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April 27, 1893

William Kellogg, Esq.,

Algonac, Mich.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of April 27th received and contents noted. Please accept my thanks for the same.

Mr. Johnson proposed to our association first to do the work and put the material in place at eighteen cents per cubic yard. The material has got to be distributed along the bank of the river for the purpose of filling in a strip about seventy feet in width on an average. He seems to prefer, however, doing the work by the day. It is a question with our directors whether we ought to let the contract by the day at $2.00, or by the contract at eighteen cents per cubic yard. I thought that from the amount of work that he had done for you, you might be able to give me some opinion on this one matter. I thank you for your suggestion as to allowing the twenty minutes for repairs in case of any breaking of dredge, etc. I had not thought of this, and I can see how such a provision would be a very material one in a contract of this kind.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by S.)

President.

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Northern Electrical Manufacturing Company own the blocks on the southwesterly side. If this street should be vacated, the owners of the property on either side, might, as it seems to me, make some arrangement that would be advantageous to all parties, by making it possible to square the different lots, which are now cut up into odd shape by the street. I am going to send a similar letter to this, to each of the owners, with the request that they will send me a line so that I will get the same some time Monday if possible, giving their opinion as to whether they would favor the vacation of the street on condition that not less than sixty-six feet in width of land be given along the southwesterly side of Water street for street and park purposes. I wish you would be so kind as to consider the matter and let me know your opinion as to the proposed change.

Yours truly,

Edward Ellis.

(Dic. by O.)

April 13, 1903.

Albin Johnson, Esq.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

After meeting you upon the street, I have seen Frank W. Hoyt, treasurer of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association, and looked through the original list to see what the mistake was concerning your subscription. I think, upon examination, you will find that you were mistaken. I send you, under another cover, a copy of our last annual report. By turning to page 41, you will observe that there is a credit of $5.00 given to "Albion Johnson". Through a mistake, either of the printer or the copyist, you name was put in as Albion, when it should have been Albin. I regret the mistake, but you will see how it could have occurred.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

April 14,1903

Mr. W. A. Gardner,

Gen'l. Mngr. C. & N. W. Ry. Co.,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed I send you a copy of the affidavit which has been filed to-day with the Governor, in order to comply with Chapter 30, laws of 1903, as to raising of bridges over Yahara river. I thought you might be interested in the amount we have raised for [illegible]urpose. In addition to this sum, we have raised five thousand dol[illegible]r the regular work of the association.

Yours truly,

J. [illegible]

(Dic. by C.)

(Enc.)

April 14, 1903.

Mr. A. H. Harding,

Pres't. C. M. & St. P. Ry. Co.,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Harding:-

Enclosed I send you a copy of the affidavit which has been filed to-day with the Governor, as required by Chapter 20, laws of 1903. I thought you might be interested in seeing the amount we have raised by private subscription for the improvement of the River and the connecting of the two lakes. In addition to this sum, we have raised five thousand dollars for the regular work of the association.

While writing this, I wish to refer to another matter, that of the subway on Mills street. Our association, as such, has had nothing to do with this matter. As a citizen, however, I am a good deal interested in it. It has seemed to me, all the time, that if this matter was presented rightly to the railway officials they would do what was just and right in the matter without any attempt to compel action. I believe thoroughly in treating railway corporations, as well as others, fairly, and my experience thus far, in dealing with them, has been that they have always ready to do what was right when matters were properly presented.

There is now a sentiment among the people who are most inter-

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osted in securing this subway, that the best thing to do would be to have a committee appointed, representing the different interests, to see the officials of the two roads and try and come to some understanding that would result in securing a subway in the near future in a way that would be fair to all parties interested.

Very truly yours,

J. Rockefeller

(Dict. by C.)

(Enc.)

April 15, 1903

D. Hill, Esq.,

Dundee, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

The seedlings reached here Saturday and they were healed in on Sunday. As far as size is concerned, they are all very nice, excepting the elms. The elms were not of the size that I bargained for. They were very small. They were to be even larger than the lindens, 12 to 18 inches, while the lindens were to be 10 to 15 inches. But it is not only the size, that I complain of; they were very poorly packed, so that they came with the roots dry. I do not believe they will live. This is more or less true of the packing of the others. I was surprised at this, because your packing had always been in such excellent shape heretofore. I hard know what to do about the elms. If I plant them, and they do not live, then it is money worse than thrown away. What I should prefer very much would be to have you send me another thousand of white elm of the very best size you can give me, even though I pay for them without any deduction. I wish you would let me know at once concerning the matter.

Yours truly,

[illegible]

President.

(Dic. by O.)

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[illegible] 1905

Mr. S. W. [illegible]

[illegible] Cal.

My [illegible]

I [illegible] to [illegible] for your subscription of $100 to the [illegible] river improvement [illegible] to [illegible] $10 for the other work.

[illegible] under [illegible] cover, I [illegible] to you a copy of the Democrat, which shows, in a general way, what we have done. We had a very good annual [illegible]

[illegible] yours,

(Dic' by [illegible])

John M. Allen

President.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

April 16, 1908

[illegible] Johnson, Esq.,

Box 164,

Oconomowoc, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Could you not refer me to the engineer or engineers who constructed the lock or locks at Oconomowoc? I would like very much to get in communication with them, and would like to have them bid on the work that we propose to do here, if they would wish to do so.

I would regard it as an accommodation to me if you could give me the above information. If you know the gentlemen, you might also have a talk with them. The plans and specifications for the lock are just about completed, and we shall be ready soon to let the contract.

I have written a letter to Mr. Bullen, stating to him what we are trying to do here, and asking him to give us any information that might be of service to us.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

[illegible]

President.

April 10, 1902

W. George Sullam,

Oconomowoc, Wis.

Dear Sir:

I have been informed by Mr. H. F. Johnson of Oconomowoc, that you had considerable to do with the construction of a lock or locks at Oconomowoc. Our people of this city are planning to improve the Yahara river, which connects two of our lakes, Mendota and Monona, and as a part of the improvement we have [illegible] to construct a lock at the outlet of the upper lake. I thought that you might be able to give us some information that would be of service to us in this work. We are having the plans and specifications prepared by Prof. W. H. Taylor, who is a practical railway engineer, but has never had anything to do particularly with the construction of locks.

You may be interested in knowing something about the work that we have been trying to do here at Madison, and with that in view I send you, under another cover, a copy of the annual report for our work in 1901. The report for the year 1902 will be published within a week or so. We have raised, by private subscription, for the work this year, something over $25,000, which, together with what we have raised before, makes something over $70,000 in all.

Any information that you can give us along the lines above indicated will be very much appreciated.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

April 18, 1900

Mr. S. J. Johnson,

Box 166,

Oconomowoc, Wis.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 10th received, and also two pictures of the dredger. Please accept thanks for same.

You state as an approximate estimate for excavating and disposing material along the Yahara River eighteen cents per cubic yard. I had hoped that you might make this the same figure that Thomas & Clarke have proposed to do the work for, that is fifteen cents. Of course, I don't want you to lose anything on the job. On the other hand, our means are limited and we want to get about so much work done. I am quite sure that if you got this piece of work, and did it satisfactorily, you could have work here on these lakes for a number of years if you wished to do it. In connecting the other lakes, we shall have to excavate the Yahara River for a distance of some six or seven miles. This will be straight ahead work; that is, we shall not be attempting to make a park along the edge of the river. There are other places along the lakes where particulars apply waiting to get that kind of work done to advantage. One of our directors, Mr. Magnus Swenson, a very competent engineer, is [illegible] to do this kind of work for me on the [illegible], that is the lake that empties into the river at the [illegible]. Don't you think

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you could undertake the work at fifteen cents, provided we could let the job to you within a few days? I wish you would write me something the matter after receiving this letter.

On the theory that we should excavate say about 75,000 cubic yards, and you could get the work now, how long, in your judgment, do you think it would take you to do the work? We would like to have the work all completed, if possible, on or before the 1st of November next. I thought you would be able to let me know about what time you could complete the work.

Yours truly,

(Dict. by G.)

President.

April 18,1903.

Mr. A. J. Earling,

Pres't. C. M. & St. P. Ry. Co.,

Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Mr. Earling:-

We now expect to let the contract within the
ou three days for the dredging of the Portage River between the two
lakes. We want to commence the work as early as the 10th of May and
to push it continuously until it is completed. Of course, the men
doing the dredging cannot get under the bridges until they are raised
or the piling is removed. On the 24th of March, you wrote that you
would commence work at once on the Watertown division, and thought
you would be ready with the plans for the Portage division within
thirty days. In as much as the doing of our work, depends absolutely
upon the raising of the bridges, I trust that your company may be able
to push its part of the work as rapidly as possible.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

April 13,1903.

Mr. W. A. Gardner,

Gen'l. Mngr. C. & N. W. Ry. Co.,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

The Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association expects to let the contract within two or three days for excavating the Yahara River between the two lakes, and we expect that the work of dredging will commence as early as the 10th of May. In order to do the work, it will be necessary for the dredge to get under the bridges, and this cannot be done until they are raised. I write to ascertain whether your company cannot proceed with the work of raising the tracks at once, so as to be out of the way before the dredge gets that far up the river? It will be an accommodation to us if you plan to raise the bridge over the river on the Milwaukee and Monfort line first.

Now that we have raised something over $30,000 for the work, we are very anxious to have the work completed this season, so that our citizens will feel that something has been accomplished.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

April 18, 1903.

Frank W. Hoyt, Esq.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose you a check for money that has been paid to me by subscribers for maintaining the drive money as follows:

George Curtis,	$10.00
Nils R. Haugen	10.00
E. P. Burnsalter	5.00
Nissen F. Stenjem,	5.00
F. Huels,	5.00
Mrs. S. B. Pinney,	5.00
G.P. Kingsley,	5.00
Robert McWatty,	5.00
Henry Scholer,	5.00
S. Olson,	5.00
Charles Ellis,	5.00
Total,	65.00

I also send you another check of $10.00 to pay George P. Kingsley's subscription for the Yahara River improvement. A copy of these lists will be furnished you as soon as possible.

Yours truly,

(Tic by A.)

(2 Checks)

[illegible]

President.

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Itself to fill any land outside of the land that we secure for [illegible] purposes. Nor do we wish to assume the burden of constructing a [illegible], sidewalk, gutter and curb, and of laying sewer, gas and water pipes. As you know, the directors of this association receive no compensation for their services. At best, a good deal of work necessarily devolves upon a comparatively few of us, and we must try and lighten that burden wherever possible. We are not in a position to do such work as constructing [illegible], [illegible], sidewalks, etc. to advantage. It occurs to us that it would be much more satisfactory to you people to do any work of that kind yourselves. Then it would be done just as you would like to have it done.

I will say that I very much wish that the river could be properly improved between Williamson street and the lake, yet we have but a limited fund with which to work. We hope that your [illegible] feel like meeting us on the above proposition and accepting the $1,000 in [illegible]. [illegible] We feel it impossible to [illegible] more than we have already [illegible], and after [illegible] the whole ground over [illegible] about the matter [illegible] I can [illegible] tell you, we have come to the conclusion [illegible] the [illegible] was the best that we could [illegible].

Of course, we [illegible] to [illegible] a contract to [illegible] we [illegible] [illegible] its present location [illegible]

feet strip and meet all the expense incident to putting the building on as good a foundation and in as good shape as it now is. From estimates which we have had made of such work, we concluded that this could be done inside of six or seven hundred dollars. But we have understood from you that you did not desire this to be done, and hence we have decided to make you a cash offer.

Hoping that you may be able to cooperate with us along the above lines, I am.

Very truly yours,

(Dis. by S.)

President.

April 20, 1903

Prof. Albert [illegible] Flint,

[illegible] Chamber St.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 15th received. I have sent a note to our Mr. Bellow to dig and bring to your place as soon as he can conveniently, three nice white elm and three dark green spruce. The elm will be thirty-five cents a piece delivered and the green spruce fifty cents each, making for both elms and spruces $[illegible].

I think your suggestion as to fish, etc., is a good one, and I believe it would be a very good thing for the city, as such, to spend a little money in that direction each year.

Yours truly,

[illegible]

(Pres. by S.)

President.

April [illegible]

Wayne Ramsey,

To Madison Park & Pleasant Drive Association, Dr.

for the following trees:

20 white elm at 30 cents each,	$6.00
15 box elder at 20 cents each,	3.00
5 white birch at 20 cents each,	1.00
5 catalpa at 20 cents each,	1.00
5 white ash at 20 cents each,	1.00
	12.00

April 21, 1908

Mr. [illegible],

City.

My Dear Sir:-

Enclosed I send bill for trees furnished by [illegible] Park & Pleasure Drive Association.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

President.

April 21, 1908

John Kelley, Esq.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

You can dig some time to-morrow, Wednesday, ten white elm for Mr. S. H. Marshall and ten white elm for Golf Club. You can put the white elm for Marshall together with the catalpa trees.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

April [illegible], 1905

[illegible]

To [illegible] Pleasure Drive Association, Dr.

For [illegible] trees at [illegible] each $[illegible]

April [illegible], 1905.

M. S. Rowley.

To Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association, Dr.

For 50 trees at 30 cents each, $15.00

Yours truly,

President.

April [illegible] 1903

[illegible] Arthur [illegible], Secy.,

Board of Park Commissioners,

[illegible], Minn.

Dear Sir:

I have received in the mail this morning a copy of the report of the Board of Park Commissioners of Minneapolis for 1902. Please accept [illegible] for the same. I like very much the [illegible] way in which the same is prepared.

Yours truly,

[illegible]

President.

Dic. by [illegible]

April 21, 1903

M. S. Hawley, Esq.

City.

Dear Sir:-

Will you be so kind as to send a check for the enclosed bill, and [illegible] oblige?

Yours truly,

(Pic. by O.)

(Ent.)

[illegible]

President.

A[illegible]

[illegible] Sec'y.,

[illegible] Water Commissioners,

City.

Dear Sir:—

[illegible] under the [illegible] the Fairbanks Brewing Company and the Park [illegible] Association, the association is asked to put in water service running from Williamson street to Jenifer street, [illegible] street to be con[illegible] Williamson [illegible] The present building at the [illegible] Williamson street [illegible] the River is to be moved [illegible] the Fairbanks [illegible] on Jenifer street and a new bu[illegible] on the westerly side of the [illegible] property [illegible] that other buildings will be [illegible] facing the proposed park strip. [illegible] conditions of moving their building to [illegible] street that [illegible] main be laid along the street that is to be [illegible] Williamson and Jenifer street, [illegible] property [illegible] This [illegible] is to be filled up to within [illegible] feet of [illegible] Williamson street, and we would like [illegible] be [illegible] this filling is [illegible] city [illegible] burden of [illegible]

[illegible]

going to [illegible] hard work [illegible] the proposed improvement

with the funds [illegible] disposal.

Yours truly,

Johnson [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] 1909

[illegible]

To Chicago, Milwaukee [illegible]

For freight on [illegible] of material [illegible]

in the fall of [illegible], at $[illegible] per [illegible] $[illegible]

The [illegible] Owner [illegible] receipt [illegible] for the above [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] 11 [illegible] 1903

George Bullen Esq.,

[illegible] Bullen & Co.,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Mr. M. J. [illegible], of [illegible], has referred me to you as a person who is acquainted with him and also with the work that he proposes to do for our association, namely some dredging. He wished me to say to you that Mr. Johnson, is the one who did the first dredging for you and is the man who has recently been working for Mr. Killner, of Milwaukee. Mr. Johnson prefers that our association should employ him by the [illegible] rather than by the yard. Is he a man who, if employed by the day, would push the work practically the same as he would were he working by [illegible] job? I enclose herewith a stamped envelope for reply.

Thanking you in advance for your courtesy in the matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Johnell Allen

April 14, 1903

D. Hill, Esq.,

Dundee, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

I did not answer your letter of April 10th. I have no remark to find, except that I do not think you filled my order too close in the way in which I gave it to you. You evidently overlooked the matter. I am having the seedlings planted and will do the best we can with them. I wish you would remember the matter another spring, and we will do whatever is done at that time instead of doing it this fall.

Yours truly,

(Pic' by O.)

President.

April 24, 1906

David S. Agnew, Atty.,

[illegible], Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

I write you concerning Mr. M. J. Johnson, of your city. He has applied to our association for the doing of some dredging for us, about fifty thousand cubic yards. He prefers to do the work by the day rather than by a contract for so much per cubic yard. I would like to have you give me your opinion of Mr. Johnson as a man and as to whether you think he would be a person who would push the work under a contract by the day practically the same as he would if he were working by the job. I hope you may be able to give me the desired information. Enclosed find stamped envelope for reply.

Thanking you in advance for your courtesy in the matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

(Mic. by A.)

President.

April 24, 1899

W. S. Johnson, Esq.,

P. O. Box 164,

Oconomowoc, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I have arranged with Prof. Taylor to go down to look over your plant on Friday, one week from to-day. He will leave here on the train that leaves at 1:15 from East Madison and I shall expect you to meet him at the train.

I do not know whether our directors will consent at all to making a contract by the day. My plan now is to have the matter looked over by Prof. Taylor and then to have you return with him on Friday, one week from to-day, and I will arrange for a meeting of the directors on the evening of that day so that you can come directly from the train to the meeting, and we will then settle the matter one way or the other.

In the meantime, I will write to different persons for references as to your work. You can bring with you any references that you may have now.

Yours truly,

(Dictated by O.) President.

April 30,1903

M. Milton, Sr.,

Oconomowoc, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I write you concerning Mr. M. M. Johnson, of your city. He has applied to our association for the doing of some dredging for us, about fifty thousand cubic yards. He desires to do the work by the day rather than by contract. I would like your opinion as to what kind of a man Mr. Johnson would be for this kind of work, and also whether he is a man who would push work of this kind under such a contract practically the same as he would were he doing the work by the job. I would appreciate it if you could give me the information above asked. I enclose a stamped envelope for reply.

Thanking you in advance for your courtesy in the matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

Darwell Elkin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

April 24, 1903

H. G. Edgerton, Esq'r,

Cashier Bank of Oconomowoc,

Oconomowoc, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I write you concerning Mr. N. J. Johnson, of your city, who has applied to our association for doing some dredging for us, about fifty thousand cubic yards. He desires to do the work by the day rather than by the job. I would like to get from you your opinion of Mr. Johnson as a man, and also whether you think he is a person who would push work of this kind under such a contract practically the same as he would were he doing the work by the job. I hope you can give me the desired information. Enclosed you will find a stamped envelope for reply.

Thanking you in advance for your courtesy in the matter, I am.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

April 24, 1903.

William Kellner, Esq.,

Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Our association wishes to engage the services of some one to do some dredging between our two largest lakes, the amount of material to be thrown out being something between fifty and seventy-five thousand cubic yards. We have had some negotiations with Mr. N. J. Johnson of Oconomowoc. He tells me that he has worked for you some four years, and gives your name to me as a reference. I wish you could drop me a line, stating your opinion of Mr. Johnson, not only as to his honesty and uprightness, but as to whether he is a man who would push the work which he was to do with reasonable diligence. We have proposed to enter into a contract with him, giving him a certain price per cubic yard for the amount excavated. The work is somewhat uncertain in character, and he would like to do the work by the day. He claims his regular price is $35.00 per day, but that in order to get a start here he would do our work for $25.00 per day. If not trespassing too much upon your time, I would very much appreciate an answer to the above inquiries.

Inclosed you will find an addressed and stamped envelope for reply. Thanking you in advance for your courtesy in the matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

President.

(Dic. by C.)

April 24,1896

Montgomery Ward, Esq.,

Oconomowoc, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Mr. W. J. Johnson, of Oconomowoc, has referred me to you as a person who would be able to state to me the kind of man Mr. Johnson is. He proposes to do for our association some fifty thousand cubic yards of dredging. He desires to do the work by the day rather than by contract. We do not like to let the work by the day, but might do so if we were thoroughly satisfied that Mr. Johnson was a man who would push the work practically the same as he would were he working under contract. I would appreciate it if you could give me information along the lines above asked. I enclose a stamped envelope for reply.

Thanking you in advance for your courtesy in the matter, I am.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

April [illegible] 1909

O. C. Simonds, Esq.,

Landscape Gardener,

Station X,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

The common council, at its last meeting, passed a resolution asking the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association to employ some landscape architect to prepare a plan for the improvement of East Washington Avenue and submit the same to the council. I will have a meeting of our board of directors to act upon your employment one week from this evening, May 1st. There is no question but what the board will ask you to prepare the plan. I will notify you, however, immediately after the meeting of the board. I wish you would so arrange your work, if possible, as to be here at Madison on Monday morning, May 4th. The common council is to meet again on Friday evening of that week, that is on May 8th. If you could reasonable do so, I would like to get your report and sketch of the improvement in time to submit the matter to the council at that meeting.

Yours truly,

[illegible]

President.

(Dict. by [illegible])

April 30, 1[illegible]

[illegible] & Johnson Mfg. Co.

City.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find warrant for $1.75 to pay your bill against [illegible] Farm & Pleasure Drive Association, for repairing plow, etc. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me, and much oblige

Yours truly,

[illegible]

President.

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

April 26, 1909

Mr. W. S. Gardner,

Gen'l Mgr. C. & N. W. Ry. Co.,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Since writing [illegible] on April 1[illegible] [illegible] been determined by the Madison Pa[illegible] Pleasure Drive Association to let the contract of dredging in two parts. One contract will be let for doing the work between Williamson street and Lake Mendota. A separate contract will be let for the work between Williamson street and the upper lake, that is Lake Mendota. The party with whom we wish to make the contract for the latter portion of the work, insists on the association guaranteeing him against delay by reason of the bridges not being raised in time to enable him to do the work, and that our association pay him $35.00 for each day's delay. He is ready to commence work as soon as he can get his dredge in shape and bring it from Oconomowoc to this city, and not later than the 1st of June next. He will begin his work just west of the main bridge of your road across the river, and do the dredging westerly first to the [illegible] and then return to finish the work between this bridge and Williamson street. Before making this contract, our association desires to know what assurance your company can give us as to the date when you can have the bridges elevated so as to allow eight feet space between the bridge and the

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water. You can easily see how important it is for us to know this fact before binding ourselves to pay $35.00 per day for delay. If you could assure us that you would have the bridges raised say by the middle of July, we would be able to complete this entire improvement the present season, and such completion of our work would very greatly aid us in future work.

I would very much appreciate an answer at the earliest date possible.

Yours truly,

[illegible]

(Rec by O.)

Apr. 1 26, 1900.

Mr. A. J. Earling,

Prest. C. R. & S. P. Ry. Co.,

Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Mr. Earling:

It would be of great aid to the work of our association if we could ascertain at this time how soon your company might be able to commence the work of elevating the bridges and making the changes over the Ithaca river, so as to enable our association to do the work of dredging. I wrote you concerning this matter under date of April 18, stating the situation. Since writing that letter, we have been negotiating with two parties for doing the work of dredging. We expect to let the contract in two parts. That portion between Williamson street and the lake will be let to one party, and the other portion to another party. We are asked in the contract for the doing of the work between Williamson street bridge and the upper lake, to protect the contractor against any delay by reason of the bridges not being raised in time to enable him to do the work, and to pay him $[illegible].00 a day for each day's delay. The plan now is to have this contractor commence work in the river at a point just west of the bridge of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company and excavate first westerly to the dam and then return and do the excavation between this railway bridge, and Williamson street. Before signing this

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contract, and binding ourselves to pay the contractor $50.00 a day for each day's delay occasioned by the bridges not being finished. I wish to find out what assurance the railway companies can give us as to the date when they will have their bridges raised.

I may say in this connection that our association has been acting upon the assurance contained in your very kind letter of March 20th, and I would very much appreciate a letter from you at this time stating the probable date when you could have the bridges elevated on your roads. If you could have this work done say by the middle of July, or not later than the 1st of August, we would be safe in guaranteeing the contractor against loss by reason of any delay.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by C.)

April 30, 1928

Lou S. Parker, Architect,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I have handed to Mr. D.K. Tenney one of the copies of the plans and specifications for the proposed bridge in Tenney Park, with request that he attend to the work of securing the construction of this bridge. I wish you would call upon him and get the matter started, so that a contract can be let at the earliest date possible.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Walter Sherwood
William E. Hayes
Magnus Swanson

April [illegible] 1903

Frank B. [illegible], Esq.,

[illegible], Wis.

Dear Sir:-

We would not have any work for the man you speak of. He is too high priced. Besides, I do not think he could possibly fill the bill any better than our present foreman who works for us at $2.25 per day and [illegible].

As to the improvement of East Washington Avenue, the plan would be to commence the improvement at the Capitol Square and work towards the east. Chances are that your lots would not be reached for several years. I think you will be wanting the improvement hurried up in [illegible].

Very truly yours,

John W. Plein

President.

(Dic. by O.)

April 27,1903

Fuller & Johnson Mfg. Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $5.00 to pay your bill of April 24th a/c East Madison Park & Pleasa Drive Association. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

John W. Lee

President.

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

[illegible]

April [illegible], 1[illegible]

Prof. [illegible],

Starling Place,

[illegible]

My Dear Sir:

I have just received a letter from Mr. Johnson, stating that he would meet you at Nashotah Station on Friday at three o'clock in the afternoon, that being the station nearest to the Dredge.

I trust you will be able to go at the time named. Upon your return, please come with Mr. Johnson to my office, where there will be a meeting of the directors.

Yours truly,

(Dict. by S.)

[illegible]

President.

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April 27, 1899

William Kellogg, Esq.,

Algonac, Mich.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of April 27th received and contents noted. Please accept my thanks for the same.

Mr. Johnson proposed to our association first to do the work and put the material in place at eighteen cents per cubic yard. The material has got to be distributed along the bank of the river for the purpose of filling in a strip about seventy feet in width on an angle. He seems to prefer, however, doing the work by the day. It is a question with our directors whether we ought to let the contract by the day at $20.00, or by the contract at eighteen cents per cubic yard. I thought that from the amount of work that he had done for you, you might be able to give me some opinion on this one question. I thank you for your suggestion as to allowing the twenty minutes for repairs in case of any breaking of dredge, etc. I had not thought of this, and I can see how such a provision would be a very material one in a contract of this kind.

Yours truly,

(Dict. by E.)

President.

April 28, 1905

Mr. J. H. Greene,
Register of Deeds,
Waukesha, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I have been referred to you by Mr. H. J. Johnson, of Oconomowoc. I represent the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association. We have about fifty thousand cubic yards of dredging to do and are negotiating with Mr. Johnson. He has proposed to do the dredging and put the material in place for us at eighteen cents a cubic yard, but prefers to take a contract by the day at twenty-five dollars per day, he furnishing his outfit and himself and two other men. We are to have a meeting on Friday evening of this week, at which time we expect to close some kind of a contract. I would like to get your opinion as to the kind of a man Mr. Johnson would be to do work by the day; whether he would push the work practically the same as if he were doing the work under a contract by the job. I hope that you can give me the information without seriously incommoding yourself. Enclosed you will find a stamped envelope for reply.

Thanking you in advance for your courtesy in the matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

[illegible]

Enclosure.

[illegible] 1908.

[illegible]

Hamilton, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

As requested by you, I write you asking you to make a bid on our work of [illegible] the Yahara River, on the theory that there will be from forty-five to fifty thousand cubic yards of dirt [illegible]. You might make a bid on two ways: One that you [illegible] the dirt and throw it upon the bank and that our [illegible] put it in place. The other, that you distribute it along the bank of the river. The width of the strip to be covered is [illegible] fifty feet and part of the way one hundred feet. I would like to get an answer from you, if possible, so that I can use the same on Friday [illegible] week, or at as early a [illegible] possible.

Yours truly,

[illegible]

President.

(Dictated by O.)

[illegible]

[illegible] 1903

John [illegible], Esq.,

[illegible]

[illegible]

Dear Sir -

I enclose herewith a letter which I have just received from [illegible], chief engineer of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Company. I wish very much that you could attend to this matter at once and hand me a statement of the results reached. You will remember the provision of the law passed this winter to that there must be not less than eight feet free space between the height of the water at its ordinary stage in the river and the bridge [illegible]. I think you have already made certain measurements which will [illegible] you to answer this letter without [illegible] trouble. We are very [illegible] of getting the railway companies at work as soon as possible. If you will look this matter up and make a statement, and then call up my office, I will have some one come over and get it so as not to trouble you any more than possible.

Yours truly,

[illegible]

President.

[illegible]

[illegible]

Aug[illegible] 19[illegible].

U. J. Whitcomb, Esq.,

Chief Engineer C.M. & St. P. Ry. Co.,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the [illegible] just received. I have submitted the letter to John Lane, city engineer, with request that he hand me a statement as requested in your letter, at the earliest date possible. As soon as I get this, I will send you the same.

Yours truly,

(Dis. by O.)

[illegible]

President.

Apr. 1 [illegible] 1913.

Hon. [illegible],

City.

My Dear Sir:

You suggested to you, I make a statement as to what the two railway companies, the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, and the Chicago & Northwestern, have done for the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association, which, in effect, is the same as for the city of Madison, in as much as all we do is done in trust for the city.

At the time we constructed Farwell Drive in 1907, the St. Paul Company built for us a switch track west of the city, without any charge to us, and the cost that have been not less than $400 or $500. They have maintained that track for us ever since, and there has been practically no other use for it than for our association. That company furnished the cars that season for drawing all of the material for Farwell Drive and put the same upon the transfer track at the Northwestern depot, at a nominal charge of $3.00 per car, the cars being sixty thousand capacity each. That company has since 1907 not only maintained this switch track for us, but has, each year, furnished cars for drawing material for keeping in repair Farwell Drive, on the same terms, namely $3.00 per car placed on the [illegible] at the [illegible] Madison Depot.

The Northwestern road in 1907, at the time we [illegible]

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Drive, constructed, without any expense to us, an over-head bridge on the Woodard farm, thus removing a grade crossing. This bridge could not have cost less than $500. That company also, the same year, drew all of the material for constructing Farwell Drive from the transfer track at East Madison depot and left the same either on the Moven switch track, or on the Jefferson ice house switch track, without any cost to our association. This company has each year since 1937 drawn, in like manner, the material for keeping in repair and improving Farwell Drive, from the transfer track, and left it on the switch for us, without any charge. Last season, by reason of the destruction, by fire, of the Jefferson ice house, the switch track that formerly lead to that ice house was taken up by the Northwestern Company. This left us no switch track at that point. It was absolutely necessary we should have such a switch track in order to get material at any price within our means. Upon my request, the Northwestern Company last year constructed a new switch track for us along the side of its main track just opposite the point where the old ice house stood, and they are maintaining that switch track for our use.

In addition to the above, each of these roads has for a number of years last past donated as much as from three to four car loads of good gravel that [illegible] we have used in the roads in [illegible].

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You are familiar with what each of these companies has generously offered to do with reference to the improvement of the Yahara river the present season. From estimates of our engineer, the combined expense cannot be such less than from twenty to twenty-five thousand dollars.

I wish to say in conclusion that so far as the dealings of our association with the officials of these two roads are concerned, they have always been exceedingly courteous and have very willingly granted practically every request that we have made.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

[illegible]

[illegible]

Hon. William [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Dear Sir:

[illegible] would like to [illegible] some steps [illegible] meeting of the [illegible] Council, [illegible] toward the securing o[illegible] strip of lake shore on Speight street [illegible] public park. With that end in view, I enclose herewith [illegible] form of [illegible] I wish you might introduce. The mayor would undoubtedly [illegible] you as chairman of the committee, and I think this [illegible] I hope very much it will be done. Of course, if the form of [illegible] meet your approval, you can easily change it.

Yours [illegible],

John W. Olin

(Dict. by O.)

(Enc.)

[illegible] 1907.

John [illegible]

City.

Dear Sir:-

I now expect that Mr. Simonds, our landscape architect, will be in Madison on Tuesday morning, May 7th, ready to commence the work of making a plan for the improvement of East Washington Avenue. He will likely be here two days. As stated in your [illegible], I would like to have you be with him as much as possible during the time he is here.

Yours truly,

John M. Allin

(Dic' by O.)

Aug[illegible] [illegible], 1900

[illegible]

[illegible] C. [illegible] P. Ry. Co.,

Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Mr. [illegible]:-

The [illegible] on the bill proposing to establish a rate commission, comes up in the assembly on Thursday of this week. I have had some talks with our local member, Mr. M. S. Dodgson, and this morning he requested me to submit to him a statement of what the two railway companies have done for the city of Madison in connection with the work of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. I have dictated such statement and sent the same to Mr. Dodgson, and enclose herewith a copy of the same.

Yours truly,

[illegible]

(Dic. by C.)

(Enc.)

April 2[illegible], 1903

Mr. [illegible] Gardner,

Gen'l. Mngr. [illegible] N. W. Ry. Co.,

Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Mr. Gardner:-

The vote on the bill proposing to establish a rate commission, comes up in the assembly on Thursday of this week. I have had some talks with our local members, Mr. [illegible] S. Dudgeon, and this morning he requested me to submit to him a statement of what the two railway companies have done for the city of Madison in connection with the work of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. I have dictated such statement and sent the same to Mr. Dudgeon, and enclose herewith a copy of the same.

Yours truly,

[illegible]

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

Ada S. Brown

[illegible]

April 29, 1903

Mr. G. Thwaites, Esq.,

City.

My Dear Mr. Thwaites:-

Your note of the 29th received. I have no shrubs of any kind in the nursery. We have only trees. You can get what you wish by sending to Ellwanger & Barry, of Rochester, N. Y., or to Thomas Meehan & Sons, of Dresherton, Pennsylvania; but I think it is most too late for this season. Should be very glad indeed to accommodate you if I could possibly do so.

Yours truly,

John H. Olin.

(Dic. by C.)

Halle Sh[illegible]
Wallace [illegible]
Magnus

April 30, 1903

D. J. [illegible]

Chief [illegible] S. F. R. C.

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

[illegible] I hand you a letter which I have just recevied from the [illegible] engineer, John Ioke, which he makes in answer to your your letter of April 28th to me. If his letter does not state all of the facts required, please let me know and I will see him further.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin.

President.

(Dic. by O.)

(Ans.)

[illegible] received and [illegible]

[illegible] your kin[illegible] in this [illegible]. I

sh[illegible] should be able, at [illegible] return

[illegible].

Very truly yours,

J. Mo. McClure.

President.

(Dic[illegible] y O.)

May 1, [illegible].

[illegible] Co.,

Hamilton, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

Yours of April 30th [illegible]. When we come to do the excavating to connect the other lines, we shall have a very different kind of a job and one you might want to bid on, but I can readily see why you might not wish to bid on this job.

Yours truly,

John [illegible]

President.

[illegible]

M[illegible] 190[illegible]

[illegible] May 1st received and contents noted.

[illegible]. I [illegible]

recollect, you were appointed as a member of this committee about one

year ago, and when you met with the committee before your trip, and

you also went out [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

May 4, 1904

John Ickes, Esq.,

City Engineer,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I have been trying to get you this morning. Mr. Thomas is very anxious to have some stakes set along the Yahara river between Williamson street and the lake, that will indicate the depth of filling at the various points. Our contract with him calls for a filling of three feet above the level of the water in the river at its ordinary stage. He says that he wishes to commence work on Monday morning next. Could you see that some stakes are set for the work? You can order whatever stakes you need from Fredericksons and tell them to charge them against the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association, but to indicate on the bill that it is for the Yahara river improvement, and to send the bill to me at once and I will see that it is paid.

Yours truly,

(Dictated)

May 4,1893

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Mr. [illegible],

City,

Dear Sir:

Could you send a check for the bill I sent you for trees, due the Madison Bank and Pleasure Drive Association? I would not write were it not for the fact that we must borrow money for our men at this time, and I want to cut the borrowing down as low as possible.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

[illegible]

President.

May [illegible]

Frank M. Scotton, Esq.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Could you not send me a check for the amount due for trees? Our association is very much behind in funds just now and I am trying to collect in some to help us out. We must borrow money to pay for our men until we can get in more funds after the 1st of June.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find bill for $2.00, and the [illegible] for trees. Will you be so kind as to send a check for the same and very much oblige?

Yours truly,

[illegible]

(Sec. by O.)

(Enc.)

May 2, 1902.

Maple Bluff Golf Club,

To [illegible] Association, Va.

For 10 wide elm trees at 30¢ each, $3.00

May 2, 1893.

Mr. J. C. Simonds,

Landscape Harmonist,

Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Sir:-

We had a rather queer meeting of the directors last evening in connection with the matter of employing you to make a plan for the improvement of East Washington Avenue. I cannot go into details in this letter very much. It will be sufficient to say that the plan contemplates the removal of what is known as the market place, and this has aroused a good deal of opposition among certain of our citizens. It happens that there are three of our directors that are interested against the removing of the market place. One of our directors being absent when the vote was taken, the motion for employing some landscape architect resulted in a tie. We must try and get at the matter in some other way. I think we will have the city engineer prepare a preliminary sketch or plan and then try and get the citizen council to call you in. We must manage it in some way to get the improvement made.

I regret exceedingly the vote of the board of directors, but it is one of those perplexing things that one has to put up with. Trust that the failure to take action will not cause you any [illegible] loss.

Yours truly,

[illegible]

(Dic. by D.)

May 4, 1903

Hon. Bernard Minch,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I just called up your place of business but find you are not feeling well, which I am very sorry to hear.

By reason of a recent decision of the supreme court, it is probable that we shall have to submit to a vote of the people the matter of issuing bonds for the purchase of land for public parks and play grounds. This being so, it becomes necessary to get the time extended of the options. Under the law, it will be impossible for us to get the vote taken much, if any, before the middle of June. Then it will take some time to have the bonds issued and negotiated. Hence, I figure that we ought to have until about the middle of July. On this account, I wish very much that you would extend the option on lot Nine to July 15, 1903. I have written such an extension on the bottom of the option you gave me, which I herewith enclose, and ask that you will be so kind as to sign your name below the extension, and return the same to me by the bearer of this, and very much oblige.

I believe we shall be able to carry the scheme through, but it takes some time and a good deal of work.

I will try and see that the option as to the other lot I needed upon before the 15th of May.

Yours truly,

May 6,1903

Thomas Clendsen, Esq-,

Hendota Station, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Inclosed find warrant for $55.65 for work up to and including May 4, 1903.

Yours truly,

(Dic' by O.)

(Warrant)

May 6,1903

Patrick Griffin, Esq.,

348 West Dayton St.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $50.48 for work up to and including April 30,1903. Please sign the enclosed receipt and return same to me in enclosed stamped envelope, and much oblige.

Yours truly,

Johnson Bros.

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

of April. Please
enclosed stamped envelope.

[illegible], 190[illegible]

[illegible] A. Stoi[illegible], Esq.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I wish you [illegible]

are in the city. We shall [illegible] some [illegible]

the filling along [illegible] bank [illegible]

[illegible] we could not [illegible] some [illegible]

dirt off from property you own [illegible]

[illegible]

([illegible] by O.)

[illegible]

May 8, 1903.

Judge William P. Lyon,

Prest. St ite Board of Control,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed I hand you bill for expenses incurred by the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association for planting trees and shrubs on that portion of Governor's Island that lies within the roadway. We should be pleased to have the bill allowed at as early a date as possible, since we are rather short of funds just now. You can have the warrant drawn either to me, as president of the association, or to Frank W. Hoyt, as treasurer. If there is anything further required as to proof, please have the clerk notify me, and I will try and supply the same.

Yours truly,

[signature]
President.

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

May 8, 1908

Frank M. Wootton, Esq.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours received, enclosing check for $15.00 for trees, which I have turned over to the association.

Yours truly,

President.

(Pic. by S.)

May 8, 1908.

E. J. Stevens,

To Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association, Dr.

For 5 Persian Lilacs, 20¢ each,	$1.00
For 6 Japanese Lilacs, 20¢ each,	1.20
Cost of planting same,	.50
For 21 white elm trees, 25¢ each,	5.25
Cost of planting same, 25¢ each,	5.25
	13.20

May 8, 1903

Hon. R. J. Stevens,

Ci[illegible].

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed I send you bill for trees and shrubs planted.

We put in quite large elm trees across your land, and the planting cost us quite a good deal more than we have charged, but I don't think, under the circumstances, that you ought to pay any more than is stated in the bill. At any rate, the amount of the bill will be entirely satisfactory to us if it is to you.

If you have not already done so, I wish you would look at the elms sometime when you are out that way.

Yours truly,

[signature]

President.

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

May 2, 1900

[illegible]

[illegible]

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed I send you warrant for $20.10 for use of horse for 28 days and eight hours, at seventy-five cents per day. Mr. Kelley, who has been using the horse, has given me the time, and I take his statement for it. Will you be so [illegible] to sign the enclosed receipt and return [illegible] to me in the enclosed stamped envelope, and much oblige?

Yours truly,

[illegible]

President.

(Dic. by [illegible])

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

See page 91

May 9, 1908.

Mr. J. C. Welling,

Vice-Prest. Ill. Central Ry. Co.,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

Under another cover, I send you a copy of the annual report of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association, just published. One part of it, between pages 57 and 66 inclusive, deals with the question of securing certain lands for parks and play grounds. You will remember I have had some correspondence with you concerning a piece of land owned by your company. You suggested in your letter of April 11th, that I might make an appointment with Mr. J. T. Harahan, Second Vice-President, or Mr. J. F. Wallace, General Manager.

Last night the common council of the city appointed a committee of three of its members besides the mayor, to visit the railway officials of your road and of the St. Paul Company, together with a committee from the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association and a committee from the Hospital Association, to see if some suitable arrangement might not be agreed upon as to the construction of a subway on Mills street. I have been asked to write to the railway officials and arrange, if possible, for some date when you might meet such a committee. I have written to Mr. Earling, President of the St. Paul Company, asking him whether he could meet such a committee on either

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Friday or Saturday of next week, suggesting the hour of 10:30 o'clock as the time for meeting the officials of his road, and the hour of 11:30 o'clock as to the time of meeting the officials of your road. I asked him if he would be so kind as to call you up by phone after getting my letter to see whether some date might not be agreed upon that would enable us to meet the officials of both roads on the same trip. If it should be so that we could not meet you either Friday or Saturday of next week, then we would like to have you name a day of the following week, that is the week beginning May 18th, excepting Monday.

I would like at the same time, if it could be so arranged, to meet either Mr. Harahan or Mr. Wallace, on the subject of securing the piece of land I wrote about for a play ground. We wish very much the opportunity of presenting this matter to either Mr. Harahan or Mr. Wallace, and if it could be arranged so that this could be done at the same time the meeting is arranged as to the subway, it would be a very great accommodation to me.

Very truly yours,

John M. Clair

(Dic. by C.)

May 9,1903

Mr. A. J. Earling,
Prest. C. M. & St. P. Ry. Co.,
Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Mr. Earling:-

Under another cover, I send you a copy of the annual report of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association, just published. You may be interested in glancing through what is stated on pages 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27.

We have let the contracts for the dredging of the Yahara river. That portion between Williamson street and Lake Monona is let to one party, and that portion between Williamson street and Lake Mendota to another. I do hope that the railway companies will be able to elevate the bridges in time so as not to interfere with the progress of the work.

Very truly yours,

Johnson Clerk

(Dic. by O.)

May 9, 1903

Mr. W. A. Gardner, Gen'l. Mngr.,
C. & N. W. Ry. Co.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

Under another cover, I send you a copy of the annual report of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association, just out. You may be interested in what is stated on pages 23, 24, 25, 86 and 87.

