty are necessary for the position of a Building Inspector.

Besides the regular district inspectors, special experts, should be employed, able to thoroughly examine and compute on the spot the safe capacities of walls, piers, columns, girders and trusses, invested with the power to give orders for the immediate relief in cases of danger. These men should not have charge of a special district, but be sent all over the city for their examinations and follow up the district inspectors in order to insure double security.

The three greatest dangers for loss of human life are the insufficiency of fire escapes in all classes of buildings, the conversion of old private houses and other light structures into factories and warehouses, and the frequent occurrence of wretched foundations, material and workmanship, violations and evasions of the requirements of the law by low, criminal, and unprofessional skin-builders, whose operations generally take place in the poorer, but densely populated sections of our cities.

A competent chief, of exquisite professional & business ability, a partial revision of the Building Laws, a strict Civil Service Examination of Building Inspectors, an absolute and systematic reorganization of the Department and a thorough investigation into the state of all present buildings are, in my judgement, the only means to prevent further catastrophes.

J. Roth, Architect  
352 - 6th Ave.  
Bklyn N.Y.

New York  
Mar 19<sup>th</sup> 1875

To the Hon William R. Strong  
Mayor of the City of N.Y.

Dear Sir

At a meeting of the Enrolled  
Republicans of the 15<sup>th</sup> Election District of the Eight  
Assembly District of the old 5<sup>th</sup> at their Headquarters  
378 Hudson St. J. Rosenberg Chairman Resolutions  
were passed Indorsing the Mayor's Administration  
and ready to stand by him and support him in  
all his actions. William Cunningham Sec.  
Sir as Chairman of the Election District there is  
one question I would submit to you it is in regard  
of appointments as I have read in the newspapers  
that you have expressed yourself that you would  
appoint men of all shades and all classes as I am  
a Hebrew and a Veteran of the late War serving in the  
23<sup>rd</sup> New York Cavalry as Sergeant for 3 years and if you  
intend to appoint any of my class of people I would  
like to have the preference as I have supported the  
Republican party in the above named district for the  
passed 26 years

Please let me know if I could call at your office  
and explain more fully.

Yours Respectfully

J. Rosenberg  
378 Hudson St  
Chairman of the 15<sup>th</sup> Election District  
of the Eight Assembly District

# AMERICAN FINE ARTS SOCIETY

215 WEST 57TH STREET, NEW YORK

## *Trustees.*

HOWARD RUSSELL BUTLER, PRESIDENT,  
*135 West 47th Street.*  
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WM. BAILEY FAXON, TREASURER,  
HERBERT DENMAN, SECRETARY,  
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FRANCIS C. JONES,  
JOE EVANS,  
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HORACE BRADLEY,  
E. D. FRENCH.

## *Trustees of the Gift Fund.*

HENRY G. MARQUAND, CHAIRMAN,  
EDWARD D. ADAMS, TREASURER,  
*17 Nassau Street.*  
CYRUS J. LAWRENCE,  
GEORGE W. VANDERBILT,  
JAMES A. GARLAND.

New York, March 19th 189 5

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Sir:-

The American Fine Arts Society is an educational institution having for its object the advancement of art in this community. It is incorporated and owns and occupies a building at No. 215 West Fifty-seventh Street where its work is carried on under the management of three co-operating Societies, namely, The Society of American Artists, devoted to sculpture and painting; The Architectural League of New York, devoted to architecture and mural decoration; The Art Student's League, devoted to art instruction.

The latter department is the largest, and gives instruction annually to over one thousand students at low rates.

They come from all parts of the United States to attend the

classes.

The Architectural League brings together two hundred and thirty professional architects of this and other Eastern cities. The aim of this body is to raise the standard of architecture in this City through the agency of exhibitions of building designs, competitions and meetings for the discussion of architectural questions.

The Society of American Artists is doing the same thing for sculpture and painting. The combined result of the work carried on in this building must be the elevation of artistic taste in this community. Such a useful, active institution if it cannot be wholly cared for by the state should, it seems to us, at least have the benefit of freedom from taxation.

It has never yet been able to meet its running expenses, and owing to the educational character of its work, it is doubtful if it ever will. The regular annual deficiency is met by voluntary subscription paid largely by artists and architects themselves.

A measure exempting the property from taxation has been prepared for submission to the legislature, and we solicit your favorable consideration of it, believing it to be for the best interests of the City.

Respectfully,

*Howard Russell Butler*  
Pres.

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Hon. W. L. Strong  
Mayor

Hiram Merritt,  
Real Estate  
and Insurance.

No. 53 THIRD AVENUE,  
*New York City.*

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To Hon. Wm. L. Strong,  
Mayor of New York City;

Dear Sir:-

I write to congratulate you, and if possible to give you, a word of encouragement. I have watched carefully since you have taken the ax in hand and commenced this beheading. I will not speak of the men that you have beheaded but I would say that the appointments that you made are most of them good.

I am not one of those that have been worrying you for a position, for that I do not want. I had the honor of being one of the original Committee of Thirty and one of your earnest supporters in the election. I have been connected with the Schools of the Seventeenth Ward for a number of years as Trustee this being the only office that I ever held, and I should be very glad to have the honor of introducing you to some of the Boys & Girls of the Seventeenth Ward Schools which we think will compare with any in New York, and I should be glad if you would fix some time when it would be agreeable and convenient for you. I will be at your service to go with you.

And now I have the name of a Gentleman to present to you for one of Commissionerships of Charity & Correction, Mr. Thomas B. Underhill, No. 88 E. 10th St., he is a retired Clothing man and is now entirely out of business and I know could be induced to take a position of that

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Hiram Merritt,  
Real Estate  
and Insurance.

No. 53 THIRD AVENUE,  
*New York City.*

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kind. He is honest, Responsible and Capable to fill any position that you have to fill. I would vouch for him and if necessary go on his Bond for any amount that would be required. If you should want more references I can give you parties that you know, and now wishing you great success in your work I remain

Very Respectfully

*Hiram Merritt*  
*No. 53. 3<sup>rd</sup> av*

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N. Y. Mar 20 95  
Dear Sir:

I take the liberty  
of writing you this note in  
reference to a nuisance with  
which I don't think I am  
compelled to put up with.  
I am in business at 254 +  
256 W 116<sup>th</sup> Street to the L.  
Town of the 8<sup>th</sup> Ave elevated  
road on the corner of W 116<sup>th</sup>  
and 8<sup>th</sup> Ave there is a Van  
with a pair of horses from 7 A.M.  
until 7 P.M. obstructing the  
view of my store from the  
uptown 8<sup>th</sup> Ave side. as you  
know there is more or less  
dirt and smell from the

horses stationed there which  
is not always cleaned away.  
I have spoken to Mr Walker  
the owner of the Building in  
which the store is and he is  
also the owner of the L. Torro  
Property and he wants me  
to use his name in reference  
to above matter as he says he  
has no time to personally call  
on you. The cable road is  
very near finished and when  
running, the vans on the  
corner will seriously interfere  
with my business as it  
would be midway between the  
stopping place of the cars and my  
entrance on 116<sup>th</sup> St. as I have  
one entrance on 116<sup>th</sup> St and  
the other from 9<sup>th</sup> Ave through  
the L. Torro which makes it  
a very prominent store.  
 Hoping you will kindly

attend to it or let me know  
to whom to go.

