

A NON-PARTISAN MAYOR. COLONEL STRONG REITERATES HIS INTENTIONS BEFORE THE DRY-GOODS MEN.

HIS SPEECH AT THE DINNER GIVEN HIM BY FELLOW-BUSINESS MEN—SPEECHES BY MESSRS. BELLS, CHOATE, DEWEY, CLAPIN AND ROO AND BY DR. PARKHURST.

THE DINNER WAS GIVEN TO COLONEL STRONG, THE MAYOR-ELECT, LAST EVENING IN DELMONICO'S, BY THE DRY-GOODS MEN, WAS THE FOURTH which he has attended since his election in November, the first being the jewellers' dinner, the second the Chamber of Commerce, and the third the Ohio Society.

THE COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS, WOODBURY LANGDON, AUGUSTUS D. JULLIARD AND LOWELL LINCOLN, WERE ACTIVE AND ENERGETIC IN SEEING THAT EVERYBODY WAS PROPERLY SEATED.

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TRAINS SMASH TOGETHER. REAR-END COLLISION ON THE BROOKLYN ELEVATED ROAD.

ONE PASSENGER'S NOSE CUT AND OTHER TRAVELLERS INJURED—EXCITEMENT ON THE CARS AND A LONG DELAY OF TRAFFIC.

A serious delay was caused to travel on the Lexington line of the Brooklyn Elevated road last evening by a collision at Lexington and Nostrand streets.

THE COLLISION OCCURRED SHORTLY AFTER 6 O'CLOCK, THE BUSIEST HOUR OF TRAVEL, THERE WAS SO LONG A LINE OF TRAINS STALLED BEHIND THE ONE WHICH CAUSED THE ACCIDENT.

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BUILT A FIRE IN HIS CELL. A CONVICT TRIES TO ASPHYXIATE A FELLOW-PRISONER.

HE FIXES THE FLAZE SO THAT THE FUMES FOLLOW A VENTILATOR TO THE ROOM ABOVE HIM—HIS INMATE ALMOST DEAD.

WILLIAM SEAMAN, A PRISONER IN THE COUNTY JAIL AT RIVERHEAD, L. I., WHO WAS SENTENCED TO A TERM OF TWO YEARS IN SING SING FOR BURGLARY LAST WEEK, ALMOST SUFFOCATED A FELLOW-CONVICT WEDNESDAY NIGHT IN A PECULIAR MANNER.

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CHECKS FOR CROKER. SENT HIM BY A CONTRACTOR.

MICHAEL MORAN'S ADMISSIONS BEFORE THE LEXOW COMMITTEE. CAPTAIN CREEDEN'S HUMILIATION.

DRAMATIC SCENES AT THE INVESTIGATION—MORAN SAYS HE FORWARDED SUMS RANGING FROM \$50 TO \$150 TO THE TAMMANY BOSS FOR FOURTH OF JULY "BLOWOUTS" AND "ELECTION PURPOSES"—TESTIMONY SHOWING THAT \$15,000 WAS RAISED FOR CREEDEN ABOUT THE TIME OF HIS APPOINTMENT TO A CAPTAINCY—MR. GOFF IN AN ATTEMPT TO FIND OUT YESTERDAY WHO GOT IT.

THE LEXOW COMMITTEE WENT "UP HIGHER" THAN A VENGEANCE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, WHEN IT TRACED TAMMANY PROTECTION MONEY DIRECTLY TO RICHARD CROKER.

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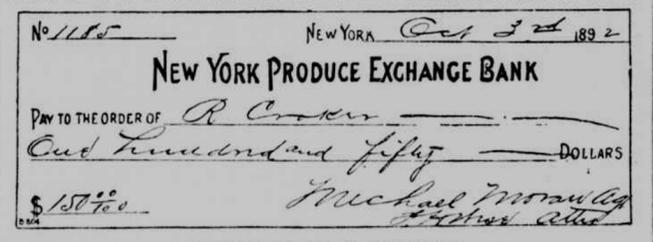
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FACSIMILE OF ONE OF THE CHECKS.

TAMMANY POWER, TO PROTECT HIS OWN INTERESTS, HE THOUGHT HE HAD TO PAY MONEY TO TAMMANY WHILE HE WAS GETTING FAVORS IN A BUSINESS WAY FROM A DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT UNDER TAMMANY CONTROL.

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