We have let the contracts for the dredging of the Yahara river. The portion between Lake Monona and Williamson street is let to one party, and that between Williamson street and Lake Mendota is let to another party. I do hope that your company, together with the St. Paul, will do everything in your power to get the bridges changed so as not to interfere with the work. Contrary to what I wrote you at one time, it will be better now to get the bridge that is farthest to the west elevated first, since the dredge will work from a point just west of this bridge to Lake Mendota, and will then come back and finish the work between your western bridge and Williamson street bridge.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

May 9, 1893

Hon. William M. Rogers,

San Jose, Cal.

My Dear Mr. Rogers:-

I wish to thank you for some pamphlets I received the other day from you concerning your place, etc. I have been intending to drop you a line for some time. I have been wondering whether anything new has developed along the lines I wrote you about concerning the Hayes brothers. Do they intend to be back here next commencement? If so, do you think that would be the proper time to broach the subject to them? I would like your best judgment on the matter.

I have sent you some papers concerning the work we have been trying to do this spring. I send you, under another cover, the annual report for last year, which is just out. I think I will also send a copy to each of the Hayes boys. Thought they might be interested in looking the same through. Do you not think that the report is gotten up in quite an artistic way? I think it is over better than the one of a year ago. Shall appreciate a line from you.

With kindest regards to your family and with the best wishes to yourself, I am.

Very sincerely yours,

(Dic. by O.)

May 9, 1903.

Mr. A. J. Earling,
Prest. C. M. & St. P. Ry. Co.,
Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Mr. Earling:

At a meeting of the common council held last night, the mayor appointed a committee of three members of the council to meet the officials of your company and of the Illinois Central Railway Company, together with a committee from the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association and from the Hospital Association, to see whether some amicable arrangement might not be made as to the construction of a subway on Mills street. I was requested to write to you, asking whether you could meet such a committee on either Friday or Saturday, of next week. I intend to write the same kind of a letter to Mr. S. C. Welling, Vice President of the Illinois Central Railway Company. Hence, if agreeable to you, I would like, before you fix the date of the meeting, to have you call up Mr. Welling over the phone, and see whether it could be arranged so that we could meet both Mr. Welling and yourself on the same day, and thus avoid two trips. If you will be so kind as to do this, I will very much appreciate the favor. A committee could reach your office as early as half past ten o'clock in the forenoon. Perhaps it could be arranged so that we could meet you at 10:30, and Mr. Welling at

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11:30.

If a meeting cannot be arranged for either Friday or Saturday of next week, then we should be pleased to have you name some day of the following week, excepting Monday of that week.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

May 9,1903

Mr. Marvin Hughitt,
Prest. C. & N. W. Ry. Co.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Hughitt:

Under another cover, I send you a copy of the annual report of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association. You may be interested in what is said on pages 23, 24, 25, 26 and 28.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by S.)

A.

so arranged, the [illegible] will be secured?

The common council will be asked to pass on this map at its next meeting, which be held one week from this [illegible], or May 23rd. Hence, whatever is done, should be done prior to said date.

Very truly,

(Dictated by O.)

President.

May 11, 1903

Dr. Frank Smith

Care Mosby Hotel,

Hot Springs, Arkansas

Dear Sir:-

I send you, under another cover, a copy of the Madison Democrat for Saturday morning, May 9th. You will observe in it a report of the committee appointed to investigate as to securing [illegible] lands for parks and play grounds. We regret very much that by reason of your absence we could not submit this report to you. You will observe that it is signed by all of the other members of the committee.

An ordinance was introduced on May 8th, authorizing the issuing of bonds to the amount of $[illegible],000 to purchase these lands for parks and play grounds. [illegible] will come on for hearing and determination on Friday, May [illegible] under the law, it requires a three-fourths vote of all the members of the council to carry it; that is, we must have not less than fourteen votes in favor of the ordinance in order to pass it. Hence, if four of the council should vote against it and there should be one a sentee, the ordinance would fail. I wish very much if it were possible for you to do so that you could be here so as to vote at that meeting. I regard the matter as of very great importance to the [illegible] of the city and should like very much to

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no, the measure adopted, for I believe it would result in many great

gain to the city.

Yours truly,

(Dictated by C.)

May [illegible] 1906

[illegible] Dodge,

Supt. of [illegible] Schools,

[illegible]ity.

My Dear Mr. Dodge:-

You undoubtedly have observed the movement that is now being considered to secure for the city some lands for parks and play grounds while it is possible to do so. The matter will come up for hearing and determination before the common council on Friday, May 22nd. I wish to ask your aid, if the movement commends itself to your good judgment. I wish you might write something to the city papers over your own name, commending the scheme, and that you also could be present at the meeting of the common council on May 22nd, prepared to say something in favor of securing these lands.

Could you not also get some of the school teachers in the different schools of the city to write something favoring the plan?

Yours truly,

[illegible]

(Dic. by S.)

May 15, 190[illegible]

Thomas [illegible], Esq.,

[illegible], Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I intended writing you before to say that the men at the [illegible] Hospital, will do all work necessary to take care of and cultivate the trees and shrubs that are planted on the island inside the roadway. We are to take care of the planting outside the roadway. If at any time, in doing your work, you feel the need of any instructions, you can call me up at my house or at my office. You will usually find me at the house until seven o'clock.

The ground should be spaded up around the arbor vitae we planted on the asylum grounds for a space about four feet across for each tree. In doing this, you should be careful not to go so deep as to in any way disturb the roots of the trees. Then the wild roses that are on the island between the roadway and the edge of the bank, should be cultivated and of course the planting on the Marshall Farm should be watched and cultivated so far as necessary to keep the ground in good shape. I will try and have the other men over that way within a week or so to help clean up the ground along each side of the drive.

Yours truly,

[illegible]

President.

[illegible]

May 11, 1900

Evergreen Nursery Co.,

Sturgeon Bay, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Your letter of the 4th to Mr. Charles N. Brown, has been handed by him to me for reply.

You evidently wrote very hastily and without knowing your ground. Please let me state to you a few facts for your consideration.

1. The Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association has set out the last three years, including the present one, something over thirty-three thousand trees, shrubs and vines.

2. The men in our employ are men who have been doing this work for a half dozen years, or more, and are very competent men.

3. The trailing Juniper received from you were immediately taken from the boxes, hoed in and planted the following day.

4. The foreman, when he opened the box, reported to me that he thought the plants were dead. I instructed him, however, to proceed and plant the same carefully and see what the results would be. It has turned out that they are dead now, and they evidently were dead or had no life in them when received.

5. We received for planting at the same place some 250 white pine seedlings from D. Hill, Dundee, Ill. These were planted in

the same way that the trailing juniper were. They are all living [illegible]. The trailing juniper are all dead.

6. We also received from Mr. Hill 200 red cedar seedlings. They were planted in the nursery by the same men. They are all living, while the trailing juniper are all dead.

7. We also received from Mr. Hill and planted 200 white pine seedlings in the nursery. They were planted by the same men. They are all living, while the trailing juniper are all dead.

Now, it will not do for a firm such as yours to take such a high and lofty position as you do concerning the goods we received from you. We are out not only the one year's growth of the plants, which is a important consideration in this case, but are out the freight paid on the goods and the labor of planting them. This is quite loss enough to us without being called upon to pay something over $22.00 for goods that had no life in them when we got them. The reason why you were not notified at once is that Mr. Brown, the secretary, has been attending to the ordering this spring, of the trees for the association. Moreover, we wished to give the trees planted, which were received from you, a fair trial.

Yours truly,

[illegible]

President.

(Dic. by O.)

May 18, 1903

Q. For,

Gen'l Mngr. N. E. Mfg. Co.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of May 11th received and contents noted.

I wish you would call at the office some time when you can conveniently. I will explain the situation [illegible] you [illegible] the dredging contract. There are some things [illegible] would [illegible] not to state in a letter, which you will see when I come to have a [illegible] with you.

Yours truly,

J. [illegible] Olin

President.

(Dic. by Q.)

[illegible] 16, [illegible]

King [illegible] Co.

City

Gentlemen:

Enclosed find [illegible] for $[illegible] as per your bill under date of May [illegible]

I am considerably surprised at the amount of this bill, since I asked Mr. King what the probable cost of reconstructing the roller would be and he stated from twelve to fourteen dollars. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

[illegible]

President.

(Dist. by [illegible])

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

May 1[illegible], 1903.

Ole S. [illegible], Esq.,

City Clerk,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find warrant for $0.40 to pay the bill for drawing Mat for Tennis Park. Please have receipted the bill and return to me, and very much oblige.

Yours truly,

President.

(Dic. by O.)

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Very truly yours,

John M. Clark

May, 1905

A. Steinle, Esq.

City.

Dear Sir:

I have decided to accept your proposition for sale of [illegible], but would like to have the time extended commence for [illegible] of sales. Our association will not be ready to move any dirt until after we get the filling done, and we can't hope to commence much before the 1st of September, or perhaps the 1st of October. I wish you could let us have until Oct. 1, 1905, instead of Jan. 1, 1906.

Then I would like to have you state how you wish to have the payments made, I can then draw up a contract between us. I shall be at the office Monday afternoon, but am at the law school in the [illegible] Rock.

As I understood the matter, you wished to have the trees that are on the land and that we can simply drag them off on one side and shall not be at the expense of cutting them up into wood.

Yours truly,

[illegible]

President.

(Dict. by C.)

[illegible]

more than we have been counting on. The improvement [illegible] Williamson street bridge and the lake is going to cost [illegible] $[illegible]. This is accounted for, in part, by the fact that we have [illegible] pelled to pay the Pauerbach something over $[illegible] [illegible] the fact that their building must be removed.

The directors have done the best they could, and have made just as favorable contracts as it was possible, under the circumstances, to make. But the undertaking is one that necessarily has some uncertainties about it, the same as the undertaking that resulted in securing Turner Park. I believe everything will come out all right in the end and then the people will be well satisfied with the improvement.

Very truly yours,

J. H. W. McClain

President.

(Dic. by O.)

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Municipal League of Harrisburg,

Harrisburg, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

I was much interested in reading your article in Volume [illegible], page [illegible], of the publication of the American Park and Outdoor Art Association. There is now pending before our city council an ordinance for the issuing of bonds to purchase some lands for parks and play grounds. It is to come on for hearing on Friday evening, of next week. If not too much trouble, I would like to get some further information as to the method pursued by your city in bonding the city for the purposes mentioned in your article. I would like to ascertain among other things, the following facts:

1. The population of your city at the time the vote was taken.

2. The assessed valuation of your city at the time the vote was taken.

3. Whether property in your city, at that time, was reasonably assessed at its full, fair market value, and, if not, at what percent of its market value?

4. The feeling or sentiment of your city since the vote was taken as to the wisdom of the same, and especially as to the [illegible] of the [illegible] which voted [illegible] for such purposes.

You would very greatly oblige me if you could furnish the above information promptly. I must get it before Friday evening of next week in order to serve my purpose.

Under another cover, I send you a copy of the last annual report of our association.

Yours truly,

[illegible]
President

Sale by [illegible]

May 18, 1903

Mr. William P. Walsh,

Editor Telegram,

Eau Claire, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I take pleasure in sending you, under another cover, another copy of the annual report of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association. Have not yet received marked copy of your paper, but it will undoubtedly come along some time to-day. I wish to thank you in advance for the notice and your courtesy in the matter.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by G.)

President.

May 16, 1903

A. T. Kayser, Esq.,

City.

My Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 15th received. I will turn the same over to Prof. M. D. Taylor, who is the one in charge for the association in the construction of the tank at the dam.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

[signature]

President.

May 16, 1908.

Charles McCarthy, Esq.,

Care Wisconsin Free Library Commission,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I send you, under another cover, as requested, a copy of the report of the officers of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association for use in State Document and Legislative Reference Department.

Yours truly,

President.

(Dic. by S.)

May 10, 1902

Edward W. [illegible], Esq.,

City.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find [illegible] for $10.00 in payment for eighteen cubic yards of crushed stone used this spring. This is the amount as furnished to me by our foreman. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me, and very much oblige.

Yours truly,

[illegible]

(Dir. by O.)

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

President.

[illegible]

[illegible] 12, 1903

[illegible]

[illegible]

My Dear [illegible]

Yours of the [illegible] and contents noted. You may have noticed that [illegible] contract for the construction of the [illegible] has been let to George Sayles. He is [illegible] all of the material [illegible] Hence, I think [illegible] from [illegible] concerning the matter [illegible] should be very glad indeed [illegible] get from you a part, at least, of the material.

In our [illegible], we do not use very [illegible] [illegible], but no [illegible] as we do, I will try and see that you are dealt by justly.

Yours truly,

[illegible]

President.

(Dic. by V.)

Mar 18, 1903

Hon. David Stephens,

City

Dear Sir:

I enclose you herewith a bill against our association, with a warrant for $[illegible] in payment of the same. The above is in accordance with the statement handed me by our foreman.

I do not know as we have put in your price for crushed stone. I have put in the price we are paying Mr. Paunack. I am paying you five cents more for screenings than we are paying him. I hope the amount we have made out is satisfactory, with the understanding that the price for crushed stone is not binding as to the future.

Yours truly,

[signature]

President.

(Dic. by O.)

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

May 13, 1907.

Mr. Edward S. Pennock,

City

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $207.50 to pay for crushed stone and quarry screenings delivered by you to the association in the fall of 1902.

I am sorry that you have had to wait so long for your pay, and I am much obliged to you for the favor.

I have a record of each one of the cars with me, and the weight of each car, so that if you desire to do so you can examine the same at my office. Will you be so kind as to sign the enclosed receipt and return same to me in the enclosed stamped envelope, and much obliged?

Yours truly,

(Dic. by G.)

[illegible]

President.

Mr. 19, 1903

Mr. R. H. Harder, Sec'y.,

Lincoln Park,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

Received one box of water lilly roots, for which please accept my hearty thanks.

Very truly yours,

John W. Ohio.

President.

(Dict. by O.)

May 18, 1903.

Mrs. Lilly McCue,

143 N. Butler St.,

City.

My Dear Mrs. McCue:-

Yours of the 17th inst received and contents noted.

I approve heartily of the plan you suggest. We will appoint three men this year, instead of five, as you suggest.

I think Prof. Dunmoore would be a good person to present the resolutions at the next meeting of the council on behalf of the women. Am very glad that they are going to pass some resolutions commending the plan.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

May 18, 1903.

Mr. C. C. Simonds,

Landscape Architect,

Station A,

Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Mr. Simonds:

I have received, through your kindness, by express, a box of water lilly roots, and have had them taken out to Lenney Park. Please accept thanks for same.

Under another cover, I send you a copy of our last annual report.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

M[illegible] 19, 1903

Mr. [illegible] Earling,

Prest. C. M. & St. P. Ry. Co.,

Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Mr. Earling:

I received your telegram this morning, and also a letter from Mr. Burton Hanson. Please accept thanks for same. Your telegram announced that you could meet a committee as to Mills street subway next week. Will you be so kind as to let us know, upon your return, when you can meet the committee? We can come any day except Monday.

I hope a meeting can be arranged at the same time with the officials of the Illinois Central road.

Yours truly,

[illegible]

(Dic. by O.)

May 19, 1903

Mr. Burton Hanson,

Gen'l. Counsel C.N. & St. L. Ry. Co.,

Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Mr. Hanson:-

Your letter of the 16th received. Please accept thanks for the same. I understand from the telegram sent, that Mr. Harding can meet the committee some day next week. Will you be so kind as to help me what you can toward getting some day set for next week? The committee can meet any day other than Monday.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

May 12, 1903

Mr. A. C. Welling,
Vice-President Ill. Central Ry. Co.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

I received a telegram this morning from Mr. Earling, President of the St. Paul Company, stating that he would have to be absent from Chicago this week, but could meet the committee as to the Mills street subway some day next week. I have asked him, upon his return, to appoint a day and let us know, and to try and arrange, if possible, so that the committee may be able to see the officials of your road on the same trip.

I should not have written as I did yesterday had I known that Mr. Earling had to be absent from Chicago.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

I [illegible] of the Directors of the Association for Saturday evening, of this week, at 7:30 o'clock. One of the matters to come before the [illegible] will be whether we had better purchase some dirt from Arthur Steinle for top-dressing after the filling is made along the [illegible]. I have entered into an arrangement with Mr. Steinle, [illegible] the approval of [illegible] of the Directors.

I presume the proposed [illegible] to issue bonds to the amount of $35,000 to purchase [illegible] and play grounds will come up on Friday evening of this week. I wish you would do what you can toward seeing that Alderman Lansing and Voss are both right on the measure. I think Mr. Lansing is all right. He introduced the resolution with reference to securing the lake shore on Speight street but I am a good [illegible] that Mr. Voss will do. If you can reach him in any way, either [illegible] I wish you would do so. [illegible] you could also be present at the meeting of the Council on [illegible] to [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

May 19, 1908.

Judge E. W. Keyes,

City.

My Dear Mr. Keyes:-

Your favor of the 14th just received.

I agree with all you say, under ordinary conditions. But the fact is, we have been trying to get the water in Fourth lake down so as to enable the men to construct the lock at the dam. We shall be obliged, some time after the 1st of June, to shut the water off entirely, in order to enable the men to do the work.

Thanking you for the letter, I am,

Very truly yours,

[illegible]

President.

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May 10, 1902.

George Harris, Esq.,

[illegible] Avenue,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find [illegible] for $1.00 to pay for use of horse for two days cultivating trees. Please sign the enclosed receipt and return to me in enclosed stamped envelope, and much oblige.

Yours truly,

President.

(Ple. by O.)
(Warrant)
(Enc.)

May 20, 1902

John Kelley, Esq.,

Care Wisconsin House,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I wish you could return to me the diagram of planting on the half mile strip just beyond Mr. David Stephens' house. I need that to keep with my records.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

May 21, 1903.

Mr. A. J. Earling,

Pres't. C. M. & St. P. Ry. Co.,

Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Mr. Earling:

I find that I am due to argue a case in the Supreme Court here on Saturday, May 30th, but I shall be free to go to Chicago on either Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, of next week, as one of the committee to see you concerning the Mills Street subway. I forgot to note in my last letter, that I would be engaged on Saturday of that week.

Very truly yours,

John M. O'Hair

(Dic. by O.)

May 21, 1908

Burton Hanson, Esq.,

Gen'l. Counsel C. M. & St. P. Ry. Co.,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

I find that I am due to argue a case in the Supreme Court here on Saturday, May 30th, but I shall be free to go to Chicago on either Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, of next week, as one of the committee to see President Earling concerning the Mills Street subway. I forgot to note in my last letter, that I would be engaged on Saturday of that week.

Yours truly,

John M. Pitt

(Dic. by O.)

M[illegible]

[illegible]

Dear Sir:

[illegible] enclose herewith a leaf or [illegible] of a variety of honeysuckles as [illegible]. It grows on the [illegible] containing [illegible] A [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] growing on the grounds of [illegible] on East Dayton street. I would like [illegible] [illegible] me the [illegible] as well as [illegible] for the [illegible]. I [illegible] of ordering some plants for next year.

Yours truly,

[illegible]

[illegible]

(Dic. by O.)

May [illegible], 1908

Mr. T. J. Harahan,

Second Vice-Pres. Ill. Central Ry. Co.,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

I have just received a letter from Mr. J. C. Welling, Vice President of the Illinois Central Ry. [illegible] he had referred to you by letter of [illegible] to him, and also the printed copy of the annual report of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association just published.

A committee of our citizens is trying to arrange for a meeting some day next week [illegible] of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Company, as to [illegible] on Mills Street. On the same day, some of us would like [illegible] to see you with reference to securing [illegible] land from your company, if [illegible] small park and play grounds for chil ret, out of the block of land owned by your company which is bounded by [illegible] and [illegible] streets.

In order that you may understand a little more fully what the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association has been doing in this city for the last eleven years, I send, under another cover, a copy of [illegible] 1908. This report contains a history of the work done up to [illegible].

In our work thus far, we have had occasion to [illegible], [illegible]

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times, certain help from the Northwestern and St. Paul roads. Thus far, we have not had occasion to ask any help from your road. We feel, however, that the work we are doing is of interest to your company, and we would like your good will and such help as you may feel you can give us.

I have asked President Harding and M. Burton Harmon, General Counsel, to try and arrange so that our committee can meet the officers of the St. Paul and of your road on the same trip. We can be any day of next week, excepting Monday and Saturday.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

May 22, 1903

Judge J. H. Carpenter,

City

My Dear Mr. Carpenter:-

I have seen Mr. Burr W. Jones, since talking with you last evening, and he has expressed himself as willing to sell to the city three lots out of block 170, so that in case you should donate three lots, we would have six lots, three on the Avenue and three on Mifflin street, extending through the block. We would prefer to have the lots, if agreeable to you, out from the northeasterly end of the block, merely because such location would remove this park and play ground a little farther off from the one that Mr. Jones is proposing to give.

If you determine to donate the three lots, it would be done with the understanding, and on the condition, that the city secures the three other lots as above suggested, and that the whole tract is named in memory of you, either "The J. H. Carpenter Park", or "J. H. Carpenter Play Ground", or "J. H. Carpenter Field", as you might prefer.

Yours very truly,

John W. Elsie

(Dic. by O.)

May 23,1903.

James [illegible], Esq.,

1101 Tremont Bldg.,

Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

Under another cover, I send you a copy of the last annual report of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association. Have just received copy of your article on the Influence of American Expositions on the Out Door Arts, for which accept my hearty thanks.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

May 23, 1908.

Mr. D. W. Groves,

City.

My Dear Sir:-

I have just [illegible] President Earlings of the St. Paul Company, [illegible] meeting had been arranged with the Illinois Central Company and the St. Paul Company on the Subway matter, at the offices of the St. Paul Company on Friday, May 29th next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon. Will you see that all members of the committee are duly notified? I tried to get you by phone, but found you were out of the city.

Yours truly,

John M. [illegible]

(Dic. by D.)

May 23, 1900.

Prof. T. J. Burrows,

City.

My Dear Sir:-

The meeting of the railway companies on the subway matter will be held at St. Paul, on next week, May 29th, at eleven o'clock A. M. the meeting to be at the office of the St. Paul Company. I have just received a telephone from President Harris to that effect.

Yours truly,

John W. Alvord

(Dic. by J.)

May 23, 1903

Alfred L. Kroncke, Esq.,

City.

My Dear Sir:-

The meeting of the railway companies on the subway matter has been announced for Friday, of next week, May 29th, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at the office of the St. Paul Company. I have just received a telegram from President Darling to that effect.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

May 25,1903

International Harvester Co.,

City

Gentlemen-

Enclosed please find warrant for $1.30 for your bill against the Addison Park and Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Sec. by O.)

President.

(Warrant)

(Rec.)

M. 25, 1908

Dr. R. A. [illegible],

City

Dear Sir:

Please accept thanks for your note of the 23rd. I stated to Rufus B. Smith that I thought this belonged to the [illegible] family, but he was sure it was a honeysuckle. I myself doubt whether it is quite hardy in this climate.

Yours truly,

John M. Allen.

(Dig. by C.)

May 25, 1903.

Mr. J. E. [illegible],

Second Vice [illegible] R. Co.,

[illegible]

Dear Sir:-

We have received a telegram from Mr. Earling, President of the St. Paul Railway Company, stating that he had arranged for a joint meeting of the officials of your road and his road, as to the Mills street subway, on Friday, May 29, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

I would like, on the same day, if possible, to see you as to securing some land from your company for a play ground. I [illegible] we shall get through with our other meeting by twelve o'clock, and I could see you at any hour after that, on that day, that would suit your convenience. I would very much appreciate it, if you could make an appointment and notify me of the same.

Yours truly,

John W. Olcott

(Dic. by O.)

[illegible]

Mr. [illegible] J. Warling,

Prest. C. M. & St. P. Ry. Co.,

Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Mr. Warling:-

I received your telegram, stating that you had arranged for a meeting at the offices of your company on Friday, [illegible], at eleven o'clock in the forenoon. Please accept thanks for your courtesy in the matter. The committee will be at your offices at the time set.

Very truly yours,

John M. Olin

(Dic. by O.)

[illegible]

May 20, 1903.

Mr. O. C. Simonds,

Landscape Architect,

Station X,

Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Mr. Simonds:-

The directors [illegible] Saturday evening to employ you to prepare plans for the improvement of East Washington avenue; in as much as Mr. Bagley, one of the directors, would like to see you in connection with Orton Park at the same time, we have arranged to have you come, if possible, so as to be here one week from to-morrow, which will be, as I figure it, on Tuesday, June 2nd. I would like to have you come and stop at my house this time if it is agreeable to you.

I expect to be in Chicago on Friday of this week, to see the railway companies. We have a meeting at the St. Paul offices at eleven o'clock in the forenoon. If you happen to be in the city at any time between twelve and one, I might be able to have a little chat with you. Of course, you will not [illegible] yourself [illegible].

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

[illegible]

May [illegible] 1909

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Yours truly,

[redacted]

May [illegible], 00.

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to the northwest and have had considerable experience in dealing with
lands in that part of the city as well as other portions of the city.
I also wrote a letter to Mr. Fuller. He did not reply to the letter,
but met me on the street one day and stated that he thought if we got
the block for $8,000, we would be paying more than it was worth.
He sold the block just across the Avenue, opposite block 138,
year, to the Johnson boys, for about, I think, $400 per lot. I do
not know the exact sum.

Now, I realize that in selling three lots out of nine in a
block one would, perhaps, wish a higher price per lot than if he sold
the whole nine. Three lots make one-sixth of the block. At the
price named by you, the whole block would bring $18,000; that is,
$3,000 for the three lots on each of the four corners would make
$12,000, and there would be left six inside lots at $1,000 each, which
would bring the total up to $20,000. You may not consider the lots
owned by Judge Carpenter on Mifflin street, as valuable as those owned
by you and Mr. Jones on the Avenue. On the other hand, Mr. Carpenter
thinks his lots are more valuable than those on the Avenue for two
reasons, as he puts it, one that he thinks Mifflin street is a better
street for residence purposes, and the other that his lots are well
filled, while those on the Avenue will require some [illegible].

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I think the latter reason a good one. The former, there would be a difference of opinion about.

I had hoped that you and Mr. Jones might think you could afford to let us have the three lots desired for $1,800. I figured $800 for the corner lot, and $500 for each of the other lots. On this basis, the whole block would amount to $10,200. I figure $1,800 for each of the three lots on the corner, and $500 a piece for the remaining six lots. This would be $1200 in excess of the option we have on block 188. As I viewed the matter, I thought in case the lots were sold through a number of separate transactions, instead of being sold as a whole, that $1,200 would be a fair sum to allow for the separate sales as compared with selling the whole block through one sale.

As to whether the use of six lots off from the northeast end of this block for a park and play ground would in any way injure the remainder of the block, I think opinions might differ somewhat. Considering the location of this property, I believe that the advantages more than equal the disadvantages. If the remainder of this property is sold for residence purposes, it will likely be to persons working in the shops ormanufacturing establishments. That class of persons, I do not think, would be particularly annoyed by the presence of the play ground or park. Moreover, the annoyance would be to the lot

directly adjoining the park strip. As to the other lots, the park and play ground would, I think, be of an advantage, furnishing, as it would, an open space near at hand for children living in houses on these lots. The land, if secured, would be either this year or next year put in shape by filling the portion we should obtain from you and by proper planting of trees, especially around the outer edge, so as to in time furnish proper shade for park and play ground purposes. Such planting and improving of the property would, I think, tend materially to benefit the rest of the block.

Judge Carpenter has sent me a communication, stating that he will donate three lots owned by him on the westerly side of the block and at the northeasterly end thereof, and he will wish to have it called Kendall Field, in memory of his deceased wife, whose maiden name was Kendall.

There is but very little, if any question, but what we shall want the lots from you and Mr. Jones, if we can [redacted] agree upon terms. At the recent meeting of the common council, held on Friday evening of last week, an ordinance was adopted by unanimous vote of the seventeen members of the council present (the only member absent, Mr. Smith, would have voted likewise had he been present), authorizing the issuing of $36,000 of bonds, payable in twenty years, the proceeds to be used in purchasing some lands for parks and playgrounds within

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the city. It will be difficult for us to secure even with this amount of money, the lands that we ought to get. But Mr. Jones' generous gift, and I think it is a generous gift, certainly not less than $5,000 in value, and this gift by Judge Carpenter, will very much help us in securing the lands we need. We had planned to take block 188 at $9,000; but, if we can carry through the present plan of securing six lots in block 133 and six more in block 170, we shall then have left the difference between the cost to us of these two tracts and the $9,000 with which to secure some land in fourth ward for a play ground.

You may be interested in knowing, that we have purchased lot 12, in block 133, from Mr. Bowers, so that with the option from you on the one-half lot there is no question but what we shall secure this tract; and I am very anxious, that we should secure the other tract in block 170.

With kind regards to your mother and sister, I am.

Very truly yours,

John W. Allen

(Dic. by C.)

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May [illegible], 1903.

Judge J. H. Carpenter,

City.

My Dear Sir:

Your letter of May [illegible] [illegible] stating that you are disposed to comply with my suggestion, as to donating to the city three of the northeasterly lots in the westerly half of block 170 for park and play ground purposes, with certain modifications.

I want to thank you very much, both on behalf of the city and on behalf of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association, for your generous proposition. The modifications you suggest are all very reasonable, and the city will be only too glad to comply with all of the same.

You did not name it as a condition, but the city will secure the three lots lying to the southeast, owned by Jones & Gregory, so as to make six lots for the park and play ground, and the whole tract will bear the name proposed or selected by you.

One of the conditions named by you is that the ground should be improved, trees set, etc., within some reasonable short time to be agreed upon. I would suggest that this work be done by the city on or before the close of the year 1904. Another condition named by you is that the matter should be closed up in some reasonable time. I would suggest that the date should be on or before July 17, 1903.

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If the above suggestions meet your approval, you might incorporate the same in a more formal proposition and send the same to me. I would like, if possible, to get matters in such shape, both as to this trust, and as to the trust in block 193, that they might be submitted to the common council at its next meeting to be held on Friday, June 18th. I am,

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by C.)

May 27, 1903

Mr. Burton Howard,

Gen'l Solicitor C. M. & St. P. Ry. Co.,

Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Sir:

Yours of the 20th received. I wrote President Fairling, acknowledging receipt of his telegram, and stating that the committee would meet at the time appointed, at eleven o'clock on Friday of this week. Thanking you very much for your courtesy in the matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

John W. Cleir

(Dic. by C.)

May [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Dear Sir:

Your favor of May 10th, announcing your resignation as a member of the board of directors of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association, received. The matter will be laid by me before the directors at their next meeting.

It is needless for me to state that I regret the conclusion you have reached.

Very truly yours,

[illegible] by [illegible]

President.

May 27, 1903.

Hon. William H. Bayley,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I have received a letter from Hon. S. M. Tenney, under date of May 25, 1903, announcing his resignation as a member of the board of directors of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association. I have written him, stating that I regretted the conclusion he had reached and that I would lay the resignation before the directors at their next meeting.

The resignation of Mr. Tenney makes it necessary for the remaining directors to fill the vacancy by the selecting of another director. This I deem an important matter, and I write this note to all of the directors, in order that they may have the matter in mind and be thinking of the names of a number of persons who would make good directors. Will you be so kind as to give the matter careful consideration, so that, at our next meeting, we may be able to act with and for the best interests of the Association?

Yours truly,

(Dictated.)

President.

May 27, 1903

Dr. Francis Smith,

Ozark Imperial Hotel,

Hot Springs, Ark.

Dear Sir:-

I meant to write you before, and acknowledge receipt of your kind letter of May 15th. As it turned out, your vote was not necessary to carry the ordinance. You will likely have seen from the papers, before this, that the ordinance was passed by unanimous vote of the seventeen members of the council present. This is very gratifying.

Thanking you again for your kindness in the matter, and wishing that your health will be fully restored, I am.

Very truly yours,

(Dict' by O.)

May 28, 1903

Everett Assen, Esq.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I am to be out of the city to-morrow, Friday. I hardly think the ground will be dry enough to cultivate to-morrow, but will be by Saturday. I think you had better go over the Farwell drive to-morrow, and especially the further end of it, to see whether the dirt roads are injured. Then on Saturday, I would like to have you do as follows:

I want a number of signs put up on different parts of the Mendota drive. There will be ten pieces of 4 by 4 by 12 left at my barn today. I would like to have you get to my barn on Saturday morning as near six o'clock as possible, and we will drive out over the drive, and I will show you where I want the signs put, and that particular signs. You can have Louie stop at the barn and get the timbers, and at the same time he can take out the other outfit which will be there. You will put up the signs first and then the rest of the day spend in cultivating, provided the ground is in proper shape. I have put this because I shall be out this evening, and I am to leave the city early in the morning. You will need to provide yourself with a hammer and also take along with you some nails. I will, however, have three pounds of ten-penny nails at the barn, and I have ordered out of over-precaution, so that you will be sure and be equipped

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for doing the work. You had better also try and have along with you some kind of a step-ladder which will enable you to put up the signs not only on the saw timbers, but also on some trees. I suppose a board might answer the purpose.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

May 28, 1903

Mr. [illegible]

[illegible]

Dear Sir:

The common council, at its May meeting, passed a resolution, instructing the city attorney to take such steps, at once, as might be necessary to secure the erection of Bridge street, on condition that an equal ground of land be secured on the southwesterly side of Water street. You were to take the matter up for the [illegible] as a committee. It is very important that [illegible] of the street be secured at the earliest date possible, so that the filling can be done by the association along Water street.

Yours truly,

(Dictated)

May 28, 1903

John Icke, Esq.,

City Engineer,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Mr. C. S. Simonds will be in Madison ready to commence work on East Washington Avenue on Tuesday morning, June 2nd, at about [illegible] o'clock. He will, in all probability, be here two days. I would like very much to have you with him such portion of the time as you can arrange for.

If not too much labor, I wish a ground plan might be prepared of East Washington Avenue, east of the Yahara river. I [illegible] it would be necessary to show the grade. Merely a ground plan, drawn to a scale, would be sufficient I think.

Yours truly,

(Dict. by O.)

May 25, 1903

Marcus D. Smith, Esq.,

City Attorney,

City.

My Dear Sir:-

I trust that you may be able to get the proceedings started at once for the vacation of Bridge street, on the conditions named in the resolution of the common council passed at its regular May meeting. That street ought to be vacated and title obtained to the additional land along Water street at the earliest date possible, so as to enable the filling to be done by the association.

I would like to inquire whether anything has been done by the telephone companies to remove the poles along Water street, as is required by the resolution passed at the May meeting of the common council. This is a matter also that ought to be attended to promptly. Mr. Johnson, the one who is to operate the dredge, came to the city to-day, and will be ready to go to work within a day or so.

Yours truly,

(Dict by C.)

[illegible]

May 30, 1903

[illegible] L. V. Frederickson,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed I send you two warrants to pay for whole of bill enclosed. Will you be so kind as to make out two separate bills and receipt each of them, and return the same to me? This is necessary in order to keep the Y have river improvement fund separate from the other fund.

Yours truly,

[illegible]

President.

(Dic. by C.)

(2 Warrants.)

([illegible])

May 30 1903

Mrs. [illegible] Thompson,

Poy[illegible], Wis.

Dear Madam:-

Yours of May 28th received and contents noted.

Under another cover, I send you a copy of our [illegible] the annual reports and also a copy of an earlier report dated April 10, 1899. I send the latter because it contains our articles of incorporation and the statute under which we incorporated. Our by-laws have been somewhat modified so that at the present time any one who gives as much as five dollars a year for the support of the work, is a full member, except on the one question of voting to amend the articles of association.

Hoping that you may get from the reports the information you desire, I am.

Very truly yours,

[illegible]

President.

Pie By [illegible]

May 30 1903

Geo. F. R. Carpenter,

City.

My Dear Sir:-

I wish to acknowledge, with great pleasure, the receipt of yours of the 28th, containing proposition to convey to the city of Madison lots 7, 8, and 9, of block 10 for playgrounds and kindred purposes only. The conditions named by you, I am sure, will all gladly be complied with by the city.

Yours truly,

(Mld. by C.)

May 30, 1903

Mr. A. J. Earling,

Prest. C. M. & St. P. Ry. Co.,

Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Mr. Earling:

I want to say to you, confidentially, what I could not very well say yesterday, that I did not approve of the way Mayor Groves put the matter of the subways to your companies. It seemed to me as though there was a covert threat in what he said. I agree with you entirely that the railway companies ought to be treated with perfect fairness and that if it was not a just and reasonable thing to ask of your companies to construct the subways, then you ought not to construct them. That has been my attitude in the matter from the beginning, and the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association has never taken any other position.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by C.)

May 30, 1903

Mr. J. F. Wallace,

Gen'l. Mngr. Illinois Central Ry. Co.,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

I feel as though I did not present very well yesterday the matter of our securing some lands for play grounds, and thought I would write you a letter, supplementing what was said yesterday.

I thought you might, perhaps, be interested in what the two other roads have done for our Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association, and for this reason I enclose herewith a copy of a letter which I wrote to our local member of the assembly, Mr. Dudgeon, at the time the commission rate bill was up in the assembly. This states, in a general way, how the two roads have aided us from time to time, except that it under-states the amount that the raising of the bridges and tracks of the two roads over the Yahara river will cost. In a letter under date of May 13, 1903, from Marvin Hughitt, president of the Northwestern road, he stated: "The engineer's estimate made on careful surveys, shows that the expenditure imposed on the company for that part of the work which it assumes will be a little more than $30,000, instead of $20,000, as at first anticipated."

Now, while the work of our association may be such as to appeal more directly to the St. Paul and Northwestern roads, yet I think that

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it also has a bearing as to your road. There used to be a time when a large number of people came to Madison from the south, particularly from St. Louis, and I believe the day is not far distant when Madison will be an attractive point again for people from that locality and points farther south.

As stated to you yesterday, the common council, at its recent meeting, passed an ordinance, authorizing the issuing of $35,000 of bonds to secure some small tracts of land in different parts of the city for parks and play ground purposes, while it was yet possible to do so. This amount of money, however, will not enable us to get all of the land that we need. We have secured two gifts already, six lots out of the northeasterly end of block 133, and six lots out of the northeasterly end of block 170, and we hope to secure, by gift, all of blocks 225 and 229.

It so happens that your company owns two tracts of land situated where it is very necessary to secure a play ground, and there is no other land that we can get unless we should buy land and remove buildings, and that would be so expensive as to make the project impossible.

The first tract I call attention to is that in block 29. You there own lots 1, 2 and 3. Lots 4 and 5 are not built upon. We propose to buy these two lots. We have already got an option on lot five,

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and will secure lot four, either by purchase or condemnation proceedings. We would like very much to get a lease from your company of the remaining three lots at this point. This would make a very good little play ground, so situated as to serve very well that locality of the city. Our plan would be to put up a fence along near the railway track and do some filling. I hope very much that your company will grant the request made as to this tract.

The other and more important location is the block surrounded on the west by Francis street, on the north by Dayton street and on the east by Bedford street, as now opened. I measured this block and made it about 421 feet east and west, and at the west end on Francis street it is about 235 feet from Dayton street south to the edge of your railway embankment. On the east side of the block, measuring from Dayton street directly south, it is about 300 feet from Dayton street to the foot of your embankment. Now, if your company should decide to lease us a part of this block, we would like the easterly half, which would be a tract of land about 210 feet in length on Dayton street and extending south from Dayton street about 300 feet to the edge of your embankment. If you do not wish to lease the property to us, and would prefer to transfer a piece absolutely to the city for play ground purposes, then we would like a tract 210 feet, extending east and west on Dayton street, and 150 feet in width south from

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Dayton street. I would put the matter to you [illegible]

1. In case you decide not to sell us, we would like a lease of the tract as above described.

2. In case your company decides to part with a portion of this block, then we would like first, if you could, to give to us for play ground purposes the tract above described, 310 feet in length by 150 feet in width.

3. If your company would not feel like making a donation to that amount, then we would next ask that you would transfer or sell that tract to the city for what the land has actually cost your company with interest and taxes up to date.

4. In case your company would not be willing to do that, then the next proposition we would like to have you consider would be to name the lowest price for which you would sell outright that tract to the city for the purposes above named.

Hoping that you may give this matter favorable consideration, and thanking you for your courtesy, I am,

Yours very truly,

John M. Allen

(Dic. by O.)

[illegible]

May 8th, 1903

William R. Bagley, Atty.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Mr. Simonds will be here ready to commence work at eight o'clock on Tuesday morning of next week. I have asked him to talk with you and Mr. Higham and the Johnson boys as to the improvement of the avenue opposite your properties.

Would it not be a good thing, while he is here, to have him make some suggestions as to planting around your manufacturing establishments? For a trifling cost, as you have a number of times stated to me, the whole aspect of these properties could be completely changed. Would it not be a good time to suggest the matter to Mr. Higham and to the Johnson boys, so that you could plan things this year and do the planting next spring? Of course, I do not know what Mr. Simonds' charges would be, but if you could have a ground plan made, showing the location of the buildings, I am sure that he could sketch in the planting to be done without charging but very little. Of course, this is none of my business. I know, however, that you are very much interested in this matter, and merely make the above as a suggestion.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by G.)

May 30, 1903

Mr. A. O. Fox,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 29th received, concerning vacation of Bridge street.

Mr. Smith, the city attorney, will, at the next meeting of the council, June 12th, have a resolution passed, directing notice to be given for the vacation of the street. That has to be posted one week. Then the council can act and vacate the street at the regular July meeting of the council. This will be in time.

Before the order is made vacating the street, a petition must be signed by the property owners. I have given Mr. Smith the names to all parties interested, and he will prepare such petition. I am much obliged to you for attending to the matter.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

J. [illegible]

President.

June 4, 1903

George J. Whittaker, Esq.,

239 East N. Avenue,

Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Sir:

Yours of June 1st received. The contracts for dredging the Yahara river, between Lakes Monona and Mendota, have already been let, and the work is now in progress.

Yours truly,

J. Huckleberry

President.

(Dic. by O.)

June [illegible], 190[illegible]

D. [illegible],

[illegible], Ill.

Dear Sir -

Enclosed find warrant for $41.60 to pay for your bill for seedlings furnished Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association. I return herewith your letter of March 17th, and would ask as a favor that you would redraft a bill, making it out against the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association, and then receipt same and return same to me in enclosed stamped envelope. I have turned the nursery I had over to the Association and it meets all the expense, I charging nothing for use of land.

We pay all our debts by warrants. You can deposit this warrant in the bank and it will be cashed by our treasurer, Mr. Hoyt.

Yours truly,

[illegible]

(Dic. by O.)

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along that [illegible] foot strip so that every person would not be at liberty to [illegible] in [illegible]. It might be well for your report to cover this.

Are there certain sprinkling appliances not in use so that a sprinkling cart could, by passing along the twenty five foot street or roadway, sprinkle or throw water, say, one-half way across the central or park strip? If so, the city could keep this park strip green throughout the entire growing season and this would add very much to its effect, especially in dry weather.

When you come to make your report as to the permanent improvement of the Avenue, it might be well to state that the Avenue could be improved at the present time, without waiting for putting in the drainage and pumping system, down as far as Blount street. That would take it to block 1[illegible], which is the Cooley block. I do not remember just the grade, but there are certain parties interested who would like to have the improvement made through block 121 if it could be done. [illegible] are others occupying the opposite block, 122, who would [illegible] if the improvement should stop with Blair [illegible] to Blount. But these are parties who wish [illegible] They are constantly able to [illegible] the improvement made would simply [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

I hope you will not forget the suggestion I made as to inducing some wealthy person to help out on the plan I suggested of securing some six hundred acres of land west of the city. Of course, that is a mere dream of mine, but it is one of those projects that have in them so many possibilities for the future that I should like exceedingly to have the plan succeed, and I have much hope that it might succeed, provided I could once get some liberally disposed man of wealth and of taste upon the ground, so that he could see just what we now have and the possibilities for the future.