I remain

Yours  
Nathan Selman  
manager  
of the 116<sup>th</sup> St. + 8<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Store

Jan. Reichert  
Suggist  
Columbus Ave + 125<sup>th</sup> St  
and  
854 + 306-188<sup>th</sup> St.  
City

Woodlawn,  
March 20, 1895.

Hon. W. L. Strong,  
Mayor.

Dear Sir:

I write this letter to you, to protest against the widening of either Grand or Willard Aves. in this place. There are many people here who would be well nigh ruined by the assessment, if it takes place. I, for one, being a widow with a family, could ill afford to stand such an expense. The streets are sufficiently wide enough now, to suit the property owners here. Hoping you will give this affair your kind attention, and enable us to

keep our little homes,

I have the honor to be

Yours respectfully,  
Mrs. Ellen Price  
Opdyke St.  
Woodlawn Sts.  
N. Y. City.

P. S.

If any street must be  
widened, we prefer Grand  
Ave.

E. P.

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Pres., Louis H. Bold.  
Vice-Pres., { Jos. H. Quinn.  
                  { M. W. Bouton.  
Sec., F. C. Eilenberg, Jr.  
Treas., Irving Torrey.  
Fin. Sec., W. Steinbrecher.

"It is natural for the patriotic citizens of a Republic to be Republicans."

# Hell Gate Republican Club,

24th ASSEMBLY DISTRICT, (Headquarters,)

1620 First Ave., (84th AND 85th STS.)

Regular meetings first and third Tuesdays.

New York, Mch 20th 1895

Hon Wm L. Strong.

Mayor City of New York

Dear Sir:

At the regular meeting  
of the Hell Gate Republican  
Club, the enclosed, resolution  
was unanimously adopted.

Very truly Yours  
Fred. C. Eilenberg Jr  
Secy.

New York March 20th, 1895.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong.

Dear Sir,

As you will see, the enclosed articles are from the "Sun" of today, and the subject interests the owners of tenement property in this City.

The majority decision I have not seen, but from this opinion, it seems that the owners of the tenement houses must furnish water to the tenants, on each floor of the buildings.

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The question is, how can that be done? I own a few five story houses and I think I am safe in saying that the water will not run up above the third story, from 7 o'clock in the morning until after 6 o'clock in the evening, Why cannot more water be secured? It is the most necessary of all commodities and should be as plentiful as the air we breathe. Without plenty of water we must look for all sorts of sickness and filth amongst the poorer class of tenements. I want to obey the law and carry out the rules of the Health Department, but unless there is an ample supply of water with sufficient force, there is no use for plumbing on the upper floors of my houses, and the same may be said of all similar houses in the City.

It is a known fact, that where water is only in the yard of a house, not one tenth of the necessary water will be used, because it is a physical impossibility for those poor women to carry it

You will, of course, see the importance of this matter and I trust give it your attention and so save the owners of tenement houses from serious trouble.

Yours respectfully.

*Wm. L. Strong*

CENTRAL \* LABOR \* UNION,

CLARENDON HALL,

114-118 East Thirteenth Street,



New York, March 20<sup>th</sup> 1895

Hon Wm L. Strong

Mayor of the City of New York

Dear Sir

About two weeks ago I sent you Honor a communication regarding the death of a man named Gilbert a member of the Photo Engravers Union he was found at the foot of the stairs of an elevated P.R. station and when taken to the Station House his case was decided as one of intoxication and four hours after he was found dead in the cell with a large cut in his head I was instructed to write to <sup>you</sup> Honor to have the proper authorities investigate this case I sent a full statement to you in my last communication I thought perhaps your Secretary mislaid the last note I sent should your Honor desire a full statement I shall be pleased to send it to you

Respectfully Yours

Sam B. Henry

Secretary

C. L. U

At Home No 69 - W - 131<sup>st</sup> St

NEW YORK DAILY DRY GOODS RECORD,

40 West Broadway,

(Nearly opposite Thomas Street,)

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Lock Box 20.

New York, Feb 20 1895

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

Sir: The O & T Grand Jury indictment  
of the Police Department as published  
last night & this morning is too broad  
and sweeping to permit of any other  
construction than that the condition of the  
force from top to bottom is one of  
General Depravity &  
I am bold enough to make the  
following suggestions & I earnestly hope  
that about extending the age limit at  
which time members of the force are  
compelled to retire &

If this was done a serious obstacle  
to your way would be removed &

# NEW YORK DAILY DRY GOODS RECORD,

40 West Broadway,

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The Chief Clerk of the Police Dept is  
Mr Kepp, I believe his personal  
Character is unassailable. He is  
the Senior Major of the 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment  
and a thorough Soldier, as he went  
to the front with his Regiment in 1861.

If the Regiment should be abolished  
or extended he could be made patrolman,  
Roundsman, Sergeant, Captain, Inspector  
and Superintendent in army days.

Yours Very Respectfully  
Joshua Reece Jr

Wednesday Morning,

At Home  
69 W 131<sup>st</sup> St

**HARLEM DEMOCRATIC CLUB**

106 WEST 126TH STREET.

NEW YORK,

March 20 1895

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

Dear Sir,

The following resolution was passed at a meeting of the Harlem Democratic Club; and a copy is forwarded to your Honor in the hopes that you will lend your favorable consideration to the matter, in the event of its coming to your official notice in any way.

Very Respectfully Yours,

H. B. Boehme

Secy. Executive Committee

N.B.

Copies have been forwarded to the Legislature.

The Executive Committee of the Harlem Democratic Club recognizes the fact that the City of New York has rejected the claims of nearly two thousand Inspectors, Ballot Clerks and Poll Clerks who served the City at the recent election for the full time required by law and to the best of their ability, on the ground that there are clerical errors in their work.

As no charges of attempted fraud are made and as the sole cause of the rejection of these claims is the clerical errors above mentioned and as the results of the election have not been affected delayed or influenced by such errors, and as a matter of <sup>equity</sup> ~~right~~ and ~~justice~~ these claimants are entitled to pay for services rendered, it is the sense of this Executive Committee that the bill now before the Legislature enabling the City to pay these claims is a just and equitable measure and should meet with the approval and support of our representatives at Albany .

Resolved that a copy of this expression of the opinion of this Committee be forwarded to our representatives at Albany and to the Mayor and Comptroller of the City and the Press.



WILLIAM F. MOORE, JUSTICE.  
DANIEL WILLIAMS, CLERK.

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Job E. Hedges, Esq.,  
Secretary &c. City Hall,  
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

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In reply to your favor of the 14th inst. relative to the execution in the matter of Haran, 309 Mott Street, vs Duncan, of 59 First Street, I have to say that the records of this Court show that the execution you enclosed to me is the third one that has been issued in this matter, the two others having been directed to different Marshals and returned unsatisfied. The Third one was issued to the plaintiff himself upon the statement by him that he wished to place it in the hands of a third Marshal.

