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These proceedings were put in form and forwarded to the Navy Department with a request for permission to circulate the call or statement, or whatever you may please to call it, among the officers of the service.

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Solved. How utterly unselfish this course of the Hon. WILLIAM RUSSELL WILCOX actually was we think every one must understand when attention is called to the fact that no nomination for Mayor will be made prior to September, and before that time every candidate is safely in the hands of his friends.

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