When you send the plan for the improvement of the Avenue, you can make out a bill for your services against the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association and I will see that the same is paid.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

John H. Olin

President.

June 4, 1903

Prof. L. S. Smith,

City.

Dear Sir:

Upon reflection, I concluded that the best thing to do would be for you, as soon as you get back and have a day free, to go out over the drive with some student whose services we may employ, and show him what has been done and what is to be done, and then have him complete the work. We do not expect to pay, as you know, high wages for services rendered for the Association, and I do not wish to keep you out of more profitable employment. I wish you would be thinking of some good young man. I will also write to Prof. Taylor and suggest to him the kind of work I wish to have done, and have him refer me to some competent person for the work.

Mr. James Gilman has done some work for us in other directions. Would he, in your judgment, be a good person for this kind of work?

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

June 4,1903

Prof. William D. Taylor,

City.

Dear Sir:-

There is some surveying to be done, or rather completed, as to the right of way on the Mendota drive system. Prof. L. S. Smith has done the larger portion of the work, but he is so crowded with work that he finds it difficult to complete it. He has agreed to go over the work with some person that we might employ and show him what has been done and what remains to be done, turning over to him his (Mr. Smith's) notes, etc. I write to you, asking that you suggest the name of some student who would be competent to do this work. Would James Gilman be a good person for the work? In as much as he lives in the city, I would like to employ him if you think he is a good person for the work.

I wonder if some of your students could not as a matter of exercise or practical work, do a piece of work for me. I do not wish to pay for the work for the reason that nothing may come of it. You perhaps know of the sand-bar that extends out from the University grounds across the bay toward Mr. Stevens' land. Part of that bar now is thin exposed. When the lake is low, it is exposed a good share of the distance across the bay. I would like to have a map made of

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the land lying between the sand-bar and the road around the bay, and would like soundings taken so as to show the depth of water, often enough, to give any one a pretty nearest idea of the depth of water throughout the whole tract. I also want ~~soundings taken~~ test work to show the kind of material underlying the water for a depth of from eight to ten feet below the present bed of the lake, if possible. There is no hurry about this work. I thought I would just suggest the matter to you, thinking that you might, in the next year or so, have some young men that could do the work, or a part of it, for experience.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin.

President.

My idea is that by the use of dipper dredge this bay might some day be assembled into some islands and legends that would add any attractive feature to this fishing the [illegible]

June 4, 1903

William R. Bagley, Atty.,

City.

My Dear Mr. Bagley:-

I regret exceedingly that you were out of the city while Mr. Simonds was here. We will have to try and have him meet you with reference to Orton Park at some later day this season.

He left yesterday at four o'clock. He is to prepare his report and sketch of the Avenue. I hope to have the same by Thursday of next week. I wish you could have been with him. I wanted very much to have him talk over with you the proposed improvement of the Avenue. I think he will prepare a very fine plan for the improvement. He thinks there is a fine opportunity to make of this Avenue a very attractive approach to the city.

Enclosed I send to you the contract signed by Andrew S. Ramsay and wife. The contract was acknowledged before you. Will you be so kind as to [illegible] your notarial seal and return same to me so that the contract may be recorded with the other contracts?

Mr. Thomas brought to me this morning a contract signed by Mr. Hopkins and wife. This cleans up the [illegible] of that side of the river, excepting the part owned by Mr. Voss. Do you know of any good way of [illegible]

(Pics by [illegible])
(Pdo.)

Very truly yours,
[illegible] President.

June 4, 1903

Bernhard Voss, Esq.,

1225 East Main St.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

We have now secured contracts for a strip of land along the whole of the northeast shore of the Yahara river, excepting the portion of land owned by your father in block 274. I write you to see whether you would not meet me and your father some evening, say about seven o'clock, and look the matter over? I feel as though there ought not to be any difficulty in adjusting the matter with your father. If on receipt of this, you will call me up by telephone, stating when I might meet you, I will be very much obliged. I tried to reach you by telephone, but you were evidently out.

Yours truly,

John Mullin

President.

(Dic' by O.)

June [illegible], 1903

Mr. Andrew [illegible],

Town of Madison,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I noticed, as I drove out over the drive the other day, that your pigs had been out rooting up the ground at a point just north of the house and near the drive. I also noticed one Sunday earlier in the spring, about half a dozen horses feeding among the young trees north of the drive. Now, we do not want any stock at all turned loose among those trees, and if this is done in the future we shall expect you to pay the damage. Considerable damage of this kind was done last season. You understand, of course, the reasons why we do not wish anything of this kind to occur. Your pigs got out several times last year, and did damage on property owned by some of the cottagers, and complaint was made to us about it. I hope you will see to it that nothing of this kind occurs in the future.

(Sent by Q.)

Yours truly,

John W. Olin.

President.

[illegible]

[illegible]

City

Dear Sir:-

I [illegible]

street new bridge will [illegible] I

wish you would do everything [illegible]

[illegible] as possible.

I also hope you will have the plans and [illegible]

at the next meeting of the council, as to the work necessary to be

done to elevate the bridge on Sherman Avenue. I expect to have a

resolution introduced at that meeting [illegible] the city will assume

the expense of [illegible]

[illegible] in five thousand cubic yards of [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Ju[illegible] 1903

Charles B. Rogers, Atty.,

Fort Atkinson, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of June [illegible] received. I very gladly send you, under another cover, a copy of our last two annual reports and also a copy of a former report of April, 1899. The latter contains our constitution and by-laws. That have been changed some little since. At the present time, any one who contributes as much as $5.00 is a full member of the association as to all matters, with the exception merely that he has not the right to vote on the question of changing the articles of incorporation.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

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to draw two [illegible]

the Yahara river [illegible] Reynolds

who agreed as stated in the list. I [illegible] to have [illegible]

all [illegible]

draw [illegible]

I wish you [illegible] David

Stephens [illegible]

at the regular [illegible]

subscription [illegible]

[illegible]

gain [illegible]

nish [illegible] list of the same, I [illegible]

that they [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

John W. Olin

President.

[illegible] 1903

Grant Thomas, Esq.,

Dear Sir:

[illegible] list of [illegible] who agreed to draw [illegible] to see me Wednesday night about [illegible] that we shall be able to get [illegible] little [illegible] what Mr. Parnack said? I send you the list with [illegible] that you may be able to help [illegible] some [illegible] one of [illegible] meetings and say something on the [illegible] I have sent a list of the names to George [illegible] Sayle and asked him to help in every way he could, but unless some one looks after this portion of our subscriptions pretty carefully [illegible] I fear, get very much out of it.

Yours truly,

(Dictated by [illegible])

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to change the pump house, as requested, unless there was some very strong reason why you could not do so.

3. The only other point I mentioned to the engineer was the removal, if possible, of the end of a switch track which extends from the Fuller & Johnson works [illegible] East Dayton street. The reason of this is [illegible] to build a bridge across the river at East Dayton street and it would be very helpful to the improvement and to the use of this street, if this track could be placed at some other point. Of course, I [illegible] how [illegible] this could be done. But I thought I would suggest the matter to your engineer.

Your engineer said something about needing, perhaps, the aid of our man with his dredging outfit. Of course, I told him that anything we could do in that direction would be very gladly done.

I assure you we appreciate all that your company is doing in this matter, and we don't wish to have you feel that we are trying to impose on you. We will cooperate with your company in every way as to the [illegible] of the channel so as to interfere with your bridges just as little as possible.

The [illegible] bridge [illegible] be on [illegible] [illegible]

Very truly yours,

[illegible]

Dec. [illegible]

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consistent at the point where the two [illegible] divide and going to Mr. Vilas' [illegible] and the [illegible] on the other side of the avenue. The idea would be that if [illegible] people could drive down and turn around at this point. I do not myself think that this is so very important, but it would enable the common council to change on the improvement of the street to the adjoining property owners. The street at this point is planned by you. I should judge is about twenty feet wide. Could it not be made sufficiently wide at this point to enable teams to turn around without materially interfering with the general scheme? I merely [illegible] the matter to you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

(Dic. of S.)

June 9, 1968

Michael [illegible]

Dear [illegible]

I enclose you herewith a list of the [illegible] who agreed to [illegible] two kinds of [illegible] stone to the [illegible] where [illegible] is being constructed. That stone is now being [illegible] I wish [illegible] you could help our association by speaking to the [illegible] [illegible] and getting them to show the amount they agreed [illegible] a list of those who do this so that we can get the same [illegible] the [illegible] in our annual report next year.

[illegible] very much appreciate the looking after of this matter by [illegible]

Yours truly,

([illegible] by [illegible])

[illegible]

June 5, 1903

Prof. William H. Tanke,

[illegible]

Dear Sir:

Mr. Blake, the man who has taken a subcontract for a portion of the work at the dam, called upon me this morning, and in the [illegible] he indicated that it would be necessary in doing the work [illegible] to destroy quite a good portion of the [illegible] on the island [illegible] told him that the plan was to have a fence constructed along [illegible] the island and to confine their work strictly within the [illegible] for that purpose. Of course, we wish to do as little [illegible] as possible. I wish you would indicate to Mr. Blake [illegible] where such fence is to be constructed, and see to it that [illegible] men comply strictly with your directions.

Yours truly,

[illegible]

President.

June 9, 1903

C. F. Swank, Esq.,

[illegible] Main St.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of June 8th received, enclosing sketch of tract 122 feet square on Mifflin and Belford streets. Please accept thanks for same. You might get options on these tracts to run until July 15th, and then we could be in shape, perhaps, to adjust matters on some [illegible] basis. I still think that $6800 is a very high price for property situated as this is. But I will be very glad to have options on the different pieces so that the council can look the same over and decide what is best to do.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by S.)

President.

June 5, 1908

Carl Hausmann, Esq.,

City.

Dear Sir:

I write to ask whether you have heard from Mr. Schulkamp as to sale of lot four, block 29. We have secured an option on lot 5, in that block, and will undoubtedly secure a lease from the Illinois Central Railway Company for lots 1, 2 and 3. If we can obtain lot 4, this will give a very fair sized tract of ground in that locality for a play ground. I trust that you parties may feel like selling the lot and at a reasonable price, considering the purpose for which it is desired.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

June 5, 1903

Mr. Raymond A. Pearson,
Care U. S. Consulate,
Copenhagen, Denmark.

My Dear Sir:-

You undoubtedly know of our effort this year to raise money to connect Lakes Monona and Mendota. We have raised, by subscription, for that purpose, a little over $20,000, but we need at least $2,000 more to complete the work. We had, at the time of our annual meeting, six $1,000 subscriptions; two $500 subscriptions; one for $475; three for $300 each; five for $250 each; four for $200 each; one for $150; twenty-six for $100 each; one for $90.00; one for $75.00; one for $70.00; twenty-seven for $50.00 each; three for $40.00 each; one hundred and fifteen for $25.00 each; fourteen for $20.00 each; forty-five for $15.00 each; one hundred and twenty-two for $10.00 each; ninety-seven for $5.00 each, and some smaller subscriptions.

We also had subscribed up to the time of our annual meeting for our regular work on the lakes, in addition to the above, the sum of $4,935.

I have been interested to write to you before this. I feel sure that you are interested in this work and would want to help some townsmen. Will you be so kind as to let me know how much, if anything,

you are willing to contribute for the improvement of the river and also for the drive work?

I trust you are having a pleasant and profitable time.

It does us all good to see Ralph Vernon around again enjoying good health.

Yours etc.,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

[illegible] 1903

H. E. Cornwall, Esq.,

[illegible]

Dear Sir:-

I just received a note from Forrest M. Mendell, [illegible] some weeks ago, to which I had sent [illegible] the [illegible] report of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Jersey, he says: "It strikes me, as I [illegible] [illegible] of the most attractive reports, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]."

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [

June 6, 1903

Charles Wilford Robinson, Sec'y.,

Genesee Park and Out Door Art Association,

Rochester, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of June 4th received. Am glad you like the report of our association.

Would you send me a copy of the program of the next meeting of the association at Buffalo?

I have not yet secured a copy of your last book. Will you be so kind as to ask the publishers to send me a copy, at my expense of course? I have been watching for it.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

June 6, 1903

Patrick Griffin, Esq.,

348 W. Dayton St.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find check for $4.20 for work for me personally.

Enclosed also find warrant for $41.61 for 22 days and 6 hours work for the association; also another warrant for $2.50 for work of boy five days for the association. Please receipt the enclosed bills and return same to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Check)

(2 Warrants)

President.

June 2, 1903

Ralph C. Vernon, Esq.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I wonder if you could arrange to go with Genl. Thomas on the subscription work on Thursday afternoon of this week. I will drop him a line and ask him to arrange for that time. If you cannot start them, will you be so kind as to arrange some time with Mr. Thomas, and very much obliged

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

June 8,1903

Grant Thomas, Esq.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I have written to Ralph C. Vernon, asking him to arrange to start with you in getting subscriptions on Thursday afternoon of this week. I told him if he could not arrange for that time, I would like to have him communicate with you as to when he can go. I would like to have you see him and arrange matters. You can get the subscriptions for the regular drive work at any time by calling at the office.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

June 12/1903.

Mrs. Mary Atwood,

City.

Dear Mrs. Atwood:-

Since I last saw you, there have been propositions made to the city by Mr. Burr W. Jones and by Judge Carpenter, to give certain lands for park and play ground purposes , as follows: Mr. Jones proposes to give four and one-half lots at the easterly end of block 138, and an option has been secured on another lot and a half so as to make that tract six lots, or just one-third of the block.

Judge Carpenter has proposed to give three lots out of the west half and at the northeast end thereof of block 170, which adjoins your block on the southwest, and Mr. Jones and Mr. Gregory have agreed to sell three other lots lying to the southeast of Judge Carpenter's lots, thus making a tract of six lots out of the northeasterly end of block 170. The matter will be laid before the common council this evening. If the council accepts these two tracts of land, as they are very likely to do, then they will undoubtedly not wish to purchase block 138. I felt as though I ought to notify you of this fact at once, although the option secured does not run out, I believe, until the middle of July.

While these gifts will make it impractical for the city to buy block 138, I am sure you will rejoice with me that the city receives the gifts above stated, and I am quite sure that you lose nothing by the city not taking block 138 at the price agreed upon, namely $9,000; for after a pretty careful examination, I am well satisfied that the price you named for the block is a very reasonable one, though at first I was inclined to think it was pretty steep. An investigation as to the prices at

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which property is held all along this avenue, has satisfied me of the reasonableness of your offer.

Thanking you very much for your kindness and courtesy in this whole matter, and trusting that you lose nothing by the turn that affairs have taken, I am,

Very truly yours,

(Dict. by O.)

June 13, 1903.

Charles Mulford Robinson,
Sec'y. American Park and Outdoor Art Assn.,
Rochester, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find draft for $2.70 to pay for copy of your book on Civic Art, including postage. Please accept thanks for same. I have not yet had an opportunity to read the book, but I shall be very pleased to do so.

Yours truly,

J. Russell Pitt.
President.

(Dic. by O.)
(Draft)

June 18, 1903

Thos. Reed, Sec'y.,

Board of Managers of St. Louis World's Fair,

Room 322 Wells Bldg.,

Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

At the suggestion of Hon. W. D. Hoard, I send you, under another cover, a copy of the two last annual reports of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association.

Yours truly,

[illegible]

President.

Dis. by O.

June 16, 1903

Hon. W. T. Hoard,

Fort Atkinson, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

Yours of June 12th received. I have been pleased to send to Mr. A. D. Wood, Sec'y. Board of Managers of the St. Louis World's Fair, a copy of the last two annual reports of the American Park and Pleasure Drive Association.

Yours very truly,

(Dic. by D.)

President.

June 10, 1903

Charles Mulford Robinson, Esq.,

Sec'y. American Park and Out Door Art Assn.,

Rochester, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

Please accept thanks for copy of program just received. I regret exceedingly to state that my engagements are such as to make it impossible for me to be away on the days set for the meeting.

Very truly yours,

John [illegible]

President.

(Dic. by C.)

June 13, 1903

Mr. O. C. Simonds,

Landscape Gardener,

Station X,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Simonds:-

Your design for improving Warren Ave Avenue, with accompanying report, was duly received. I have examined the same with very great pleasure. I am much pleased with the plan. I presented it to the common council last evening. The matter was referred to the proper committee and I hope, in due time, will be adopted by the council and that the improvement will be secured.

Enclosed please find warrant for $100 in payment for your services. Also find enclosed your bill, which please receipt and return to me. The warrant you can have cashed at any bank, I think, the same as a draft or check.

I regret that you fully value your charge for services in this matter at a very low one, but I appeal to your generosity in the matter. I have been very anxious to have this improvement made, for I think it means a good deal to our city.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

June 15, 1903

W. C. Clarke,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I have written to Mr. M. J. Darling, President of the St. Paul Company, asking that company to at once provide a free span under their two bridges of not less than twenty feet in width so that the dredge of Mr. Johnson can be taken down the river to assist somewhat in the work contracted to be done by yourself and Mr. Thomas.

It must be understood, however, that you and Mr. Thomas are to stand the whole expense incident to going down the river and getting back to the place where Mr. Johnson now is, you to pay him at the rate of $20.00 a day, which is just the amount that we must pay him, and to be at any other expense, if any, that may be necessary to go down with his apparatus and back again.

If you have not already done so, you had better talk the matter over with Mr. Johnson so as to get as definite an idea as possible as just what the expense would be.

As I understood you over the phone, you will not need Mr. Thomson over about one week.

We are very anxious to have Mr. Johnson do some work up the

Mr.

river just east of the willows opposite the Fauchbach property. We must get some work done there while the lake is shut off. I dislike very much to have Mr. Johnson postpone this work, but after thinking the matter over have decided to have him put in a week for you under the above conditions. We wish to help out all that we possibly can.

Yours truly,

(Mic. by C.)

President.

June 1[illegible], 1903

Mrs. Lily McQue,

115 S. Butler St.,

City.

My Dear Mrs. McQue:-

The committee selected to act as judges on the children's city improvement work are Rev. E. S. Updike, Chairman, and Justice Robert S. Fichecker and Mr. John Grigg. I have written to the chairman, stating that they should make an examination at the earliest date possible. I will furnish to them my team and driver to assist in making the examination. I trust that the committee is satisfactory.

Very truly yours,

John W. Olin

President.

(Dist. by ( )

June 1[illegible], 1903.

Dr. [illegible]

Supt. [illegible] Hospital,

Mendota Station, Wis.

My Dear Sir:

On my trip around Governor's Island last Sunday, I noticed that there had been no cultivating done around the plantin on that portion of the island within the roadway. You will remember that we looked this matter over one Sunday morning early in the spring. I think that most everything planted is growing and if little work could be done at the right time, everything would be saved and get a vigorous start. If the top of thr ground could be dug up with a hoe or a rake for two or three inches and then just raked over say about once a week, everything would grow nicely. Now that the planting has been done, I am very anxious that we should not lose any of it. Where single trees are planted, the ground ought to be raked over or cultivated around each tree for a space about four to five feet across. This method keeps the moisture in the ground, and at the same time keeps out all grass and weeds and allows the tree to have a good chance for growth.

Very truly yours,

[illegible]

(Dic. by O.)

President.

June [illegible], 1908.

Mr. A. J. Earling,

Prest. C. M. & St. P. Ry. Co.,

Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Mr. Earling:-

Could it not be possible for your company, in the next few days, to take out sufficient of the piles under [illegible] two bridges to permit a free space of about twenty feet in width in the Yahara river? Some time ago, your company drove some piles under these bridges, but nothing else has been done. Of course, these piles simply serve to block the river up more. I presume they were put in with a view of taking out some other piles. The reason I ask [illegible] now is that the men who are doing the dredging between Williamson street and Lake Monona, have found they are unable to do [illegible] the machinery they have, and they [illegible] that the man who has the dipper [illegible] should come down the river [illegible] machinery [illegible] help [illegible] can be done, provided your [illegible] would [illegible] of twenty feet [illegible] to move down with his dredge within a week.

I will regard it as a personal favor if you can give this matter prompt attention.

Very truly yours,

[illegible]

June 15, 1903.

Judge William [illegible],

Pres't State Board of Control,

Cin[illegible].

Dear Sir:

Your note of June 11, 1903, received and contents noted.

I note what you say as to the resolution passed by the State Board of Control to the effect that the improvement for which the bills for $145 bills is to be the extent of the improvement and the expense to be incurred as prescribed by subdivision four of the agreement entered into by the State Board of Control and the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association on the 6th day of July, 1902." The association will incur no further expense under subdivision four of that agreement, unless expressly directed so to do by the State Board of Control. I wish to say, however, that the Association will [illegible] place, at its own expense, any of the planting that may die which has been done on the island. But I suggest that the steward should [illegible] necessary to be done [illegible] [illegible] planted in order to prevent them from [illegible] insure a good growth, is attended to. I explained this to Dr. [illegible] [illegible] would [illegible] [illegible] trip around the island last [illegible] [illegible] nothing had

been done. It is a small amount of work. It would not take one man more than one day in the week, it indeed it would take that much work, to do all that is necessary. Within two or three years the planting will be of sufficient size and [illegible] to take care of itself and will thereafter require no attention. Of course, the Madison [illegible] Drive Association is attending to all of the planting between the roadway and the outer edge of the island.

Yours very truly,

[illegible]

President.

(Dis. [illegible] 9.)

June 16, 1903.

A. S. Fox,

City.

		To bill rendered Dec. 14, 1902,	$8.25
1903.			
Jan.	4.	To consultation and redrafting proposition by Powers and subscription contract in connection therewith,	5.00
"	13.	To examination of [illegible] law as to descent of property,	5.00
Feb.	21.	To examining, consultation as to, and redrafting mining lease,	10.00
"	[illegible]	To drawing new mining lease and consultation as to same,	5.00
Apr.	[illegible]	To drawing Veth lease,	2.00
			[illegible]

June 15, 1903.

Brittingham & Hixon Lumber Co.,

City.

1903.			
Jan.	8.	To consultation with Mr. Hoddles as to Muesse lease at Lancaster, and preparing extension thereof, and correspondence as to same,	$5.00
"	23.	To services investigating [illegible] matter, and correspondence as to same,	8.00
Feb.	14.	To [illegible] for filing [illegible] in case v. Luetscher,	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	To [illegible] fees, Luetscher case,	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	To [illegible] and Clerk's tax, Luetscher case,	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	To [illegible] for Luetscher abstract,	[illegible]
Apr.	[illegible]	To consultation with Mr. [illegible] as to shingle contract,	[illegible]
May	19.	To [illegible] fees, Luetscher case,	[illegible]
			[illegible]

June 15, 1903.

Register of Deeds,

Lancaster,

Grant County, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I wish you to make out and send to me by return mail, if possible, certified copies of the following deeds:

1. John Willey and wife to John A. Willey, recorded June 27, 1896, in Volume 132 of deeds, page 16.

2. John Willey and wife to William H. Willey, deed recorded June 27, 1896, volume 132 of deeds, page 17.

3. John Willey and wife to Walter Willey, deed recorded June 27, 1896, volume 132 of deeds, page 13.

4. John Willey and wife to Samuel Willey, deed recorded June 27, 1896, volume 132 of deeds, page 14.

5. John Willey and wife to John A. Willey, Samuel Willey, Thomas Willey, William H. Willey and Walter Willey, deed recorded June 27, 1896, volume 132 of deeds, page 12

Please send me your bill and [illegible] at once. I would send the money in advance did I know just what your charges would be. I want these deeds to be certified in the way the law requires so as to make the certified copies admissible in evidence, and in order to be of any use to me they must reach me by Thursday of this week.

Yours truly,

[illegible signature]

(Dic- by C.)

June 15, 1903

Samuel Willey, Esq.,

Care Bryan & Stratton Business College,

315-321 Wabash Ave.,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

There has been a stipulation made to try the case of Nellie Kitroe v. William H. Willey, etal, before Judge Stevens, here at Madison, the trial to begin at nine o'clock on Friday morning, of this week. We have stipulated that all of the testimony taken upon the other trial may be used, and also the deposition of Mr. Williams, taken by us to [illegible] testimony. The stipulation further provides that either p[illegible] introduce any other testimony that they may desire. The stipulation also provides that only one case is to be tried and that the [illegible] in this case is to control in all the others.

I do not know that [illegible] any other testimony than is covered by the above stipulation. It has occurred to me, however, that we had better have some one present to testify as to the condition and value of the Chicago property at the time [illegible] father made the deeds, and also as to the condition and value of the property covered by the deeds. Should [illegible] to have you present at the trial. Have written to your [illegible] at Cumberland, a letter similar to this.

Yours truly,

[illegible] & Butler

[illegible]

Do not think we have better [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] further [illegible]

June 15, 1903.

Rev. J. A. Willey,

Cumberland, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

There has been a stipulation made to try the case of Nellie Mitton v. William H. Willey, etal, before Judge Stevens, here at Madison, the trial to begin at nine o'clock on Friday morning of this week. We have stipulated that all of the testimony taken upon the other trial may be used, and also the deposition of Mr. Williams, taken by us to perpetuate his testimony. The stipulation further provides that either party may introduce any other testimony that they may desire. The stipulation also provides that only one case is to be tried and that the judgment in that case is to control in all the cases.

I do not know that we need any other testimony than is covered by the above stipulation. It has occurred to me, however, that we had better have some one present to testify as to the condition and value of the Chicago property at the time your father made the deeds, and also as to the condition and value of the property covered by the deeds. Should be pleased to have you present at the trial. Have written to your brother at Chicago a letter similar to this.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

June 15, 1903.

Sheriff of Grant County,

Lancaster, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find a subpoena which I wish to have served upon John Stamm, who lives at Cuba City, and, as I understand, has been, and perhaps is now, a Justice of the Peace. Please see that the same is promptly served and return the subpoena to us with proof of service and a statement of your charges, and I will see that the same are promptly paid.

Yours truly,

Chris J. Carter

(Lic. by O.)
(Enc.)

June 15, 1903.

Mr. John Grinde,

City.

Dear Sir:-

The members of the committee selected to look over the children's improvement work of the city, are as follows: Rev. E. G. Updike, chairman, the other two members being yourself and Judge Robert G. Siebecker of the supreme court. I have notified Mr. Updike and asked him, as chairman, to select as early a day as possible for making the first trip or examination, and have stated to him that I would furnish my team and a driver, provided he would give me a little notice in advance.

Thanking you for your willingness to serve again as a member of the committee, I am.

Very truly yours,

John W. Allin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

June 15, 1903.

Rev. E. G. Updike,

City.

My Dear Mr. Updike:-

The committee selected to look over the children's city improvement work is composed of yourself, as chairman, with Judge Robert G. Siebecker and John Grinde as the other two members. Judge Siebecker is to leave the city on July 3rd, to be gone on a vacation for two months. He will be through with his supreme court work by the 19th of this month. I would suggest that you, as chairman, decide upon a time at as early a date as possible when you wish to have the committee make the first examination, and then notify the other two members of the committee. I will try and furnish a driver to take the committee around, but you should notify me some time in advance so that I can arrange for the trip.

Thanking you for your willingness to serve as a member of the committee, I am.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

June 15, 1903.

William Singer, Esq.,
170 Main St.,
Galena, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of June 13th received. I am unable to give you the information desired as to fox squirrels.

Under another cover, I send you a copy of the last annual report of our association.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin
President.

We have plenty of squirrels in our City - but am we - sure you would call them for squirrels.

June 18, 1903.

S. H. Marshall, Esq.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

If convenient, could you send me the $3.00 due for ten white elm trees? I have paid the money to the association, so you can send the check directly to me.

Yours truly,

John W. Ellis

President.

(Dic. by O.)

June 16, 1902.

Mr. E. J. Tappins,

Sec'y. State Board of Control,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours received, enclosing draft payable to the order of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association for $148.51. Please accept thanks for same. I have turned the same over to Mr. Frank W. Hoyt, treasurer.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

[illegible]

President.

June 18, 1906.

Mr. Stanley G. Hardie,

City.

Dear Sir:-

If convenient, would you send to me a check for $100 for the ten white elm trees furnished the Golf Club Association? I have already paid the same to the association, and you can send the check direct to me.

Yours truly,

(Dict. by C.)

President.

June 17, 1902.

Samuel Willey, Esq.,

Care Bryant & Stratton Business College;

[illegible] Wabash Ave.,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 16th just received. Think your testimony will be sufficient as to value of Chicago property. I had a talk with Dr. Edwards here in the office at one time and concluded his testimony would not help us any. Think it would be well to have some party or parties from Cuba City to testify as to the value of the farm property, etc. I wrote a letter to your brother Walter, advising him of the trial, and also to your brother J. A., at Cumberland. It would be a good thing if we could have some witnesses who could testify as to anything your father did or said, indicating that it was his intention to dispose of his property as he did dispose of it. Mr. Stevens of Cuba City will be subpoenaed along that line. It would aid us to show the relations which existed between your father and the different members of his family which could tend to make natural and reasonable the disposition which he attempted to make of his property. We ought to be able to show the condition and circumstances financially of the different members of his family. You have you a testify along that line, but would not be permitted, I presume, to give evidence as to any conversations between you and your father.

Yours [illegible]

Olin & Butler

(Dic. [illegible] 9.)

June 16, 1903.

Mr. George Bullen, Esq.,
Oconomowoc, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 16th just received. I thank you for your courtesy.

We have let the contract for our lock, and Mr. Harrison has awarded the contract for dredging west of the river.

I should be pleased some time to visit the lakes at Oconomowoc, and when I do, I shall be very glad to call upon you personally.

Thanking you for your kindness in the matter, I am,

Yours truly,

President.

(Dic. by C.)

June 16, 1903.

Mr. O. O. Simonds,
[illegible] Gardener,
Station X,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Simonds:-

You remember that I had some talk when you were here to the effect that the city might wish to macadamize the first two blocks on East Washington Avenue practically the full width, or substantially like the other avenues. Your plan calls for treating the first block in this way but not the second. I wish you could prepare a sketch of the first two blocks and have it extend over so as to include the third one, on the theory that the second block will be macadamized in a similar manner to the first as suggested in your design.

I wish also when you send such sketch, you could recommend in your letter to me pretty strongly that all telephone and telegraph poles and wires be either removed from this street or put under ground. I think they can be removed from the street without any serious difficulty.

Yours truly,

(Dict. by O.)

[illegible]

President.

June 22, 1903.

Mr. M. C. Clarke,

City.

Dear Mr. Clarke:-

I saw Mr. Johnson on Saturday, and he now thinks that it will not be possible for him to get his dredge down and back under the bridges as they now are with the water at its low stage and the river filled with weeds. It has seemed to me all the while that it would be a very difficult thing for him to do even under more feverable circumstances. You had better see him about the matter at once.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

John W. Alvord,

President.

June 22,1908.

Conklin & Sons,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $8.50 for your bill for coal against the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me, and oblige?

Yours truly,

John W. Ellis

President.

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

June 23, 1908.

Mr. [illegible] K. Tenney,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I saw Mr. Forster, the architect, last evening, and had talk with him about the foot bridge in Tenney Park. He informs me that the style of bridge as designed by Mr. [illegible] is the cheapest bridge that can be built; that it would cost more to build a wood bridge at that point than it would to construct the bridge [illegible] as proposed.

He informed me further that [illegible] a bridge that would cost about $[illegible]. [illegible], I [illegible] that [illegible] would be as much as you would wish to put into the bridge. This would be entirely satisfactory to the directors of the [illegible]. I am sure that the directors would be pleased to pay [illegible] up to [illegible] the construction of a proper foot bridge at this point. In a talk I [illegible] with Mr. [illegible], he stated to me that he would contribute [illegible] toward the construction of a foot bridge at this point. I have no doubt but that [illegible] be willing to stand by that proposition at this time, and the [illegible] whatever [illegible] over all above the [illegible] you are willing to contribute in order to complete the bridge.

I wish you would be kind as to [illegible] and let me know your wishes.

Yours truly,

[illegible]

President.

June 24, 1910.

Miss Mary Louise Atwood,

City.

My Dear Miss Atwood:-

Yours of June 22nd duly received. I fully appreciate what you say. But in the calculations made as to securing pieces of property in different portions of the city, the committee had, inadvertently, left out the Fourth Ward. The alderman from that ward very naturally thought something should be done there. This necessitated a rearrangement of matters. By reason of the gifts of Judge Carpenter and Mary W. Jones, it will be possible now to secure some lots in Fourth Ward for a play ground. The Common council seemed to think that what the city needed was a number of small tracts of land, well located, for park and play ground purposes, rather than larger tracts especially for parks. I would like very much if the city could take the whole block owned by your mother, and I believe it would be an excellent investment for the city. But owing to the lack of funds, it would seem impossible to do so.

As to the price of the three lots which the city proposes to purchase from Messrs. Jones & Gregory, they would naturally want more per lot in case of sale of the three lots than they would if the whole block were sold. They considered further, that the establishing of a play ground on the lots would might affect injuriously somewhat the price or value of the remaining lots in the block, in case such remaining lots were used for residence purposes.

Thanking both you and your mother for your kindness and courtesy in this whole matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

(Dict. by G.)

President.

June 24, 1900.

[illegible] McCue,
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] McCue.-

The committee consisting of Revs. E. G. [illegible], [illegible] and Mr. John Grinde, have just completed an inspection [illegible] and will make a report to you of what they find. You will [illegible] the report as you think will best serve the purpose you [illegible].

[illegible] Judge Siebecker remarked, I wonder whether committees [illegible] this year as last year among the children. [illegible] is [illegible] wife you and the women [illegible] my team and driver to take the [illegible] around and I [illegible] glad to do the same in the fall, and our [illegible] will [illegible] for the prison.

Yours truly,

([illegible])

[illegible]

President.

[illegible], 1903.

Mr. [illegible], M.D.,

Supt. [illegible] Hospital,

[illegible] Station, [illegible].

Dear Sir:-

I was around the island on Sunday last. I saw that [illegible] something [illegible] done pretty soon, we [illegible] planting on the island inside [illegible] roadway. For this [illegible], I instructed the men to do what they could Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, to hoe out between the planting and cultivate as far as possible. They cannot work longer than to-day. If they do not finish the work, I hope very much you may be able, in some way, to have the remaining work done.

Very truly yours,

[illegible]

President.

(Copy [illegible])

[illegible]

June 25, 1903.

J. F. Wallace, Esq.,
Gen'l. Mngr. Illinois Central Ry. Co.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

I wrote you something like a month ago, after returning from our visit to Chicago on the question of the subway on Mills Street, as to securing some lands for play grounds in this city. It would be very much appreciated if your company could give us an answer in the near future.

Very truly yours,

(Dictated.)

June 2[illegible], 190[illegible].

Mrs. Lil[illegible] H. McCue,

[illegible]18 - Butler St.,

City.

My Dear Mrs. McCue:-

Yours of the 25th just received.

I do not expect to be in the office on Saturday of this week.

I do not know as I quite understand just what is meant by the examination by the committee of certain written reports. I explained to them the plan outlined in yours of May 12th, to me. However, anything that the committee can do to help you, and through you the school children. I am sure they would be willing to do. I would suggest that you [illegible] directly upon Rev. F. O. Updike and explain [illegible] to him, and [illegible] doubtedly, and the other members of the committee, will do as you desire.

Hoping that this is [illegible]rely satisfactory, I am.

Very truly yours,

John W. Olk

President.

(Dic. by O.)

[illegible] 20, [illegible]

Hon. [illegible],
[illegible]

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 24th received.

Permit me to call your attention to a few facts. My talk with Mr. [illegible] was purely accidental. While walking toward my home on [illegible] evening, I met him on his veranda and asked whether he had yet sent to you plans or a sketch for a wooden foot bridge, knowing from you that you had directed this to be done. Upon his stating that he had not done so, I asked him why, and his answer was that you had instructed him to draw a bridge whose construction would not cost to exceed $800, and that he had been unable to do so. He then volunteered, of his own accord, the statement that a wooden bridge could not be constructed as cheaply as the steel wire bridge planned by Mr. Simonds. I merely reported these facts to you.

As to the statement that "no fifty foot bridge is necessary", I will merely say that I believe you are laboring under a wrong impression as to the facts. I, myself, with Dr. [illegible], the superintendent of the park, measured with a steel tape-line, the distance across the lagoon at the narrowest point, and it was this measurement that Mr. Simonds used in drawing the sketch he did, which sketch was merely suggestive and was drawn by Mr. Simonds at my request and without any compensation paid him therefor.

You state that a number of contractors put the cost of a proper wooden bridge at the point in question at about $800. Personally, I do

[illegible] believe you can get any reliable contractor in this city to agree to construct a wooden bridge at this point for that sum. I, as well as yourself, would be very glad indeed if this could be done. My reason for this statement is that the wooden foot bridge already in Tenney Park, which is of much shorter span than the one proposed to be constructed must necessarily be, and is of a very plain, cheap design, cost something over $500 at a time when both labor and material were much lower than at the present time. Moreover, that bridge was constructed at a time when there was no water in the lagoons. Whereas, a wooden bridge constructed at the present time would be more expensive by reason of the inability to put in a proper foundation without making first a coffer-dam, which would add considerable to the expense.

I want to assure you, contrary to the idea contained in your letter, that I have no pet idea about just the kind of a bridge that should be constructed at this point, but, on the contrary, have been very desirous that whatever bridge was built should meet, in all respects, your views in the matter, for the sufficient reason, if for no other, that you have to meet the cost, or most of the cost, of its construction.

I interpret your letter that you are willing to contribute $200 toward the cost of constructing a foot bridge at the point in question. I think this a very liberal proposition and I agree fully with you that we should not be spending a cent more than this amount if it is possible to secure the construction of a bridge at this point "sufficient in all respects, both as to strength and beauty", to use your own language. In order that there may be no mistake about the matter, I will have Mr.

Yours truly,

President.

June 26, 1903.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] to complain of be unreasonable. But you [illegible] before the contract was made [illegible] on the one side and the Madison Park and [illegible] about securing some additional [illegible] from my experience in such work, [illegible] subscriptions are secured in the [illegible] at all this year. As you [illegible] to complete this work. It now [illegible] little out of any work that may [illegible] as all the more essential to [illegible] if possible. The only way this [illegible] to set aside some two or three [illegible] Can you not do this in the near future? [illegible] to go with you in this work. I wish you [illegible] for a definite date or dates.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. [illegible])

[illegible]

President.

June 26, 1908.

L. F. Porter, Esq.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I want to ask a favor of you. Mr. Tenney states, with considerable emphasis, that a number of contractors have stated to him that a proper wooden bridge could be constructed across the lagoon at the point in question opposite the seventh ward school house, for about [illegible]. I do not believe any such bridge could be constructed for that amount. Now what I wish you to do is this: To prepare a sketch for an appropriate wooden bridge at that point and submit the same to me, and then get an estimate or bid on the same. I would like to ask you to contribute the amount of your services in this respect to our association for the work this year. I will see that whatever the work done by you amounts to, we put down in our report as so much cash paid by you. If you think this is asking too much, please be perfectly free to say so, and there will be no offense taken on my part. I want to satisfy Mr. Tenney that he is wrong, and then I want to go ahead and have the steel [illegible] bridge put in at the earliest date possible. Hence, you will accommodate me very much, provided you desire to do the generous thing I have suggested, if you could get the plans around at as early a [illegible] as possible.

Yours truly,

President.

Rec. by G.S.

June 27, 1903.

John Ickе, Esq.,

City Engineer,

City.

My Dear Mr. Ickе:-

Enclosed I send you a sketch of the Bowen tract and some surrounding land. The Bowen tract is bounded on the north by Washington street, on the east by Walker street, on the west by Warren street and on the south by an alley next to Alderman Kroheke's residence. The blue print sketch enclosed simply covers the Bowen tract with the streets surrounding same. You see indicated the part that it is proposed to purchase for a park. What we would like to do is to have the plans set so as to show the opening of the park on Ellis street and also the continuation of Bruin street. You will observe that the plan goes on the theory of not continuing Chester street across the Bowen tract. Bruin street is to be continued, as I understand it. Please return the sketches to me when you are through with the same, since I need them for future reference.

Yours truly,

President.

(Dic. by O.)
(2 Enc.)

June 22, 1903.

King & Walker Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $1.00 to pay your bill against the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association for repairing mower and steam gauge. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

President.

June 30, 1903.

Edward M. Minch, Esq.,
City.

Dear Sir:-

The finance committee of the common council was out yesterday afternoon, looking over the property upon which options had been secured for park purposes, and the committee voted unanimously to purchase lot 9, in block 221. I write you at this time so that you may understand that the sale will go through. It is likely that there will be a special meeting of the common council to ratify the action of the finance committee, although the ordinance recently passed authorizes that committee to enter into contracts for lands for park purposes.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

June 30, 1906

Frank W. Hoyt Esq.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

The finance committee of the common council were out yesterday afternoon, looking over the land upon which options had been secured for park purposes, and voted unanimously to purchase the three lots from the Willow Park Association upon which an option has been secured for $6750. It is not yet determined whether the deed will run directly to the city or to the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association in trust for the city. Could you have an abstract gotten ready of these three lots, brought down to the present time? If there is an abstract on the whole property, a copy might be made and then have that copy continued for these three lots.

Yours truly,

President.

(Dict. by G.)

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C. F. Cronk, Esq.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

My Copy will be ready now in a few days to close out the deal with Mr. Bowers. According to the agreement between you and Mr. Bowers, he is to furnish an abstract showing good and marketable title to the premises. I write this to know if you got Mr. Bowers to furnish said abstract at once so that there may be no delay.

Yours truly,

(Dict. by C.)

[redacted]

Engineer.

June 30, 1906.

Sparks-Davis Land Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

The finance committee of the common council was out yesterday afternoon, looking over the pieces of land upon which options had been secured for park purposes, and unanimously voted to purchase the piece upon which you gave an option, namely a strip of land fifty feet by one hundred and thirty-two feet on the east side of lot 10, in block 221, for $600. It is not certain yet whether the deed will run to the city direct or to the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association in trust for the city. Could you have an abstract gotten ready for this piece, brought down to the present time, and much obliged

Yours truly,

(Dict by C.)

President.

July 1, 1903.

Mr. A. O. Fox,

City.

My Dear Sir:-

I saw Mr. Niebuhr this morning about signing the petition to vacate Bridge street. He is to let me know on Monday next. I think he will sign. In case he does not, we shall then proceed in the circuit court. This will mean a delay of some two or three months. In as much as Niebuhr cannot gain anything by not signing, I think he will sign the paper.

I saw Mr. Smith this morning, and suggested that he ought to secure either a contract or a deed to be delivered in escrow, for the sixty-six feet of land to be given the city, or to our association in trust for the city, in exchange for Bridge street. Undoubtedly Mr. Burrows will not want to execute such a deed or contract until something has been put in writing between him on the one side and the Northern Electrical Company and yourself on the other. Hence, I trust you will keep at him until you get matters in definite shape. This needs to be done in order to enable our association to proceed with the improvement.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by C.)

Edward Ellis
President.

July 1, 1903.

Carl J. Hausmann, Esq.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I am just back from an interview with Mr. Niebuhr concerning the signing of the petition for vacation of Bridge street. He finally said that he would think the matter over and come and see me about the matter on Monday of next week. He intends evidently, from a remark he made, to consult with you about the matter. There are two things that he wants done. One is the putting in of a certain amount of filling on Bridge street between the railway track and Water street and his premises, and the other the putting in of a culvert under Water street so as to drain the water off into the river. I think both of these things ought to be done any way, and you can say to Mr. Niebuhr that if he signs the petition, I will see that both of these things are done. If our association does not do them, either the city or the railway company will do them. The filling, I am sure, we can do ourselves, and the putting in of a culvert under the road is not a very expensive matter any way.