I assume from these facts that the plaintiff is execution proof; I do not know if this be so, but if the plaintiff thinks a levy can be made he can try any of the remaining Marshals. I return the same to you so that he may follow this course if he sees fit.

Yours very truly,

*William F. Moore*

54 William St  
New York, March  
30. 1895

Hon Wm Strong, Mayor,  
Dear Sir -

As I expect  
to be absent from the  
City during the Spring  
& Summer, I hereby  
respectfully resign my  
position as Member  
of the Board of Edu-  
cation. Very truly yours  
James W. Gerard

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# Bennington Semi-Weekly Banner.

Published Tuesdays and Fridays.

Bennington, Vt., March 27/95.

Hon Mayor Strong.

Dear Sir:

I would like to submit for your consideration and approval a scheme I have for some time had in view which I believe comes nearer meeting the exigencies of the moment than any yet suggested. My suggestion refers to the much talked of (and little accomplished) plan of rapid transit in N.Y. city. I understand well that you are neither a civil engineer nor the embodiment of controlling authority in this matter but you have considerable influence and may find sufficient logic in my plan to offer it as a practical and perhaps meritorious suggestion. I believe that a four track underground road through Central Park would materially aid citizens of New York in their efforts to get to Harbor and Suburban points in quick time. Such a road could diverge (two tracks each way) easterly and westerly north of 110<sup>th</sup> Street in order to meet the East side and West Side demands - no stops between 59<sup>th</sup> and 110<sup>th</sup> Street. Also a double track road through 8<sup>th</sup> Ave north of 59<sup>th</sup> Street with stations at convenient points for those residing south of 110<sup>th</sup> and north of 59<sup>th</sup> on the West

side. Also a double track road through 5<sup>th</sup> Ave  
(also underground) from 59<sup>th</sup> to 110<sup>th</sup> Streets with Stations  
convenient for residents of the East Side South of 110<sup>th</sup>  
and North of 59<sup>th</sup> Streets.

The Central Park Underground road (for the West Side)

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I would further suggest continue through St Nicholas  
Avenue to 180<sup>th</sup> Street and through 5<sup>th</sup> Ave on the East  
Side to 130<sup>th</sup> Street connecting with the Suburban route.

I would suggest South of Central Park and 59<sup>th</sup> Street  
an underground road through 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Broadway  
to the Battery on the West Side and through Madison  
Ave to B'way and South to the Battery on the East Side.

If an underground is feasible under Broadway  
it is just as practicable through Central Park without  
destruction to that magnificent retreat.

As a New Yorker I have been an interested and  
earnest champion of better facilities for local traffic  
in that City. Pardon my encroachment on your  
valuable time and allow me also to congratulate  
you upon your thus far exceptionally good and  
impartial administration. I met you, you will  
recollect shortly after you took the "Majors Chair".

With regards  
Respectfully

Milt B. Goodkind.  
American House Bennington, Vt.

A republican form of government means the participation of the people in the affairs of government. That is a proposition that even a non-partisan or a Mugwump will agree to. Having that much granted, I fail to understand how it is that a man who believes it his duty to participate in government can feel insulted when any one asks him to take office. It may be that Mayor Strong has been reluctant to appoint Republicans to office by the fact that he may think they would feel hurt by the tender of place. If such is his notion I can give him the names of a thousand good Republicans who would take the insult and the salary and not say a word.

LUCAS L. VAN ALLEN.

L. L. Van Allen,

Attorney and Counsellor at Law,

318 BROADWAY,

LUCAS L. VAN ALLEN.

New York, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> 1895,

Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor, etc,

Esteemed Sir,

The enclosed appeared  
in one of our morning and  
evening papers of this date.  
It is unauthorized. I never  
made the statement, or any  
reference expressive of its  
contents. Am at all times  
willing to stand sponsor for  
my own declarations, but  
repudiate the imaginary,

Yours very truly,  
L. L. Van Allen,

Our sole aim is to raise the tone of our citizenship. Whatever concerns the welfare of our city is made the subject of inquiry and conference.

## The City Vigilance League,

UNITED CHARITIES BUILDING,  
105 EAST 22ND STREET,  
ROOM 408.

The Eighth  
Assembly District.

C. H. PARKHURST, D. D., President,  
188 East 85th Street.

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Hon. ABRAM S. HEWITT,  
A. E. KITTEDGE, D. D.,  
Rt. Rev. HENRY C. POTTER,  
JAMES A. SCRYMSEER,  
CHARLES STEWART SMITH,  
JOSIAH STRONG, D. D. }  
Vice Presidents.

A. W. ABBOTT, Secretary,  
United Charities Bldg., Room 408.

WM. M. KINGSLEY, Treasurer,  
45 Exchange Place.

New York, March 21<sup>st</sup> 1895.

Am Wm L Strong

Sir,

In pursuance of a motion I am instructed to address you in behalf of the members in this district, calling your attention to the recent pronouncements of the grand jury in its investigation of police frauds. It has added but another proof to the many already existing of the rotteness of that department from bottom to top. And we ask that you take into consideration the advisableness, if not necessity, of immediately removing from office commissioners Kevin, Murray, and Martin, men tarred with the same stick as others against whom indictments have been more easily found, and members of an organization that is an open and avowed enemy to your reform administration.

In conclusion permit me to again assure you of our unflinching confidence in and support of your administration.

Respectfully,

H. T. Rawley.

Secretary.

Hotel Albert.

N.Y.C.

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EDITORIAL ROOMS,

# THE MAIL AND EXPRESS,

(THE LEADING EVENING PAPER.)

ROBERT C. ALEXANDER, EDITOR.

203 BROADWAY,

New York, March 21, 1895

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Hon. William L. Strong:-

My Dear Mr. Mayor:-

Would it be convenient for you to make an appointment with me for a personal interview at some hour today or tomorrow, for a few minutes only? If the Mail and Express is not right in advocating a policy which we believe to be essential to the success of the reform administration, we want to be set right, and this is the only reason I seek an interview. We desire to stand by you and your administration, and be guided to a great degree by your wishes. Please let me hear from you and greatly oblige,

Yours Respectfully,

R. C. Alexander.  
Editor.

*Joseph*  
(Dic)

MEMORANDUM.

OFFICE OF

The Van Zandt Estate,

52 University Place

New York, Mar 21 1895

Mr. Amos E.  
Mayer

Dear Sir It is proposed  
to lay a cable road through this  
street. Two of my tenants  
have notified me that if it  
makes the same unbearable  
noise as in Lexington Ave.  
they will not renew their  
leases.

Justice and right

demanded that no concessions  
should be made to the Company  
without the direction that no  
unusual concessions be  
made by the property

The case otherwise uncalculable

injuring well being of property

all along the line

Ry.  
Jm. J. VanZandt

EXECUTOR

ELMER A. ALLEN,  
80 Broadway,  
New York.

*Go*

Hon. William L. Strong,

Mayor.

March 21st

1895.

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My dear Mayor Strong:-

On invitation, I am to talk twenty minutes at a public meeting next Monday night of one of the branches of Doctor Parkhurst's City Vigilance League, as is indicated on accompanying hand bill, received yesterday. I'd like to say there, before closing a simple practical talk, that "I understand that Mayor Strong in making a new Board of Education has appointed, in no case, to that Board an applicant for appointment. That is a refreshing -- a most encouraging fact to all the people who want improvement in our common school system. It is striking at the root of a growing evil in a prompt, simple, quiet way, without beating of drums. The way to reform is to reform. Honor to our Mayor for this thing!"

But I will not do this without your permission, for the fact is one I had from you in conversation yesterday. Are you willing I should mention it in the way I have put it?

I will call for a moment sometime to-day for your yes or no.

With most cordial respect, Yours

*Elmer A. Allen*

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P. B. ACKER, TREAS.  
E. F. HILL, Sec'y.

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316 West 104<sup>th</sup> St.

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Mayor Strong,

Dear Sir,

I am sorry to trouble  
you with a complaint, but as  
my father is South, I write in  
his stead. I wish to call your  
attention to the disgraceful con-  
dition of 104<sup>th</sup> Street, between  
West End Avenue and the Drive. It  
is a long time since it has been  
properly cleaned, and since the  
last heavy snow, has been in a  
horrible condition. We have hoped  
from day to day that it would be  
cleaned & have delayed writing  
we must however, it may receive  
attention at once.

March 11<sup>th</sup> 1905.

Very truly  
S. M. Acker.

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New York, 21<sup>st</sup> Mar., 1895.  
Mayor Strong,  
Dear Sir:

Some time ago I received notice from you to help the city by keeping the streets clean. I have done all in my power to do so, but I wish to call your most worthy attention to the fact that when I had some paste board in my garbage barrel, the ashman very saucily refused to take it

unless I was to bribe  
him for it.

She continually kept saying  
"Pay the Whelan for it."

I sincerely hope you  
will give this your most  
immediate attention.

Respectfully yours,

Geo. W. Glick

330 E. 69<sup>th</sup> St.

New York City.

She is unable to give  
number of cart. Has had  
no further trouble.

R. T. Fox

69 St.

2<sup>nd</sup> ave + 42

418 W 16 St.

COMMITTEE ON ERECTION OF THE WASHINGTON ARCH AT WASHINGTON SQUARE.

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- Alexander W. Drake.
- Gordon L. Ford.\*
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- Daniel Huntington.
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- Charles S. Smith.
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- W. L. Strong.
- Russell Sturgis.
- Jenkins Van Schaick.

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\* Deceased.

Office of William R. Stewart, Treasurer, 54 William St.

New-York, March 21, 1895.

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

Dear Sir:

At a meeting of the Committee for the erection of the Washington Arch, held at the office of its Treasurer on the 18th instant, it was unanimously resolved to dedicate the Arch with suitable public ceremonies, and to transfer it to the City Authorities on Tuesday, April 30th, the 106th Anniversary of the Inauguration of George Washington as first President of the United States, and the 100th Anniversary of which event the Arch was erected to commemorate.

At this meeting a resolution was unanimously adopted inviting Your Honor, as Mayor of the City of New York, to be present on the occasion, and to take such part in the ceremonies as you may desire.

A Special Committee of Five, of which we are members, was appointed with power to make arrangements for the ceremonies. One or more of these will wait upon you with this invitation.

It is a matter of great satisfaction to this Committee that you have been one of its active members from its organization in 1889. A liberal subscriber to the Fund for the erection of the Arch, we feel already assured of your hearty sympathy with the enterprise, and of your willingness to co-operate with this Committee to insure the success of the dedication ceremonies.

Yours truly,

*Wm R Stewart*  
Secretary Special Committee

*Henry Marquand*  
Ch<sup>r</sup> of Special Com

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Robert J. Mahon.

Counsellor at Law.

1 Warren Street.  
45 West 128<sup>th</sup> Street.

New York.

March 27/95-

Hon. W<sup>m</sup> L. Strong  
Mayor

Dear Sir — Concerning the matter of the  
Interintendent of Bldg. Dept. of which Mr. J. J.  
Smith spoke to you to-day permit me  
to say that the Society for Prevention of Crime  
is anxious to present the case to the March  
regular Board meeting.

Concurs of Alects Terry informs me to-day  
that he would report the matter to you.  
The Society would not care to hasten the  
case unduly and would refrain for the  
present, if you so desire. It may be  
that, <sup>for</sup> very proper reasons you may wish  
us to delay for a while. If you  
will kindly inform me of your  
wish in the premises, it will be

respectfully followed. I have been  
acting as counsel for the Society in  
so far as the Redy left investigations  
is concerned, and write in this  
capacity.

Mr. Frank Lewis and I had a  
conference to-day and reviewed the  
evidences, and it was an opinion  
that a strong criminal case was  
made out.

Very respectfully  
Robt. J. Mahony  
of Counsel S. P. C.

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*New York* March 22nd, 1895

Hon. William L. Strong,

My dear Sir:-

Please permit me to express to you the great satisfaction felt by the public at your appointment of General O'Brien as Dock Commissioner. From long personal knowledge of and friendship with Gen. O'Brien I am sure he will perform his duties in a manner <sup>to bring</sup> lasting benefit to the city, honor to the party and great credit to your administration. As the alderman from your district (as well as Gen. O'Brien's) I can assure you that locally also his appointment is most satisfactory.

I am yours with greatest respect,

*Bay Estell*

Office 43 E Cedar.

New York March 22<sup>d</sup> 1895.

To His Honor.

Col. William L Strong  
Mayor

City.

Dear Sir. Please excuse me if I trouble you again but, I would like to have back the letters of endorsements which have been sent to your office, by the Rev<sup>d</sup> Doct. C H. Kettell also by Mess Chas Cooper & Co; and a few abstracts from the New York newspapers, which are pasted on a sheet of letter paper.

As these abstracts could hardly be replaced to day and as they are revindication of my conduct while in the service in this City, those documents are invaluable to me.

Thanking you for the kind consideration accorded to an old public Officer of this City, and that extended to the numerous and reputable Firms, who had endorsed my petition.

I remain Your Humble Servant  
Ernest Drenet

FRANKLIN A. WILCOX.  
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Law Offices of  
**WILCOX, ADAMS & GREEN,**  
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NEW YORK. Mch. 22, 1895.

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Hon. Wm. L. Strong,  
Mayor &c.

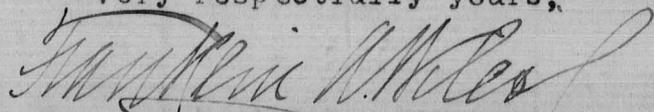
Dear Sir:-

The meeting of the Good Government Clubs of the City of New York in the interest of street cleaning has been appointed for Friday, March 29th next at 8.15 o'clock P. M. Among others who have been pleased to consent to be present are Commissioner Waring, Charles F. Wingate, W. F. Bridge (in the absence of Dr. Derby). It is hoped that the united action of all the Good Government Clubs working through the Good Government Club A, to which Club the Consul of Confederate Clubs has assigned the matter of street cleaning may result in the greatest benefit to the City on this all important matter. Your presence will great aid the efforts of these disinterested men in this direction.