In case Mr. Niebuhr refuses to sign the petition we can secure the vacation of the street by proceeding in the circuit court under section 2560 R. S. Unier that section, any one owning any lot adjoining this street can make a petition to the circuit court asking for its vacation, and the circuit court, upon a hearing had, will determine the matter. Now there is no question but what in this case the circuit court would order the street vacated, since all of the property owners on both sides

that portion of the street that is asked to be vacated desire to have it done, and propose to give to the city a strip of ground sixty-six feet in width along Water street to be added to that street for street and park purposes. Hence, the court would at once see that the vacation of the street in consideration of what the city receives, would be a good thing for the city.

I have no objection whatever to your showing this letter to Mr. Niebuhr if he consults with you concerning the matter. As much as we can secure the vacation of the street any way, it would seem the part of wisdom on the part of Mr. Niebuhr to sign the petition. His refusal to sign the petition may delay the doing of the filling along that portion of Water street until next year, since under the proceeding in the circuit court, we must give eight weeks' notice prior to the term of court at which the matter can be heard.

If Mr. Niebuhr doubts the statement as to our ability to vacate the street through the circuit court, I wish he would consult some good attorney.

Very truly yours,

Johnson Park

President.

[redacted]

July 1, 1903 [redacted]

Henry Neibuhr, Esq.,
1624 Williamson St.,
City.

Dear Sir:-

Since seeing you this morning, I have been thinking over the matter of the filling in of the street and putting in a culvert as you suggested near your place. If you will sign the petition for the vacation of Bridge street, up to Williamson street, so as to do away with the necessity of any expense on behalf of the city or our association, I will see that either the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association or the City of Madison does the filling as you desire and also puts in a culvert under the road so as to take off the water into the river. Both of these are things that ought to be done any way as a part of the improvement that our association is now making.

In as much as the city can secure the vacation of the street any way by proceedings in the circuit court, I hope very much you will conclude to sign the petition and thus obviate delay and needless expense, and at the same time secure the filling that you want and the putting in of the culvert. I write you this so that you can have something in writing that the filling will be done and the culvert put in.

(Dict. by O.)

Yours truly,

John M. Olin
President.

July 2,1903.

Henry T. Sheldon, Esq.,

City.

My Dear Mr. Sheldon:-

Your note of July 1st received, asking me to strike your name from list of members of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association. I presume you must have forgotten the terms of membership in the association. A man ceases to be a member by simply refusing or declining to renew the subscription. I have no power whatever to strike persons from the list of members. Their subscription constitutes a contract with the association, and there is no obligation whatever upon any one to renew that contract, that being a matter left entirely with each individual.

Yours truly.

John W. Allin.
President.

(Dic. by C.)

July 2, 1903.

J. J. Underwood, Esq.,
Asst. Gen'l. Mngr.,
C. M. & St. P. Ry. Co.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to yours of June 30th, will say: In order to let the dredge through after it is fully in shape for work, will require a free space between the water and the bridge overhead of eight feet. This necessitates, as you are aware, the raising of your Portage line bridge and track quite a distance. We shall need, in all probability, as things now look, to be able to get under the bridge with the dredge equipped for work, by about the middle of August. As I understand the matter, the bridge on the Watertown track will not require any raising.

Perhaps it is wholly unnecessary for me to write the above, but I thought no harm would be done.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

July 2, 1903.

Mr. William R. Bagley, Atty.,
City.

Dear Sir:-

As you know, we have secured, by various agreements, with what we had before, control of both banks of the Yahara river betwee the two lakes, with the exception of the land owned by Mr. Voss and the small strip opposite the Hausmann Brewing Company's buildings. It is absolutely necessary that we shall secure a fifty foot strip off from the land owned by Mr. Voss. You have already had, as I remember, some negotiations concerning this. I presume, from all I have heard, that it will be impossible to make any reasonable arrangement with him, and that it will be necessary, ultimately, to have the city condemn. If we must condemn, these proceedings ought to be started at once. The next meeting of the council will be on Friday of next week. Before that meeting, I wish to see what, if anything, can be done with Mr. Voss, and I want to ask of you as a favor, if you will not be so kind as to see Mr. Voss personally and get from him the best terms he will make so that we will have something definite to submit to the common council. Then my plan is, provided Mr. Voss' proposition is impossible to accept, to get the common council to pass a resolution at its next meeting, directing condemnation proceedings to be commenced.

I do not feel that I am the person to go to Mr. Voss. I do not myself know of any one who has any particular influence with him. It has been suggested to me that Dr. Harper was very well acquainted with the family and might be of some aid. I merely make this to you as a suggestion.

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I wish you could see Mr. Voss, and get his terms, and make report to me of the result of your labors so I would get the same not later than Tuesday or Wednesday of next week.

I have had a talk with the city attorney, Mr. Smith, and he has agreed to move promptly in the matter if the common council pass a resolution directing condemnation proceedings to be commenced.

I failed to get you over the phone this afternoon, and since I must leave the city to-night for a couple of days, I write you this letter.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

July 2, 1903.

Hon. W. H. Lansing,
1276 Speight St.,
City.

Dear Sir:-

We have now secured control of both banks of the Mahara river throughout its length, with the exception of a strip of land owned by Mr. Voss in block 274 between Main and Railroad streets. It is absolutely necessary that we should have a fifty foot strip of land next the river in this block. We have been unable, thus far, to secure any proposition from Mr. Voss that could be considered for a moment. I presume condemnation proceedings will be necessary. I would like to have the common council act on this matter at its next meeting, July 10. But before doing this, I would like another effort made to see whether we can get some proposition from Mr. Voss that would be possible for us to consider. In as much as you and the son of Mr. Voss are both aldermen from the sixth ward, it seems to me that you are the person above all others, to go and see the old gentleman and talk the matter over with him and find out what he is willing to do. It seems to me such a plain proposition that the contemplated improvement would be of such great benefit to this property, that I cannot understand how any person situated as Mr. Voss, should refuse, for a moment, to grant the request made. He may have the idea that we intend to fill up very high along the river bank at this point. We do not, however, intend to do any such thing. There will be no public road on that side of the river between Main street and Williamson street. Hence, it will not be necessary to fill up

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that side of the river, between those two streets, more than sufficient to make the ground dry for park purposes. I should say a filling of from two to two and one-half feet above the level of the water in the river in its ordinary stage, would be sufficient.

I wish very much that, upon the receipt of this letter, you would talk with Mr. Foss and his son, the alderman, and see what you can do. If the matter has to come before the council, we do not want the Alderman Foss to be able to say that the city and our association has not made a fair effort at compromise.

If you can grant the request here made, I will very much appreciate it.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by C.)

John Wallace
President.

July 6, 190[illegible].

Patrick Griffin, Esq.,
348 W. Dayton St.,
City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $48.10 for twenty-six days work for Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association during month of June. Please sign the enclosed receipt and return same to me in enclosed stamped envelope, and oblig e.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Warrant.)
(Enc.)

July 6, 1898.

Glass Clinton, Esq.,

[illegible] 115 N. Hancock St.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $50.00 for one month's work in Tenney Park.

Also find enclosed warrant for $7.60 for Thomas Lowry, which you will please deliver to him. Please sign the enclosed receipt, and have Mr. Lowry signed his receipt, and return both to me in the enclosed stamped envelope, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(2 Warrants)

(2 Enc.)

John M. Olin

President.

July 6, 1903.

Miller-Parkinson Lumber Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $10.39 for your bill against Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

John W. Olin

President.

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

July [illegible], 19[illegible].

Se[illegible] Esq.,

[illegible] Blair St.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith the bills to be receipted, and warrants. I have changed the bills so as to include in them the amount you have down on separate list for work on Jansen Forty and on road between Olin and Raymer. I also enclose a separate warrant for Mr. Lemon. Now, as I understand it, these warrants pay in full for all work up to and including the 30th day of June.

I don't know whether I told you or not, but I wish you to keep an account of the expense of constructing the road you are now on. You can hand it in to me when you are done in a lump sum, giving the amount for stone and screenings, and the amount for grade, separate.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(Encls.)

President.

Wm. R. Bagley
Halle Steel Co.
Magnus Severson
A. O. Fox

July 11, 1903.

Mr. A. O. Fox,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Mr. Neibuhr has at last signed the petition for vacating Bridge street. Hence, the only thing now necessary to be done is for you and Mr. Burrows to agree upon terms. Then we can go ahead and have the city vacate the street. I send you this so that you can know the way is clear with the exception above stated. I trust you can get something in writing with Senator Buffrey at as early a date as possible.

Yours truly,

John McDlin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

July 13,1903.

Judge J. H. Carpenter,

City.

My Dear Mr. Carpenter:-

I have prepared a deed for you to sign of lots 7, 8 and 9, block 170. The city has voted to purchase from Jones and Gregory lots 10, 11 and 12, of same block, and have accepted, by resolution, all of the conditions named in yours of May 28th to me. I have expressed these conditions in the deed, which I herewith submit to you.

It may be a week or ten days before the city can get the cash on its bonds. If you will execute the deed and leave the same with me in escrow, I will see that all the conditions named by you in yours of the 28th of May are complied with before the deed is delivered to the city. Have you an abstract of these three lots that we could obtain and have continued without expense to you?

Yours truly,

John A Clin

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

July 13, 1903.

Bernard M. Minch, Esq.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed I hand you a deed for you and your wife to execute, of lot 9, block 221, city of Madison, for $550.00. The common council voted last Friday night to purchase this lot and to have the title taken in the name of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association, in trust for the city. It may be a week or ten days, or such a matter, before the city can get the cash on its bonds. I wish you would have the deed executed and left with me in escrow, to be delivered only on condition that the purchase price is first paid. I think you will be willing to trust me to see that this is done before any deed is delivered. I will have the abstract continued so as to have everything ready by the time the city gets its money. The bonds have been accepted, but it takes a little time to get the form of bond printed and submitted to the bond-purchaser for his approval, and this is the cause of a slight delay.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

July 13, 1908.

Hon. Burr W. Jones,

City.

My Dear Mr. Jones:-

Will you be so kind as to prepare and have executed by the Willow Park Land Company a deed of lots 50, 51 and 52, for $3750? The deed is to be made to the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association, to be held by it in trust for the people of the city of Madison for park purposes according to chapter 55 of the laws of Wisconsin for the year 1899. The common council, at its meeting on Feiday evening last, voted to purchase these lots and to have the title taken in our association in trust for the city.

If you have mot already done so, will you also have prepared a deed of lots 10, 11 and 12, block 170, for $2000? As I remember, this deed has already been prepared and executed by Mr. Gregory, and has been left with you to be delivered on payment of $2000. The title to this property runs directly to the city.

It may be a week or ten days before the city can get the money on its bonds, but it will not be very long, and I will see that the matter is closed out at the earliest date possible. The date fixed was July 15, but it is going to be impossible to comply exactly with that date, but matters will not be delayed very long.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

July 13,1903.

Bayon & Bayne Lumber Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $3.85 to pay your bill against the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

President.

July 14, 1893.

John Ivers, Esq.,
City Engineer,
City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of July 18th received, giving estimate upon which to make payment to Thomas & Clarke. I may be mistaken, but I think you have not quite understood the contract. You say the total distance they are to fill is 1250 feet. The fact is, they are to fill on the southwest side between eleven and twelve hundred feet, as I remember, perhaps twelve hundred and fifty; then they are to fill along the whole of the northeast side, and are also to make land for a distance of about four hundred feet out to the line of Morrison street extended. This latter fact needs to be carefully remembered in making any estimate. On the northeasterly side, the filling will be in part filling upon the old bed of the river in as much as they cut a new channel. You also state that under the contract they are entitled to eighty per cent of the work done at the time of making the estimate. I have not the contract with me, but I am quite sure that for all of the work outside of that to be done for the Fauerbachs, they are to receive only sixty per cent of the estimate; that for the Fauerbach work, when they get at that, they are to receive eighty per cent as the work progresses.

I wish you would let me know at once whether I am right about the matter, and, if so, wish you would give me another estimate, since I think the estimate you gave me is very much too large. I do not believe the estimate would figure up more than one-half the amount, if indeed it would that amount.

Andrew S. Brown

Hattie Steinhard
William R. Bagley
Magnus Sherfore
A.D. Fox

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Have you yet given Mayor Groves and the Democrat reporter a good thrashing? If not, such entertainment is yet in order.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John W. Olive.

President.

July 14, 1903.

Henry Schulkamp, Esq.,

Lake City, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of July 3rd was handed to me by Mr. Carl Hausmann, as to price of lot 4, block 29, city of Madison.

I have been asked on behalf of some of the members of the common council to write you concerning the matter. As you know, Thomas Morgan owns lot 5, in the same block, and the Illinois Central Railway Company owns lots 1, 2 and 3. The city has voted, by its common council, to buy the lot of Mr. Morgan for $1900. I went down yesterday with Mr. Schmedeman, one of the aldermen from the fourth ward, and measured the length of the lines on these two lots. Measuring from the edge of the sidewalk back to the edge of the ties, the measurements are as follows: Along the northeasterly line of Morgan's lot 170 feet; along the southwesterly line, which is the line between Morgan's lot and your lot, 151 feet; along the southwesterly side of your lot 4, 123 feet. These measurements would make the average length of the Morgan lot 160 feet, and the average length of your lot 137 feet; this would make the number of squars feet in the Morgan lot 10,860 feet, and the number of square feet in your lot 9,042 feet. But we are told by Mr. Morgan, who fixed the division line between him and the railway company, that his ownership extends down only 124 feet. This leaves 46 feet of ownership in the railroad company. Assuming that there is the same width of ownership in the railroad company in your lot, then the length of the lines, exclusive of the ownership of the railroad company, would be as follows:

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Along the northeasterly line of the Morgan lot 124 feet; on the line between the Morgan lot and your lot 105 feet; on the southwesterly side of your lot 77 feet. This would make the average length of the Morgan lot 114 feet, and the average length of your lot 91 feet, and it will make the number of square feet in the Morgan lot 7,524 feet, and the number of square feet in your lot 6,006 feet.

Mr. Morgan's lot is very nicely filled. He tells us that he has put in some $300 in filling the lot, and from appearances I should judge that this statement is substantially correct.

Your lot would have to be filled over nearly the whole of its surface from two to three feet.

Considering that $1900 is a fair price for the Morgan lot, it seems to us that $1500 would be a good price for your lot. You know the purpose for which the city is trying to secure this property. The city will lease the three lots from the Illinois Central Company, and then the plan is to fix up the whole five lots for a play ground.

You may have heard that Judge Carpenter has given the city, for similar purposes, property worth not less than $2,000 certainly, being three full lots, well filled, in block 170, and Burr W. Jones has given us property, for similar purposes, in block 133, worth, at a conservative estimate, $5,000. Now, we are not asking you or Mr. Hausmann to give this lot, but we feel that you certainly will be willing to part with it to the city for this purpose at a reasonable price.

I wish you would drop me a line after receiving this, and after you have carefully considered the matter; giving the city the very

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lowest figure at which you are willing to sell the lot for the purposes above indicated, and I trust that you may see it your way to let the lot go for $1500. By the time the lot is filled to the same height as the Morgan lot, it would make this lot $1800, and I think you will agree with me that the Morgan lot, by reason of its increased size, is worth certainly $100 more than your lot, after your lot has been filled to the same extent as the Morgan lot.

Yours truly,

John W. Alexander.

(Dic. by O.)

July 14, 1903.

J. F. Wallace, Esq.,

Gen'l. Mngr. Ill. Cent. Ry. Co.,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of July 6th was duly received.

The city of Madison, by its common council, on Friday evening of last week, voted to enter into a lease with your company, in accordance with the terms of your letter of July 6th, of the following land for play ground purposes, namely:

Lots 1, 2 and 3, in block 29, of the city of Madison; also that portion of the east half of outlot 6, in University Addition, lying north of your company's railway tracks. I would suggest that it might be well to have two leases, one for each tract.

Would you be so kind as to have such leases prepared as you would wish to have signed, and forward them to me? I will attend to the matter of securing their execution on the part of the city.

Thanking you and your company for your courtesy in the matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

John Noll Nice.

July 14, 1903.

Mr. Charles N. Brown,

City.

My Dear Mr. Brown:-

I wonder if you have yet secured from Prof Owen the deed of land to our association, and also what headway you are making with reference to right of way through Mr. Raymer's land, etc. Has Prof. Smith finished the necessary survey to enable you to complete the deal? If not, I wish you would punch him up.

Very truly yours,

John McClain

President.

(Dic. by O.)

July 14, 1904.

Hon. William E. Bagley,

City.

My Dear Mr. Bagley:-

As I understand it, the common council adjourned last Friday evening for two weeks. At the next meeting of the council, I desire to have some action taken with reference to the Voss strip of land, unless before that time we can get some reasonable agreement with Mr. Voss. As you know, I have left this matter with you, and only request that you make some report, if you can, to me, before that meeting of the council, in time to have some proper resolution prepared in case we must condemn. Pardon me for calling your attention to this matter again. I only do it so as to make sure that we may secure action, if necessary, at the next meeting of the council.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin
President.

July 22, 1903.

George W. Levis, Esq.,

City.

My Dear Sir:-

I think the following would be a correct description of the land in question: "The northeast fifty feet of lot ten, block two hundred and twenty-one, being a strip of land fifty feet in width and one hundred and thirty-two feet in length adjoining Water street."

Have the deed run to "the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association, a corporation organized under and according to the laws of Wisconsin, to be held by it in trust for the people of the city of Madison, according to the terms and provisions of chapter 55 of the laws of 1899.

If you will be so kind as to have the deed executed and the abstract continued, I will be very much obliged.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin.

(Dic. by O.)

July 28,1903.

International Harvester Co.,

732-734 Williamson St.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $2.40 to pay your bill for repairs against the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

President.

July 25, 1903.

Mr. A. B. Fen,

City.

Dear Sir:-

A number of men owning automobiles have asked that a meeting of our directors be held, and that they be given an opportunity to present their side of the case as to the use of automobiles on the drives. As near as I can get at the matter, they desire that the Association would allow them two days out of the week on each of the drives, the days to be different for the two drives. I would like to have you write me your opinion as to whether such a meeting ought to be called and an opportunity given these men to present their views. Personally, it seems to me such a meeting would do no harm and might do some good, but I do not with to call such a meeting unless a majority, at least, of the directors, feel that it ought to be called.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

July 25,1903.

Hon. Burr W. Jones,

City.

My Dear Sir:-

There was a representative of Harris & Co., dealers in bonds, before the council last evening, and everything was fixed up satisfactorily to him, so that that firm takes the bonds for park purposes. The firm that bid the lowest, was unable evidently to get the money, and that bid fell through. This caused some delay. It will be about a week, Mr. Norsman tells me, before we can get the money. I trust that you will be patient with us until that time.

Have you an abstract of the four and one-half lots in block 133, that I could get and have copied, and then continued? Also, have you an abstract of the three lots we are to buy from you and Mr. Gregory in block 170? We would like to have that continued to the present time.

Yours truly,

John W. Allin

(Dic. by O.)

Hon. B. M. Minch,
City.

July 25, 1903.

Dear Sir;-

Messrs. Harris & Co., of Chicago, had a representative before the common council last night, and everything is fixed for that company taking the bonds. The company is preparing a form of bond and it may take about a week to get the money around, but it is certain that the money will be on hand about that time. I hope you will be patient for that much longer time. The money would have been around earlier had it not been that one firm bid lower than any other and then evidently found that could not obtain the money, and this caused the delay.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin.

(Dic. by O.)

John Icke, Esq.,
City Engineer,
City.

July 25, 1903.

Dear Sir:-

There are a number of matters I would like to see you about, but have put them in writing.

1. I recently looked over the filling done by Thomas & Clarke on this side of the river. The contract calls, as I remember, for a filling when completed, that shall be three feet above the level of the water in the river at its ordinary stage. Mr. Thomas showed me certain stakes which he says you put in, with a nail driven in the top of them, indicating the height of the filling. Now, I do not believe the top of these stakes was any where near the required height of filling. A stake of that kind in that material could easily sink out of sight I should say of its own weight, and especially if some additional weight got on it. It occurred to me that Mr. Thomas was relying wholly on the height of this stake as his guide and that if it should turn out the filling was not of the necessary depth, he might claim he had complied with the contract because he had filled to the top of the stake set there by you. What I would like to have you do is to examine the situation and if the top of these stakes does not indicate the proper height, put in some kind of a stake that will indicate the proper height. Confidentially I will say, that I am thoroughly satisfied that Clarke & Thomas are not going to complete their contract and that the work will ultimately have to be done by the man with the dredge. Hence, I should like to have him informed at as early a date as possible

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the exact height of the filling.

2. The city has purchased, for park purposes, lot nine, in block 221, and the northeast fifty feet of lot ten, in the same block. I wish that stakes might be set locating the corners of these pieces of ground, that is the southwesterly side thereof.

The city has also purchased lots 50, 51 and 52, in Willow Park subdivision. I wish two stakes could be set, indicating the southwesterly line of this tract, one near Sherman Avenue and the other near the edge of the lake.

It is proposed to vacate Bridge street between East Washington Avenue and Wilson street, and secure an additional sixty-six feet of land adjoining Water street. You have already set stakes indicating the line of Water street. I wish that other stakes might be set on a line sixty-six feet southwest of Water street so as to indicate the width of additional strip of land to be secured by city.

The city has also purchased lots 7,8,9,10,11 and 12, block 133, and lots 7,8,9,10,11 and 12, block 170. I wish the southwesterly line of each of these two tracts could be located. It would be well, if pretty good stakes could be used. Later, I will try and have some permanent monuments put in.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

(Dic. by C.)

July 27, 1903.

Hon. Alfred G. Kroncke,

City.

Dear Sir:-

You will remember, I had some talk with you about securing a strip of land from Mr. William Voss along the river. I also talked the matter over with the Mayor. I had intended to have a report made to the council at its last meeting concerning the matter, but on talking with the Mayor, we concluded to postpone the matter until the next meeting of the council, because the Mayor wanted to see what he could do in the way of making an amicable adjustment. He has agreed to see the son, the alderman, and I write this to you to ask whether you will not also try and see Mr. Voss, the alderman, and get some amicable adjustment made. We ought to know before the next meeting of the council whether we must proceed by condemnation proceedings.

Yours truly,

John Klein

(Dic. by O.)

July 27,1903.

Hon. Alfred G. Kroncke,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I am very much interested in the matter of the bridges that will have to be constructed in due time across the Yahara river. As you know, the matter of constructing a bridge over theriver on Williamson street is now pending before your committee, and the question is whether a cement arch bridge should be constructed or a steel girder bridge. I deem the decision on this matter of very great importance to the city. I together with some other citizens, would like very much, if agreeable to you, to appear before your committee and present some reasons why a cement bridge should be constructed rather than a steel one; and I write to ask, whether you could not have a meeting of your committee called for some evening prior to the next meeting of the council, and give citizens who might desire to do so, an opportunity to come before your committee. I feel as though this was a matter of such importance that an evening could be very wisely spent by your committee considering it, and I make the above suggestion wholly for the reason of my interest as a citizen in the matter.

Very truly yours,

John W. McClain

(Dic. by O.)

July 27,1908.

Hon. J. W. Groves,

City.

Dear Sir:-

As to the William Voss matter, concerning which I spoke to you about, it will be necessary for something to be done at the next regular meeting of the council, unless an amicable arrangement can be made before that date. You will remember, that you desired an opportunity to see his son, the alderman, with a view of making some adjustment. I write you this just to remind you of the matter, and to ask that you see Mr. Voss at as early a date as possible.

Something like two months ago the common council passed a resolution, requiring both telephone companies to remove all telephone poles along Water street. The Wisconsin Telephone Company has complied with this resolution, but the other telephone company has paid no attention to it. Can you not give some instructions in the matter? There ought not to be any poles along this street opposite Tenney Park and through Tenney Park. They are an eye-sore and ought never to have been put there.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

(Dic. by O.)

July 27,1903.

Mrs. Susan M. Ramsay,

City.

Dear Mrs. Ramsay:-

I enclose herewith form of deed for five acres of land for park purposes. You will observe I have so drawn the deed that the city will give one-half the width of Bruin street when you see fit to have that street platted across this portion of your property.

I trust the deed, in other respects, is drawn to meet your wishes. It occurred to me that it might be better to have the park named "Bowen Park" rather than the longer name "James B. Bowen Park". People will naturally use the shorter expression, the same as they do in speaking of Orton Park.

I presume you have an abstract of the land. If so, could you have a copy made of the same, and then have the abstract man continue that down to the present time? This would save some expense.

If you will execute the deed and leave it with me in escrow, I will see that the same is not turned over to the city until after the five thousand dollars is paid.

Yours truly,

Johnson Dair

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

July 27, 1903.

Prof. William D. Taylor,

City.

Dear Sir:-

There are several things I would like to call your attention to, and I do it by letter as the best way of saving time.

1. It occurs to me that something will have to be done to build a wall at the west end of the south wall of the lock. I wish you could have that matter examined and determine just what ought to be done or must be done. I presume whatever is done, should be done before the coffer-dam is taken out. It has occurred to me that it might be well if the lock had been built farther to the west, but I presume you had some good reason for not doing so.

2. Could the gates at the dam north of the lock be so repaired and put in shape when the work is done, as to shut off the water completely? As you know, we are planning to dredge the river between the lock and the willow trees below the bridge by teams, and to do this we must shut off the water from the lake above and from the river below. If we can shut the water off by the use of these gates, then I would have Blake get his dam out as soon as his work is completed, and let the water run very freely through the dam and the spillway until we are ready to shut it off completely.

3. I have spent some time watching Mr. Johnson and his dredge. I do not believe that he can excavate anything near the amount he contracted to do. He states that you measured his dipper and that it holds but a very little under three quarters of a yard. I would like to know if this statement is true. I am very much deceived, if he gets out with

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that dipper as much as a half a yard on an average. But the thing that disappoints me most, is the amount of time which he taken in moving his dredge forward. It seems to me that there ought to be some more modern and expeditious method of doing that part of the work. So far as I have watched the operation of the dredge, it would be my opinion that not less than one-third of the entire time is occupied in getting the dredge moved forward. I thought I would call your attention to this, not because it is any of your work, but simply to see if you could make any suggestion that might help us out. In other respects, the dredge seems to work very well. But at the rate things have been going, we shall need another eight or ten thousand dollars before we get through.

Yours truly,

John W. Elkins

President.

(Dic. by O.)

Andrew S. Draper

July 28,1903.

Mr. F. W. Hoyt,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Please let the matter of Prof. Taylor's subscription stand, without any further notice. I will adjust that matter when the Association settles with him for the work he has done and is doing as engineer in the construction of the lock. I intended speaking to you about the matter earlier, but overlooked it.

Yours truly,

John M. Clair

President.

(Dic. by O.)

July 28,1908.

Prof. William D. Taylor,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter to Mr. Hoyt was handed by him to me. I intended speaking to Mr. Hoyt, asking him not to send you any notices, and the fault is mine. I will write him a letter of explanation this morning. As a method of keeping our accounts correct, we always have everybody pay in the amount of the subscription in case, but in cases where the Association is indebted to a party, we let matters run along and I adjust the matter, drawing warrant for full amount due by the Association to the party, and then the party draws a check for the amount of the subscription. I will see that you are not troubled with any further notices, and will adjust the matter with you upon completion of the lock, or at any time before that if you prefer.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

John W. Alvord
President.

July 30,1903.

John Ecke, Esq.,
City Engineer,
City.

My Dear Sir:-

There are two matters I wold like to have your help on, if you can possibly do it at this time.

I would like to have three or four good large stakes driven in along the present shore line of the Yamsra river on the northeasterly side on the Hausmann property. These stakes ought, if possible, to stand up, after being driven in, some six or seven feet above the level of the water. Then I would like to have a similar number of stakes set, if possible, one hundred feet out in the marsh from these stakes on a line at right angles to the river.

The other matter is this: I wish a survey could be made of some two or three hundred feet in length, of the river, commencing at a point west of where the dredge now is. The stakes should be set at each end of this strip. I will then have Johnson, the man who runs the dredge, keep track of the time it takes to excavate along one side of this strip, and then after he has done this excavating, I would like to have another survey made of the portion excavated. It isn't necessary that the survey should be made so as to get matters to a nicety, but I should like to get at the result with reasonable accuracy. I do not think the dredge is taking out more than two-thirds, at the most, of the material Mr. Johnson has figured on, but I think he is doing all he can.

The bed of the river at this point is quite even. The average

depth of the water is, I think, some where about twenty inches. Mr. Johnson has a little skow there which could be used, I think, by you, in making the survey. Such a survey would give us a pretty accurate idea of what the excavating is going to cost us.

I know you are very busy, but if you can manage to do the above for us I shall appreciate it. As you know, we are having this work done by Mr. Johnson by the day, so that we shall not have very much surveying to do either before or after the work is completed.

Yours truly,

John W. Alvis.

President.

(Dic. by O .)

Aug. 1, 1908.

Claus Clausen, Esq.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $50.00 for work for month of July, In Tenney Park. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

John M. Clair

President.

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Aug. 3, 1903.

John Jelke, Esq.,
City Engineer,
City.

Dear Sir:-

As you know, it is contemplated some time putting in a new bridge across the Yahara river at some point west of the railway bridges. At first, I thought the natural place for this bridge was on Johnson street. But on thinking the matter over, I think the better place for the bridge, is one block to the east, or East Dayton street. The reason for my conclusion is that at this point the bank is naturally high on this side of the river and would not require much raising. If, however, the bridge were put on Johnson street, we should have to elevate the street at that point to such an extent as to very seriously injure the whole of that end of Tenney Park. By reason of this fact, alone, I think the bridge ought to be on East Dayton street instead of on East Johnson. Then Water street, from East Dayton to the railway crossing, could be on an even grade. I write you now concerning the matter, so that you might look the ground over and if you agree with me, have Mr. Johnson dredge the river opposite East Dayton street with reference to putting the bridge in there. I thought considerable might be done by him that would cheapen the construction of a bridge at this point. I will simply say, that we wish to excavate the river for some distance west of the railway bridge as deep as possible so as to get as much dirt as possible at this point.

Another matter I would like to get some help on if possible. You

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will remember that our Association is under obligation to put in five thousand cubic yards of filling along Water street. In order to determine the amount we put in, it is necessary to have a survey made of the ground before the filling is done. It is not necessary that this survey should also be made at once. But I wish very much a certain amount if it could be done right away. You remember the city has agreed to purchase lot nine, and the northeast fifty feet of lot ten, block two hundred and twenty-one. It is necessary to do considerable filling, especially on lot nine. There is a deep hole at this point. The dredge is now working along this side of the river just west of the bridge and will move westward along that side as far as possible. I wish a survey of the street commencing at the center of East Johnson street opposite the park and extending eastward to about midway between East Dayton street and the railway tracks, and also including lot nine and the northeast fifty feet of lot ten, block two hundred and twenty-one, might be made at once. We intend to get as much dirt as possible to fill in on lot nine and lot ten, and shall also have to fill up the street between East Dayton and the tracks. I would not have the survey go as far east as the tracks at the present time, for the reason that we expect to get considerable filling from the railway companies, and that portion of the survey ought not to be made until after the railway company is through with its work.

I do not know whether it is possible for you to have the above tract surveyed at once, but I would regard it as a personal favor if it could be done. We are intending to put our regular force of men upon this work dragging dirt into the hole on these two lots as soon as Mr. Johnson

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gets an embankment thrown up, which will be not later than two or three days.

Yours truly,

(Dic. [illegible])

Aug. 4, 1903.

Severt Aasen, Esq.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith warrants to pay bills. Please get receipts for these as well as receipts for the other bills, and get them to me at the earliest date possible.

I understand your statement for labor constructing macadam road, amounting to $225, includes all labor, that done by the regular men as well as that done by the extra help. If I am not right about this, let me know.

I wish you could get back to my house the long handled pruning knife. I want to use it on my grounds.

Yours truly,

John H. Allen

President.

(Dic. by O.)

(4 Enc.)

Aug. 4, 1903.

Fuller & Johnson Mfg. Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $38.00 in payment for your bill for truck wagon with whiffle trees and neck yoke. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me, and very much oblige.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

President.

Aug. 4, 1903.

George Raymer, Esq.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

The directors of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association will meet those owning or interested in automobiles on Monday evening next, August 10th, at eight o'clock, at the law offices of Olin & Butler, to give such persons an opportunity to present to the directors the matter of allowing automobiles on the drives at certain times and under certain regulations. I do not know all of the persons who own or are interested in automobiles, and I write to ask whether you will not be so kind as to attend to the matter of notifying all of the persons who might wish to attend this meeting. I am quite sure that Dr. Harper and Judge Zimmerman would assist you in getting notice to all of the different parties if you desire their aid. Please let me know whether you can attend to the matter, and very much oblige.

Yours truly,

(Dic. By O.)

John M. Olin

President.

Aug. 4, 1903.

Frank Wootton, Esq.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith bill as per statement of our foreman for work done for you. Will you add to this bill the amount due for screenings, putting in screenings at $1.15 per cubic yard, and send me a check for the whole bill, and very much oblige?

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)
(Enc.)

John M. Allin

President.

Aug. 4, 1903.

Dr. Philip Fox,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith bill as per statement of our foreman for work done for you. Will you please send me check for same, and oblige?

Yours truly,

John W. Alvord

President.

(Enc.)

Aug. 4, 1903.

Edward F. Paunack, Esq.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $165.00 to pay for crushed stone and screenings furnished the Association. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

J. Howell Clair

President.

(Warrant)
(Enc.)

Aug. 4, 1903.

Hon. William R. Bagley, Atty.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

There will be a meeting of the directors of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association, at the law offices of Olin & Butler, on Monday next, Aug. 10, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening. The first half hour of the meeting will be taken up in passing upon accounts and certain other matters that may come before the meeting. At eight o'clock the matter of allowing automobiles on either of the drives on a certain day or days of the week, will come up for consideration. I shall give notice to the different owners of automobiles to come before the directors at that time, and present their side of the case. It is very much desired that there be a full attendance of all of the directors. Will you be so kind as to make a minute of the date set for the meeting?

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

Aug. 7, 1903.

Hon. J. W. Groves,

City.

Dear Sir:-As suggested the other evening, I hope the city, while it is constructing the wall on the northeast side of the river at the old mill-dam, will also reconstruct the wall on the other side from the end of the lock west, as our association by virtue of constructing the lock, has built a very good wall on one side of the river the length of the lock free of cost to the city. We have not torn down or injured the part of the wall that is left on that side, but it is in such condition that it is just ready to fall into the river and ought to be rebuilt. And the work can be done cheaper and to better advantage now by Mr. Blake, while he is doing the other work, and when the water is out, than at any other time.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John W. Oliver

Aug. 7, 1903.

Hon. J. W. Groves,

City.

Dear Sir:-I met Mr. Gething yesterday, at the Northwestern Station, and he stated that Mr. Heim had sent a bill to him against the North Western Company for Forty-six dollars and some cents for making the connection for the Company with the City water-works. Strictly speaking, I presume the city could enforce against the company collection for this amount, but I think it would be unwise and I believe that you will agree with me on this. The company is doing such a large amount of work in such a willing way for the city, that I feel it would be unwise to give the impression on the part of the city of being small in a matter of this kind. We shall need to ask the company for a good many other favors in the future. Our association did some three days' work for the company, helping them get their pipe in across the river, and we shall not charge the company a cent, notwithstanding this work cost us about $75. I feel as though we shall get it back in other ways by extra filling in the streets, etc.

I told Mr. Gething that I would drop you a line about the matter.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Clair.

Aug. 8, 1903.

Dr. Philip Fox,

City,

Dear Sir:-There is to be a meeting of the directors of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association held at the law offices of Olin & Butler, on Monday evening next, at 7:30 o'clock, for the purpose of considering whether or not the rule heretofore adopted by the directors excluding automobiles from the drives, ought to be modified to the extent, at least, of allowing their use one or two days each week upon each drive. It is desired by the directors to have present, not only those interested in automobiles, but a number of citizens who might be interested in keeping the drives closed to their use. I wish you could be present at the meeting.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

Mailed the above letter to the following people on above date:

Messrs. Brown & Nevin,	City.	Dr. F. F. Bowman,	City.
W. J. Gamm, Esq.,	"	Ralph C. Vernon, Esq.,	"
A. H. Hollister, Esq.,	"	Grant Thomas, Esq.,	"
E. B. Steensland, Esq.,	"	Prof. J. B. Parkinson,	"
Hon. Burr W. Jones,	"	Rufus B. Smith, Esq.,	"
Kentzler Bros.,	"	Hon. F. W. Cakley,	"
Hon. A. H. Hollister,	"	Prof. Edward T. Owen,	"
John Grimby, Esq.,	"	Frank M. Wooton, Esq.,	"
Timothy Riley, Esq.,	"	Messrs. Conklin & Sons,	"
Dr. J. W. Vance,	"	Fred Johnson, Esq.,	"
E. M. Fuller, Esq.,	"	Col. George W. Bird,	"

Aug. 10, 1903.

Hon. J. W. Groves,

City.

Dear Sir:-I am worrying a good deal about nothing being done towards raising Sherman avenue bridge. As soon as the wall is put in by the city, and the lock completed, we shall want to be able to get under the bridge. It has occurred to me, that unless the raising of the bridge were done by the city through Mr. Sullivan, that perhaps it might be done to the best advantage by Mr. Blake at the same time he is constructing the wall.

I realize that the city has been short of funds, but if you could in some way arrange to get this one bridge up, it would relieve the situation for some time. Could not the city use, by borrowing, or otherwise, from the fund recently paid in as damages arising out of the sewerage plant contract! Such practice might not be in strict accordance with certain provisions of the city charter, but I know that it has been followed very frequently in the past. If this plan cannot be pursued, then I would suggest that perhaps you might let the work by contract to some contractor, who would agree to wait for his pay until after the next taxes are paid in.

I make the above suggestions, hoping that something may be done to relieve the situation just at this time.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

Aug. 10, 1903.

Patrick Griffin, Esq.,

348 W. Dayton St.,

City.

Dear Sir:-Enclosed please find warrant for $49.58, for pay to and including July 31, 1903. Please sign enclosed receipt and return in the stamped envelope enclosed herewith.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.).

Aug. 10, 1903.

James M. Gilman,

Langdon St.,

City.

Dear Sir:-Enclosed find warrant for $50 for services as inspector of work on lock at mill dam. Please receipt enclosed bill and return the same to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

(Dic. by O.)

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Aug. 10, 1908.

Grant Thomas, Esq.,

City.

Dear Sir:-I have met Mr. Ralph Vernon, and he told me, as I remember, that he could give the whole of Wednesday or Thursday of this wek to seeing parties for subscriptions to our work. I write to find whether you can arrange to go with him on those two days. If you can do so, I thought I might prepare a little statement, and have it published in the papers so as to help some in the work. I will send this over this afternoon to your office, so that you will get it the first thing in the morning, if you do not get it this evening. You can let me know in the morning over the 'phone whether you can arrange to go at the time indicated.

Yours truly,

(dic. by O.)

Johnson Clair

Aug. 13, 1903.

. W. Jacobs, Esq.,

City.

My dear Sir:-Yours of Aug. 11th received, and contents noted. The matter of allowing automobiles on the drives has been a source of a great deal of bother and earnest consideration. The meeting held the other evening was to get an expression of views from both sides. It seems that the resolution, drawn and presented by Mr. Palmer, is about as little objectionable as could be expected, provided we allow the machines on the drives at all. Whichever way the matter is decided, I presume there will be more or less criticism. As directors, I am sure we will try and do the best we can.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

Johnell. Olin

Aug. 12, 1903.

O. C. Simonds, Esq.,

Station X,

Chicago, Ill.

My dear Sir:-I return under another cover the map you sent, giving plan for hospital grounds; also a map prepared by Mr. Icke, the engineer, showing the grade of the streets, and the cutting that is to be done in order to bring the ground into shape to fit the building as it is built. It also shows the width of the grass plat between the lot-line and the curb in the street. I thought you would need to modify your sketch. I should have written to you sooner, had I been able to get the map from Mr. Icke before. I wish you would write, and state whether you now have all the information necessary to prepare this sketch.

Yours truly,

John M. Olmsted.

Aug. 14, 1908.

Lindsay Brothers,

78 Reed St.,

Milwaukee, Wis.

Gentlemen:-Enclosed find warrant for $15, to pay for three Haslup scrapers. I have made a new bill, in as much as this is for the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Ass'n, instead of a personal matter. Will you be so kind as to receipt the enclosed bill, and return the same to me, and much oblige.

The scrapers came promptly, and are just what we want.

Yours truly,

(Dict. by O.)

You will be able to get the cash on the enclosed warrant the same as on a draft. We pay all of our bills in this way.

Aug. 14, 1903.

Messrs. Conklin & Sons,

City.

Gentlemen:-Enclosed please find warrant for $8.64, to pay for your bill for coal for the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Ass'n. Please receipt the enclosed bill, and return the same to me and much oblige.

Yours truly,

(Dec. by O.)

John M. Olin
Resident

Aug. 14, 1903.

Syracuse Chilled Plow Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:-I acknowledge the return of your bill duly receipted.

I was somewhat surprised when I called up Lindsay Brothers, of Milwaukee the other day, to find that all they asked for the #2 Nasleo scrapers was $5, and I purchased three of them for $15. Your price for the same priced scraper was $6.75. It does not seem to me that there ought to be any such difference as that between Milwaukee and Madison as to prices of such articles. You led me to believe in my talk with you that you were making quite a deduction when you put the price of #2 scrapers at $5.50 each, whereas in Milwaukee they ask only $5 for a size larger scraper.

Of course, it is not a large matter, and I do not write to you because of the amount, but simply to let you know that I know what such goods cost in Milwaukee. I do not see why they ought to cost any more here than in Milwaukee, except additional freight if any.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by G.)

Aug. 17, 1903.

Henry Schulkamp, Esq.,

Lake City, Minn.

Dear Sir:-On July 14th, 1903, I wrote you a letter of some length as to the purchase by the city of Lot 4, block 29, city of Madison. I have not as yet received any reply to the letter, although the letter was written over one month ago. Will you not be so kind as to give me an answer to the letter, so that the city can know what to rely upon. The city wishes to avoid the trouble and expense, if possible, of condemnation proceedings, and it has been my hope that an agreement might be made between the parties on a reasonable basis.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

Johnson Olin.

Aug. 17, 1903.

J. F. Wallace, Esq.,

Gen. Mgr, I. C. R. R. Co.,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-On the 14th of July, I wrote a letter to you, in answer to yours of July 6th as to entering into a lease between the city of Madison and your company as to certain property for playground purposes. Although the letter was written over a month ago, I have received no reply to the same. Can you not give this matter prompt attention, and very much oblige!

Yours truly,

(Dict. by C.)

John M. Olin

Aug. 17, 1903.

W. J. Underwood, Ass't Gen. Mgr.,
C. M. & St. P. R. R. Co.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-On July 11th, I wrote you a letter, in answer to a letter from you on the 2d, in which you stated: "Our district carpenter has instructions to have the bridge ready for your dredge as soon as the 15th day of August, and as soon as it reaches the bridge, I think there will be no delay in the work."

Of course, I do not pretend to understand just how you propose to get the bridge out of the way. The dredge should get down to your bridge about two weeks at least, and about that time, it will be necessary for us to have opening eight feet in the clear and not less than twenty to twenty-five feet in width, in order to get the dredge through.