You will recall that you kindly consented at my interview with you last Saturday to be present. I have carefully borne in mind the condition which you expressed. Our president, Mr. De Forrest Grant will call on you on the evening of the Friday, the 29th, a little before the hour of meeting to accompany you to the Club house, 722 Lexington Ave., the northeast corner of 58th St.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully yours,



Chairman Street Cleaning Committee, Good  
Government Club A.

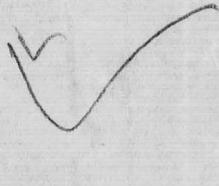
THE LINNÆAN SOCIETY OF NEW YORK,

~~Committee on American Ornithology~~

~~SECRET~~

New York, *March 22,* 18*95.*

*Hon. William L. Stearns,*



Dear Sir:

Your name has been proposed for election as a *Resident* Member of the Linnæan Society of New York.

The aim of the Society is to promote the best interests of Natural History, and special attention is directed to the department of ornithology.

Resident Members pay \$2.00 initiation fee and \$3.00 annually; other members are not assessed.

If agreeable to you to become a member, please communicate with me, that your name may be placed before the Committee on Membership.

Yours truly,

*A. S. Foster*

A. Secretary.

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**L. S. FOSTER,**

No. 35 Pine Street,

New York City,

N. Y., U. S. A.

No. 173 East 35th Street,

New York, March 22nd, 1895.

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

My dear Sir:-

This will introduce to you Mr. Justice Smith, a builder. He has no axe to grind; is seeking for no position, wants no position. So far as I know, is not seeking a position for any of his friends, but is interested in the purity of the Building Department. He is introduced to me by a gentleman whom I know well and in whom I have entire confidence. I have known something of Mr. Smith in connection with a bribery case with which Supt. Brady is connected. Mr. Smith has not asked me for this letter; it was my own proposition to give it to him. I believe he can give you valuable information with regard to the present condition of the Building Department and with reference to Mr. Brady who is at its head. Our detectives have done so much work already in that field that we are beginning to learn to understand that precisely the same principle obtains in that Department as in the Police Department. The only wonder to us is that with Brady and his Inspectors in power, there are not more Orchard Street disasters than there are.

Permit me to say that I had an exceedingly pleasant

interview yesterday at my house, with Commissioner Murray, President of the Excise Board. I had previously received from Mr. Theodore Roosevelt, two letters which gave me a very deep interest in Mr. Murray and I am convinced that he is a man with whom we are going to work co-operatively, most pleasantly and effectively. I congratulate you on the nomination.

I suppose that in the midst of all the criticisms to which one in your position is liable, you never object to a word of earnest approbation ?

Yours very sincerely

*C. H. Parkhurst.*

Headquarters Republican Club, 16th Assembly District.

200 East 49th St.,

New York, March 22, 1895.

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Dear sir:-

At a meeting of the above club held at their rooms on the above date, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, Mayor Strong, as the representative of the majority of the people has by his appointments to the various offices within his gift selected gentlemen, whose qualifications and high standing in the community justify the promises made to the citizens prior to the election, that if elected he would give us an honest and business-like administration;

"Resolved, that the Republican Club of the 16th Assembly District, heartily indorses the administration of Mayor Strong and the independent and fearless manner in which he has conducted his office, especially so in the appointments of Hon. Wm. Brookfield, as Commissioner of Public Works, and our esteemed friend Gen. C. H. T. Collis as Deputy Commissioner; also Hon. Joseph Murray as Excise Commissioner- Hon. James R. Sheffield and O. H. La Grange as Fire Commissioners, and last but not least our friend and fellow co-laborer at the last election, the Hon. Edward C. O'Brien as Dock Commissioner, and that we tender to him our hearty support.

"Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the gentlemen named herein, and to all the daily and evening papers.

Hon. Chas. Steinberg, Pres.

Wm. J. Moore, Sec'y.

Thos. F. Eagan,

Chairman Committee.

N.Y. City

216 WEST 34TH STREET

March 10/95

Hon Wm L. Strong

Dear Sir

I respectfully  
express the privilege to  
submit for your approval  
a plan of Streets  
Cleaning - I am an in-  
dependent voter of over 50  
Years of age. Regardless of  
party or factions and  
am not even a member  
of any good governments  
Club. I have a good prac-  
tice which affords me a  
liberal income & therefore  
no office seeker. But if  
my plan is accepted and  
approved would like to be  
assured that it will be

Faithfully & efficiently  
tried by some one compe-  
tent to do so. I think  
one reference as to my  
standing sufficient. So  
I give (Dear Mr. Tolson)  
Pres Board of Aldermen  
An acknowledgements  
of this will be appre-  
ciated by  
Yrs Respectfully  
S Branch Clark

ALFRED C. COWAN, President.  
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Edward Barfield.

*New York,* March 23rd. 1895.

Hon. William L. Strong,

Dear Sir: At a regular meeting of the above association held on the 16th. inst. it being desirous of expressing to you the high esteem and approval of the very able, careful way and manner, in the midst of the unfair criticisms of office seekers with which you have managed the affairs and discharged the burdensome duties that your high position has called upon you to perform.

RESOLVED. That we the members of the above association recognize in you all those sterling qualities, which are so highly essential and necessary for one to possess in your high position.

RESOLVED. That this association approves and endorses your appointments, of Hon. George E. Waring, and of the Hon. William Brookfield.

RESOLVED. That this association extends to you its heart felt sympathies in your struggles to make this City a purer and better one, and that you have already made great inroads and a wonderful and a surprising progress towards accomplishing that great end.

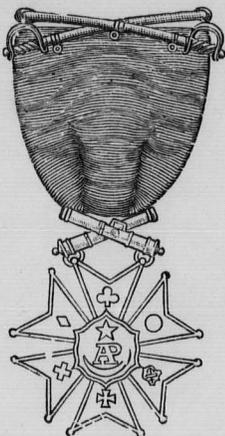
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SOCIETY OF THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC,

*New York*

*March 23, 1898*

*To His Honor*

*Mayor Strong*

*My Dear Sir*

*I have the honor to  
rejoice to the Mayor, that upon  
the signing of the Bill for the new  
Site for the College of the City of New  
York it will become the duty of  
the "President of the Board of Trustees"  
to appoint a Committee on the  
purchase of said site.*

*Is it possible that this most  
vital interest of the College is to  
be entrusted to the slow and  
pliant and almost inefficient  
incumbent of that chair*

*In such a man as Mackay  
to be put off our Comtee to make*

place for a "Nail" or a "Bolt".

I have seen enough during the past twenty five years to make me despaired of affecting any real reformation. Men who falsify the records - bully students - are notoriously unworthy and unfit are kept in the College by arranging Committees. Shall not the site be chosen to suit the plans of Tammany Keesler - I defeated them last year in spite of Gov. Flom's efforts to make me yield. Will all go for nothing through our present blindness? Republicans will be used to further Tammany ends - It seems so to me to day.

This letter is not private in any way. I have the honor to remain

With sincere respects  
 Your Obed Servant  
 Alex. S. Webb

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Dear Mr Strong

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I desire to congratulate you upon the appointment of Mr E C O'Brien as dock commissioner, and believe you will have no reason to regret the same as he is very worthy and competent to fill the place, I have known him many years, I hear nothing but words of kindness for you except a very few disappointed office seekers who do not count. With kindest regards I remain

Sincerely

John H. Jewell

To

Col William L Strong

Mayor  
New York

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New York March 24/95.