I notice that your company has unloaded some cars of gravel, but nothing has yet been done towards elevating the track or the bridge. The Northwestern bridges are both up the required height.

Pardon me for writing the above. I do it out of over-precaution, so that there may be no delay in the work. The dredge is now working both night and day, so that its bill against our association every twenty-four hours amounts to something like $50; and this explains readily why I am anxious there should be no delay to that branch of the work.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

Brown

Aug. 17, 1903.

J. W. Groves, Esq.,

Mayor of the City,

City.

Dear Sir:-You will remember that a resolution was passed sixe months ago requiring the telephone companies to remove their poles from Water street and from and through Tenney Park. The Wisconsin Telephone Company obeyed the resolution of the council. The other companies have utterly ignored the resolution. I write to ask you, as the mayor of the city, to see to it that these companies obey the resolution of the common council.

Yours truly,

Jewell Blair
President.

(Dic. by O.)

Brown

Magnus Swanson
Wm. R. Bagley,
Harle Steinland
A. O. Fox.

Aug. 17, 1903.

Hon. J. W. Groves,

City.

Dear Sir:-I wish you would be so kind as to drop me a line, stating what success you have had in negotiating with Mr. Boss for the strip of ground along the river for park purposes.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

Aug, 18, 1903.

Hon. Geo. W. Lewis, Esq.,

City.

Dear Sir:-I have been waiting now for sometime to get the deed and abstract of the fifty feet of land off from the northeast side of lot 10, block 221, The money is now in the city treasury to pay for the same. Can you not have such a deed executed and abstract furnished, and send same to me at once. If so, I will see that the same are looked over promptly and money paid. Will be very much obliged if you can attend promptly to this matter.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

Aug. 18, 1903.

Bernard M. Minch, Esq.,

Attorney,

City.

Dear Sir:-Enclosed I hand you a warrant or order on the city treasurer for $550, in payment of purchase price of lot 1, block 221, city of Madison.

I regret that we could not get the matter around earlier, but we have done the best we could.

Thanking you for waiting in the matter, I am

(Dic. by O.) Very truly yours,

Ole S. Norsman, Esq.,

City Clerk, City.

Aug. 18, 1903.

Dear Sir:- I hand you herewith deed of Burr W. Jones and wife and Charles M. Gregory, and abstract which covers lots 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11, block 123; also certificate of Rufus E. Smith, city attorney. All of this, except the undivided half of lot 7, is a gift by Burr W. Jones. The city is to pay merely $300 for the undivided half of lot 7. This goes to Charles M. Gregory. Please draw the warrant, payable to Charles M. Gregory, or Burr W. Jones, his agent, for the undivided half of lot 7, block 123.

You can hand the warrant directly to Mr. Jones. You will attend to recording the two deeds.

Yours truly,

John M. Allin.

Aug. 18, 1903.

O. S. Noreman, Esq.,

City Clerk, City.

Dear Sir:-I hand you herein warranty deed from Henry Bowers and wife to city of Madison of lot 12, block 123; also abstract for same; also certificate of Rufus B. Smith as to title; also receipt of Mr. Bowers to me for $1400; also receipt of C. F. Cronk for $35; also option secured for purchase of lot. The $35 was paid as commission to Cronk for negotiating the sale. I paid, as you will observe $1435 on July 18, 1903. I do not ask the city to pay me any interest for use of the money. The deed has been recorded, and paid for by me, 75 cents. You may have the warrant [redacted] so as to show that I had advanced the money for the lot, and that the city is now merely paying me back.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin.

(Encl.)

(Dic. by O.)

Aug. 18, 1903.

Ole S. Norsman, Esq.,

City Clerk, City.

Dear Sir:-I hand you herewith three deeds, covering lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12, block 170, city of Madison. The deed by Judge Carpenter of lots 7, 8, and 9 is a gift. The other deeds of Jones and Gregory of lots 10, 11, and 12 are for $2000. You can have the warrant drawn payable to Burr W. Jones and Charles N. Gregory, and have the same delivered to Burr W. Jones. I also enclose herewith an abstract, and a certificate by Rufus B. Smith, city attorney.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin.

(Dic. by O.)

(5 encl.)

Aug. 18, 1903.

Ole S. Norsman, Esq.,

City Clerk, City.

Dear Sir:-I hand you herewith warranty deed from Willow Park Land Company to Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Ass'n, of lots 50, 51, and 52, of the addition to Willi Park subdivision of the city; also abstract of same, and certificate by Rufus B. Smith, city attorney.

Will you have the warrant for these lots, amounting to $3750, drawn payable to the Willey Park Land Company, and send the same to Frank W. Hoyt, treasurer, and after the deed is recorded, send it either to me or to Charles N. Brown, Secretary of our Association.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(Encl.)

Aug. 20, 1903.

O. C. Simonds, Esq.,

Landscape Gardner,

Station X, Chicago.

My dear Sir:-I received your letter of yesterday, stating that you were going to Iowa, and would be free the forepart of next week. I to-day consulted with Professor Henry, president of the Hospital association board, and have consulted with the directors of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association, and have decided to ask you to come up next Monday night, so as to be here ready for work Tuesday morning.

I wish you would come directly to my house. I want to consult you, if possible, about my own grounds. Then Mr. Bagley will [redacted] to see you, if possible regarding Orton Park. I will arrange my work so as to give my time entirely to you during Tuesday. The plan will be to drive first to the hospital grounds and meet the hospital board with the city engineer. Then I propose to drive out along Lake Mendota drive to have you lay out some work for the association the coming year. You may not be able to get through in one day but I think you can. However, if it is necessary for you to stay a second day, I would like to have you come prepared to do so. Please write me, or telegraph me, so I will know not later than some time Monday, whether to expect you Monday night.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

Johnson Alvin

President.

Aug. 20, 1903.

John Icke, Esq.,

City Engineer,

City.

Dear Sir:-You will remember that sometime ago I spoke to you about setting some stakes in the water opposite my lot, to indicate how far filling would have to be done to come out to the new dock line. I am expecting Mr. Simonds, a landscape gardner from Chicago, next Tuesday, and he will stop at my house. While here I want to consult him about some work on my grounds. If you could possibly sometime before next Tuesday morning get some stakes set in there, I would be very much obliged, and will be glad to pay for the services rendered. I do not expect that you will do this for me without compensation.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

Johnwell Olin.

Aug. 20, 1908.

Prof. W. A. Henry,

City.

Dear Sir:-I have written to Mr. Simonds, asking him to come to Madison Monday night of next week, and to stay with me. Unless you hear from me to the contrary, you may expect that Mr. Simonds will be at the hospital grounds on Tuesday morning next, promptly at 8:00 o'clock. I will take him there in my carriage. It might be well for you to drop Mr, Icke, the city engineer, a line, asking him to be there promptly at that time. I would like to have all parties interested meet at the appointed time promptly, so that Mr. Simonds will not be detained long.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.



Herbert Steensland
Wm. R. Bagley
Magnus Swanson
A.O. Fox

Aug. 22, 1905.

Dr. Philip Fox,

City.

My Dear Sir:-Mr. Frank Hoyt handed me a note from you, inquiring as to automobiles being allowed on the drives. The directors passed a rule last spring, excluding automobiles from the drives. Since then, the owners of automobiles have been urging upon the directors to give them certain times when they might be on the drives. You undoubtedly saw the resolution prepared by Mr. Raymer, which was printed in the paper. The directors still have the matter under consideration. It is a question that has troubled us very much. Of course, we all want to do what is the best thing, everything considered. What do you think, personally, of allowing what was requested by Mr. Raymer! Should like your views on the matter.

Yours truly,

John W. Olin

(Dic. by O.)

Andrew S. Brown.

Hans Stensland
Mrs. R. Bagley
Magnus Swenson
A. O Fox

Aug. 22, 1903.

Lindsay Brothers,

Milwaukee, Wis.

Gentlemen:-Will you ship me at once another No. 3 slush scraper, capacity seven cubic feet, as I remember, price $5, and send me bill for same made out against the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Ass'n, and I will remit at once.

Yours truly,

John W. Ellis

(Dic. by O.)

Near Standard,

Aug. 22, 1903.

O. C. Simonds, Esq.,

Landscape Gardner,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-Mr. Fred Johnson, who lives just opposite Mr. Swenson, is desirous of having you lay out his grounds for him, and will expect that you remain over for that purpose. Hence, you had better calculate to remain here two days this time.

Yours truly,

J. Johnson Allen.

(Dic. by O.)

Lindsay Brothers,

Milwaukee, Wis.:

Aug. 24, 1903.

Gentlemen: I evidently made a mistake in my letter to you of Saturday last as to the number of the scraper. What I wanted was a No. 1 instead of No. 3; but in as much as I stated the capacity at seven cubic feet and the price at five dollars, I have no doubt you will discover my mistake, but I send you this out of over-precaution.

Yours truly,

John W. Olin.

(Dic. by O.)

Aug. 23, 1903.

Rufus B. Smith, Esq.,
City Attorney,
City.

Dear Sir:-Enclosed I hand you a deed from the Starks Lewis Land Co. to the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Ass'n, of the northeast fifty feet of lot ten, block two hundred twenty-one, also a copy of abstract. I have not examined the title to this land. I wish you would examine the same, and make out a certificate such as you have heretofore done. Of course this abstract ought to be certified to as a true copy, and perhaps continued down to the present time. If you think best, you can have that done.

I think the deed is in proper form.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)
(2 encl.)

John M. Olin

Aug. 24, 1903.

Mr. W. A. Gardner,

General Manager, C. & N.W. R.R.Co.,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-As a part of the Yahara River improvement, the city has laid out a street on the northeasterly side thereof, between East Washington avenue and Sherman avenue, 66 feet in width, the center line of which is 100 feet northeast of the bank of the river. The line of this street I have indicated on the enclosed map of the city, being the line A-B. We are filling up the strip 100 feet in width between the bank of the river and the center of this street as a part of the improvement as a park strip along the river. The railway embankment is quite high at the point where this street must cross.

I write to ask whether your company would not, as a part of the improvement, and while the work is now being done, fill the approach on the westerly side of your main track, the same as you have and are filling the approaches to your tracks along Water street.

As I understood from your foreman this morning, they plan to get through with the filling sometime about the close of this week, and that, if anything were done along the line above suggested, some order would have to be given from headquarters rather promptly.

On behalf of our association and the citizens of Madison generally, I wish to thank your company for all it has done, and is doing toward the securing of this improvement of the river, and connecting the lakes.

I thought that the $20,000 we raised by private subscription would be sufficient to complete the improvement, but I have concluded that we shall need to raise at least $10,000 additional by private subscription.

We hope to be able to complete the dredging of the river before the beginning of next year, but we cannot hope to complete the filling and parking of the strip along the whole of each side of the river this year.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Allin

Aug. 24, 1903.

A. J. Earling, President,
C. M. & St. P. R. R. Co.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-As a part of the Yahara River improvement and the connecting of the lakes, the city has laid out a new street, extending from East Washington avenue to Sherman avenue. I have indicated this street on the enclosed city map by the line A-B. I write to ask whether your company will not, as a part of the improvement, fill up the easterly side of your approach in such a way as would be necessary in the construction of a street at this point, and in the same way that you will fill the approach to your track along Water street. I have written, asking the North Western Company to fill in a similar manner the approach on the west side of their tracks. The space between your track and the North Western track is quite narrow, and ought to be filled up, so there would be an even grade from your track to the North-Western track between the two tracks. The center line of this proposed street lies back from the river 100 feet, and this 100 feet we are filling in along the northeasterly bank of the river for a park strip. I thought your company might do this filling for the approach at the same time you are doing the other work, with the least expense and trouble to your company and with the most benefit to us.

I was pleased to see this morning that you had elevated the tracks, I judge pretty near if not quite the full height, so there will be no delay in getting the dredge through, after the opening has been widened somewhat.

Our association, and the citizens generally of Madison appreciate very much the work that both your company and the Northwestern company has done, and is doing toward this improvement. It is going to cost us (and I suppose this may be true with the railway companies) more than we figured on. I had supposed that $20000, which we raised by private subscription, would be sufficient to complete the improvement between the two lakes, but have concluded that we shall need to raise about another $10000 the coming spring. I think, however, that we will be able to do this without much difficulty. We are doing the work just as rapidly and economically, I think, as it can be done. The improvement, when completed, will be an excellent one for the city.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

John W. Olin.

Aug. 24, 1903.

W. D. Taylor, Esq.,
Sterling Place,
City.

Dear Sir:-I noticed two or three places in the southwest wall of the lock, and near the bridge end, and about two feet above the floor, where water is running through. I do not know whether your attention has been called to this point, nor what the cause of it is, nor whether it is a serious defect. I thought I would notify you however, of what I had observed.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

John W. Ellis

President.

Aug. 24, 1903.

Hon. D. K. Tenney,

City.

My dear Sir:-Your letter of Aug. 12th was duly received. I was so surprised at its contents that I have been in doubt whether to answer it or not. It has been my aim in this work not to do or say anything that would harm the work. Hence, if I do not seem to resent with any spirit some of your statements, you will understand why. It is my opinion that most difficulties between men are the result of honest misunderstanding. But now a word as to certain facts:

Do you remember a conversation had with me shortly after you had subscribed the last $1000 toward the completion of Tenney Park, to the effect that there would have to be constructed in time pavillions, etc, etc, and that you expected to meet the larger portion of such expense! Up to the date of the last annual report, exclusive of land given by the Thorntons, the city, and the Hausmans, the cost of Tenney Park amounted to $15158.30. Of this amount, you contributed in round numbers, $5000. I have always appreciated the generous gift, and on many occasions have so expressed myself.

Do you remember one time early in the spring of 1902, when I drove you out to the park, of my asking you what you would contribute toward securing some more land for an addition to the parking of the lake shore? Your answer was that you did not know as you would contribute anything. I certainly took no offense at your conclusion, but simply stated that I thought I would bring the matter to your attention.

Do you remember of a talk we had shortly before I wrote the annual

report for the year ending April 15, 1902 about the construction of a foot-bridge in Tenney Park? The result of that conversation I stated on page 27 of that report, as follows: "I have assurances that this sum (the probable cost of the bridge being $300) will be given for this purpose by a generous supporter of this park, either the present or the coming year?" Do you remember that, before I wrote the report for the year ending April 14, 1903, I again saw you at your office, and had a talk with you about meeting the expense of constructing the foot-bridge this season, and that in the talk I suggested that the association would meet whatever the bridge might cost in excess of $300? You replied that you wanted to meet the entire expense of the bridge. In the report for the present year, speaking of this bridge, on page 15, I stated: "Such a bridge would probably not cost less than $300. A design for such a bridge has been prepared by Mr. Simonds, and Hon. D. K. Tenney has very generously offered to meet the expense of its construction." You will see from the above that, by reason of your recent letter, I am placed in rather an awkward position before the public. I need not go over the various talks and letters between us concerning this bridge. Suffice it to say, that I have never suggested that you were to contribute more than $300. We differ in our opinion somewhat as to what an appropriate bridge ought to cost, and I think you were somewhat hasty in drawing your conclusion as to the cost of the bridge, [redacted] by reason of your not understanding fully the facts. You stated that there was no need of a fifty foot span. Since writing your letter of Aug. 12th, I have measured the lagoon again, and I find that the very shortest distance is 36 feet across the water, and when you take into account the width of the bridge, the distance could not be less than [illegible] feet across the water; and you certainly will want to go back not less than

five feet on each side for the foundation. I have never insisted on any particular form of bridge, or that it should cost any particular amount. After considering the expense, you finally wrote, under date of June 24th, as follows:-"I am willing to furnish that amount of money ($300) for that purpose (construction of the bridge), but I do not think any considerable amount in excess of that ought to be expected. You can go ahead and do what you please about it." In answer to this letter, I wrote you under date of June 25, among other things: "I interpret your letter that you are willing to contribute $300 toward the construction of the foot-bridge at the point in question."

The directors of the association proceeded on this theory until the receipt of your letter of August 12th.

Now, I do not write this letter on account of this $300, but because I think your position is wrong, both to yourself and to the directors and other citizens. Your reason for change of mind is alleged extravagance on the part of myself and certain other citizens. The only instance of such extravagance you specifically mention is the wish on my part, as well as that of certain others, that the city should construct over the river on Williamson street a cement arch, rather than an ugly steel truss bridge, the cost of the former being $6200 and of the latter $4200, a difference of $2000. Has it occurred to you, that as a matter of economy a cement arch bridge at a cost of $6200 would be cheaper for the city than a steel truss bridge at $4200? The cement bridge, if properly built, is built for all time. Do you know that two of the strongest and best managed railway systems in this country, the Illinois Central and the Pennsylvania Central are today constructing nothing but stone or cement bridges, thus doing away with the steel bridge? Certainly these hard-headed, money-making corporations have adopted this policy

not from aesthetic considerations, but purely from economic considerations.

You state in your letter: "The burden to the city caused by the Catfish improvement will be immense." When you wrote this, did you know that the city had not as yet expended a dollar on account of this improvement? On the other hand, I take it that you are informed of the fact that private citizens have contributed toward this improvement over $20000, and, if necessary to its completion, will undoubtedly contribute more. Do you think it quite right for you to scold me and others with reference to extravagance in this improvement, so long as you have not contributed a cent? Remember, that I am not criticizing or blaming you for making no contribution. I can only say, that when I first thought of this improvement, I considered you, as the one above all others, who would wish to see the matter go through, and would do all you could to help it, both by your influence and by your contribution. You have not as yet seen fit to do either. The fact that you had promised to contribute $300 toward the construction of a bridge made me feel differently about your declining to contribute toward the river improvement. Also your liberal subscription to the hospital was known to me

Your statement that "The burden to the city caused by the Catfish improvement will be immense," is not according to the facts, I think, either when applied to the past or to the future. The new bridge at Williamson street you cannot charge against this improvement, for you conceded and every one concedes that the city must have in the near future a new bridge at this point. With the street railway tracks across the present bridge, it is dangerous. As to the raising of the other three bridges, the city has agreed to do this work in consideration of the association agreeing to put in 5000 cubic yards of filling along Water street. This work cannot be done at an expense of less than $1200

or $1300. The total estimated cost of raising the three bridges, as made by Professor Taylor, was $1002. No change is planned for Sherman avenue bridge. As to the other two bridges, they are today of no value. Unless something is done soon, the one at the avenue will tumble into the river of its own weight. Moreover, our association, in addition to the above, is meeting the expense of filling the lots recently purchased by the city as an addition to Tenney Park, both those adjoining Water street and those adjoining Sherman avenue.

Now, in view of the above facts, how can you charge either me or the association with extravagance in the use of the city moneyas to this Yahara River improvement?

Your charge of extravagance, judging from certain other portions of your letter, may also refer to the recent purchase by the city of certain lands for park and playground purposes, and the issuing of bonds to pay for the same. If so, I wish to say that you, as director of the association, signed a petition to the common council, under date of May 8, 1902, as follows:- "The undersigned, directors of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Ass'n, respectfully petition your honorable body to appoint a committee to investigate the desirability and feasability of improving Water street along the Yahara River, and to secure some lands on the shores of said river, and also in different portions of the city for public parks and playgrounds, and to report to the common council the results of their investigation to the end that the council may take such action in said matter as may seem best for the welfare of the city."

This was signed by every member of the board of directors, and the common council, acting in pursuance of the suggestion contained in this resolution, appointed as the committee: Mayor J. W. Groves, W. S. Hanks, J. C. Schubert, Charles N. Brown, Frank Smith, M. J. Regan and

myself. Before the committee made its report, the citizens, acting as members of the association, relieved the city from the largest single item referred to in this petition, namely that portion pertaining to the Yahara river. The committee, acting wholly independently of the association, made its unanimous report to the council, and the common council by the vote of seventeen members (Dr. Smith being absent, and he would have voted the same as the rest had he been present) adopted the report of the committee, and voted by the same vote to issue the bonds. Of the money raised by issuing these bonds, $4850 has been used, and I think very wisely, to buy lands as an addition to Tenney Park.

There is another reason why I think you are not in a position to charge me with extravagance in trying to run the city in debt. You will remember that at a recent meeting of the directors of the Hospital association, you formed a resolution which, had it been adopted, would have thrown upon the city an additional indebtedness of something like $7000, notwithstanding there were then outstanding conditional subscriptions amounting to something like $4000, among them being one for $1000 by yourself. My position in that matter was to collect as much as possible from private subscriptions, and thus save the city as much indebtedness as possible.

In conclusion, let me say that a good many people, other than yourself, have contributed quite liberally, both of their time and money, in securing and improving Tenney Park, which bears your name by reason of your contribution of $5000. I doubt whether you realize at all the amount of time and labor I have expended in connection with Tenney Park since its inception. Had I known in the beginning how much of labor it was to involve, I think I should hardly have been willing to have entered upon the improvement.

When we came to consider the improvement of the river, one of the main features being the parking of its shores, it occurred to me at once that you would be especially interested. Your position thusfar in the matter has been most disappointing and most discouraging. I have hoped, however, that your present views were temporary, and that in time you would be as heartily in favor of what has been done as you thus far seem to have been opposed. It is because I believe this that I have taken the trouble to write this letter, and not because I want to urge you at this time to give the $300 toward the completion of the foot-bridge. I still hope, however, that upon reflection, you will authorize the directors of go ahead with the construction of the bridge on the terms as stated in your letter of June 24th, and thus remove what is to me a very embarrassing situation, by reason of the two public announcements made in the last two annual reports as to your generous contribution toward the construction of this bridge.

Yours truly,

John A. Olson.

Aug. 26, 1903.

Mr. William M. Wight,

Attorney,

Wells Bldg, Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Mr. Wight:-Yours of Aug. 25th received, concerning application of Mr. Ernest Brunckan for position of forest superintendent. I shall be pleased to see that your letter is laid before the commissioners, with all letters concerning the matter.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

Aug. 26, 1903.

J. W. Wallace, Esq.,

Gen. Mgr, Illinois Central Railway Co.,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:- I was very glad to receive yours of August 19th, announcing that arrangements were being made as to leasing certain property to the city of Madison for playground purposes.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

Aug. 26, 1903.

Mary Elizabeth Smith,

City.

Dear Madam:-Your bill for $3.80 for services in the case of Morehead vs. Smith received. The only fault I have to find with it is your delay in presenting the same. We have already settled with our clients, and this amount we must pay out of our own pockets. Hereafter, as I think I have stated before, it will always be an accommodation to us if you will present your bills for services against us promptly.

Enclosed please find check for the amount of the bill.

Very respectfully yours,

Olin & Butler

(Encl.)

(Dic. by O.)

Aug. 26, 1903.

Lindsay Brothers,

Milwaukee, Wis.

Gentlemen:- Enclosed find warrant for $5, to pay for one No. 1 Hasiup scraper. Please receipt the enclosed bill, and return same to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

(Encl.)

(Dic. by O.)

Aug. 26, 1903.

J. W. Groves,

City.

Dear Sir:-Yours of Aug. 25th received as to the Voss matter. ase accept thanks for the same.

While out yesterday with Mr. Simonds, looking at the work being .e around Sherman avenue bridge, he called attention to the retaining .l o[redacted]the southwesterly side of the spillway. He thought some boulders id in cement might be used to repair the weakened condition of the ll, and it ought to be done soon in order to save expense. I wish, en you are out that way, you would look at the wall. The water could shut off by putting in a couple of planks at the spillway, and then is repairing could be done, I think, with little expense. The wall as been getting weaker for the last two or three years.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

J. W. Alvord

Aug. 26, 1908.

Providence Loan & Trust Co.,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:-Enclosed please find draft for $33.60, to balance account for collecting claim of George Whittaker & Co. against J. S. Parkinson, of Windsor, Wis. I finally succeeded in getting the balance of the claim after a great deal of correspondence and threatening of suit. I did not remit at once on the two items of $15 and $20.08, for the reason that I was waiting to close the matter out in one remittance.

Very truly yours,

(Dft. Encl.)

(D'c. by O.)

Olin D. Butler

Aug. 26, 1903.

Prof. Edward T. Owen,

City.

Dear Mr. Owen:-I was out yesterday with Mr. Simonds, landscape gardner, planning some planting along the one half mile strip from the point where you enter the same on the east, at the cemetary corner, through to the woods. We then walked around to the brow of the hill, the higheet point, in the woods which you purchased for park purposes. While there, Mr. Simonds suggested that the odd shaped piece of ground, containing 2-17/100 acres, as shown on the enclosed map, ought to be secured as a portion of the park strip. I send you the enclosed maps so that you can see exactly the situation. The one map, indicating 5-92/100 acres, shows the land you purchased from Hammersley and myself. The triangular shaped piece, containing 256/1000 of an acre, was not included in the original purchase, and no deed of that strip has ever been given. I have prepared recently a deed to be signed by Mr. Hammersley and myself, transfering the land to the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Ass'n. For this land we shall make no charge. Mr. Hammersley, sometime ago, orally bargained to sell the strip of 2-17/100 acres to Mr. Edward Paunack, who already owns the ten acres, as indicated on one of the enclosed sketches. His object is to increase his stone quarry area. If the purchase is made, ultimately the stone quarry [illegible] might be brought right up to the south line of the pre[illegible] purchased by you, and disagreeably near the f[illegible]. The price at which we have bargained to sell [illegible] acre. I cannot very well ask Mr. Hammersley to donate any portion of the strip, because the work

our association is doing does not appeal very strongly to him. I think I could secure this strip for the park, instead of selling it to Paunack, if it is thought best to do so. I wish, after the receipt of this, you would come into Madison by way of the Mineral Point road, and drive in along the westerly boundary of the present park strip. You will observe a fence on the west side of this strip of 2-17/100 acres, indicating the boundary of it, and you can judge, after getting on the brow of the hill, just how desirable it would be to secure this strip of 2-17/100 acres. I will say that if you feel like purchasing Mr. Hammersley's one half interest, I will donate my one half interest in the strip.

Please return to me, in the enclosed stamped envelope, the maps or sketches, which I send herewith, and much oblige.

Very sincerely yours,

John Muir

(Dic. by O.)

(Encl.)

S Brown

Hesse Steensland
Wm R. Begley,
Magnus Swanson,
A. O. Fox

Aug. 25, 1903.

George B. Burrows, Esq.,

City.

Dear Sir:-If Bridge street is to be vacated, on the terms heretofore stated, it should be done without any further delay. We are getting along with the work in the river so that it becomes necessary to know very soon, whether there is to be secured any additional strip of ground along Water street, between Wilson street and East Washington avenue. The whole matter now turns, as I understand it, upon an agreement being made between you and Mr. Fox. Can you not take this matter up at once with Mr. Fox, and determine one way or the other what is to be done? I understand that there is to be a special meeting of the common council in the near future, and I wish this matter disposed of at that meeting, if possible.

Yours truly,

John W. Olive
President.

(Dic. by O.)

S Brown

Aug. 26, 1903.

A. O. Fox, Esq.,

City.

Dear Sir:-I have just written to Senator Burrows, urging him to make some agreement with you at once as to the vacation of Bridge street. Our work is now at a point when it becomes necessary for us to know very soon whether we are to have any additional strip of land along Water street. I understand that there is to be a special meeting of the common council in the near future, and I hope this matter may be disposed of at this meeting. Please see what you can do with Burrows, and very much oblige.

Yours very truly,

(Dic. by O.)

Aug. 27, 1903.

Charles W. Garfield, President,
State Forest Commission,
Grand Rapids, Mich.

My dear Sir:- I was very much pleased to learn the other evening, accidentally, that Mr. O. C. Simonds, of Chicago, is a cousin of yours. Mr. Simonds has been acting as a landscape gardner for the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association for a number of years last past, and we think very highly of him and his work. Under another cover, I send you a copy of our last annual report. I thought you might be interested in glancing the same through.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Aug. 27, 18[illegible]

E. W. Wallace, General Manager,

Illinois Central Railway Company,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-Yours of Aug. 25th received, enclosing duplicate leases signed by your company, leasing lots 1, 2 and 3, block 29, to the city of Madison for playground purposes.

There is one clause in the lease that it seems to me ought not to be included, and that is this:-"To hold, keep and save harmless the lessor from any liability, loss, cost, damages and attorneys' fees, arising from or on account of injuries to persons using the crossing by going to or from the same playground, caused by the negligence of the agents or servants of the lessor."

While such a provision as this would, in all probability, never result in loss to the city, it is one of those things that the city would hate to assume. Now, in as much as your tracks do not as yet cross either of these lots, is there any objection to inserting this clause in the lease? I wish you would consent to having this clause struck out, as it leaves the city liable for any damage resulting from the negligence of the agents of your company, no matter how great, but, as stated above, it seems to me that it is wholly unnecessary to include this clause in the lease, for the simple reason that your company does not now run its tracks across the lots.

The other matter I wish to call your attention to is, that the lease does not cover the other tract of ground which we are very desirous of securing a lease of, being outlot 6, which is bounded on Francis, Hay-

ton and Bedford streets. We should like to secure a lease of such part of said outlot as lies north of your tracks.

Very truly yours,

John W. Alvin

(Dic. by C.)

Aug. 27, 1903

Ole A. Norseman,

City Clerk,

City.

Dear Sir:- Hand you herewith a warranty deed from the Starks Levis Land Co. to the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association, of the northeast fifty-two feet, of lot ten,, block two hundred twenty-one, and abstract of title for same, and certificate from Rufus P. Smith. Will you please see that an order in drawn in favor of the Starks Levis Land Co. for $600, and sent to the company. When the deed is recorded, it can fither be sent to me or Charles N. Brown.

Yours truly,

John W. Clark

(Encl.)

(Dic. by O.)

Aug. 29, 1903.

John Icke, Esq.,

City Engineer,

City.

My dear Sir:-I think the work of putting in a wall at the dam ought to be rushed with all possible speed. Unless something is done to relieve the situation in the near future, if the wet weather continues, there will be danger of great damage. The lake is now very high, and is rising quite rapidly. As you know, it takes a long time to lower the water in that lake a few inches, even when running freely.

My partner spoke to me about the matter this morning. He is a good deal alarmed about the situation. He also thinks that it is a great mistake to narrow up the outlet any by putting the retaining wall further out than the original wall. Of course I have no opinion on this.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

Johnwell Olds.

Aug. 29, 1903.

Henry Schulkamp, Esq.,

Lakeside, Minn

Dear Sir:-Yours of Aug. 25th received, and contents noted.

I note that you state that you will be in Madison in the near future and will then see me; hence, we will let the matter rest until your return.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

Aug. 29, 1903.

O. C. Simonds, Esq.,
Landscape Gardner,
Station X, Chicago, Ill.

My dear Sir:-Enclosed please find warrant for $50, for services for the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association.

I have sent your bill for work for the Madison General Hospital Association to the secretary, with request that he remit to you the amount of $30. Please receipt the enclosed bill, and return the same to me, and oblige,

Please accept my thanks for copy of blueprint of sketch for planting of ½ mile stretch.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

Johnson Olmsted

Aug. 29, 1903.

Mr. H. G. Kemp, Secretary,
Madison General Hospital Association,
City.

Dear Sir:-Enclosed I hand you a bill from Mr. Simonds, for services for making a design for the improvement of the hospital grounds. His regular charge is $100, but he has deducted $40, because of the nature of the work done by the hospital association.

Yours truly,

John W. Alvord

(Encl.)
(Misc. by O.)

Aug. 29, 1903.

S. A. Nelson, Esq.,

City.

Dear Sir:-If this weather keeps on, there is going to be in the near future danger from the height of the water in Fourth Lake. I think it would be well for you to get after the city engineer, and insist on the retaining wall being constructed at once, so the gates can be opened and a proper outlet furnished. Of course, you need not say that I said anything to you. I will do what I can directly with Ickes.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

Howell Ellis

Aug. 5, 1914.

W. J. Johnson, Esq.,

1140 E. Dayton Street,

City.

Dear Sir:-Enclosed please find warranty for $981.60, and receipt for you to sign. Please sign the receipt, and return the same to me in the enclosed stamped envelope, and much oblige.

Yours truly,

John W. Klein

(2 encl.)

(Dic. by C.)

Sept. 1, 1903.

A. H. Kayser, Esq.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $27.60 to pay your bill for lumber for Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

President.

Sept. 1, 1903.

J. A. Steinle, Esq.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find warrant for $100 and check of E. F. Riley for $400, endorsed over to you, for dirt purchased from you by the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association. Please sign the enclosed form of receipt and return the same to me in the enclosed stamped envelope, and much oblige.

Yours truly,

John W. Blair

President.

(Dic. by O.)
(Warrant & Check)
(Enc.)

Sept. 1,1903.

Claus Clauson, Esq.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $50.00 to pay for one month's work in Tenney Park ending Aug. 31, 1903. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Warrant.)

(Enc.)

President.

Sept. 1, 1903.

Mr. W. A. Gardner,
Gen'l. Mngr. C. & N. W. Ry. Co.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Gardner:-

I fear that my letter to you of Aug. 24th must have made you think I was rather cheeky in asking what I did. It is only that I may remove any such impression that I write this note.

We have appreciated very much what your company has done; at the same time, I think it is nothing more than right that you should know that we have done what little we could to accommodate your company. The city made a connection with our water works system here for your company at an expense to the city of $48.00. The water which the city has furnished and will furnish to your company before you can get clear water out of the river, will cost, figuring merely the expense of pumping, not less, I should judge, than $600. We furnished our dredging outfit for the use of your company in laying its pipe across the river three days, which cost our Association $75.00. I have seen to it that the city has permitted the companies to block up Water Street during the progress of the work, and so as not to interfere at all with the work.

I have mentioned the above things, not to suggest that we have done any more than we ought, but simply that you may understand we, on our part, have wanted to aid in any way we could your company in the doing of the work.

The only reason I wrote you as I did on the 24th, was that in as much as a road was to be constructed across your tracks at the point

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indicated, I thought your company might prefer at this time while doing the rest of the work, to leave enough gravel at the point indicated for a proper approach.

Very truly yours,

John W. Blair

(Dic. by O.)

Andrew Dean

Falls Steenland
William Bagley
Magnus Swenson
[illegible]

Sept. 2, 1908.

Carl J. Hausmann, Esq.,

City.

My Dear Sir:-

I learned from your brother Otto the decision you had reached as to shed and barn, and I want to express my hearty thanks for the same, both personally and on behalf of the Association. It will help us very much in the work, besides opening up a passage way through there for the present.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

The change ought to be made as soon as possible. It is to be only the way of the dredge. John O.

Falls Excelsior
William Bagley
Magnus Swenson
A. O Fox

Sept. 2, 1903.

Hon. J. W. Groves,
City.

Dear Sir:-

As I now figure the matter, I think that Mr. Johnson will be through dredging that portion of the river which lies west of the railway tracks in just about three weeks, and will then want to pass down under the bridges, and in a few days would be at the East Washington Avenue bridge. Hence, I wish that the city would see to it that the bridge on the Avenue is raised in ample time to allow the dredge to pass under without delaying the work. Since Mr. Johnson is not working night and day, a day's delay means fifty dollars expense to our association.

Yours truly,

John W. Alvin
President

(Dict. by O.)

Sept. 2, 1903.

Mr. J. W. Wallace,

Gen'l. Mngr. Ill. Cent. Ry. Co.,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Aug. 29th received.

I beg your pardon for my careless blunder as to proposed lease not including portion of outlot six. I see that it plainly does, and is entirely satisfactory as far as that is concerned.

One other matter I call your attention to. The last page of the lease states, "in consideration of said lease the lessee further agrees to erect around the said premises a fence five feet high having no openings upon the south and west sides of the said premises." I think you must mean by this that portion of outlot six covered by the lease, and not the first described piece of land. If so, can there be added after the word "premises" in line three of page two, the words, "last described"? I think this is what the lease was intended to state, for you refer to the south and west sides of the premises. Here a fence can be built, and it is very proper that one should be built.

Undoubtedly the city, when it comes to use the lots in block twenty-nine, will want to put up a fence on each side of the tracks which extend through the property, so as to keep any person using the play grounds off from the tracks.

I dislike to trouble you so much. If I am right in the above, and you will drop me a line authorizing me to do so, I will insert in the lease the words as above indicated after the word premises in said third

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line of page two.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O .)

John W. Oliver

Sept. 2, 1903.

Claus Clauson, Esq.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $5.00 for John Lowry for cutting grass in Tenney Park during August. Please have him sign the enclosed receipt and return same to me in enclosed stamped envelope, and oblige.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

((Warrant)

(Enc.)

Sept. 3, 1903.

Hon. J. W. Groves,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Since our conversation in the bank this morning, I have taken the pains to look up the assessment on lots 43 to 49 inclusive, being seven in number, Willow Park Subdivision, of the city of Madison. These are the unfilled lots still owned by the Willow Park Association. The seven lots are assessed at seven thousand dollars, instead of $200 a piece, as stated by you.

Permit me here to say that this information, so easily ascertained by myself, was equally open to you. It would hardly seem as though you were justified in stating publicly that these lots were assessed at $200 a piece.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

Sept? 3, 1903.

Kroncke Bros.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $3.25 to pay for your bill against Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt enclosed bill and return same to me, and very much oblige.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

John Olin

President.

Sept. 3, 1903.

Hon. J. W. Groves,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I have just come from an interview with Rufus B. Smith, city attorney. He tells me that the question you asked him was whether you could be compelled to sign the order for the payment of the purchase price of the Willow Park lots. He did not state this to me confidentially.

I beg leave, in this connection, to refer you to a report in writing which you signed as a member of the committee appointed by the common council to investigate as to the desirability of securing certain lands for parks and play grounds. Before any action was taken by the common council, this committee made and filed its written report, signed by you as mayor, and by Charles N. Brown, M. J. Regan, John M. Olin, L. S. Hanks and J. C. Schubert. This report, among other things, contained the following:

"Your committee recommend that the following pieces of land be purchased, at the earliest possible date, for parks and play grounds, and that the same be paid for by the issuing of long time bonds:

First: Lots fifty, fifty-one and fifty-two, in Willow Park Subdivision. These lie between Sherman Avenue and Lake Mendota and adjoin Tenney Park on the southwest. They would add one hundred and fifty feet of lake shore to Tenney Park. An option has been secured on these three lots for $3750, which runs to July [redacted] 1903."

You did not sign this report until after a meeting held at my office, where the whole matter was fully discussed as to price, location,

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etc.

Moreover, the finance committee of the common council personally examined these lots and were impressed with the fact that the price was very reasonable.

In view of what the common council did after the making and filing of this report sign by yourself as mayor, and others, you can draw your own inference as to why you should ask the city attorney whether or not you could be compelled to sign an order for the payment of the purchase price, the same amount which you recommended to the common council.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John W. Olive

Sept. 3,1903.

Hon. J. W. Groves,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Mr. Rufus B. Smith has just been in and called my attention to the figures which show that the three lots purchased, or agreed to be purchased by the city from the Willow Park Association, were assessed at $200 each. I do not wish to do you or any man any injustice and I hasten therefore to make the correction. But I want to say that before I wrote my letter to you, I called up Ole Norsman and asked him to state to me what lots 43 to 49 inclusive, Willow Park Subdivision, were assessed at, and he telephoned back that they were assessed at $7,000. These are the facts just as I got them. Later, Mr. Norsman tol me that he got his information from Mr. Taylor, but evidently Mr. Taylor intended to include not only these lots but also the three other lots, 50, 51 and 52.

And now let me say that while I have not changed my opinion at all on the matter, that there is no connection whatever between the action o the board of review and the value of this property, I think and have thought that you were right, in the main, in the position you took as to certain outlying property not being assessed high enough. For example, take lots 48 and 49, in Willow Park Subdivision. You cannot get those lots to-day for less than $3,000, and I think they are worth it. Again, take lots 46 and 47, in Willow Park Subdivision, assessed at $600 and $500 respectively. I expect that a sale of these two lots will be completed in the near future at the sum of $3500, and I think they are worth

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it. Hence, I could not come to any other conclusion, had I been a member of the board of review, than that these lots are not assessed at what they ought to be. and I think their owners would say so.

Yours truly,

J. Howell Olsen.

(Dic. by O.)

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Hale Steenland
William Bagley
Magnus Swenson
A. C. Fox

Sept. 9, 1903.

J. M. Dunn, Esq.,
Agt. C. M. & St. P. Ry. Co.,
City.

Dear Sir:-

I suppose there must be one No. 1 slush scraper at your depot, shipped to me for the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association from Lindsay Brothers, of Milwaukee. If so, I wish you would have some draymen take the same out along East Dayton Street and leave the same right at the end of Dayton Street where it joins on to Water Street, and our men will get it and take care of it, and then have him brong the bill to me and I will see that it is paid.

Yours truly,

John Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

Sept. 4, 1903.

F. C. Giddings, Esq.,

City.

My Dear Sir:-

Yours of Sept. 4th received and contents noted.

The question of allowing automobiles on the drives is a very bothersome one. It has not as yet been passed upon by the directors. It undoubtedly will be in the course of the next ten days or two weeks, one way or the other.

Did you read the article of Mr. Raymer in this morning's Democrat? I think if the automobiles were to be allowed at all upon the drives, the resolution as suggested by him is about as reasonable as could be framed.

The whole matter, I think, is one that has got to be pretty carefully considered and in a right spirit on both sides, with a view of doing the very best thing possible under all the circumstances.

Quite a portion of the drive runs through Mr. Raymer's farm, and as he states in his letter, as things now are he does not feel that it is safe for him to go upon many of the drives through his land that are really private drives, because used by the public, and his intention is to shut those portions of the drive up completely unless some concession is made those using automobiles during two half days of the week.

Under the resolution as proposed, every person could go upon one of the drives every day without meeting any automobile. Before any action is taken on the matter, there will likely be a general meeting held, to permit people to give an expression of their opinions on the subject.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by C.) John McClure President

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Walle Steensland
William Bagley
Magnus Swenson
U. O. Fox

Sept. 5, 1908.

John Icke, Esq.,

City Engineer,

City.

Dear Sir:-

The men are to- day scraping off the sand on top of Water street where the culvert should be constructed. The street superintendent informed me that he would put in a culvert at this point at any time you would give him the grade. Mrs. Luckensmeyer has made complaint to alderman Corscott, claiming damage for flooding her chicken coop, and she saw me personally this morning. I am very anxious to have this culvert put in on Monday next, if possible. I would suggest the putting in for the present of a wood culvert, and of putting it down as low as the culvert at outlet of lagoon in river. This would sink the bottom of it considerably below the level of the water in the river at the present time. It might also be a good thing to have the culvert made so that connection with the river might be cut off at times when river is very high. Of course, if plan of throwing street back from river is adopted, the culvert would in time have to be lengthened, but this would not entail any needless expense.

Hope you can give the grade to Mr. Sullivan and that he can get at work Monday morning.

Yours truly,

[illegible]

President.

(Dic. by O.)

Sept. 5, 1903.

George Sullivan, Esq.,
Street Supt.,
City.

Dear Sir:-

I have written a letter to Mr. Ickes as to putting in culvert on Water street east of Johnson street. The dirt is being scraped off at the point where the culvert is to be put in and I am exceedingly anxious the culvert should go in there on Monday, if possible. I think perhaps a wood culvert is the right kind of one to build and I have suggested to Ickes that it ought to be put [illegible] low as the bottom of the culvert at the outlet of the lagoon in the river. Mrs. Luckenmeyer is claiming damage against the city for flooding her hen coop.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John W. Alvord

President.

Sept. 5, 1903.