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

As Tammany Hall  
politicians are all being run down  
by this last election at the polls, I  
would like to ask you your Honor,  
if you would please see that  
a policy shop situated at  
Number 9 Hamilton Street, New  
York City and owned by a.

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man by the name of John  
Sullivan, and who is well  
known to the police and the  
people of the 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Wards as  
a thief and as a gambler and  
also nothing but a low crowd of  
contemptible idle lot of thieves  
but in other words "known as  
crooks" and sneak thieves" go  
into this place during the  
day and especially during  
the night's when all hard  
bred working men pass this  
place on there way home

from work the site of the  
place and the owner and the  
people who go into to it, and  
as I am one of the parties  
who hate the place and its  
owner, and would like to say  
a few words on the subject  
to you your Honor, by stating  
that the police of our precinct  
know the place and how they  
are doing business there and  
I am more then surprise to  
see that place <sup>was</sup> not closed up  
long ago but I believe that

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the police of our precinct  
that their hands are well  
greased, and that is the  
reason, why the police do not  
tell of this place, as the police  
do not tell and I shall let  
you know your Honor by  
letting you know in public  
and if you will give this  
letter your earliest attention  
and try and drive this place  
out of existence you  
will greatly Oblige  
"A Citizen"  
(over)

of the  
Seventh Ward

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~~St~~ Robert Dyer

Social \* Reform \* Club,

88 SECOND AVENUE,  
COR. FIFTH STREET.

New York, March 24 1895.

Mr. Job E. Hedges, Secy, &c.:

Dear Sir - I hope you will see your way clear to excuse me from replacing that old set of weights with new ones. The City never supplied me with the many articles I had to use (such as hammers, seals, handbags, badges) during five years' service, excepting one set of weights & 3 liquid measures. When I had to make a careful test of a surveyor's ~~chain~~ steel tape, I was obliged to borrow the <sup>one</sup> yard stick which Kelly had in his custody at the time, and, at my own expense take it to the State Sealer at

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Alfang, & have it tested & certified as conforming to the State standard, so that I in turn, might seal the local surveyors measure & give him a certificate for Court purposes.

Those weights were practically stolen from me, and are being held by some who may be dreaming of a big reward, or may have been waiting for a change in our department before turning them in at the City Hall. My name was conspicuously written inside the cover of the leather case.

Bloom says he & Ryan are thinking of working together, in which case he will need to carry only his hammer & seals.

I have a receipt for the liquid meas.  
Yours &c. John N. Robert

303 EAST 18<sup>TH</sup> STREET,  
NEW YORK.

March 24<sup>TH</sup> 1895

Dear Mr Strong,

Were you a  
typical New York Mayor, I would  
of course address you as  
Hon William L. Strong &c.  
Your sensible, straightforward  
and business like way of con-  
ducting the affairs of your  
office have endeared you to  
all right thinking people.

Save simply as a com-  
parative unknown member  
of the Republican party, to say  
that I believe I speak virtually  
for more than seventy five  
percent of the Republican  
party when I say that all  
of your official acts have been

decidedly in the best interests  
of the Republican party, and  
it goes without saying in the  
interest of good government.

Permit me to say -  
The newspapers and some in-  
dividuals to the contrary not-  
withstanding, that your delay  
in removing Commissioners  
Martin, Murray and Kerwin  
is well understood, and com-  
mended by the clear headed  
intelligent voters.

In this instance, as  
well <sup>as</sup> in others, you recall  
to mind Abraham Lincoln,  
who was assailed most  
unmercifully by his so called  
friends when they thought  
him a little slow at times.

There are times in the trials  
and cares of life when one  
is glad to receive words of  
commendation from total  
strangers, and it is simply  
as one individual unknown  
to you or friend that I  
venture to encroach upon your  
time.

With the  
utmost confidence in your  
intention and ability to  
secure to New York City an  
honest and efficient  
government, I remain  
with great respect,

Yours sincerely  
J. M. Wing

# LATIN-AMERICAN DEMOCRATIC REFORM UNION.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
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No. 206 Broadway.



New York, March 25, 189

Hon. W. L. Strong,

Mayor, New York City.

Sir:-

The Latin-American residents of this City would respectfully ask your Honor's attention to a few facts bearing upon the last Municipal election in this City.

We have in New York in the neighborhood of 100,000 citizens of Latin birth or parentage, of whom about 22,000 are voters. Among these people, there are a great many Societies, as may be imagined, when it is known that there are one hundred forty-four (144) different Latin-American associations united, of which Mr. A. Zucca, President of our organization has been presiding officer.

Last Fall, a successful effort was made to unite these various organizations, and on the 29th of May last, at a Mass Meeting held at Cooper Union, we began our work in earnest by adopting the enclosed resolutions, and while there was some difference of opinion among the members in regard to State issues, yet they were united as one for the reform, proposed by the party,

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which placed your Honor's name at the head of its ticket, and their votes and efforts were given for the success of the same.

At previous elections most of these people had voted for the candidates put up by Tammany Hall and the change of so many voters to the other side must have counted heavily in the weight that turned the scale.

These people do not come before you with a demand for office as a reward for their services, nor do they request it upon the ground that they did not receive party aid during the campaign, but put their hands in their own pockets instead, and paid all their expenses. An office for one representative man from among them, could not be regarded as reimbursing them for the heavy outlay they so cheerfully incurred, at the time when opposition to Tammany Hall looked like political suicide, but they would appreciate the honor of such a trust as an expression of confidence in them, and it would greatly tend to confirm them in the cause to which they have attached themselves.

The Latin-American Reform Organization was born

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only last Fall, and it needs a little fostering in its infancy to make all the stronger man of it in the near future.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

The Latin-American Reform Union,

*A. Zucca*  
President

*A. Cattaneo*  
Secretary.

A. P. HAYDEN,  
MANUFACTURING STATIONER,  
104 DUANE STREET,

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NEW YORK, March 25<sup>th</sup> 1895

Hon Wm L Strong

Dear Sir

I have not the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with you, but I am an admirer of the way you act as Mayor, and congratulate you on your conduct of your office. I once wished to pay my respects to Gen Sherman for the love bore the old Hero, so I asked my neighbor the late Gen Henry W. Glacium for a letter of introduction it read "Gen W. L. Sherman this will introduce to you my neighbor Mr A. P. Hayden he is neither a book agent, nor an office seeker." (It was one of the red letter hours of my life) I hope to call some day and see you if the time should come when so much of your valuable time is not taken by those who have favors to ask. I once heard a Conn Yankee say in speaking of a sermon by a divine. "I like him he stands up straight and if anything leans a settle tother way" that is about as I feel toward you.

Most Sincerely yours

A. P. Hayden

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New York, March 25 1895

Hon Wm L. Strong

N.Y. City N.Y.

My dear Sir:

Will you have  
the kindness to let  
me know when you  
receive the Bill  
relating to the University  
of the City of N.Y. and  
also when the Chancellor  
and myself may call  
& see you and explain  
said Bill. By so doing  
you will much oblige  
Yours truly

Daniel Banks

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CITY OF NEW YORK.  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

March 25th, 1895.