Hon. David Stephens,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I saw Mrs. Stephens the other evening and notified her that Blake was putting in the wall at the dam, and wondered whether he had notified you so that you can draw crushed stone as per previous talk. I hope very much you can furnish enough stone to help out on the subscription, because we are very much in need of funds to complete our work.

Yours truly,

John W. Olers.

President.

(Dic. by O.)

Sept. 5, 1903.

Prof. Edward T. Owen,

City.-

Dear Mr. Owen:-

Yours of Sept. 3rd received, returning plat of park strip, etc.

I did not make my proposition because I really felt able to make any gift of any kind at this time, but I do not feel that I am able to do so, but made the suggestion simply because I felt the acquisition of the strip most desirable, and I wanted to have you understand that I was not trying to sell some more land to you. The only thing I regret about the matter is that you did not take the trouble to drive around to the point suggested, but I presume you knew the lay of the ground so well that you did not feel it necessary. The [illegible] on the extra two acres had not occurred to me in such a strikin[illegible] until after Mr. Simonds called my attention to the matter.

As to the small tract of land, which I wrote you about making a [illegible] claim deed directly to the Association, I will say that has not [illegible] been made and that I can make the same directly to you if you prefer. You may remember that there was an agreement between us that this strip should be added, but the matter has run along without anything being done, although I had a survey made by Prof. Whitney.

I wish you would indicate to me which way you prefer to have the deed drawn and I will follow your suggestion. You can pay for the same or not, just as you prefer. I had not thought of asking any pay and I do not think Mr. Hammersley would ask any.

(Dic. by O.)

Yours very sincerely,

[redacted]

Walle Steensland
William Bagley
Magnus Swenson
C. O. Fox

Sept. 8, 1908.

George C. Sayle, Esq.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

You will remember that at the time and prior to the signing of the contract for the construction of the lock, there was talk between us, and an agreement on your part, that the $100 subscribed both by Paunack and by David Stephens, should be worked out by their furnishing stone at the usual price. I was very much surprised to learn about the time the lock was completed, that Mr. Blake had not obtained any stone from Mr. Stephens, [redacted] unless it be a few loads drawn by his teamsters. He took the position he knew nothing about the arrangement as to this. I know very well he is mistaken, for I informed him myself.

He then agreed that in [illegible] as he was going to construct the retaining wall, he would take stone for that purpose. This was entirely agreeable to me. He was to notify Mr. Stephens when he was ready for the stone. He has been at work constructing that wall, and Mrs. Stephens told me the other evening that Mr. Stephens had [illegible] notice at all, requesting him to draw the stone. I saw Mr. Stephens and he told me at one time that upon receipt of notice he would put in the required amount of stone. In as much as we are very much in need of funds to carry on our work, and in as much as we relied on this $200 subscription being worked out in the way above indicated, I trust you will see to it in some way that the stone are furnished by Stephens to Blake, and he given credit for his subscription in our settlement with you.

(Dic. by O.)

Very truly yours,

John [illegible]

President.

Sept. 5, 1903.

Frank W. Hoyt, Treasurer,

City.

My Dear Sir:-

It now takes nearly two thousand dollars each month to pay the obligations of the Association for the work done each month. Hence, it becomes necessary to collect the subscriptions promptly. We must pay our men as often as once a month. Our only source of income are the subscriptions. Will you do what you can to help us keep the work moving? It will not do to have the work on the river stopped. But we must pay the men promptly, for they need the money to support their families.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Sept. 6, 1902

F. M. Wootton, Esq.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Will you be so kind as to send me a check for the amount due for screenings furnished you by the Association, and very much oblige?

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Sept. 7, 1905.

Mr. Wayne Ramsay,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I received Mrs. Ramsay's note this morning. I have just sent, by special messenger, the deed and abstract and certificate of title to the city clerk. Mr. Smith makes certificate that the title is perfect in Mrs. Ramsay.

It may be that there must be another resolution passed by the common council. If so, this will be done on Friday evening of this week. So that the money will be gotten to Mrs. Ramsay not leter than Saturday of this week, and perhaps before.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

O. J. Norsman, Esq.,

City Clerk,

City.

Sept. 7, 1903.

Dear Sir:-

I herewith hand to you warranty deed from Susan A. Ramsay for about five and one-third acres of land, together with abstract of title and certificate from Rufus B. Smith that title is perfect in Mrs Ramsay. The purchase price of this is $5,000. Mrs. Ramsay would like to get the money as soon as she can.

(Dic. by O.)

(3 Enc.)

Yours truly,

[signature]

Sept. 7, 1903.

A. G. Schmedeman, Esq.,

City.

My Dear Sir:-

Enclosed I hand you leases, executed in duplicate by the Illinois Central Railway Company, of two tracts of ground for play ground purposes.

I have submitted the same to Mr. Rufus B. Smith, city attorney, and he thinks they are unobjectionable in form, and promised me to write you a letter to that effect.

I have received a letter this morning from the general manager, asking that the leases be executed and one copy returned to the office of the company. I shall write to the company, stating that the matter will be brought before the common council at its meeting on Friday evening of this week. Will you be so kind as to attend to this matter and have a proper resolution passed by the council authorizing the mayor and city clerk to execute the lease?

I secured the written consent of the general manager to insert the words "last described" on page two of the lease.

Very truly yours,

(Dis. & C.)

(2 Encs.)

Sept. 7, 1908

Hon. H. C. Adams,
City.

My Dear Adams:

Please accept thanks for yours of Sept. 4th.

Am glad of what you say about securing options. I cannot tell, however, from your letter, how much the property will cost on the basis of the options you have received. Could you drop me a line, giving your opinion as to this matter?

I would say further that I regard it as exceedingly important that this matter should be pushed with all possible speed. Unless we can get some of the money now on hand appropriated for this purpose, there will be no chance of getting any help from the city in the near future. I have not, as yet, mentioned the matter at all to any of the city officials.

I will drop a line to Dr. Haskins, as you suggest. I think, however, that he will be inclined to be perfectly reasonable as to the price of his lots.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

Sept. 7, 1903.

Dr. Charles Haskins,

No. 15 Prescott Hall,

Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

I understand H. S. Adams has been corresponding with you concerning the purchase of certain lots you own in Wingra Park. There is a quiet movement on foot to secure about thirty-five acres of land in that subdivision lying next to Lake Wingra, for park purposes. Unless all of the land can be obtained for a fairly reasonable price, the scheme will not go through. I trust you may be able to part with your lots on a basis that will aid the project.

Very truly yours,

John Nolen

(Dic. by C.)

Sept. 7, 1908.

Mr. J. W. Wallace,
Gen'l. Mngr. Ill. Cent. Ry. Co.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Sept. 4th received. I have inserted the words "last described" after the word "premises" in line three of page two.

The common council meets on Friday evening of this week, at which time a resolution will be passed authorizing the mayor and city clerk to execute the leases, and one copy of the same will be sent to your company at once.

Thanking you and your company for your courtesy and kindness in the matter, I am.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

John A. Clair.

Sept. 9, 1903

Hon. J. W. Groves,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Lot 12, block 170, recently purchased by the city from H. H. Bowers as a portion of the Burr Jones Playground, has on it an old house in front and a small barn at the rear. Mr. Bowers, at the time of the making of the deed, asked that he be permitted to take from the premises the barn. I told him that I had no authority over the matter; that it was a question for the city to adjust.

I presume the barn is worth but very little to the city. I told Mr. Bowers that I would present the facts to the city and let the city determine what it wished to do. I have just received a letter from Mr. Bowers, asking that he might be permitted to remove the barn. Will you be so kind as to have such action taken as may be necessary, and inform Mr. Bowers, whose post office address is Token Creek, Dane Co., Wisconsin? I have written Mr. Bowers that I have submitted the matter to you as mayor of the city.

In this connection, will say that the old house that is on the premises was rented for five dollars a month to a poor family, and there was an agreement between Mr. Bowers and the tenant that the family was to have one month's free rent, but that time has long since expired. There is considerable material in that house that could be used to advantage in filling the lots, and I would suggest that some proper steps be taken to notify the occupants of the house that they must surrender up possession, so that the city might tear down the house and use the

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material for filling purposes.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

J. Howell Olin.

Sept. 9, 1903.

H.H. Bowers, Esq.,

Token Creek, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Sept. 7th received and contents noted.

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter which I have just sent to the mayor of the city.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

J. Howell Olin

Sept. 9, 1903.

Judge J. H. Carpenter,

City.

Dear Mr. Carpenter:-

Apropos the name that you might wish to give to the six lots in block 170, I quote below a remark made by Charles N. Gregory in his letter to me under date of May 29, 1903, as follows:

"I should think Judge Carpenter would want the field called 'Kendall Green', which would make a very pretty name, and you remember in King Henry IV 'Three misbegotten knaves in Kendall Green.'"

I merely write you the above by way of suggestion. I think "Kendall Green" would be much more appropriate than "Kendall Field", and that you might perhaps prefer that name to "Kendall Park."

Yours truly,

Edward Elis

(Dic. by O.)

Sept. 11, 1903

Yours truly,

Pres.

Halle S. Husband
William Bagley
Magnus Swenson

Sept. 11, 1903

Mr. Halle Steensland,

Cor.

Dear Sir:

There will be a meeting of the directors of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association on Monday evening next, at 7:30 o'clock, at the law offices of Olin & Butler. The main object of the meeting is to consider the automobile question. It is very much desired that all members of the board be present.

Very truly yours,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

Sept. 12,1903

Mr. Wayne Ramsay,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I presume you saw what was in the Democrat this morning. Alderman Brown evidently angered Alderman Kronoke by proposing that Mills street should be macadamized only as far as Spring street, with a view of [illegible] a subway under the railway tracks on Mills street. Brown got the matter re-referred to the assessment committee to report at the next meeting of the council a plan for macadamizing Mills street up to Spring street. It was not until after this was done that the report came up as to the purchase of the property from Mrs. Ramsay, for park purposes. Kronoke then opposed the purchase, claiming the land was a foot under water. At this the council referred the matter to the finance committee, with instructions to have Mr. Icke report to the council the level of this land above the lake. According to the paper, as I remember, Mr. Icke stated the whole of the land was about eight feet above the level of Lake Monona.

It is all the result of a little spite work. It is annoying, of course, but I trust that you and Mrs. Ramsay will be patient for a week or two, remember that a few policicians do not constitute the city. I feel the same as I have felt all along, namely, that the purchase is a good one for the city to make, and I have no doubt but what the report of the finance committee will be adopted at the next meeting of the council.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

(Dic. by O.)

Sept. 12.19[illegible]

Capt. John Nader,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I have been trying all day since morning to see you for just a few minutes at my office. I don't know what the trouble is. I saw M. A. O. Fox this morning, and both he and Mr. Burrows wanted me to prepare an agreement. Before doing so, it is necessary for me to consult you for about ten minutes. There will have to be some stakes set down there at some points. As I understand it, the parties are willing to pay for whatever services you render. I would regard it as a favor to me, as well as to the parties interested, if you could call at my office on Monday morning next, at nine o'clock. The work will only take a few minutes.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

(Dic. by O.)

Sept. 14,1903

Hon. George B. Burrows,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I hand you herewith one copy of a draft of proposed agreement between you, the Northern Electric Manufacturing Company and A. O. Fox. I have dictated the same, following the maps prepared by Capt. Nader, but he is to drive some stakes before filling in the different distances. I have tried to prepare the paper as I have been informed the agreement was between the parties. It was rather a complex matter to put into definite shape. I shall send a copy of the agreement also to Mr. Fox.

It is very necessary that action should be taken on this matter promptly. The council, at its last meeting, started the proceedings for vacating Bridge street. I would suggest that as soon as this agreement is signed by the parties, that you execute a deed of the sixty-six foot strip adjoining Water street and deposit the same with Rufus B. Smith, city attorney, to be kept by him in escrow until after the street is vacated. Such an arrangement would protect all parties. I will request Rufus B. Smith, city attorney, to have a similar deed prepared by the Fuller & Johnson Company.

The plan now is to have Water street thrown back away from the river so that the southwesterly side thereof will be next to the property now owned by you after the conveyance of the sixty-six foot strip. This plan or arrangement will be, I think, very much better, [illegible] for the adjoining property owners. It will put the

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traveled street [illegible] to your property and will put the [illegible] tween the street and the river, and will do away with the nece[illegible] of building a high embankment next the river, and will dimin[illegible] the amount of filling necessary to be done, both on the stre[illegible] on the park strip. It will be better for your property further [illegible] you will not have any high embankment between it and the river.

Very truly yours,

John Wm. Olin

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

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Capt. John Nader,

City.

Sept. 14,1908.

Dear Sir:-

I thought you might need to look at the enclosed agreement in fixing some of the breaks. Please return the same to me as soon as you are through with the same. You might fill in the different spaces left blank for distances.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

John M. Olin

Sept. 14, 1903.

Frank W. Hoyt, Esq.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

You will remember that some time ago I asked you to give the city an option on the two lots next to the three purchased by the city for an addition to Tenney Park, in Willow Park Division, and that at the time I stated I hoped you would give an option at $2,500 for the two lots. At the same time, I stated that Mr. Johnson, the man who is doing the dredging, was thinking of purchasing two other lots in that subdivision. At this time, you stated the prices of the other lots were, as I remember, $1750 a piece. Later, I saw you, and you stated that you had seen Mr. Jones and Mr. Klauber, and they were unwilling to give an option to the city for the two lots desired for anything less than $3,000, but that they were willing to sell those two lots to the city ab that price. I saw Mr. Johnson this morning and he has authorized me to say that he will give $2,500 for the two lots adjoining those recently sold to Mr. Spenseley. His object in purchasing these lots is not for speculation, but for the purpose of building upon the same a dwelling house to cost, as he tells me, from eight to ten thousand dollars. In case Mr. Johnson secures the lots, he will be interested in filling the same by the use of his dredge from the lake. In the event that he should do this, he could, at the same time, get filling for your remaining lots at a very low figure as such work goes. Moreover, it would be, I think, a good thing for this city if we could hold Mr. Johnson, for I believe there is a good deal of work that ought to be done

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by him in the near future.

Will you please let me know at the earliest date possible whether you are willing to sell to Mr. Johnson the two lots in question for $3500? He thinks this is a very high price, and I am satisfied he will not pay any more. You have, of course, no commission to pay if the sale goes through. Perhaps your directors will consider this fact somewhat in fixing a price on the other two lots upon which I have asked an option in favor of the city, the lots to be used for park purposes and as an addition to Penney Park. I think they might take the price at $3500 for [illegible]

Yours truly,

(Dict. by O.)

John M. Allen

President.

Sept. 14, 1903

Mr. A. O. Fox,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I hand you herewith copy of proposed agreement between yo the Northern Electric Manufacturing Company and George B. Burrows. As you will see, it is rather a complicated matter to put in definite shape. I have, however, gone over the descriptions very carefully with Capt. Nader, having the use of the maps prepared by him. He is to set certain stakes and make certain measurements, and then the blank spaces for distances can be filled out.

I have sent a copy of this agreement also to George B. Burrows, with the request that the agreement be signed at the very earliest date possible.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

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Mr. George Raymer,

City.

Dear Sir:-

The petition, or memorial, to the directors of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association, signed by ten owners of automobiles, was brought before the meeting of the directors of the Association last evening and carefully considered. One of the members of the board being absent, it was deemed best to adjourn the meeting for one week, to Monday, Sept. 21, at 7:30 in the evening, at my office; and it was voted unanimously by the directors present that a request should be sent to each of the signers of the petition, asking him to be present at the adjourned meeting for the purpose of considering the matter with the directors. If automobiles are allowed on the drives, I, for one, should wish the aid of the automobilists in drafting proper regulations to be observed by the owners of these machines while upon the drives.

This request will be sent to each of the ten persons who signed the petition to the directors.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

John Clair.

President.

Sept. 15,1903

John Icke, Esq.,

City Engineer,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I now expect that alderman Kroncke will call together the street committee on Friday afternoon, of this week, to look over the matter of the change of Water street that we talked about yesterday. Hence, I wish you would be sure to have a map drawn so that it can be ready for use on Friday afternoon. I have suggested to Mr. Kroncke to have the committee meet at the old mill dam and go from there down the river. Think you ought meet with the Committee and explain such etc.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

(Dic. by O.)

Sept. 15, 1903

Prof. F. E. Turneaure,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I understand from the report of the proceedings of the common council last Friday evening, that the finance committee is to make another examination of the strip of land proposed to be purchased from Mrs. Ramsay for park purposes, adjoining Mills street. For certain reasons, I wish very much that this examination could be made at an early date. There is some talk of having a special meeting of the common council some time next week. If such meeting is held, I wish that this matter might be reported and acted upon at that time.

I wish very much that the city might purchase two other lots in Willow Park Subdivision adjoining the three that the city has purchased. I hope to get an option on those lots for $3,000, and have tried to get it at $2800. I expect Mr. Kroncke, chairman of the street committee, will call a meeting of the committee for Friday afternoon, of this week, and that the committee will meet first at the old mill dam, the object of the meeting being to consider certain changes in Water street farther down the river. If it could be brought around, in some way, so that the finance committee could meet there at the same time, we would have a good share of the common council present, and all members present could look over these two lots at that time.

I understand that the matter of condemning certain lands owned by Voss was referred to the judiciary committee, and I am going to ask Mr. Brown to have his committee out there at the same time. If there

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three committees were there together, they would comprise most of the council, as I remember. This Voss matter ought to be acted upon at the first meeting of the council.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

Since dictating the above, Mr. Brown has informed me that the mothery purchasing Ramsey tract was not referred to finance committee again, but that Mr. Ichee was requested to whitewash & report to council.

J. M. O.

Charles N. Brown, Esq.,

City.

Sept. 15, 1903

Dear Sir:-

I expect alderman Kroncke will call a meeting of the street committee for Friday afternoon, of this week, to consider the proposed changes in Water street. I have asked him to have the committee meet at the old mill dam. Would it not be a good thing if you could have the judiciary committee meet at the same place for the purpose of considering the Voss matter? You could then look over the proposed change in Water street at the same time.

Moreover, I am trying to arrange for an option on two other lots in Willow Park Subdivision, and am going to try and have the finance committee out at the mill dam at the same time the street committee meets. These three committees would comprise most of the council. My idea would be to have them go upon these two lots in person. They would then know just what they wish to do in the matter.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Clair

Sept. 15,1903

Hon. William R. Bagley,

City.

Dear Sir;-

From what I have learned incidentally, I believe that if the Fuller & Johnson people would propose to give to the city the two strips of land as staked out adjoining Water street and then enough more land in block 240 back of the sixty-six foot strip that is to be given in exchange for Bridge street, to equal in area the space embraced within the streets to be vacated, that the common council would vacate the streets. But unless it is proposed by the Fuller & Johnson people to give an amount of land as above indicated, equal in area to the amount comprised within the streets, I do not believe, from certain things I have heard, that the council would be in favor of vacating the streets. I write this to you confidentially. Have suggested above

Yours truly,

J. Howell Allen

(Dic. by O.)

Sept. 15,1903

Samuel Higham, Esq.,

Prest. Fuller & Johnson Mfg. Co.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I hope to have the street committee of the common council look over the proposed change of water street and vacation of parts of Dickinson and Mifflin streets in exchange for certain lands to be given by your company, on Friday afternoon of this week. As you know, I should like very much to have this arrangement carried through, and I believe, from some things I have heard, that it can be done, provided the city gets land in exchange equal in area to the land included within the portion of the streets to be vacated; but unless such an amount is given in exchange, I fear, from what I have heard, that the plan of vacating the streets cannot be carried through. Most of the land that the Fuller & Johnson Company would give, would be located in block 240, and as I now remember the location, the land is very wet.

I write you the above, hoping that your company will make a proposition as above indicated. While I think such an exchange would be a good thing for the city, and should not be in favor of it did I not think so, yet at the same time I believe it would be still a better thing for your company. It is one of those matters which, if carried through, would, in my judgment, be very beneficial to both parties.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

Sept. 15,1903.

Hon. Alfred Kroncke,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Since seeing you yesterday, I have concluded that there will be no doubt but what I shall be here on Friday afternoon of this week. Hence, I wish you would arrange to have a meeting of the street committee called for Friday afternoon. I would like if you could have them meet at the old mill dam, and then go from there down the river. There is a matter near the dam that I would like to have considered by the committee.

I saw Mr. Icke yesterday and explained to him [redacted] the map that you suggested should be made, and he will prepare the same. If you have the street committee go out on Friday, it might be well to notify Mr. Icke and ask him to be present with his map. We could meet at the old mill dam first, and look the map over there, and then proceed from that place down the river.

If anything happens that I cannot be present on Friday afternoon, I will notify you in ample time, but you will understand that I can be present unless I give you such notice. I am very desirous of having this meeting held as early as Friday, for the reason that it is very essential that the change proposed, if made, should be determined upon at an early date, in order that we can do the work to advantage. Next week I shall be busy in court all the week.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Clark

Sept. 15,1903

John P. Woodard, Esq.,
City.

Dear Sir:-

I drove, on Sunday, over the dirt road through your land, with a view of looking the same over for the purpose of having the roadway planted properly with trees, etc., the coming spring. According to the agreement between you and the Association, the Association is entitled to a three rod strip. In some places, evidently, the strip left by you and not cultivated is not three rods wide. I expect Mr. Simonds, the landscape gardener for the Association, will be in the city some where along between the first and the middle of October. Now if you, prior to that time, could have the corn removed, so as to give a full three rod strip, unobstructed, I would have Mr. Simonds spend a day in planning the proper planting for this road and in putting in stakes, marking the places where the planting is to be done. At the same time that Mr. Simonds is here, he might look over the entrance to your grounds and make some suggestions without cost to you. I remember that some two or three years ago, Mrs. Woodard wrote me something about this matter.

The planting planned by Mr. Simonds would be done next spring. We always have to plan this work in the fall so as to have everything ready for the spring.

Yours truly,

John Olmsted

President.

(Dic. by O.)

Sept. 16,1908

Mr. A. O. Fox,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I handed one copy of the proposed agreement between you, Mr. Burrows and the Northern El[illegible] Company, to Mr. Nader, with request that he fix the stakes [illegible] measurements and fill in the distances, and he has done so. [illegible] copy I herewith enclose. I would desire that it should be returned to me after you have had use of it. Will you see that the distances [illegible] in the copy you have and the one Senator Burrows has, [illegible] same [illegible]? I must rely upon you three people getting [illegible] the matter.

Yours [illegible]

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

John M. O'Lee

Andrew S. Brown

Sept. [illegible]

Hon. George W. Lewis,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Our men are [illegible] between the river and the seventh ward school house, and [illegible] to your land. It is difficult for the men to fill [illegible] the park land without, at the same time, filling some of yours. I figure that it costs us not less than forty cents a cubic yard to put the dirt in at this place. All of the dirt has to be shoveled out by two men, since the horses cannot get in there. It is desirable that your property should be filled out as far as we fill out, and I am willing to do it for less somewhat than the actual cost. The water is three feet deep and we are filling [illegible] feet above the water about. If you will authorize us to fill your portion out as far as we fill, we will do it at thirty-five cents a cubic yard. Mr. Icke can make the survey before the filling, and then measure it after the filling, so as to get the accurate [illegible] measured in excavation.

As soon as you get this letter, I wish you would take a street car and go out to the place where they are filling and look the matter over with our foreman. I told him that I would try and get you out there if possible.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

Joh. M. O'Brien

President.

Sept. 16, 1903

E. W. Wallace, Esq.,
Gen'l. Supt. Ill. Central Ry. Co.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed I send to you duplicate copy of lease of two parcels of land, between your company and the city, for play ground purposes duly signed by the mayor and the city clerk. This was done in pursuance of a resolution of the common council directing the same.

Thanking you and your company for your courtesy in this matter, I am.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)
(Enc.)

J. Howell Clair

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In all probability [illegible] Company will not wish to [illegible] city, by reason of the [illegible] of Bridge street, full sixty-six feet in width [illegible] end of block 240, for the reason, [illegible] that quite a portion of Bridge street is not occupied, and will be occupied, by railway tracks. [illegible] there is justice in this position. [illegible] determine, before the special [illegible] of the common council [illegible] in Bridge street al[illegible] by railway tracks. [illegible] there is [illegible] as Mr. [illegible] thought. That I [illegible] would be the line of the [illegible] area of land [illegible] Company [illegible] from [illegible] 240 equal to the land [illegible] proposed to be vacated, [illegible] railway tracks, [illegible] into [illegible] land [illegible] from [illegible] 228. I wish [illegible] Company and the C[illegible] is proposed [illegible] before [illegible] to [illegible] mail.

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(I [illegible] 0.)

John W. Olin

Sept. 19, 1903.

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City Engineer,

City.

Dear Sir:-

[illegible] just telephoned me that he and Clark are [illegible] on the Fauerbach side of the river again [illegible] they would like to have you put in some grade [illegible] bove the contract between the Association [illegible] C[illegible]. A[illegible] stakes, I would like [illegible] contract that outside [illegible] they [illegible] the filled portion will [illegible] level [illegible] river at its ordinary

Yours [illegible]

John W. Alvin.

P[illegible]

Sept. 19, 190[illegible].

Samuel Higham, Esq.,

Pres't. Fuller & Johnson Mfg. Co.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

The committee of aldermen was out yesterday and looked over the proposed changes. I accompanied the committee, at their request, as did also the city engineer.

I call attention to the following points:

1. In order to bring the curve of the roadway, when changed, where it ought to be, we need about three feet in width more land next Dayton street. It would make the line of the land you are to give the city the switch at one end and the telegraph pole at the other. I do not think this change would take to exceed twenty square feet additional land. Will you be so kind as to go out and look it over? As I remember it simply involves putting the line at that point farther south about three to four feet.

2. There seemed to be no objection on the part of the members of the common council to vacating Mifflin street, but some of them objected to vacating Dickinson street. They thought there ought to be left some where a passage way, even though it were not more than ten or twelve feet wide, from the Avenue through to Mifflin street. I do not know whether this could be done by your company to advantage. I presume you will likely need some kind of a passage way through there for your own convenience, and that such passage way could serve all purposes. I [illegible] if you can make this arrangement

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without injury to your company, I think it would be a good thing to do. Of course, the land included in any such passage way would be considered in determining the amount of land your company would give.

3. You are familiar with a plan to vacate Bridge street on condition that an equal amount of land in area be given to the city, adjoining Water street. We expect to complete the arrangement on M[illegible] between the Northern Electric Company, George B. Burrows and A. O. [illegible] so that the city gets the sixty-six feet in the two blocks lying east of your block 240. It was suggested to me by Mr. Bagley that your company would not get so much benefit from the vacation of Bridge street, because such street was already occupied in part by two railway tracks. It seems to me there is justice in this position, and that it would be fair to the city if you gave an area of ground equal to the area included within the limits of Bridge street, which is sixty-six feet wide, after taking out such portion as is already occupied by railway tracks. Such portion ought not to include any land occupied by warehouse. [illegible] warehouse is only by right of way.

In all probability, a special meeting of the common council will be called or Friday evening of next week. Your proposition to the city ought to be made so that the same can be considered by the council at such meeting. It is absolutely necessary for the Association to know speedily whether this change is to be made. We cannot proceed further with the work on that side of the river until this is determined. [illegible] or the other.

Very truly yours,

(Dictated by O.)

John [illegible] Clair.

Sept. 14, 1903.

Magnus Swenson, Esq.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

The board of directors met on Monday evening, but adjourned until next Monday evening, for the purpose of further considering the automobile question. It is very desirous that all members of the board meet at this next meeting. If for any reason you cannot be present at that time, will you be so kind as to let me know by telephone?

Yours truly,

John W. Allin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

Sept. 22,1903.

Charles N. Brown, Esq.,

City.

Dear Mr. Brown:-

I call attention to the following points that I think ought to be incorporated,in some way, in the regulations prepared by you for the use of automobiles on the drives:

1. Proposed rule four, as drawn by you, ought to be amended so as to include this idea, namely: That whenever a person in charge of a horse should give a signal to the automobilist by raising of the hand or other proper method, it should be the duty of the automobilist to bring his automobile to a stop promptly and to come forward and assist the driver of the horse to get by the automobile in safety.

2. Perhaps something ought to be incorporated to the effect that it should be the duty of the automobilist, when running through the woods in winding places where he cannot see ahead of him, to sound a gong or blow a whistle, so that carriages may know that the machine is there.

3. Some provision should be specially made as to that portion of the drive through the Hoven property to the golf grounds. Mr. Raymer suggested this himself last night.

4. Some provision should also be made specially as to the use of the bay road.

5. It should be one of the conditions that the automobilists should at once organize into an association.

6. No automobile,or driver thereof, should be licensed to use the drives until the proper officers of the automobile association had certified to the board of directors of the park association, or the president, that

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Walter Greenslade
William Bagley
Magnus Swenson
A. O. Fox

the person or machine was entitled to use the drives, and then such certificate should be countersigned or approved of in some way by the proper officer or officers of the association.

[illegible] provided that any person or machine having a license, should have such license revoked when a request is made to the directors of the association from the automobile association, [illegible] our association should have the right to revoke such license [illegible] though not recommended by the officers of the automobile association.

I think the rate of speed should not exceed, in any [illegible] miles per hour.

I have dictated the above very hurriedly. I would suggest that you get together this evening, if possible, and that you [illegible], as soon as you have [illegible] upon the proper [illegible], a copy of the same [illegible] each of the other directors, so that the same can be considered [illegible] before the meeting on Saturday.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John McOlin

President.

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William Bagley
Magnus Swenson
A. C. Fox.

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Hon. George P. Burrows,

City.

My Dear Sir:-

I understand that Capt. N[illegible] is to [illegible] to-morrow morning at your office at ten o'clock to consider the ma[illegible] between you [illegible] Fox as to division betw[illegible] you of [illegible] 226 and 228, in case Bridge street is vacated.

I write to ask whether you cannot, as a personal favor to [illegible] meet Capt. [illegible] and Mr. Presentine to-morrow forenoon about [illegible] at your office on this matter. W[illegible] got along with our [illegible] dredge [illegible] the river where it is [illegible] to know whether [illegible] be an additional strip [illegible] ground [illegible] adjoining Water street

T[illegible] a special [illegible] on council on [illegible] it is very necessary [illegible] the matter [illegible] and Mr. Fox shall [illegible] that meeting. Of course, the city will not vacate Bridge street before knowing whether it is to get an equal [illegible] land adjoining Water street.

I have now spent considerable time in this matter, and in prepar[illegible] proposed agreement between you and Mr. Fox, for which I have made [illegible] to get no compensation. All I ask is that you will [illegible] as to give the matter your attention to-morrow morning, as suggested above. I do not think it would take more than ten or fifteen minutes of your time. Mr. Presentine is very familiar with the whole situation and can, I think, lay the matter before you, in connection with Capt. [illegible], in a very few minutes.

Hoping very much that you can do me the favor of attending to the matter to-morrow morning, and that you and Mr. Fox will come to an agreement so that a report can be made to the common council on Friday evening of this week, I am.

Very truly yours,

[illegible]

President.

(Dic. by C.)

Sept. 26, 1903

John Icke, Esq.,
City Engineer,
City.

Dear Mr. Icke:-

The men are to commence filling the three lots purchased in Willow Park Subdivision on Monday morning next. We wish to fill these lots along the same plan as the filling just this side of the lagoon I wish you could put in some grade stakes on the theory of running the grade back so that there would be a fall between the southwesterly line of the three lots and the present filling in the park of about seven inches, that is seven inches in the one hundred and fifty feet.

At the same time you are out there, I wish you could make a typographical survey of the two lots just this side of the three the city has purchased, namely lots 48 and 49, and determine how many cubic yards of filling it would require to fill these two lots after the same plan as above suggested as to the three lots, carrying the grade back so that at the southwesterly line of the extra two lots the grade would be about a foot above the height of the present filling of the property just this side of the lagoons.

The Starks-Levis Land Company are willing to pay at the rate of thirty-five cents per cubic yard for the amount of filling necessary to fill their property on a line with the filling on lot 9, block 221, but they want an estimate of how many cubic yards of filling it would require on their property on the theory that the filling is to be the present height of the filling already done by our Association on the property

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the city purchased. Could you, while you are out there in that section, make these measurements, so as to give me a fair, accurate estimate that I can submit to the Starks-Levis Land Company?

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

Sept. 26,1903.

George Sullivan, Esq.,

Street Supt.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I trust you will not fail to have four shovelers out at the dam for us on Monday morning next.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

Sept. 26, 1903.

Mrs. Susan A. Ramsay,

City.

Dear Mrs. Ramsay:-

The city engineer, acting under instructions of the common council, reported to the council last evening as to the level or levels of the marsh property upon which you gave an option of $5,000 for park purposes. According to his report, about four-fifthe or three-fourths of the property, (I do not remember which) is not to exceed 3.75 feet above the level of the water in Lake Monona. He further reports that the bottom of the storm sewer,which is to be constructed ultimately, will be not over 75/100 of a foot below the oresent level of the marsh where the sewer enters your property, and that as you go farther west the sewer will be, as I remember, out of ground, as the land now lays, or practically so. This storm sewer will be three feet in height. The effect of this report is that it would be necessary ultimately, in order to get proper drainage and make the land proper for a park, to fill most of the land on an average two feet. This would be very expensive, and on this account the council declines to purchase the land.

I regret exceedingly that there has been any difficulty about securing proper drainage for the land. I had always supposed that tract lf land, in fact that whole marsh, law about eight feet above the level of the water in Lake Monona, and henve had always supposed that there would be no difficulty whatever in securing proper drainage so as to make the land perfectly dry.

Regretting the outcome of the matter, and thanking you very much

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for your kindness and courtesy, I am.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

J. Howell Clark

Sept, 26, 1903

Samuel Higham, Esq.,

Prest. Fuller & Johnson Mfg. Co.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

The directors of our Association made their report to the common council last evening, but the council voted to postpone the matter until the next regular meeting of the council.

There is quite a decided opposition to the closing entirely of Dickinson street, and I do not believe the plan proposed can be carried out if that street is to be entirely closed up. I would make the following suggestions:

1. Have the city vacate merely East Mifflin street, your company to give land equal in area only to the land comprised within that street, after excluding railway right of way. You already have the use of Dickinson street, and it is morally certain that your company would never be disturbed in the use of the same.

2. The other plan would be to vacate both Dickinson and East Mifflin streets, but you to agree to leave a passage way between East Washington Avenue and Dickinson street. In the written permission granted your company under date of Nov. 13, 1891, there is, at the close thereof, the following: "Provided, however, that a driveway shall be left in said street on the southwest side thereof, or on land belonging to said company adjoining the southwest side of said street, of a width sufficient for teams to pass between said East Washington Avenue and East Mifflin street.

I am quite sure there would be no objection from the council if

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you agreed to leave a passage way not to exceed say fifteen feet in width. You, undoubtedly, will need a passage way through there any way to accommodate your business. Of course, the area in such passage way would be deducted from any land that you would be required to give.

Another point that has been raised by the council is that if this proposed scheme is carried through, then there would be at the northeasterly end of block 240, after Water street was relocated, a park strip between the street and the property owned by your company, and that this would throw the entire burden of improving the whole width of that street, through that block, upon the city. The mayor suggested that some provision ought to be made whereby your company would agree to meet one-half the expense of the improvement of that street across block 240.

I write the above in great haste, since I must, within a few minutes, be in court.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Sept. 26, 1903.

Fuller & Johnson Mfg. Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for seventy-five cents for your bill for repairing plow. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me, and much oblige.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

(Warrant)

J. Howell Allin

President.

Sept. 28, 1908.

N. J. Johnson, Esq.,

1140 East Dayton St.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Mr. Swenson telephones me that he was down to the dredge to-day and that you were dredging nine feet deep, and wanted to know if we wanted it dredged that deep. As you will remember, my talk with you was seven feet and not nine, and I think if you get it seven feet it will be ample, and I would not go an inch below that.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Oleir

President.

Sept. 29, 1908

Mr. N. J. Johnson,

1140 East Dayton St.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Since seeing you, I have concluded that you had better give instructions to have the dredge taken up near the bridge on Thursday morning and cut out as far as you can, that is up to where the dirt has been shoveled off by the men. You will observe that there is an elm tree on that side of the river. The cut should run on a straight line from where you now are to the outer edge, that is the river edge of that elm tree. It should then run along from there to the outer edge of the first willows. If it is necessary to remove those willows in order to do your work to advantage, you so state to the foreman, Severt, and ask him to see Hausmann and get Hausmann's consent, on the ground that the trees are rotten at the base any way, and that we can get something better in there in a short time.

This moving of your dredge up there will necessitate a little loss of time, in as much as you will have to make another trip back later, but it is better that we should do that than not be able to move right along with the shoveling now that we have got started.

Enclosed I hand you a warrant for $7.00 to be turned over to Mr. Walters, he to sign the enclosed receipt, and you to return the receipt to me. This is in pursuance to our talk this morning.

(Dic. by O.)

(Warrant)

Yours truly,

President.

Sept. 29,1903

Prof. C. I. King,

City.

Dear Mr. King:-

I would like to get a little help out of you on behalf of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association. Mr. Johnson, who is doing the dredging, has an appliance, a ratchet, on each side of the dredge, which he uses in moving the dredge, but it is not of sufficient strength to enable him to work the dredge, so that each time he moves the dredge ahead he has to pull out a pin on each side and then put these pins back again. This takes a good deal of time. It has occurred to me that some device might be contrived that would be strong enough to enable him to handle the machine without the use of these pins. The use of these pins involves a good deal of lifting on the part of the men. I wish you could go down to the dredge and look the matter over with Mr. Johnson, and see if you could help him out. Mr. Johnson's house number is 1140 East Dayton Street, but there is no telephone to his house. If, upon receipt of this, you could drop him a line, stating the hour when you could meet him at the dredge, he would be sure to be there. It would be well to have him call back by telephone after he gets your letter, stating whether or not he could see you, so that you would not, in any case, go down there without meeting him there.

Yours truly,

President.

(Dic. by O.)

Sept. 29,1903

John Kelley, Esq.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed you will find a warrant for $4.00 for S. K. Simonson. Please have him sign the enclosed receipt and hand the receipt to Severt, and he will get it back to me.

I have instructed Mr. Johnson to get his dredge up at that end on Thursday morning and cut out the back as far as you then have the dirt removed. Hence, you had better arrange to have the dirt cleaned up as deep as you intend to dig it as far as you go up to Wednesday night.

Yours truly,

John W. Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

(Warrant)

Sept. 29,1903.

Hon. George B. Burrows,

City.

My Dear Sir:

Mr. Pressentine states to me that you are willing to pay $100 for the filling to Mr. Fox, but that you are unwilling to do any more, and that you wish the matter either accepted or rejected to-day. I will state to you that your proposition is accepted.

With the above understanding, will you be so kind as to try and arrange a meeting with Mr. Fox to-morrow, Wednesday, forenoon, and have the contracts signed? I must leave the city early in the morning for Jefferson, to be gone the rest of the week in the trial of a case there, and am exceedingly anxious that this matter should be closed out at once, and I presume you feel as though you do not wish to be bothered with it any more.

After the agreements are signed, between you, Fox and the Northern Electric Company, I will have Rufus B. Smith, city attorney, prepare a form of deed for you to sign of the sixty-six feet adjoining Water street, to be left in escrow either with him or with any other depositary you may name, not to be delivered until Bridge street has been duly vacated by the common council. I understand this arrangement is agreeable to you.

Very truly yours,

John M. Stone.

(Dic. by O.)

We want the Council to act on Vacating Bridge Street as as next meeting, with [illegible] next Mon Friday.

Sept. 29,1903.

Starks-Levis Land Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

I have had Mr. Icke make a survey and estimate of the filling that would be required to be done, and he sends me a letter under date of Sept. 28th, which contains the following:

"The filling for the Starks-Levis Company is 260 yards, some of which has been put in place at this time."

As stated before, we are willing to do this filling at the rate of thirty-five cents a cubic yard, which would amount to $91.00. I wish you would write me, stating whether this is satisfactory and whether we shall go ahead with the work.

Mr. Icke also made a survey for me as to how much it would take to fill the Mackin property, and in the same letter he states as follows:

"The total filling for Mackin's property is 840 yards, one hundred yards of which is for the southwest forty-five feet of lot eleven, and the remainder is for lot eight of the block."

Lot eight is the Mackin lot. If I should arrange to have filled the Mackin lot, would you be willing to have it done and pay for the one hundred yards which would come on your property, at the same price, namely thirty-five cents a cubic yard? This would make a clean job and would, I think, be a good investment all around for the property there. Please let me know what you think about the proposition.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

Sept. 29,1903

John F. Ioke, Esq.,
City Engineer,
City.

My Dear Sir:-

Yours of Sept, 28th received, giving statement as to filling, etc. I wish to thank you very much for the same.

Could you, without very much additional work, give me an estimate, from the measurements you have already made, of the number of cubic yards it would take to fill the other two lots in Willow Park, that I desire the city to purchase?

Yours truly,

John M. Ott

(Dic. by O.)

Sept. 30, 1903

Mautz Bros.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $2.25 to pay your bill against Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association for painting signs. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

John McClive

President.

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Oct. 1, 1903.

Clabe Clauton, Esq.,

[illegible] N. Hancock St.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $50.00 for one month's work in Fenway Park during September. Please receipt and return to me the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

Oct. 2, 1903

Grant Thomas, Esq.,

Sec'y. Board of Mngrs. St. Louis World's Fair,

629 Wells Bldg.,

Milwaukee, Wis.

My Dear Mr. Thomas:-

Your letter of the 29th came in my absence. I have referred the same to Mr. Brown, with request that he comply with the same in all respects. Am much obliged to you for suggesting the matter.

Yours in great haste, very truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John [illegible] Olin

President.

Oct. 6, 1903

Charles N. Brown, Esq.,

City.

My Dear Mr. Brown:-

I send you herewith a letter which came in my absence from Grant Thomas. I will be very much obliged to you if you will see that the same is complied with so far as possible.

Yours truly,

John M. Clair

President.

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

Oct. 3, 1903.

Prof. William D. Taylor,

City.

My Dear Mr. Taylor:-

On my return to the office, I received a certificate as to eighteen days' service on behalf of Mr. Gilman, amounting to $30.00, for inspecting work at Yahara.

Now, I have kept pretty careful watch of any work done by Mr. Gilman since we made the last payment of fifty dollars, and I am thoroughly satisfied that he has not put in any eighteen days' service there and that if he has done so, it was wholly unnecessary.

We are perfectly willing to pay any bill that is reasonable or fair, but I think Mr. Gilman has got a bill that is wholly unreasonable. I wish you would see him and talk the matter over.

I have been out to that dam so often since we last paid Mr. Gilman, that I feel I cannot be very much mistaken in my conclusions as to the amount of work Mr. Gilman has done there.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Andrew Brown

Falls Steensland
William Bugley
Magnus Swenson
A. Fox

Oct. 2, 1903.

arks-Levis Land Co.,

City.

entlemen:-

Yours of Oct. 1st came in my absence and I hasten to re-
y upon my return to the city.

The one hundred cubic yards was in addition to the two hundred
d sixty yards. It is the filling for your portion of land falling
side of, that is to the southwest of a line drawn along the southwester-
side of the lot the city purchased from Mr. Minch.

I understand from your letter that you would prefer to have all
the filling done as indicated in my letter, provided we can do so. If
m not right about that, please inform me.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

c. by O.)

Oct. 4, 1902.

Mr. A. J. Earling,

Pres't. C. M. & St. P. Ry. Co.

Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Mr. Earling:-

I was out to the Yahara river this morning, after an absence from the city for nearly a week, and noticed the foundation your company was putting in on the southwesterly side of the river for bridge C. 618, which is just west of the Williamson street city bridge. This foundation is so far out into the river as to be very objectionable and will interfere very seriously not only with the use of the river but with its appearance, and would very largely injure our whole work. I have been intending for some time to write you a line, suggesting that we would be willing to get along with the bridges as they now are, provided you could give us two twenty feet openings, and wait until your company feels that you could put in cement arch bridges. This is the style of bridge that we expect the city will construct for all of the bridges across the river. There will be a centeral arch, giving an opening of thirty feet, and then two smaller arches, one on either side of the larger one.

I have not seen any of your men who are doing the work, and cannot get to the place where they are doing the work until to-morrow afternoon, since I must be at the law school to-morrow forenoon.

I hope you can have the work that is now being done either stopped entirely or so modified as not to encroach unduly on the width of the river, especially upon the southwesterly side.

Halle Steensland
William Bagley
Magnus Swenson
A.O. Fox

Oct. 5, 1903.

George C. Sayle, Esq.,

213 State St.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $2,000, part payment for constructing lock at the dam for the Yahara River Improvement. Please receipt and return to me the enclosed bill, in the enclosed stamped envelope

Yours truly,

(Warrant).

John M. Olin

President.

Oct. 5, 1905.

Charles W. Garfield, Esq.,
Grand Rapids, Michigan.

My Dear Mr. Garfield:-

On my return from the trial of a lawsuit, I find your letter of Sept. 30, together with the clipping. Please accept thanks for the same.

It would give me very great pleasure to show a committee of your city about our city and our drives. My time, however, is so at the disposal of others, that it is very difficult for me to say very long in advance whether or not one could find me here in the city at a particular day. However, if you name some day when your committee would be here, if I cannot be here, I will arrange with some other member of our Association, who would be pleased to be with you on that occasion.

I now expect to be here in the city during the week in October commencing Monday, Oct. 19th.

Very truly yours,

John M. Olin.

President.

(Dic. by O.)

Oct. 5, 1903.

Miller-Parkinson Lumber Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $3.00 to pay your bill for lumber against the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt and return to me the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Sig. by O.)

President.

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Belle Sauerland
William Bagley
Magnus Swenson
A. C. Fox

Oct. 5, 1903.

Aug. Schmidt & Co.,
224 to 228 E. Main St.,
City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $2.34 to pay your bill of Oct. 1, 1903, against the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

John M. [illegible]
President.

(Warrant)
(Inc.)

Oct. 5, 1898.

W. T. McConnell & Son,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for fifty cents to pay for grass seed for Tenney Park. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

President.

Oct. 8,1908.

Hon. George C. Sayle,
City.

Dear Sir:-

I expect to leave the city tonight, and on that account I write you concerning the matter we talked about yesterday.

It occurs to me that it would be a good thing to have passed first, a resolution by the common council setting aside $8,000 toward securing the open space of land for a park in the sixth ward on Speight Street, and the sum of $10,000 toward securing lands for parks and play grounds in the fourth, eighth, ninth and tenth wards of the city, this latter sum to be in addition to the $3700 already appropriated for lots four and five, in block twenty-nine.

I have prepared a form of resolution along the above lines and enclose the same herewith. I wish you would talk the same over with Mr. Kroncke and see whether he would not be satisfied if the council should pass such a resolution.

Then after the council has passed such a resolution, I wish you would move to reconsider the vote at the last meeting of the council whereby it was determined not to purchase lots forty-eight and forty-nine, in Willow Park Subdivision. Then I wish you would move that the two lots be purchased, but you can add, "with the condition and understanding that the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association will properly fill and grade the same for park purposes without expense to the city."

It seems to me such action as indicated above would show to all parties that the council means to deal fairly towards all parts of the city In order that you may understand the exact situation as to the $35000

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raised for purchasing parks and play grounds, I make herewith the following statement:

Paid for three Willow Park lots,	$3750
Paid for lot 9, block 221, the purchase from Mr. Minch,	550
Paid for northeasterly 52 feet of lot 10, block 221, purchased from the Starks-Levis Land Co.,	600
Paid for lot 5, block 29, purchased from Mr. Morgan,	1900
Paid, or to be paid, for lot 4, block 229, purchased from Schulkamp and Hausmann,	1800
Paid for 3 lots in block 170 (Mr. Carpenter also gave 3 lots),	2000
Paid for house and lot and one and one-half lot in block 133 (Mr. Jones gave four and one-half lots),	1735
Set aside for obtaining title to open space on Spaight street, sixth ward,	8000
Set aside for the purchase of land in fourth, eighth, ninth and tenth wards,	10500
Set aside $1,000 to purchase some marsh land opposite the Willow Park lots, from the Thorntons,	1000
Purchase price of lots 48 and 49, Willow Park Subdivision,	3000
Total,	34835
Leaving out of the $35,000, unappropriated,	$165

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

P. S. Perhaps you could leave out of the resolution all mention of fourth ward. I don't know just how the line runs. Talk it over with the other members of the council that may be interested, and put it in just such shape as you think best.

Oct. 5, 1908.

Mr. N. J. Johnson,
1140 E. Dayton,
City,

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find warrant for $1143, with statement and receipt for you to sign and return to me in enclosed stamped envelope.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)
(Warrant)
(Enc.)

President.

Oct. 5, 1903.

Severt Aasen, Esq.,

City.

Dear Sir;-

Enclosed find warrant for $11.80 for Edward Roth for filling 10 ft in Tenney Park. Please have him sign the enclosed receipt and return same to me in enclosed stamped envelope, and obliged

Yours truly,

(Warrant)
(Enc.)

President.

Oct. 5, 1908.

Muller & Johnson Mfg. Co.,
City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $6.45 to pay for bill for labor. Of course, you will understand that anything Mr. Johnson orders there is a matter of his own and that the association does not have to pay for it. I presume it is unnecessary for me to make this statement, but I thought I would just call your attention to the matter.

Please return the bill receipted, and much oblige,

Yours truly,

(Enc. by O.)
(Warrant)
(Enc.)

President.

Oct. 5, 1903.

Charles N. Brown, Esq.,

City.

Dear Mr. Brown.

I enclose herewith copy of letter and proposed resolutions, which I have sent to Mr. Hayhe. This is in pirsuance of the talk we had this afternoon.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)
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Oct. 5, 1903.

John Icke, Esq.,

City Engineer,

City.

My Dear Sir:-

I find I was mistaken. Your letter did state the estimated amount of filling lots forty-eight and forty-nine.

Have you set grade stakes for these two lots? If not, will you be so kind as to do so at the earliest date possible, since our men will be ready to commence filling these lots within two or three days?

Have you made such a survey as would enable you, after the filling is done, to make another survey and state the number of cubic yards of filling, measured in excavation? The reason I ask this is that we may fill these lots for the Willow Park Land Company in case the city does not buy, although I very much hope the city will buy them.

I would like also to know whether you have a sufficiently accurate survey of lot eight, the one that Mackin is interested in, to enable you to make a survey after the filling is done, and determine the number of cubic yards of filling put in.

Any work you do as to that lot, you can send me a bill for. I would like to have such a survey made, if you have not already made it, as will enable you to measure the filling after the work is done. I am in hopes to make some arrangement by which that lot and the property owned by the Starks-Levis Land Company can be filled so as to remove that objectionable hole.

I suppose that the St. Paul Company is construct-

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ing in the river just west of the Williamson street bridge. It must be out some ten feet farther than it ought to be. I called attention to the mayor yesterday, and I presume he has done something about the matter, for I noticed at noon to-day the work had been stopped. I wrote to President Darling about the matter yesterday, and he must have received the letter to-day. It would be a great mistake to have any such obstruction of the river at this point I think.

I go out of the city and may not be back in time for the meeting of the council on Friday evening, but hope to be here.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

Andrew Brown

Hon. Charles W. Garfield, Oct. 5, 1903.

Grand Rapids, Michigan.

My Dear Mr. Garfield:-

Since writing you hastily on Saturday, it has occurred to me that it would be better for your committee not to postpone its visit so long as indicated in that letter. I am always here in the city on Sundays and Mondays, but on Monday forenoon I am engaged in the law school. I think, without doubt, I shall be here on Saturday of this week and Sunday following. Wish your committee might come so as to be here Saturday, of this week, and then remain over Sunday. If you do not object to driving on Sunday, I should be pleased to put in that day with you, and would see that some one was with you on Saturday, either myself or some other person.

I leave to-night for Eau Claire to try a case there, but I am sure I will be back before Saturday monring.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

Chas M. Oles

President.

Oct. 6, 1903.

Rufus B. Smith, Esq.,
City Attorney,
City.

Dear Sir:-

George B. Burrows, A. O. Fox and the Northern Electric Company have finally entered into a contract between themselves by which it is agreed, as a part of the contract, that George B. Burrows is to convey to the city, for street and park purposes, a strip of land sixty-six feet in width off from the northeasterly end of blocks 238 and 239, on condition that Bridge street is vacated. The Fuller & Johnson Manufacturing Company have, through the president, stated their willingness to convey to the city a strip of land off from the northeasterly side of block 240, equal in area to the width of Bridge street as it runs between blocks 224 and 240, taking out land occupied by railway rights of way.

Hence, from the above, you will see that matters are in readiness to have the common council vacate Bridge street. Will you see that this proceeding is attended to so that the street may be vacated at as early a date as possible?

I would suggest that you prepare deeds for George B. Burrows to sign, of the sixty-six foot strip. He ought to execute these and leave them in escrow with you, to be delivered upon the vacation, by the common council, of Bridge street.

I am very desirous that this matter should be closed out at as early a date as possible.

I understand that the Fuller & Johnson Manufacturing Company has

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expressed itself as willing to have reserved a passageway between East Washington Avenue and Mifflin street, on Dickinson street, twenty feet in width. This will, undoubtedly, remove any objection to the vacation of Dickinson street and the northeasterly end of Mifflin street, and will enable the city, as well as our Association, to get the land so much needed to enable the locating of Water street farther away from the river.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

Oct. 9, 1908.

Louis Fliesram, Esq.,
514 E. Mifflin St.,
City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $8.50 to pay for cutting grass in Tenney Park. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill to me in the enclosed stamped envelope, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)
(Enc.)

President.

Oct. 10, 1903

John Icke, Esq.,

City Engineer,

City.

My Dear Sir:-

I see, on my return to the city, that the council, last evening, voted to purchase the other two lots in Willow Park.

The men are commencing this morning to fill them. But in order to do that work as it ought to be done, there must be a number of grade stakes set. They have got the filling next to these two lots a little too high, I think. I wish very much you could set quite a number of grade stakes, running from the grass on adjoining the filling on the northeast to the southwest line of these two lots purchased last night. I want the fall to be not more than one foot. If you will attend to this matter for us as early as possible, I will be very much obliged.

I was very much pleased this morning to see that the vote to censure you did not prevail in the common council. It is unnecessary for me to say to you that, throughout this entire matter, my absolute faith in your strict honesty and integrity has not been shaken for a moment. I want to say further, that in my opinion you have rendered as good, if not the best and most efficient service to the city, of any engineer the city has had in the last twenty-five years, and I think this is the opinion of the better element of the city. Of course, we all concede the excellent service rendered to the city by Prof. Turneaure.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.).

Oct. 10, 1903

James Gilman, Esq.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $30.00 to pay for bill for eighteen days work inspecting work constructing lock. Please Receipt bill and return same to me.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

President.

Oct 10, 1903

Cantwell Printing Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $3.00 to pay your bill against the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill to me, and oblige,

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

Enc.)

President.

Oct. 10,1908.

John Kelley, Esq.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find warrant for $17.25, with a receipt for you to sign. Please return the receipt to me in the enclosed stamped envelope.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)
(Warrant)
(Enc.)

President.

Oct. 10,1903.

P. & M. Lyons,
101 N. Canal St.,
City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $6.00 to pay your bill against the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt the same and return to me in the enclosed stamped envelope.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)
(Warrant)
(Enc.)

President.

Oct. 10, 1908

Prof. John G. D. Mack,

City.

My Dear Mr. Mack:—

Yours of Oct. 7th came in my absence. I have had the reports sent to the Rev. Mr. Brown, as requested by you. Of course, there is no charge. Am very glad to have anything of the kind done.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Oct. 10,1903.

rof. W. D. Taylor,

City.

ar Sir:-

Yours of Oct. 6th came in my absence.

I have sent to Mr. Gilman a warrant for $30.00, as per his bill.

I think I made a mistake in supposing that we had already paid r. Gilman up to the close of August. What I wrote was based on the heory that he had charged us eighteen days for inspecting work subse- ent to the close of August.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Oct. 10, 1903.

Mr. Bradford Whitney,

City.

Dear Bradford:-

Enclosed find warrant for $54.51, being two per cent of $2725.50, collected for Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt and return to me the enclosed receipt, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)
(Enc.)

John M. Olin

President.

Oct. 13, 1903.

John Lake, Esq.,
City Engineer,
City.

Dear Sir:-

Has your attention been called to the place where the St. Paul Company is constructing an abutment just west of the Williamson street bridge? That abutment is put at right angles to the track, instead of being on A line with the river, and is pushed out into the river so that the outer corner on the westerly side is just about in the center of the stream as you come down the river. My attention was called to the matter a week ago Sunday morning and I at once wrote a letter addressed to the president of the company and the assistant general manager, and asked that the work be stopped. The mayor was notified at the time, and he supposed, as I understand, that the work was stopped. I left the city a week ago Monday evening and knew nothing further about the matter until yesterday. It seems that the work is being pushed right ahead without reference to the wishes of the city.

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter which I have just received from Mr. Underwood, assistant general manager. I do not know what he means by any direction being given by the "Improvement Company's engineer." The only engineer whose service we have employed, outside of yourself, is that of Mr. Taylor on the lock. He has done nothing else for us, excepting to make an estimate of the cost of elevating the railway tracks and bridges.

On learning that the company was going ahead with the bridge, I called the mayor up again. He informed me that he supposed the work had

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been stopped, and that he was going to Chicago this morning and would make it a point to see the officials of the company.

In the absence of the mayor, I thought it might be well for you and the chairman of the street committee and Mr. Sayle, to go down there and see what is being done.

If that abutment is to be constructed as started, it would do very much toward destroying the entire beauty of our improvement as you come down the river at this point.

I have written another letter to Mr. Underwood, telling him how we feel about the matter.

You can show this letter, together with the copy of Mr. Underwood's letter, to any member of the council that you may consult.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

(Encl.)

President.

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Oct. 13,1903.

Mr. W. J. Underwood,
Asst. Gen'l. Mngr. C. M. & St. P. Ry. Co.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of the 12th just received, and I must say that I am much surprised.

I do not know what you refer to by the "Improvement Company's engineer" having located any line for you as the center line of the dredged channel. The only engineer the association has employed, outside of the work of the city engineer, is W. D. Taylor, and his work has been exclusively confined to the construction of the lock at the dam and the giving of estimates as to the cost of elevating the railway tracks and bridges. The city engineer is John Icke, and if he has been consulted by your company as to the location of this abutment, it is without my knowledge. I have called him up by phone, but have been unable, as yet, to reach him. I have sent him a copy of your letter.

Now, the fact is that on the westerly side of your bridge, the corner of the abutment projecting farthest into the river is just about in the center of the channel as you come down the river from the west. If the abutment is to be constructed where you are now doing the work, it will go far toward destroying the entire beauty of theimprovement of the river at this point. As you come down the river, you will have projecting out into the center of the channel this objectionable abutment. Moreover, such projection is wholly unnecessary. The abutment should be moved about ten feet farther to the southwesterly side of the river, and

should have been placed on a line parallel with the river instead of at right angles to your track. But had it been moved ten feet farther to the southwest, this would do away, in a large measure, with the objectionable obstruction. From all I can see, you are crowding the other bank of the river, digging out somewhat into the bank in order to get a place for the abutment. At that point the river could be narrowed ten feet without any difficulty. In fact it ought to be done at that point in order to make a proper line of the river with reference to the street bridge below and the property line above.

The moment my attention was called to the place where this abutment was being constructed, I took prompt action to notify the mayor of the city, and also your company. The work had not progressed far enough to prevent putting the abutment where it ought to be. I trust that your company will now see to it that the proper change is made. You certainly can move the abutment ten feet farther to the southwest without changing the plan of the construction of your bridge.

In as much as this improvement is going to cost our cirizens here over thirty thousand dollars, exclusive of the construction of bridges, you can easily see why we seriously object to having the river obstructed as it will by by this abutment. Hence, I trust that your company will not insist on obstructing, unnecessarily, the navigation of the stream, to say nothing about interfering with the beauty of the proposed improvement. I am sure, that if you could stand on this bridge and look west, so as to see just how the river will be left, you would not, for a moment,

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think of insisting upon the construction of this abutment at its present location.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John W. Ohir.

Oct. 13, 1903

W. J. Underwood, Esq.,

Asst. Gen'l. Mngr., C. M. & St. P. Ry. Co.,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir;-

Yours of Oct. 12th received and contents noted.

I do not know just what you mean by "the Improvement Company's engineer" giving you the location of center line of dredged channel. The only engineer we have employed, outside the service of the city engineer, is that of W. D. Taylor, and his work was confined wholly to the construction of the lock and the giving of estimates as to the cost of elevating railway tracks and bridges. All other work has been done by John Icke, city engineer.

Since I received your letter, I was asked by certain members of the council to go out to the place where the abutments are being constructed. I have just returned. A mistake has been made, wholly unnecessary, in the location of the abutments. They could just as well as not have been placed from eight to ten feet farther to the southwest. Such change would have removed most of the objection. If this could have been done, and the abutments had been laid on a line with the river, instead of at right angles to your track, there would have been no cause for complaint. I regret exceedingly that I could not have known earlier, and before you commenced the work, just where you were intending to put the abutments.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

Oct. 13, 1903.

Dr. George C. Kallock,
City.

My Dear Sir:-

I wish to state, in addition to what I stated over the phone the other day, that you will not find, or at least ought not to find, any automibiles on any part of the Lake Mendota drive system at any time, excepting Tuesday afternoons and Thursday forenoons, but this drive system does not properly include the dirt road that extends west through Mr. Raymer's fields to what is known as Eagle Heights. However, Mr. Raymer informed me last night that he did not intend, for the present at least, even to go on to the drive in his woods, except on the two half days. All the drives lying to the west of his woods should be wholly free from automobiles, excepting on the two half days. These include all drives west of and including what is known as Black Hawk Lane, which runs north and south, just west of the west line of Mr. Raymer's woods. Hence, if you are put that way, and keep to the lake shore drive proper until you get to a point opposite the Sheldon cottage, you can then, from that point on, take any of the drives, whether on the lake shore or up on the higher grounds, without feeling that you would encounter any automobile.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

Oct. 13, 1908.

Charles W. Garfield, Esq.,

Grand Rapids, Michigan.

My Dear Sir:-

I thought I would just drop you a line, stating that I expect to be in the city both Saturday and Sunday next. If a committee is to visit us from your city, it might be desirable to do so while the weather is pleasant, and we cannot count on good weather here with certainty much after the 15th or 20th of October, although we do sometimes have fine weather into the middle of November.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Oct, 14, 1908

John Icke, Esq.,

City Engineer,

City.

My Dear Sir:-

I thought I would suggest, that I would like to have the bank on the northeasterly side of the river at the dam where the cement wall has been constructed, graded and put in shape this fall so that we can do some planting next spring along the bank. I presume it is unnecessary for me to make this suggestion, but thought it would do no harm. It is always difficult in the spring to find time to put ground in shape and attend to planting arrangements.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

Oct. 14, 1903.

W. J. Underwood, Esq.,
Asst. Gen'l. Mngr.,
C. M. & St. P. Ry. Co.,
Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Sir:-

The Yahara river will have to be filled in, after your abutments are up, out as far as the abutments on each side. I write to ask whether your company will not put in that filling. On the southwestetly side of the river such filling will do away with considerable piling and will make a solid road bed out to the abutments. I will see that some stakes are set on either side of the river in the water, indicating the outer line of proposed filling. Under the circumstances, I thought your company might be willing to meet the expense of this filling within the limits of your right of way. Any help that you can give us will be very much appreciated, for this proposed improvement, so far as our association is concerned, will cost us, exclusive of any expense incident to change of bridges or new bridges, not less than $30,000. Ten thousand dollars of this amount is not yet raised, but will have to be done by subscription the coming winter and spring.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

Oct. 14, 1908.

Prof. William D. Taylor,

City.

My Dear Sir:-

For several reasons, it is very desirable that the public have a practical demonstration this fall that the lock at the dam will work. It is now evident, that we shall need to raise something like ten thousand dollars more money to complete this entire improvement. I think we can raise the amount, provided the people are thoroughly satisfied that the improvement will in every way be a success. Hence, I am desirous of showing, before winter sets in, that the operation of the lock is a practical thing. For this reason, I wish very much that you might enter into some arrangement with Mr. Sayle that would be fair to the association, for the clearing out of the space just west of the opening of the lock, which you referred to, as you remember, the other Sunday morning, while at the bridge. Mr. Blake informed me that he was expecting to be back at the lock, doing some work for the city, in a few days, and that this other work could be done to the best advantage at that time.

The association gave Mr. Sayle a warrant the other day on account for two thousand dollars. This makes in all something over fifty-two hundred dollars that has been paid. Before the balance is paid, we shall want a certificate from you that the work had been completed according to the contract. It occurs to me, that some more dirt must be filled in at the end of the lock next the bridge, to enable a party to move the gate. The association ought not to be at the expense, if I remember the contract rightly, of putting this dirt in place.

The loose stone work which has been piled up is anything but

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aesthetic in appearance, and will ultimately have to be all torn out. But I presume that we cannot ask of the contractors much more. At the proper time, however, our association will tear that out and put in boulders so as to complete the job in keeping with the rest of the work at that place.

Yours truly,

J. Harrell Allen

President.

(Dic. by O.)

Oct. 24, 1903.

Hnn. M. J. Regan,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed I send you personal directions as to best route to take for drive on Friday, as suggested when you were here this morning.

Yours truly,

J. Harrell Allen.

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

Oct. 14, 1903.

Ole S. Noreman, Esq.,

City Clerk,

City.

Dear Mr. Noreman,-

I hand you herewith warranty deed of Willow Park Land Company to Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association, of lots forty-eight and forty-nine, together with abstract, and certificate of Rufus B. Smith. Will you see that warrant is drawn to Frank W. Hoyt, treasurer, for the three thousand dollars?

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

(Dic. by O.)

(3 Enc.)

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William Bagley
Magnus Svenson
A.C.

Oct. 15,1953.

Severt Aasen, Esq.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I send you herewith warrant for the old gentleman. You can pay him off [illegible].

I will call you up this evening and [illegible] you about the work over the phone.

Yours truly,

John W. McCluff

President.

(Bill by C.)

(Warrant)

Oct. 15,1903

N. J. Johnson, Esq.,
1140 E. Dayton St.,
City.

Dear Sir:-

Your bill for expenses to Chicago, amounting to $13.84, received, one-half being $6.92.

I wish in your next statement of time you would simply include enough to cover this $6.92, and let it thus appear as a part of the dredging expense.

I don't wish to complain at all, and don't wish you to understand what I say as complaining. But I see from your statement, that it has cost the association over $300 to cut out the swath that you threw into the water from the bridge west. It will cost another $300, I presume, to throw that out upon the bank, thus making $600 for that single strip of ground. I fear the dredging alone, that is the amount paid you for the work west of the bridge, will come up to between $3500 and $4000. This is certainly more than double the amount either of us counted on at the time the contract was made. I think it will cost us between fifteen and twenty cents, if not twenty cents per cubic yard, measured in excavation, to simply throw the dirt out upon the bank for this portion of the river. I realize that some of the work has been done under disadvantageous circumstances, but you certainly were laboring under a misapprehension as to the amount of dirt that you could throw out with your appliance per day of ten hours.

As stated above to you, I am not writing this in any fault finding spirit. I feel that so far as you are concerned, you are doing all

Oct. 15, 1903

Thomas F. Carroll, Atty.,

Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Oct. 13th received and contents noted.

I send you herewith a copy of the report of our association for April 10, 1899, which contains a copy of the law under which our association is organized and also a copy of our by-laws as they then stood. Section two of the by-laws has since been modified, so that any person who gives as much as five dollars is a full member with all the rights of membership with the single exception of the right to vote on changing the articles of incorporation.

I also send you a copy of the annual report for the year ending April 15, 1902, thinking this may be of some aid to you. I think these reports, together with the one you received from Mr. Penney, will give you all the information that will be of any help to you contained in our different reports.

If there is any other way in which I can serve you, please feel free to call upon me.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Oct. 15, 1903

Brown & Nevins,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed findwarrant for $3.50 to pay your bill for livery hire for Smith, engineer, in making survey, against Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt and return to me the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

President.

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William Bagley
Magnus Swenson
A. C. Fox

Oct. [illegible] 1903

Sevort Aase[illegible],

Cit[illegible]

Dear Sir:—

[illegible] [illegible]ers[illegible] [illegible]ants that are drawn payable, as you [illegible] bearer, [illegible]. You can draw [illegible] pay upon these [illegible] have advanced.

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(Dic. by C.)

(2 Warrants)

John M. Clark

P[illegible]

Oct. 17, 1903.

Grant Thomas, Esq.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I have just returned from a trip to the river, at the Williamson street bridge, and have examined the filling you and Mr. Clarke are doing on the Fauerbach property. It seemsto me you are doing a very good job of work there now. Upon my return, I saw Mr. Soelch and suggested to him that he ought to try and arrange with you people, if possible, to do some filling for him. I stated that I had not seen either you or Mr. Clarke, and that I did not know whether such arrangement could be made, but reported that it might be.

I just called you up by phone, but found you are out of the city. I am intending to-morrow morning to go down to the river about nine o'clock and meet Mr. Cooley and stake out the line of his land along the river, and shall then go down to the Williamson street bridge to set some stakes for filling to be done by the St. Paul Company. If you are in town with you could come down

I have just read through again the contract between the Fauerbach Brewing Company and our Association, and also the contract between our Association and you and Mr. Clarke. Under the contract, you are required to fill a strip of ground for the Fauerbachs one hundred and twenty feet in width, extending from Williamson street back to Jenifer street. Outside of this strip there will be left an irregular shaped triangular piece of ground which you are required to fill, under the contract only to a depth of three feet. If the Fauerbachs insist on the filling according to the letter of the contract, there would have to be

some filling,- not a great deal,- just northeast of the one hundred and [redacted] foot strip, in excess of three feet in depth, in order to make a proper grade down to the river. You will remember a recent talk I had with you, to the effect that I thought it would be satisfactory to our Association if you filled the strip on the northeasterly side of the river to a depth of two feet instead of three next the river, and then sloped back on an even slope to the outer line of the fifty foot strip, where the filling would be three feet. In exchange for this concession, we should want you people to do whatever additional filling might be necessary to secure proper slope and grade between the Bauerbach's one hundred and twenty foot strip and the river, and would also expect you would fill the river opposite the Bauerbach property, that is on the northeasterly side, so as to get a proper slope next Winnebago Avenue and the Williamson street bridge, down to the river. I think this latter is covered by the contract.

Would it not be well, while you are doing this filling, to have Mr. Ickes consider with you the construction of a bridge on Spaight street across the present mouth of the river, and to do your filling at this point with reference somewhat to the height of the embankment there must be at this point in order to get a 6 foot clearance under the bridge?

Yours very truly

John Goodlett

Oct. 17, 1903.

Prof. W. D. Caylor,

City.

My Dear Sir:-

Yours of Oct. 15th received and contents noted.

I am glad to get your detailed statement as to certain provisions of the contract, but for several reasons the association must rely upon you to see that all of these provisions are carried out.

As to the part of your letter referring to the telephone with me as to what Mr. Simonds had arranged with Mr. Blaze, will say that the only thing Mr. Simonds did was to indicate the line of the wall or embankment. He did nothing to indicate how the wall should be finished or what stone should be used or put in place. Hence, I cannot see that anything he or I did in any way relieves the contractor from fulfilling his contract.

The board of directors will insist, I am sure, upon the completion of the lock, and everything connected therewith, according to the contract, and will stand back of you in any matter that you insist upon with the contractor.

You are aware, of course, that you have not, as yet, been paid anything for your services. We stand ready, however, to adjust that matter any time you may desire.

Yours truly,

John W. Blair
President.

(Dic. by C.)

Andrew Brown

Walter Steensland
William Bagley
Magnus Swenson
A. O. Jiov

Oct. 20, 1903

Mr. N. J. Johnson,

1140 E. Dayton St.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I have seen Mr. Hoyt about the lot and he has seen the other parties interested, and they have agreed to sell you the lot on the terms we talked over this morning, namely: You to pay $200 down now and they to give you a contract for the sale of the land, agreeing that you are to pay an additional $500 on December 1st next, at which time you are to get a deed of the premises, and at that time you are to have the option either to pay the balance of the purchase price or to execute a mortgage on the lot to secure the balance of the purchase price, said mortgage to be payable on or before one year from date and to draw interest at five per cent. No interest is to be paid on the purchase price before December 1st next. They will, of course, furnish you abstract, showing clear title.

I am very glad that you have purchased this lot, and believe you will never regret it.

Now, as to out talk this morning about your taking extra work by entering into a contract with Mr. Riley, will say: Our directors will undoubtedly waive the condition in your contract prohibiting you from entering upon any other work while you are doing work of dredging the river, with the understanding, however, that such other work is not to interfere with your doing our work. We should expect that you would be able to be on our work substantially as much time as you would be did you

Andrew Brown

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Magnus Swenson
C. O. Fox

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not take this other or additional work, and that you would employ some foreman to represent you on that work.

I think the above expresses the talk we had this morning.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin.

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Oct. 20, 1908.

Dr. E. F. Rowell,

Kenosha, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Under another cover, I send you a copy of the last two annual reports of our association, and also a copy of an earlier report, which contains copy of the law under which we are organized and also a copy of our articles of association, and by-laws. Section two of the by-laws has since been modified so that any person who contributes as much as five dollars has all rights of full membership, except on the one question of voting to change the articles of incorporation.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

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[illegible] Esq.

City [illegible],

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My Dear Sir:

[illegible] has been in to see me and [illegible] he would like to have an estimate [illegible] the, have done [illegible] the river, so that they [illegible] f you can atte[illegible] matter [illegible] next few days, it would [illegible] em, so that [illegible] get their pay some day next [illegible].

[illegible] one thing, [illegible] that must [illegible] mind in making this [illegible]. Unin[illegible], Clarke and Thomas [illegible] required to [illegible] so that there shall be not less than six feet in depth throughout the central space of the forty feet strip. The river [illegible] feet throughout the portion of their work, and this [illegible] strip is in the center of the sixty foot strip. I have not tested the depth of w[illegible], but I do not believe that it is six [illegible] throughout [illegible], if any, of the river [illegible] will do the rest of the [illegible] Thomas and Clarke are [illegible] pay what [illegible] the Association [illegible] the river [illegible] to get the six foot dep[illegible]

Yours [illegible],

[illegible] by [illegible]

John M. Elvis

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William Bagley
Magnus Swenson
A.B. Fox

Oct. 22,1903

Severn Mason, Esq.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Encloses [illegible] and warrant for Frank Lemon. Please have him sign receipt and then you can hand receipt back to me when I see you.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(Warrant)

John M. Olin

President.

Oct. 22, 1903

Mr. W. J. Underwood,
Asst. Gen'l. Mngr.,
C. M. & St. P. Ry. Co.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Oct. 19th received.

I was some surprised, and feel that you do not quite understand the situation as to the filling spoken of in my former letter. Your engineer, Mr. Hayne, looked the ground over and agreed with me that the abutment on the southwesterly side of the river projected out into the river about ten feet farther than it ought to. By reason of this mistake in the location of the abutment, it becomes necessary to fill out to the abutment on either side of your track, sloping up and down the river, so as to leave the banks in any kind of shape. On the other side of the river, by reason of this unnecessary projection of your abutment, it becomes necessary for the association to cut the river bank back for some distance on the westerly side. Your engineer, Mr. Hayne, estimated that it would take about five hundred cubic yards to do the necessary filling, most, if not all of which, has been occasioned by the location of the abutment where it ought not to be. We regret exceedingly that the abutment is where it is. The beauty of the river at this point is largely injured, but I feel that the location of the abutment was the result of a mistake, and, in as much as your company had expended about $500 before your Mr. Hayne got here (though most of this expenditure was done after the company was notified that the abutment was where it ought

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not to be), I felt like making the best of a bad job, thinking, from what your Mr. Hahn said, that there would be no question but what your company would do the filling made necessary by the unnecessary projection of the abutment into the river. I still believe that, on further consideration, you will see the justness of our position.

Yours truly,

John W. Allen

(Dic. by O.)

Oct. 24, 1903.

M. C. Clarke, Esq.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I have just received from Mr. Yoke, engineer, an estimate, in the following words: "I estimate that Clarke and Thomas are entitled to 60% or 1800 of $2300, minus the previous estimate of $345.00, or the sum of $387.00."

I enclose herewith warrant for that amount with a receipt for you to sign and return to me.

Yours truly,

President.

(Dis, by O.)
(Warrant)
(Enc.)

Oct. 29, 1903.

Messrs. Clarke & Thomas,
City.

Gentlemen:-

Yours of Oct. 27th was received by me this morning upon my return to the city.

I can see no objection, so far as the Association is concerned, to the modification of the contract made between you and the Tivoli Brewing Company as expressed in your letter. Perhaps I ought not to assume to modify the contract, that being a matter with the directors, but personally I am in favor of it, and will so state to the board at our next meeting, and I have no doubt but what you can go ahead on the theory that the board will approve of the change as indicated in your letter.

Yours truly,

Dic. by C.

President.

Oct. 30, 1903

Hon. J. W. Groves, Mayor,

City.

Dear Sir:-

You are familiar with the effort that has been made to secure the fifty foot strip of land along the river from Mr. Voss. You will remember that we postponed proceedings in that case at one time at your suggestion and that, after investigating the matter yourself, you notified me one day in your buggy opposite Orton Park, that you were satisfied that nothing could be done and that proceedings had better be instituted to condemn the property. Later, a resolution was prepared to be introduced to the common council, instructing the city attorney to proceed to condemn; whereupon, Mr. Kroncke, as chairman of the street committee, suggested that he thought some arrangement could yet be made with the party, and, at his suggestion, the matter of introducing any resolution was still further postponed. We have now waited a month or six weeks further, and so far as I know, no arrangement has yet been made for this strip of land. I write you, suggesting that some conclusion be reached before the next meeting of the council. Certainly, if we cannot get that strip of ground by contract or agreement, steps should be taken forthwith to obtain the same by condemnation proceedings. I am fearful that there has been already so much delay that we shall not be able to acquire the land in time to do the excavating and filling that must be done in order to put it in proper shape for park purposes.

In my judgment, a jury would allow Mr. Voss very little, if anything, for this fifty foot strip, when the advantages to his land are considered, as they would be by a jury in such a case. However, if the strip could be secured for say not to exceed $200 or $250, it might be a

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wise thing for the city to pay that amount rather than be at the expense and annoyance of condemnation proceedings. Every other land owner along the river has given the land for the park strip, and in some cases they have contributed quite liberally. For example, Mr. Cooley, who owns the land just west of Mr. Voss, gives us a fifty foot strip and subscribes $300 for the improvement. All those owning land between Mr. Voss and the Williamson street bridge have donated a fifty foot strip. A suggestion was once made by Alderman Voss that the high filling of the land along the river would greatly damage the property lying to the rear. There is no plan to make any high filling. Any one who will examine the filling on the Hausmann property can get a very good idea of what the depth of the filling will be. Along the Voss strip, no filling will be done that would in any way injure the balance of his property. The fill would be raised but a little distance above the level of the water and would slope gradually down near the water's edge. I mention these things that you may have them in mind in any negotiation you may make with Mr. Voss.

Can you see Mr. Kroncke, chairman of the street committee, and talk the matter over with him? I will drop him a line and will enclose in the letter a copy of this letter to you.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

Oct. 30,1903

Hon. Alfred Krohnke,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter which I have just sent to Mayor Groves. I adopt this method in order to save time. You will remember the history of the efforts to secure the fifty foot strip of ground from Mr. Voss. I will add one thing not stated in the letter to the mayor, and that is that I requested Mr. Icke, this morning, who was out making a survey of the strip of ground to be given by Mr. Cooley, to also set some stakes on the Voss land, so that any committee examining the land would see just where the line would come.

I hope very much that this matter may be either adjusted by agreement before the next council meeting, or, if this cannot be done, that the council will, at that meeting, take some steps instructing condemnation proceedings to be commenced.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(Unc.)

President.

Oct. 30, 1903

Crawford Harper, Atty.,

City.

My Dear Sir:-

You will remember the previous talks we have had about getting the poles belonging to your company out from Water street. You said that it would take some time to secure a cable. I do not see that anything has yet been done toward getting the poles out. In the change that is to be made in the line of Water street, it will soon be necessary for us to remove some of your poles. Can you not give me some idea when the poles will be out, and very much oblige?

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Oct. 30,1903

W. F. Johnson, Esq.,
1140 East Dayton St.,
City.

Dear Sir:-

I have examined the proposed contract between you and Mr. Riley, and return the same herewith, together with the first draft of the contract. So far as I can see, the propoeed contract is a fair one to both parties. I notice you have a provision therein as to boulders and rock ledges that will protect you in case you run up against such obstacle, and this is a very wise provision.

According to the contract between our Association and Mr. Steinle, we are required to get this dirt off before Jan. 1, 1905. It is now evident that our Association cannot do this, and it has been my intention to get an extension of time from Mr. Steinle. For this reason, I enclose herewith a copy of a letter which I have just written to Mr. Riley.

I have just been through the contract between you and our Association. From the terms of that contract, what is your understanding as to who should meet the expense of taking off the top of your dredge and putting it back so as to enable you to get under the bridges, provided the bridges are up so as to give an eight foot clearance? I know it was my understanding that in case the bridges were not up that height, and you were delayed, the Association would have to meet the expense of delay. But in case the bridges are up that high, then upon whom does the expense fall under the terms of the contract? I wish you would consider this matter and we will talk about it further when I see you. I wish further that you would keep an itemized account of the actual cost to you of passing under the bridges and getting your plant in shape again for

work, and send them to me in a separate statement as soon as you get the same made out.

If it is a pleasant day on Sunday, I may wish to take a trip with you up the creek I spoke to you about, from its mouth as it empties into Lake Monona to Lake Wingra, so as to see what the situation is there as to doing dredging that would enable you to get your machinery into that lake from Third Lake or Lake Monona. I should want to start about a quarter of nine o'clock from my house, if possible. We could met at some place to be agreed upon. The best point of meeting would be, I think, Angle Worm Station. We could likely get a light row boat at that point and make the trip in that way.

Yours truly,

(Dict. by C.)
(3 Inc.)

President.

William Bagley.
Wilfred [illegible]

Oct. 30,1903.

H. F. Riley, Esq.,

City.

My Dear Sir:-

I have had submitted to me the proposed contract between you and Mr. Johnson, and have written him that so far as I can see it is a fair contract to both parties.

I notice that this provides that the Steinle dirt must be removed, as per existing contract between our Association and Mr. Steinle, on or before Jan. 1, 1905. It is now evident that our Association will not be able to remove the top dirt within the limits of the contract with Steinle, and I have been intending to see Mr. Steinle and endeavor to get an extension of time for say another year, or at least part of a year. In order to make that contract of much avail to our Association, something like this must be done.

I write you this so that you will have it before closing the contract with Mr. Johnson, and to see what suggestion you have to make as to the matter. The securing of some top dirt for our park work is a very important matter. As you know, it is very difficult to get dirt of this kind in any quantity.

Yours truly,

J. [illegible]

President.

(Dic. by O.)

Oct. 30, 1903

Prof. W. D. Taylor,
City.

Dear Sir:-

I do not notice that anything has been done since I last wrote you, toward completing the work at the lock. The time is getting very short within which any work can be done in the water and where it is wet. It is very desirable indeed that this work be completed, and I wish you would see what can be done toward having it completed, along the lines indicated in your former letter to me.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.).

J. Lovell Allin
President.

Oct. 30, 1903.

John F. Icke, Esq.,
City Engineer,
City.

My Dear Sir:-

I wish very much that the work yet to be done at the dam by the city could be completed without further delay. The time is getting very short within which anybody can work in the water or where it is wet. I have just written a letter to Prof. Taylor, urging him to have the rest of the work done in connection with the lock. It is very essential to our work that certain things be completed there before winter sets in.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Oct. 30,1903.

W. J. Towne, Esq.,

Division Engineer, C. & N. W. Ry. Co.,

Baraboo, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 29th just received and contents noted.

I have just been to see Mr. M. B. Staensland, secretary of the water board, and had already spoken to Mr. Corscott, another member of the board, and urged them not to present any claim for expense of connecting with water works. I have no doubt but what the bill will be adjusted as I have suggested, that is it will be cancelled and no charge presented against the railway company.

In as much as the city furnished the water free of charge and that this was by far the largest item of expense, it would be penny-wise and pound-foolish for the city to present this bill against the railway company. We shall be wanting some other favors from your company, and I prefer to have your company feel that we have not been small in our treatment of the company.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

Oct. 30,1903

W. J. Underwood, Esq.,
Asst. Gen'l. Mngr. C. M. & St. P. Ry. Co.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

Could your company, when it constructs the abutments for the other bridge across the Yahara river, have put in an electric wire so as to enable us to have an electric light or lights on each face of the abutment next the water? Some time we shall want to light up the river in this way. If you will have the wires put in, our Association will meet whatever extra expense this may occasion.

I was out at the river this morning, and noticed the abutments for the other bridge and like them very much. It is a neat piece of work.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

Oct. 31, 1903

Hon. William T. Fish,
City.

My Dear Sir:-

Enclosed I send you a form of option to be signed for lots three and ten, block thirty-six. I secured an extension of the option from Prof. Hobbs to April 15th last evening, for $300. This is the best I could do. I have this day written to Prof. Barnes, sending him a form of option and explaining to him the scheme of securing a bank.

The amount stated in your former option was $600.00.

I also enclose herewith a form of option for the Madison Land & Improvement Company to sign, leaving it to you to fill in the consideration. This, I understand, is to be $17,000.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

(Dic. by O.)
(4 Enc.)

Andrew Brown

Halle Greensland
William H Bagley
Magnus Swenson
A. O. Fox

Oct. 31, 1903.

Prof. C. R. Barnes,

Chicago University,

Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Sir:-

I am informed that you own lots nine and ten, block twenty-two, Wingra Park Subdivision to the city of Madison. A plan was started last spring to secure the whole of the lake shore in that plat for a park. In order that you may understand the matter, I enclose herewith a copy of the plat, with request that you will return it to me in the enclosed stamped envelope. The proposed park is described as follows: Commencing at the edge of the lake on Warren street, thence north to Drake street, thence along Drake street to Garfield street, thence along Garfield and Grant streets to the alley that runs through blocks twenty-two and twenty-three to Van Buren street, thence north along Van Buren street to Jackson street, thence along Jackson street to Edgewood Avenue, thence along Edgewood Avenue to the lake, thence along the edge of the lake easterly to the point of beginning. Options have been secured on all of this land, excepting thetwo lots owned by you. The options run to April 14, 1904. I enclose herewith a form of option with request that you will fill in the amount for which you are willing to sell these two lots. I will say that I secured an option last evening from Prof. Hobbs on the two lots adjoining yours, eleven and twelve, in the same block, for $800. I had hoped that he might give me an option for the two at $700 or $750, for park purposes.