I have this day received from the Office of the Mayor  
three (3) Liquid Measures, one (1) Set of Weights and One (1)  
Yard Stick used by my predecessor in the office of Sealer of Weights  
& Measures.

*John C. Smith*

# NORTH SIDE BOARD OF TRADE,

OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

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New York, March 25th. 1895. 189

Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor, N.Y. City.

Dear Sir:-

Appreciating the efficient and valuable services rendered this district in signing the Concourse and Riker Island Bills the interest taken in matters pertaining to the 23rd. and 24th. Wards and the courtesies extended, you were unanimously elected an Honorary Member of the North Side Board of Trade at the annual meeting held on Friday, March 22nd. 1895.

Very Truly Yours,

John C. De La Vergne,

President.

*O. G. Angle*  
Secretary.

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New York March 25/95

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

Dear Mr Mayor:

Mr Henry Rice and I <sup>respectfully</sup> request an interview at your office at 2 P.M. tomorrow. Kindly inform me whether you will receive us and whether the hour is convenient to you. If not please state when we may call,

Very truly yours


 Isaac Wallach

38 Thomas St

# MAGYAR HIRADÓ.

HUNGARIAN HERALD.

233 BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

Telephone Call, 4562 Courtlandt.

*New York,* March 25 1895.

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Hon. William L. Strong,  
New York City,

Dear sir:-

Convinced as I am that you are ready to aid in every charitable object, I take the liberty of informing you of the following:

There lives in Greenwich, Connecticut, Mrs. Laura W. Ruttkay, the widow of a relative of the great Hungarian patriot, Louis Kossuth, with her three children. Her circumstances are nothing less than distressing. Her husband had served most honorably in the Civil War in the United States.

I wish to establish a fund for the education of her three children. For this purpose I have published a eulogy which I delivered at the time of the death of Kossuth, in three languages, English, Hungarian and German, and the entire net income of the sale of this pamphlet is to be used for the purpose of this fund, the growth of which will be recorded in my paper, the Hungarian Herald.

The price of the pamphlet which I have sent to you by to-day's mail is 25 cents, but any larger sums will be gratefully received, and acknowledged in the Hungarian Herald.

Yours very respectfully,

*A. Michael Guizer Editor*

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San Diego California  
March 25<sup>th</sup> 1895

Your Excellency  
The Mayor of New York

I am in search  
of information in regard  
to certain property situated  
in New York City which  
was deeded by

Walter Thomas and  
William Thorne

to

John Bowles

Made in 1775

Also, a second deed between  
Ann Bowles of the City of New York  
and Jacob Wilkins of " " " "

Made July 21<sup>st</sup> 1809

P.S.

I have written to the  
Judge of the Supreme Court  
in your City, but I do not  
know how to address the  
letter to him. I enclose it  
herewith, please <sup>address</sup> forward  
it to him; for which I shall  
be truly grateful.

Please write to me  
on these subjects at your  
earliest convenience  
and oblige

Jos. C. Benjamin  
San Diego  
California

725. Milton Ave

There is also another Deed  
These deeds are sealed and  
delivered in the presence of  
Jno. P. Hoote  
James Wright

I can produce these  
Deeds, will you write me  
of what advantage will  
their possession be to me  
I enclose stamp for reply

The land so deeded takes  
in much of the City of New York  
These Deeds are written on  
parchment.

Address Mr C. Benjamin  
813 Milton Avenue  
San Diego  
California

Property Owners' Union of the City of New York,

No. 78 EAST 96th STREET,

New York, March 25<sup>th</sup> 1895

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Hon. William L. Strong,  
Mayor,

Dear Sir,

We desire to express our gratification to you for the appointment of Mr. Stevenson Constable as Superintendent of Buildings and congratulate you in having secured for his most responsible position a gentleman, who, independent of political affiliations, can execute the duties of his office guided solely by his judgment of what is right, proper, and necessary in accordance with his practical experience and scientific knowledge.

Very respectfully

Yours -

James J. Schuyler

Harry Caro

Francis J. Schuyler



San Diego California  
March 25<sup>th</sup> 1895

To His Honor  
Judge of the Supreme Court.

I am able to produce  
three deeds to lands situated  
in the heart of the City of  
New York. These lands were  
leased for one hundred years.  
The date of the second deed is  
July 21<sup>st</sup> 1809.

I wish to know what  
advantage to me, is the pos-  
session of these deeds. They  
are written upon parchment.  
Please reply at your earliest  
convenience, for which I  
enclose stamp. Address

Mrs E. Benjamin  
813 Milton Avenue  
San Diego - California

Judge

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March 25/95

Mayor Strong

Honored Sir

The Cable Company  
are laying their Cable  
through East 23<sup>rd</sup> St  
between 4<sup>th</sup> and Lexington  
Avenues; And for the  
last two weeks have  
worked night & Pounding  
and cutting iron plates  
so that it is impossible  
to get rest; Will you  
kindly; speak to the  
department or have

your Clerk attend to  
it as it is a great  
injury to my house  
as my boarders will  
certainly move away  
unless something  
is immediately done  
to stop the nuisance  
I have spoken to the  
foremen also those  
in charge but it  
is of no consequence  
they work all night  
just the same your  
kind attention to the  
matter will greatly  
oblige  
Respy  
L. H. Nash



OFFICE OF

The Scottish-American,

No. 33 ROSE STREET.

P. O. BOX 2995.

New York, March 26<sup>th</sup> 1895.

Mayor Strong:

City of New York:

Dear Sir:

I am favored with a letter from your secretary, enclosing another from Colonel Waring, Commissioner of Street Cleaning. In the latter I am informed that bridges placed over gutters in streets should be cleaned every Wednesday morning by nine o'clock. In Rose street, where the nuisance has <sup>become</sup> insupportable, such bridges have not been removed, nor

gutters under them cleaned  
during the winter of the  
winter. Other streets  
in this vicinity have no  
bridges, and it would be  
a very great improvement  
in this street if such con-  
ditions of law were speedily  
abolished.

With great respect, I am  
Yours faithfully,  
A. W. Stewart

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# NEIDLINGER BROTHERS,

Importers and Jobbers of

Druggists' Glassware and Sundries,

OFFICE AND SALESROOM, 18 WARREN STREET,  
Near Broadway,

MAYOR'S OFFICE

COMPLAINT No. ....

New York, <sup>22</sup> March 26 1895.

Sir We once had the misfortune  
to pay your cash for taking away  
our cash trays.

They now refuse  
to take it at all altho  
we put it out every night

Yours truly  
Neidlinger Brothers

To The Mayor of New York,  
~~The~~ United States of America.

Sir, I beg respectfully to inform you, that I shall deem it a favour if you sir, will peruse the following plan for improvements - and a means to give employment: The Question of the Hour, or, How to Employ Unemployed. I wish a bicycle track cd. be laid down close to the hedges or walls of country roads; or a track for like purposes, cd. be erected on

posts, at a suitable altitude,  
along wide streets in cities  
and towns, or, along the country  
highways, or other convenient  
places. 2<sup>ndly</sup> There are  
thousands of acres of arable  
land in the U. S. now lying  
waste, which could be made  
reproductive - if only the willing  
hands that are now idle were  
employed to do the work. 3<sup>rdly</sup>;  
Gangs of men could be employed,  
under the supervision of experts  
in the sciences appertaining to  
the land - to explore, examine  
and duly experiment therewith,  
for architectural, agricultural  
and other purposes, the discovery

of the precious metals, being  
an important desideratum.  
4<sup>thly</sup>: For the convenience of  
pedestrians; crossings cars,  
on the chariot principle, which  
could be attended by two or,  
three men, and utilised for  
carrying passengers across  
the roads, or, streets, in congested  
traffic thoroughfares. 5<sup>thly</sup>;  
The Parks could be excavated, in  
suitable places; and concert,  
lecture halls or under-ground  
palaces, built therein: save the  
domes - which could be over ground,  
for the vital and particular  
purposes of good air and light: the  
said domes could be surrounded by  
flowers or other ornamentation.  
The plan herein proposed would be also -

applicable to the squares or open spaces, in cities and towns. 6<sup>thly</sup> The track already alluded to in this paper: might be also utilised for the quick delivery of letters and parcels, to the various houses, which wd be within easy reach, or, connected with the projecting rail or other parts of the said track.

Hoping that the Schemes for improvement herein referred to, will meet with your kind approval and that of some of the other authorities in America.

I also hope that I may get some pecuniary remuneration for the plans herein laid down by me - as just now I want some money. I am Sir,

Tuesday,

March, 26<sup>th</sup>  
1895.

Yours respectfully,  
G. D. Lysaght.  
7 Wilson St.  
Grafton Inn Rd.  
London. W.C.

SKEHAN & BERNHEIM,  
SUCCESSORS TO  
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MEMBERS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE,  
16 BROAD STREET,

JAMES B. SKEHAN.  
A. C. BERNHEIM.

NEW YORK, ~~March 26th 1895~~<sup>89</sup>

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

My dear Mayor Strong;-

I hope you will allow me the liberty of using your name as a member of the Executive Committee in our east side art exhibition to be given under the auspices of the University Settlement Society and the Educational Alliance at the building of the Hebrew Institute. President Low is President of the U.S.Society and Mr Isidor Straus of the Educational Alliance. The Committee will include Mr Oswald Ottendorfer, Mr Charles Stewart Smith and Mr R.W.Gilder and one or two others. Unless I hear from you to the contrary I shall assume that you approve of the use of your name in this connection. and remain,

Yours very truly,

*A C Bernheim*

S. S. PACKARD,  
101 EAST 23d STREET,  
NEW YORK.

March 26, 1895.

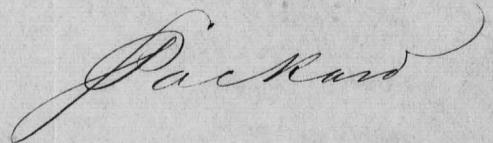
My dear Colonel:

I have been informed that our friend General Ewing has got his appointment; and this opens to me the opportunity that I have been waiting for.--- You doubtless remember that after your election to the presidency of the Ohio Society I had a little party of ten at my house, of our Ohio friends. I have wanted to invite the same people, under circumstances that would be as pleasant as could be wished. I know of no change in the personnel, except that I would like to include Mr. Crall, who was not present on that occasion, and Mr. Juilliard. It might be for the purpose of greeting our new president, General Burnett; but it really would be a slight ovation to our new Mayor, who works so hard and does so well.

If you will look over your engagements and set the evening to suit your convenience, I shall be most glad to call our friends together once more, and thank God that we are all alive.

Please let me hear from you at your convenience.

Very sincerely yours,



147 Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

12 West 57th Street, City.



HEADQUARTERS FIRST NAVAL BATTALION, NEW YORK,

U. S. S. "NEW HAMPSHIRE"

Foot of East 28th. St.

NEW YORK March 26th. 1895.

Honorable William L. Strong,

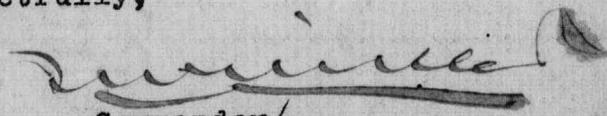
Mayor City of New York,

City Hall, N. Y. City.

S i r :

Referring to our conversation of yesterday and the fact that you very kindly consented to inspect the Naval Battalion on Wednesday April 17th. at 8-15 P. M. I write this letter, as requested, to remind you of the time and place. Knowing how extremely busy you are I fully appreciate the compliment you are paying the naval militia; and the men under my command are extremely thankful for the interest you take in the Organization.

Respectfully,

  
Commander/

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Hd'qrs. 1st. Naval Bat&ln. New York  
U.S.S. "NEW HAMPSHIRE"

NEW YORK March 26, 1895

Commander

Relative to inspection on Wednesday April 17th. 1895 by the Honorable Mayor of the City of New York.

*Stickney, Spencer & Ordway,*  
*Counselors at Law*

*Albert Stickney,*  
*Nelson S. Spencer,*  
*Samuel H. Ordway,*

*No. 31 Nassau Street.*

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*New York,* March 26th, 1895.

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

Sir :

I respectfully request of your Honor an interview for the purpose of submitting to your consideration a telegraphic Police Signal System, with a view to its adoption by our Police Department.

It is a remarkable fact, that the police force of this city is to-day virtually in the situation in which our Fire Department would be, if it were without electric communication, and were dependent for information and action on messengers, and is, in this respect, at least ten years behind our other cities.

The system to which I allude is covered by patents owned by clients of mine. It has now been thoroughly tested in actual use for several years in many large cities, and is beyond question in all its workings a complete success. It is within bounds, in my opinion, to say that this system would increase the efficiency and discipline of our city police to an extent beyond calculation. It seems to me, that hardly any measure in the interest of the city can have greater importance, or a higher claim upon your Honor's official consideration. In order to present its main features I

Hon.W.L.S. 2.

should need, I think, not more than ten minutes. The matter seems to me to be one of such importance, that in the first instance it should be submitted to you as the City's administrative head.

I therefore respectfully request that you will favor me with an appointment as early as your engagements will permit, when I may lay the subject before you for your consideration.

Very respectfully,  
Albert Stickney

# City Improvement Society,

(Incorporated June 14th, 1892.)

12 East Twenty-third Street.

## OBJECTS.

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

New York, Mch., 26th., 1895.

Hon. W. L. Strong,

Mayor.

Dear Sir:

We have the honor to inform you that Senator Sullivan's  
bill "permitting trucks to stand in N.Y. City streets when adjacent  
property owners do not object", passed the Senate yesterday.

Very truly,

City Improvement Society,

*J. B. Sampelly*  
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Secretary.

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City, March 29, '95

Hon. W. C. Strong,

Mayor New York City:

Dear Sir:-

I see that members of labor unions of the city are going to flood you with postal cards, asking you to remove Col. Waring as Commissioner of Street Cleaning. Don't you do it. I am a member of Typographical Union No. 6, and I want to say that the better class of laboring men are with you. yours

J. C. Heaton

# 52 East 7th St.