It is necessary to get an option on all the land at a price not

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William H Bugley
Magnus Swenson
A. O. Fox.

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exceeding $20,000. The plan is to have some one person pay for the land, that is the $20,000. Confidentially, I will say that the person we have in mind is Senator William F. Vilas. While he has not stated absolutely that he would pay the money, he has given me enough assurance so that I feel satisfied, if other conditions are complied with, the money will be paid by him. The other main condition is that an additional $10,000 shall be raised from parties owning land in the vicinity of this proposed park, which land would be benefited by the formation of the park. The subscription contract for the raising of this $10,000 has been drawn and we hope that by to-night $5,000 of the necessary $10,000 will be subscribed. It is a condition of the subscription contract that not less than $10,000 shall be raised in order to make the subscriptions binding, and that the whole of this $10,000 shall be used to improve the park, mainly the lake bed in front of the land as above described. It is hoped to make from thirty to forty acres additional land by means of dredging and deepening the water, using the material to fill and make land.

I have written you thus fully so that you might have some understanding of the proposition. If you can see your way to letting our Association have the lots for $700, or $750, we shall appreciate it.

So long as the lake bed remains in its present condition, the property adjoining it is not very desirable, and it will take quite a large amount of money to put the adjoining lake bed in proper shape. We feel that $10,000 may do at least half of the necessary work.

I enclose two copies of the proposed option, so that you can have one copy for your use if desired.

Hall Steensland
William R Bagley
Magnus Swenson
[illegible]

There is not usually much opportunity of selling land between the present date and April 15th. We shall likely know as early as the first of March whether the scheme will go through. If it should be determined at any date before Aprl 15th that the scheme is not to succeed, I will promptly notify you.

Hoping for a favorable reply, I am.

Very truly yours,

J Howell Alice

President.

(Dic. by O.)

(4 Enc.)

Oct. 31, 1903

Madison Gas & Electric Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

I was somewhat surprised this morning to find out that your company has been constructing a line of poles right across the center of the sixty-six foot strip of ground which the city has recently obtained, through our Association, for park and street purposes. It will be necessary to have every one of these poles removed. And now let me suggest, is there not some way by which we can have at least one street in the city free, comperatively at leadt, from poles, especially in as much as Water street on that side of the river will, generally speaking, have no houses upon it? If these poles are for street lighting purposes, as suggested by one of your men, why could you not accomplish the same results by having a pole on the streets running down to Water street instead of having a continuous string of poles all along Water street? The council has already ordered out all of the electric lighting poles along Water street. The Dane County Telephone Company has been slow in getting its poles out, but has promised me that it will have them all out this winter in plenty of time, so as not to interfere with our work. I wish you would consider this matter and see whether you cannot arrange so as to keep out of Water street.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Halle Steensland
William Bagley
Magnus Swenson
A. O. Fox

Oct. 31,1903.

C. F. Cooley, Esq.,

City.

My Dear Sir:-

I was out this morning again at the river and looked over the line of stakes that have been set. According to measurement made by stepping this morning, you have [illegible] the stakes about five feet nearer the river than the point we agreed upon yesterday morning. As you know, the water cuts in near each of the bridges, more at the Avenue bridge that at the Main street bridge.

Now as to what you said to me over the phone yesterday: I wish to call your attention to a few facts which it seems to me you have entirely overlooked.

1. The contract between you and the Association entitles us to a fifty foot strip running along parallel with the edge of the river. Hence, any change there is at your suggestion and not at ours. This, I think, ought to be remembered by you.

2. The change you propose, if I understand you correctly, would leave us only about twenty-two feet, as I remember, of land at the end near Main street, instead of fifty feet, as we are entitled to.

3. If you should run a street through along the river in this block at right angles to the streets, it would be the only piece of road on either bank of the river that would be so laid out. It would be out of line with the entire improvement. As you know, Water street runs parallel with the river. The new street to be laid out through Kaufmann's property and the city property will run parallel to the river. It will not even be on a straight line, but will crook and curve at various points,

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Magnus Hanson
A C [illegible]

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according to the line of the river, and according to all principles of landscape architecture will be more beautiful than a perfectly straight street.

4. Should you run the line through where you suggest, if I understand you, it would throw the improvement opposite your property out of line with every other portion of the improvement, and the Sacred line continued across Main street upon Mr. Voss' property would very soon end in the water. You can easily see that such an arrangement would be very objectionable.

5. Permit me to suggest that houses built along the river road on either side ought to be at right angles to the river, instead of being at right angles to either of the streets, East Washington Avenue or Main street. Any other arrangement makes your river front subordinate to the streets on either side, and, in my judgment, would be just as bad an arrangement as could be made. You can easily imagine how the houses would look facing the river, and yet placed so as to be askew with the river. I do not believe you have very carefully thought this matter out.

6. As for the street that you may lay out being opposite any street that will be laid along the Hausmann and city property, that will not be the case in any event. In order to do that, you would have to run back from the East Washington Avenue bridge one hundred and thirty-three feet, which is the width of land we would get from Hausmanns and the city. Out of the northeasterly edge of this one hundred and thirty-three feet is to be laid the roadway. In as much as you felt that you could not give this much land, the right way to plan the street across your property and the street across the city and Hausmann property is to so arrange the streets as to

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remove all idea that they have any connection with each other. This can be done to a large extent by means of the park strip in the center of the Avenue and the narrow roadway on either side, and by so arranging that any roadway you may lay out will open up into the narrow roadway on your side of the property.

7. In view of all the circumstances, it seems to me that if you desire to run a street acorss your land at right angles to the Avenue and Main street, then you ought to go back on a line far enough to give to the city, or to our Association in trust for the city, a park strip which shall not be less than fifty feet in width at the narrowest point. If you wish to do this, our Association would make no objection, though we should very much prefer to have the street run parallel to the river. But we could, by judicious planting at the wider end of the strip, do away with any objectionable appearance. This, however, could not be done if the park strip at the end nearest the Main street bridge were only twenty-two or twenty-three feet wide.

8. If I owned your property, it being an odd shaped piece, I should plat it with reference to the river, which will be the finest portion of your property for residence purposes. I am sure that a competent landscape gardener, like Mr. Simonds, could arrange your property in a way to make a beautiful plat of it and save you a good deal of money in the end.

Yours truly,

John D. Wallace

President.

(Dic. by O.)

Nov. 3, 1903

Leslie Adams, Esq.,
Farm Supt.,
City.

Dear Sir:-

I write you concerning the work that was done by [redacted] foreman, Sewert Aasen, on rolling road. We paid him for two and one-half days' work, at $5.00 per day. You sent a man, As Mr. Aasen informs me, to work for us one and one-half days. I do not know what wages you paid your man. I think it would be proper to pay to our Association the difference between what we have paid our foreman and what you have paid the man for the day and a half he worked for us.

Yours truly,

President.

(Dic. by C.)

Nov. 8, 1898.

Hon. William F. Fish,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I think the option by the land company ought to be signed by you as president and by Mr. Jones as secretary. There was really not room on the form sent you for proper signature. I enclose another form and wish you would have it signed as above indicated and then I will return to you the form you left at the office.

Yours truly,

(Enc. by O.)
(1 Enc.)

President.

Nov. 4,1903.

Prof. C. R. Barnes,
Chicago University,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Barnes:-

Yours of Nov. 3, 1903, returning option on lots nine and ten, block twenty-two, Wingra Park Subdivision to the city of Madison, signed by you, at $750.00, received. I wish to thank you personally very much for the same. I think the price a reasonable one and I hope very much we shall make the project succeed, and I now think we will.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Nov. 4, 1908.

N. J. Johnson, Esq.,
1140 East Dayton St.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed you will find warrant for $869.07, being ninety per cent of the amount earned by you from Oct. 5, to Oct. 31, 1908. In your statement you figure the amount $958.75. I figure the amount $965.63 instead of $958.75. I think you have made a mistake against yourself. Please sign the enclosed receipt and return the same to me in the enclosed stamped envelope, and much oblige.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)
(Warrant)
(Enc.)

President.

Nov. 4,1903

Mr. W. J. Underwood,
Asst. Gen'l. Mngr.,
C. M. & St. P. Ry. Co.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir;-

Yours of Nov. 3rd received.

Undoubtedly you are correct in what you say. It was a matter I was in ignorance of as to the best method of securing what I had in mind.

Thanking you for your courtesy, I am.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

Andrew Brown

Walter S...
William R. Bagley
Magnus Swenson
A. O. Fox

Nov. 5,1903.

John F. Icke, Esq.,

City Engineer,

City.

My Dear Sir:-

The men have just about reached the line of filling in the Willow Park lots. I wish very much you could go out there and set the grade stakes to-day, if possible, and, if not, the first thing to-morrow morning. I wish enough could be set to form a guide for the finishing up of the work. It seems to me that a fall of eight or ten inches would be sufficient to carry the water, provided the grading is carefully done. Of course, the less fall we have, the less expense we shall be to in completing the work. However, we want the work done as it ought to be, of course.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

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William H. Hagby
Magnus S. Wenson
C. O. J.

Nov. 5, 1903.

Hon. William T. Fish,

City.

Dear Sir;-

Enclosed I return both forms of option. I think you have made a mistake in an interlineation you have made in changing "lots three and ten" to lots three to ten." There ought to be excepted, as I understand, only lots three and ten, in block thirty-six, these being the two lots which you own and upon which you have already given an option. I dislike to trouble you so much about the matter, but I would like to know if there is any mistake. If I am right, please erase the lead pencil change, and leave the last form of option at the office, and very much oblige.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

(2 Enc.)

Nov. 7, 1903.

Dr. S. A. Nielson,

City.

My Dear Mr. Nielson:-

I wish you would meet Severt and Clauson down at the pump house in Tenney Park to-morrow, Sunday, morning, at nine o'clock, and stake out with Severt the line of the change of Water street. I have sent down to the pump house fifty stakes from Frederickson's. The stakes that were put in before have all been removed, or nearly all. I would suggest that these stakes be driven down so that it would be very difficult to disturb them. You might drive the line of stakes next to the railroad embankment in two ways so as to indicate the two possible routes at that point.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

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[redacted]

Nov. 7, 1903.

Sevart Aasen, Esq.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I have had Fredericksen send to the pump house fifty oak stakes. I want you and Dr. Nielsen to go down to-morrow, Sunday, [redacted] and stake out the line of the change of Water street, beginning where we did before and running up to the railway tracks or embankment. Have Clausen on hand also, and have him put the stakes in the building to-night. The stakes we set before have all been removed. You had better drive the stakes in so that nobody can get them out. You will know where you can do this without subsequently disturbing them very much. I will send a note to Dr. Nielsen, asking him to meet you there at nine o'clock in the morning.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. O'Neill

President.

owne, Esq.,

Div. Engineer, C. & N. W. Ry. Co.,

Marsh[illegible],

Dear Sir:

The b[illegible] your letter of Oct. 10th to me as to connecting with water works [illegible] here was, on Nov. 6, 1903, by the Board of Water C[illegible]sioners remitted, so that there will be no charge made against your company for the same.

Nov. 7, 1903.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

John M. Clee

Nov. 7, 1903.

LaCrosse Plow Co.,

64 Railroad St.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $30.00, payable to John T. Johnson and endorsed over by him to your order, which we send to you at Mr. Johnson's request. Please acknowledge receipt.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

(Warrant.)

Nov. 10, 1903

Fuller & Johnson Mfg. Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $12.85 to pay for your bill under date of Nov. 6, 1903. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me, amd much oblige.

Yours truly,

John W. McClure

President.

(Dic. by O.)
(Warrant)
(Enc.)

Nov. 10, 1903

Ernest G. Buttrick, Esq.,
307 Wilder St.,
Lowell, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Nov. 1st received and contents noted.

I send you, with pleasure, under another cover, copies of the last two annual reports of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association; also a copy of an earlier report. I send you the latter because it contains a copy of the law under which our Association is organized, and also a copy of the articles of incorporation of the Association and by-laws. The by-laws as first passed have been modified somewhat, but not very materially.

Yours truly,

John W. Alvord
President.

(Dic. by O.)

Nov. 12, 1903

Principal Seventh Ward School,

City.

Dear Madam:-

I had my attention, on Sunday last, called to the fact that some boys had, during some time last week, broken out every pane of glass in the pump house in Tenney Park opposite seventh ward school. This is the most aggravated case of vandalism that has been committed so far in our work. We are very desirous of finding out who did the damage. It has occurred to me and some others, that you might be situated so as to quietly find out, through some of your students, who did the mischief. I know that the people generally in that section are very much interested in Tenney Park, and especially the school children of that ward. We are intending to put in a nice foot bridge across the lagoon right opposite the school house, and when this is done the children of that school can use all of the center portion of the park as a play ground. Hence, I feel that in asking you to help us in this matter, I am doing something that you would naturally be interested in.

Thanking you in advance for anything you may be able to do along this line suggested, I am,

Yours very truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

Nov. 12, 1903.

Rufus B. Smith, Esq.,

City Attorney,

City.

My Dear Sir:-

I would like to ascertain what, if anything, has been done toward getting matters in shape for the council passing a resolution at its next meeting as to securing a strip of land from Mr. Voss. I wrote to the Mayor some time ago about the matter, and he informed me later that he had seen you and left the matter in your hands. Something ought to be done at the next meeting of the council to get that proceeding started. Will you see that the necessary steps are taken, and very much oblige? We have delayed so long already that it is going to be difficult to get the title to the land before the time when we must, in the progress of our work, fill the strip if we are to do it as a part of the general improvement now being carried on.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Nov. 12, 1903

John B. Heim, Esq.,

Supt. of City Water Works,

City.

My Dear Sir:-

Would you be so kind as to send me as careful an estimate as you can make of the quantity of water used by the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company this summer, and the actual cost to the city of pumping the same? Also state the amount of cost incident to making the necessary connection for use by the railroad company of the water. We want to get some further help from the railway company in the way of filling for a roadway across their tracks beyond the river, and I want to be able to lay the whole matter before the company. You will accommodate me very much by giving me the necessary information.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

Nov. 12,1903

Leonard W. Gay, Esq.,

City.

My Dear Sir:-

I tried to reach you this morning by phone, but was unsuccessful. I wish you would call at the office some time this week, if possible. There is a matter I would like to talk over with you in connection with the proposed scheme-which you may or may not have heard of-for the securing of a park along the short of Wingra Lake. As a part of this scheme, it may be entirely feasible to connect Lake Monona with Wingra Lake by a water-way say twenty-five feet in width and six to eight feet in depth, and in such manner as to enable the passage of all kinds of launches and small boats between the two lakes, and as a part of this scheme it may be found feasible to lower Dead Lake from a foot and a half to two feet, and, at the same time, clean out and deepen the portion of the lake that is now clear water. I find from the engineer's survey recently made by Prof. Taylor of the University, that the difference between the height of the water to-day in Dead Lake and Lake Monona, is three feet and seven inches.

I will talk with you in detail about the scheme when I see you.

Very truly yours,

(Dict. by O.)

President.

Nov. 12, 1903.

John F. Ieke, Esq.,
City Engineer,
City.

Dear Sir: -

As you know, the plan now is to change the line of Water street so as to throw the street back from the river. With that end in viewm stakes were set last Sunday, indicating the outer line of the street as it would be when the change is made. The change begins at a point on Water street some rods northwesterly of Johnson street. Stakes are set between that point and East Dayton street, the stakes intending to indicate the outer or southwestern line of the street as it would be after being relocated. There is also a line of stakes running from the southeasterly side of Dayton street toward the tracks of the Northwestern road to a point where you come up against the present side walk. These stakes are intended to indicate the outer line of the street. From a point where such stakes strike the side walk, it is proposed to run the southwesterly line of the street straight across the tracks to a stake which is one hundred and seventy feet northwesterly from the junction of East Washington Avenue and Water street. At that point, it is proposed to have the street cut across a triangular piece so as to strike East Washington Avenue at a point sixty-six feet southwesterly from the present line of Water street and then run Water street through to the east at a point sixty-six feet southwesterly from the present line of Water street until you come to or near Wilson street. I presume as you near Wilson street, the line of the street ought to bend toward the river so as to cross Williamson street at a point near the bridge where will be quite a fill

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Wally Greenland
William [illegible] Bagley
Magnus Swenson
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made between the present abutment to the bridge and the new railway abutment, so as to give plenty of room for the road at this point between the Niebuhr building and the river. No stakes were set indicating just the line of street at that point.

I have talked this matter over with Mr. Brown. He said if the stakes were set and a survey made, he would then take up the matter of having Water street, as it now exists, vacated and relocated along the line as above indicated. I write to ascertain whether you cannot make the necessary survey? We ought to get the present street vacated and the new street relocated at as early a date as possible. When this is done, the city can then order the new street improved and can compel the adjoining property owners to pay their pro rata share of such improvement. I would like, if possible, to get this matter in such shape that our Association, acting together with the city, or the city itself, can secure the benefit of the filling on one-half of the relocated street. Of course we do not wish to say anything about this latter matter until after we get the street vacated and the new street relocated. If you will make the necessary survey, we will see that proper proceedings are started in the common council at as early a date as possible.

Yours truly,

J. Howell Clark

President.

(Dic. by O.)

P. S. Since writing the above, I have talked with Mr. Brown and he has made this suggestion. The street along the property purchased from Minch and from the Starks-Levis Land Company [illegible] to come out to the

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property l[illegible]. The [illegible] would be true [illegible] property we are to get from the Fuller & Johnson Manufacturing Company between Dayton and Mi[illegible] streets, and the same would be true between Wilson street and Wi[illegible] street. Our stakes do indicate, however, in our judgment, where the outer line of the street as [illegible]ized or finally improved, would be. We can park the strip between the line of the street, as thus improved, and the outer line of the street as relocated. My idea has been that the street should be fifty feet in width; that is, the line of the street next to the river would be fifty feet from the line of the stakes as we have set them, but would, upon the suggestion above made by Mr. Brown, at certain points extend up against the lot lines so as to compel the owners to improve their half of the street at such points.

J. [illegible]

Madison, Wis., Nov. 18, 1903.

Miss Susan A. Sterling,
Care Deutsche Bank,
Berlin, Germany.

Dear Miss Sterling:-

You may be some surprised to get a letter from me, but the enclosures explain the reason.

The ink line on the enclosed map indicates the land it is now proposed to secure for a park in Madison. The dotted portion beyond the ink line, indicates additional land that it was proposed originally to include in the proposed park, but which now it is proposed to omit, for the double reason that it would cost too much to secure the land and because it is thought unnecessary to have quite so large a park. The land to be included in the park amounts to something like twenty-five acres, and there can be made nearly twice that amount of additional land by improving the lake bed in front.

Options have now been secured on all of the land between the ink line and the edge of the lake running to April 15, 1904, excepting the option on the two lots held by you, seven and eight, block twenty-two. The plan is to secure from some one person (Senator Vilas is the person, but it is not desired that his name should, as yet, be known), $20,000 with which to pay for the land. A subscription contract is being signed, conditioned on the land being purchased and paid for, and further, that not less than $10,000 is to be subscribed, all of which is to be used to improve the park. Hence, if the scheme goes through, it means the raising of $30,000, $20,000 by gift for the land and $10,000 with which to improve the park. The land now proposed to be included in the park is all owned by the Madison Land Company, excepting lots three and ten, in block thirty-six, and lots seven to twelve inclusive, in block twenty-two. The Land Company has given us an option on its property at $17,000. Mr. Fish has given us an option on lots three and ten, in block thirty-six, one of them being on the lake, at $800. Prof. Hobbs has given us an option on lots eleven and twelve, block twenty-two, at $600 each, and Prof. C. H. Haskins has given us an option on lots nine and ten, block twenty-two, at $750 for the two, and in his letter to me he says: "I hope very much that your scheme will succeed, both because I am interested in the beautifying of Madison and because I would be glad to dispose of a bit of property that is bringing no pleasure to me." If it necessary, in order to secure the land, that the purchase price should become above $20,000. You gave an option, at the suggestion of Mr. Adams, on lots seven and eight, block twenty-two, at $1250. Now, personally, I would like to have you get for these lots what they are reasonably worth, but I am sure you would not wish to ask more than they are reasonably worth for the purpose for which they are desired. As you will see from the above, lots eleven and twelve, in the same block, which are somewhat better located than your lots, being higher up, and commanding a better view, we are to get at $600, while lots nine and ten we are to get for $750. I think lots nine and ten are of the same value as your lots seven and eight. They are not quite so valuable by reason of the fact that neither of them is a corner lot, but that advantage is just about offset by the fact that your

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two lots are considerably lower down, especially lot seven. In order that you may judge as to how [illegible] people have held their property, I will say that we have secured options in blocks thirty-two and thirty-three. This property, as you perhaps remember, is very finely located, having fine trees on the same and being well elevated, and near the circular park, and commanding a very fine view of the lake. Options were secured on all of this property as follows:

On lots 3 and 9, block 32, owned by Prof. Haskins, $800; lots 10 and 11, block 32, owned by Prof. Hillyer, at $850; lots 12, 13 and 14, block 32, owned by Walter M. Smith, at $1250; lots 11, 12 and 18, block 33, owned by Gertrude M. Cairns, $1200; lots 9 and 10, block 33, owned by Prof. Cairns, at $900; lots 14, 15 and 16, block 33, owned by C. A. Stringer, $1250; lots 4 and 5, block 32, adjoining the park, and lots 3 and 4, block 33, owned by Charles H. Brown, at $1500.

All of these options were secured in the same way that your option was secured, by correspondence. Had we determined to purchase this land in the park, I have no doubt that most of the people would have lowered their figures somewhat. You will observe that Mr. Haskins puts in the corner lot eight, and the lot adjoining, nine, block thirty-two, at $500. Those two lots are as finely located as any in Wingra Park that are not right on the lake. By referring to the enclosed map, you will be able to locate all of the lots and be able, I think, to reach a conclusion as to what would be considered a fair valuation for your two lots seven and eight, block twenty-two.

I enclose herewith a form of option for you to sign. I have hoped that you might feel like putting in your two lots at the same price as Prof. Barnes, but if you feel that you cannot do that, I certainly hope that you will put them in at a price not exceeding $500. If this improvement is not made, it is my opinion, based upon a pretty thorough investigation as to the value of property in that locality, that the lots are not fairly worth today more than $750. They are certainly not quite so valuable lots as lots eight and nine, block thirty-two, owned by Mr. Haskins. Moreover, all of the lots that I have called your attention to, in the south half of blocks thirty-two and thirty-three, are considerably larger than the lots in block twenty-two. Those in twenty-two are only one hundred and twenty-feet long, which is the ordinary length of lots in Wingra Park, while those in blocks thirty-two and thirty-three are one hundred and fifty feet long and are also some wider than your lots, the latter being fifty feet in width, the ordinary width of lots in Wingra Park, while those in blocks thirty-two and thirty-three run from fifty-one feet to fifty-five feet in width.

The option, as drawn, as you observe, runs to April 15, 1904. We shall know by that time whether the scheme is to be a success. There is not, as a rule, much opportunity to sell land between the present date and April 15. Of course, if we determine prior to April 15 that the necessary funds cannot be raised, we will notify you as early as we reach such conclusions. We are very hopeful, however, that the scheme will succeed.

Of course, those owning property in blocks thirty-two and thirty-three, upon which options were secured, will be expected to contribute quite liberally toward the raising of the $10,000, in as much as their property will be directly and very materially benefited by the establishment of a park.

I have written thus fully concerning the matter so that you might be put in possession of all of the facts. I thought it my duty, getting the opinion of a number of business men acquainted with the value of property in this locality and sending such opinions to you,

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but, upon reflection, I concluded that the most satisfactory evidence would be to lay before you the prices at which other parties had given options on lands located in blocks thirty-two and thirty-three. Certainly property in the south half of these two blocks is as valuable property as any in the park, unless it be some that is located upon the lake; and if the lake is not to be improved, I do not consider such lots as valuable as those in blocks thirty-two and thirty-three.

I trust you are having a pleasant and profitable time, as no doubt you are. We are usually well here. The baby is very bright and well, getting more interesting every day. [illegible]

Very sincerely yours,

(Dic. by O.)

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Nov. 13,1903.

Dr. Charles H. Haskins,

Harvard University,

Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Dr. Haskins:-

You gave an option at the suggestion of Mr. Adams, for lots eight and nine, in block thirty-two, Wingra Park Subdivision of the city of Madison, at $800. Since you gave that option, it has been determined to modify the plan of securing a park by omitting a portion of the land upon which options were secured, for the reason that it would take too much money to secure all of the land, and because it was finally thought that it was not necessary to have quite so much land. I enclose herewith a sketch, showing the land now proposed to be included in the park, which is the land lying between the continuous black line and the lake. The dotted line indicates the portion that it is proposed now to omit. There is left in the proposed park something like twenty-five acres, and there can be made nearly twice that amount of land in the lake bed in front of the hard ground. An extension has been secured of the options to April 15, 1904, and we have options on all of the land lying between the park line and the water. It now looks as though the scheme would go through, but we cannot tell definitely before some time next spring. If the scheme does go through, your lots eight and nine, block thirty-two, will be worth very much more than the eight hundred dollars. In my opinion, they will be worth twice that within a year or two after it is known that the park is to be secured and the lake bed improved. I write you my opinion concerning this matter, for the reason that I wrote you as to giving the option. I feel that you gave an option

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at a very reasonable price, and now that these lots are not to be included, I should be pleased to have you avail yourself of any profit there may be by reason of securing the park.

The enclosed sketch of Wingra Park will make clear what I have written.

Very truly yours,

John M. Olin.

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

Nov. 13, 190[illegible]

[illegible] Cantwell, Esq.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I like the form of letter-head, but make the following [illegible] suggestions:

1. Arrange the names of the directors alphabetically, and write their names as follows: William [illegible]. Bagley, Charles N. Brown, Arthur O. [illegible], Carl [illegible]. Hausmann, John M. Olin, Halle Steensland, Magnus Swenson.

2. The space between Hausmann's name and my name seems to be greater than the other spacing.

3. Ought not the word "officers" be placed farther over to the left, something after the manner of the word "directors"?

4. Write Mr. Brown's name as secretary as follows; "Charles N. Brown, Secretary."

5. Ought there not to be a period after the word "Association"?

Please print one thousand of the full letter size and five hundred half size.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin.

(Dic. [illegible] O.)

Nov. 13,1903

C. F. Cooley, Esq.,

City.

My Dear Sir:-

It has come to me in a roundabout way, that you have made the statement that I charged you in my letter of Oct. 31st, with having dishonestly moved certain stakes five feet nearer to the river's edge than they were first put. Knowing you as long as I have, and you knowing me as well as you do, it is beyond my belief that you could make any such statement or have any such thought. The only thing I said on that subject, in that letter, is this: "According to measurement made by stepping this morning, you have put the stakes about five feet nearer the river than the point we agreed upon yesterday morning." I did not pretend to have made any accurate measurement, and of course may have been mistaken in my estimate. But how can you get out of anything in this statement, that I have made any charge against you in any way directly or indirectly? All I meant to state was that the stakes were nearer, in my judgment, the river, than they would be if you started from the point that we agreed upon, as I understood when we were there together that morning. I did not even mean to say that even if I were right, you had put the stakes where you ought not to have put them. The only thought I had was that perhaps, after looking the ground over, you thought you had been too liberal in starting from the point which I understood we had agreed upon near the bridge.

Certainly if you have had any such idea as has been conveyed to me, I trust that the above will remove it. It is certainly not very credit-

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able to me that you have entertained any such idea, and I still hope and trust that the information which has come to me was not reliable, or that in some way the party misunderstood you or I hear. Had I had any such thought in my mind, I certainly should not have written you the letter I did. I have re-read the letter carefully again, and I cannot see what I said in the letter at which you should take any offense.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

John W. Oliver

If you thought I had in anyway wrongful you, why did you not come to me with it as one? you have done business with me and I with you too long for either to think the other would intentionally wrong him. The longer I live the more I believe that most difficulty comes from misunderstanding. Certainly you have misunderstood me if you have entertained any idea that I thought you had done anyway or in connection with the matter I wrote about.

J. W. O.

Nov. 18,1903

John D. Hayes, Esq.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

We are getting badly in need of some funds in our work on the Yahara river. Will you not be so kind as to apply the check of $8.00, the amount of the bill I owe you, toward your subscription of $10 to the Yahara River Improvement? I enclose a check for $8.00, drawn payable to Frank W. Hoyt. If you approve of my suggestion, please return the check to me with the enclosed bill receipted, and I will hand the check over to Frank W. Hoyt, and you can keep this letter as evidence that you have paid $8.00 of the $10.00. Will appreciate the favor if you can grant it. Enclosed find stamped envelope for purpose of returning check and receipted bill.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

(Check)

Nov. 14, 1903.

John B. Heim, Esq.,

Supt. City Water Works,

City.

My Dear Sir:-

I write to find out whether the water pipe crossing the river at East Washington Avenue has been lowered. I understood quite early in the season that that was to be done by your department. The dredge is now working right near this pipe, if I understand where it is located. If it has not already been lowered, this fact would hinder our dredging considerably. Moreover, if it has not been lowered, you had better go out and set stakes, indicating definitely the line of the pipe, so that the dredge may not injure the same. I will send a copy of this letter to Mr. Steensland.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Nov. 14, 1903

John W. Foxe, Esq.,

City Engineer,

City.

My Dear Sir:-

The dredge is now working near the point where the sewer pipe cross the river. I do not know how deep that pipe is down. I write you so that you may take such steps are are necessary to see that the pipe is in no way injured. As I remember, the pipe is low enough down to enable us to make the necessary excavation. But in as much as Johnson is digging pretty deep between the bridge across East Washington Avenue and the railway tracks in order to reach the necessary dirt for filling on the city land, it might be well for you to have some stakes set, indicating pretty definitely the line where the pipe crosses the river, and also indicate to Mr. Johnson the depth of the pipe below the bed of the river.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Nov. 14, 1903.

Lindsay Bros.,
73 to 94 Reed St.,
Milwaukee, Wis.

Gentlemen:- Enclosed please find warrant for $15.00 to pay for three No. 1 Haslup scrapers. Will you be so kind as to receipt the enclosed bill and return the same to me, and very much oblige?

Yours truly,

Nov. 14, 1905

Rufus B. Smith, Esq.,
City Attorney,
City.

Dear Sir:-

As you undoubtedly remember, the common council directed, early in the season, the American Telegraph and Telephone Company to remove its poles along Water street, between East Washington Avenue and Williamson street. That company has completely ignored the action of the common council. The dredge is now working where it will be necessary, within a short time, to tear these poles out. I have instructed Mr. Johnson that he need not let the poles interfere with his work. Perhaps, however, some further notice should be served upon this company and some action taken that will be effective, to compel the company to comply with the resolution of the common council.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by C.)

John M. Clark

President.

Same as above sent to Mayor Gaynor

Nov. 14, 1903

George Sullivan, Esq.,

Street Supt.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I had a talk this morning with Mayor Groves about the tearing down of the old house on the lot in block 133 and using the material for filling. So far as I can see, nothing has been done by the family living in this house toward moving. Mr. Groves informed me that it was his recollection that the man that was in the house promised to vacate the same by the first of November, and that you were to proceed to tear the house down, giving to the man some doors, or something of that kind in the house. I think this house ought to be torn down pretty soon and the material used for the lower part of the filling so that some good dirt can be put upon the same.

Could you not also give some instruction to the city men who are leaving rubbish there, to the effect that they should so do the filling as to get the rubbish down below the surface as it will finally be left a certain number of inches, and to get some dirt or street scrapings for the top few inches of the fill? Of course, ultimately we want to have these lots all smoothed off and seeded down. I hope you will turn all the filling into these lots, for it is one of the conditions of the gift that these lots should be put in shape for playground and park purposes by the close of the year 1904.

Yours truly,

John M. Oller

President.

(Dic. by O.)

Nov. 14, 1903

Mr. E. F. Riley,
City.

My Dear Sir:-

I will here put in writing the proposition which I tried to state to you the other day in the First National Bank, of Mr. Scoville as to removing of dirt.

As I understood him, he was willing to do as follows: If we would agree to move the dirt off from the northeast eight rods of the twenty-one rods in width, on or before Aug. 1, 1904, he would agree to extend the time for removing the balance of the dirt to Aug. 1, 1905. I write to find out whether some such arrangement can be made. It is a vital matter to our Association that we should be able to get not less than five thousand cubic yards of good dirt for top dressing, and more if necessary, up to the limit provided for in the contract, although I do not think we shall need perhaps more than the five thousand yards.

Please consider the matter and let me know what you think is the best scheme to follow, so as to protect both your rights and the rights of the Association.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

John [illegible]
President.

Nov. 14,1903

Mr. E. F. Riley,

City.

Dear Sir:-

It is now quite evident to me that it will not be possible to secure the construction of a bridge across the river at East Johnson street during the year 1904. I think, however, we can secure such bridge during the year 1905. I write now to ascertain whether you would not be willing to extend the time within which the city might build the bridge one year, and that if the city would build the bridge before the close of 1905, whether you would not pay to our Association the $750.00 mentioned in your subscription contract.

As you know, at one time I did not see how it was going to be possible to construct the bridge over the river on Johnson street, but since we talked that matter over, we have arranged to throw Water street back from the river in such a way as to make it entirely feasible, I think, to construct the bridge on Johnson street. This change of Water street has not yet been completed, but undoubtedly will be. The work necessary to secure such change has been considerable. It has involved a large amount of planning and negotiation, which the public knew very little about.

If we should urge the city to construct a new bridge at this point next year, and the city should decide to do so, we would not get the kind of a bridge we ought to have. I am exceedingly anxious to have the new bridge across this river of the proper kind. The city will have to construct a new bridge next year over the river on Williamson street, and will likely feel that one bridge a year is about all it can stand. Moreover, we cannot very well ask the city to be at the expense of construct-

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ing a bridge across the river on Johnson street until after we have completed the foundation work at least for our park on each side of the river. As I now view matters, it will take most, if not all, of the year 1904, to put the park strip in shape along the whole of the river between the two lakes. Indeed, I shall feel very much pleased if by the close of 1904 we have the whole of each side of the river in shape for planting the following spring. I believe, however, that we can do this.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Nov. 14, 1903

American Telegraph & Telephone Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:

As you are well aware, I presume, your company was directed, early this season, to remove the poles along the Yahara river between East Washington avenue and Williamson street. You have done nothing whatever toward complying with the ordinance or resolution of the common council. The dredge is now working very near your poles and within a short time will tear out a number of them and leave them along the side of the river, unless you get them out yourselves.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by)

Nov. 14,1903

George C. Sayle, Esq.,

City.

My Dear Sir:-

We are exceedingly anxious to have whatever remains to be done at the lock completed at once. From my understanding of the contract, there are certain things which Mr. Blake has not yet completed. One provision of the contract, as I remember, requires the putting in of a line of boulders along the outer edge of the addition to the island, so as to be in keeping with the other part of the island. Instead of that, Mr. Blake has put in some very cheap broken stone, which will all have to come out. If I am mistaken about the contract, then our Association must take out such stone and put in boulders. If it is Mr. Blake's work to do this, then, of course, we wish to have him assume this burden. In order to help him in the matter, we are willing that he should use the boulders which we have taken out of the river and saved, and put in pile near the corner of the bridge on the Hausmann side.

Then there is some sheet-piling driven down near the end of the island as it is now filled out, which ought to be removed. We would like to have everything done so that we can show to the people that the lock is workable.

As I understand the matter, Prof. Taylor has made some arrangement with Mr. Blake for taking out the dirt and removing the boards or timber to the west of the lock. The dirt has been shoveled off, but the timbers have not yet been removed. This ought to be done at once, for the weather will soon be in such condition that it cannot be done this fall, and this ought to be done while the coffer-dam is still across the outlet

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to the lock.

Our Association is anxious to have this contract completed so that we can pay up the balance due and know just where we stand. You are entitled to the rest of your money, and there is no reason why you should not have it must as soon as the contract is completed.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Ott

President.

Nov. 16,1903

Frank W. Hoyt, Esq.,

City.

My Dear Sir:-

Thank you very much for the statement you left at the office. There is only one other thing I would like to get, if possible, and that is, how much remains to-day unpaid on the amount subscribed for the drive work proper, that is, how much remains unpaid of the $5014.75?

Yours truly,

John M. Ott

President.

Nov. 16,1903

Grant Thomas, Esq.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Concerning the matter I spoke with you about to-day noon at the restaurant, I thought I would put the substance of it in writing. It has occurred to me that if in some way the Fauerbach Company could move their present building this fall and you could get in the street cement side walk, water and gas, provided the latter are not already in, it would be an excellent thing all around. If you could do this, I should be in favor of paying you in full at once for the Fauerbach contract. We have the money, and I should like to have you men get it and use it. Moreover, if this could be done, and you could smooth off the sand on that side of the river, we could then commence, the first thing in the spring, putting on top dressing, and thus finish up, unless it be a small section right near the bridge. That material being all sand, it occurs to me that the making of the street and other work could be done quite economically in early winter. I wish you could take the matter up and see what can be done.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Nov. 17,1903.

John F. Ickes, Esq.,
City.

Dear Sir:-

I called at the city hall last night after leaving the office, but found it closed. I wanted, on several accounts, to see you very much about two or three matters. I wonder if you could make some time to-day between half past twelve and half past one o'clock. The best time would be about quarter past one I presume.

There is to be, I understand, a special meeting of the council this week Friday. Rufus B. Smith claims that he must have a survey of the alley first before proceedings can be taken in the council, and that the survey must be filed with the city clerk. He claimed last Friday that he had not yet been able to get that survey. If not already made, I trust you may be able to do so before the meeting Friday evening.

Then I want to find out from you to-day as to the quantity of land the Fuller & Johnson people would convey on condition that Bridge street be vacated and the east end of Mifflin street, the matter I talked with you about the other day.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dict. by O.)

Nov, 17,1903

E. S. Reynolds, Esq.,
416 E. Mirlin St.,
City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find warrant for $1.66 for freight and drayage on three scrapers. Your charge for drayage is just double that charged by another drayman for just the same service. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me.

(Dic. by O.)
(Warrant)
(Enc.)

Yours truly,

John W. Alvis

President.

Nov. 18, 1903.

Mr. Leslie B. Bowley,
City.

Dear Sir:-

I have just received the enclosed proposed subscription contract by the West Lawn Company.

No such subscription as this should be received. Only such conditions as are named in the proposed subscription contract can be insisted upon. If others are incorporated, you may run the risk of making them all void. Moreover, the provision that the first subscription is not to be made until substantial work on the improvement has been actually begun is all wrong. We can only make these improvements with the money we get from the subscriptions.

Furthermore, the third subdivision as to the last half of the subscription is all wrong. Suppose every man who subscribed should put in such a condition as that. We must have our money with which to do the work. Furthermore, the provision that the work must be done on or before Nov. 1, 1905, is all wrong. It seems to me that the West Lawn Company ought to have faith or confidence enough in the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association to feel that if this plan goes through, that this work will be done just as speedily as it can be done to advantage, and that it ought not to put in a lot of conditions that will serve no useful purpose whatever and may result in defeating the work.

I am sure that if this matter is put to the West Lawn Company in a proper way, they will vote, if they vote at all, to pay their subscriptions according to the terms of the proposed subscription contract. We must treat all subscribers alike, and certainly these corporations ought

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not to be put on any more favorable basis than other subscribers. I wish you would take the matter up at once and see that a proper resolution is passed by the company and a proper subscription made.

I trust that no other proposed subscription by these companies has been made with any such [illegible] conditions as are named in the enclosed Moreover, I think you ought to at once get these companies' signatures to the proposed subscription contract, and you ought to see that no condition is attached other than what is expressed upon the face of the subscription made under the heading of the subscription contract.

Moreover, I think it is extremely important that this work be crowded as rapidly as possible and that you get the subscription from the Street Car Company. If you desire me to, and will report what progress has been made, or want of progress, I will write a personal letter to Mr. Adams and have him write a personal letter to Mr. Spooner,

Yours truly,

(Dic. by G.)

(Enc.)

J. Powell Glover

President.

Nov. 16,1902.

John B. Heih, Esq.,
Supt. City Water Works,
City.

Dear Sir;-

Yours of Nov. 17th received. Please accept my thanks for the same.

I am desireus, however, of being as accurate as possible as to the amount of water used by the railway company, and its actual cost to the city. I want to use the figures with the company in getting it to make some concessions to us, or to the city, but in doing so I am very anxious not to be compelled to modify, in any way, any statement made. Hence, I wish that you could write me a letter, after you have made the investigation necessary to enable you to state as definitely as possible, stating the amount of water actually used and the actual cost to the city, such a letter as I could lay before the railway company and that you would not have to in any way afterwards modify.

Thanking you in advance for your courtesy in the matter, I am,

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Nov. 18,1903

Alfred T. Rogers, Esq.,
Sec'y. West Lawn Co.,
City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Nov. 17th, enclosing a resolution passed by the West Lawn Company as to a subscription of $1,000 for proposed park in Wingra Park Subidivision of the city, received.

I have written a letter to Mr. L. B. Rowley concerning the same. The proposed resolution has a number of conditions in it which ought not to be though of, I think, for a moment, and ought not to be incorporated in any subscription made. It seems to me that the West Lawn Company ought to have confidence enough in the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association to feel that if this scheme goes through the work will be done and the money expended as speedily as it can be done. Hence, that provision as to when the work should be completed should be struck out. The provision as to the payment of the first instalment of $500, that it should not be made until substantial improvements have been made, should be struck out. We have to make our improvements out of the money that is raised. We will not have a dollar of money from any other source. Hence, if all subscribers should insist upon this condition, no work whatever would be done.

The other condition that the last $500 should not be paid until all money is expended, should also be struck out. If other subscribers put in any such condition as that, it would necessitate the borrowing of five thousand dollars by the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association to do the work before the last five thousand dollars is paid. As I have

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written to Mr. Rowley, no subscription should be received on any other conditions than those named in the proposed subscription contract and that all subscribers should be treated exactly alike.

I think, upon reflection, provided your company desires this improvement to go through, you will modify your resolution and make your subscription without any of these unnecessary conditions. The subscription contract provides plainly that the land is to be purchased and paid for before any subscription is binding. It provides further that no subscription is binding unless the full $10,000 be raised. It seems to me that these conditions fully protect any subscriber who is interested in the work, and I believe that on further consideration your company will agree with this position.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John Wells Olver.

President.

The above has been written [illegible] Business [illegible] my veins. Though I might [illegible] have [illegible] a little more [illegible] [illegible]. I assume your [illegible] [illegible] is quite deeply [illegible] in the [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] your [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

J. W. O.

Nov. 18, 1903.

E. F. Riley

City.

Dear Sir:-

At the request of Mr. Adams, Superintendent of the University farm, I send to you a bill in favor of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association for $12.50, for use of steam-roller.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

Enc.)

Nov. 20,1903.

George Sullivan, Esq.,
Street Supt.,
City.

Dear Sir:-

I presume it will be necessary pretty soon for the dredge to go below the East Washington Avenue bridge. The plan of Mr. Johnson is to take out one section of the bridge and then put it back. I wish you would see him and confer with him about the matter, as to the best way of doing the work.

Yours truly,

President.

(Dic. by B.)

Nov. 21, 1903.

Hon. Charles W. Garfield,

Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Dear Sir:-

I wish to thank you very much for your kind letter of Nov. 18th. I am very much pleased if our work here has been of any aid to you there. You certainly have made a magnificent start.

May I, at this time, make a suggestion? I presume it is wholly unnecessary. But the suggestion comes out of our experience here. When we first started in 1892, we had no organization, and we raised a pretty large amount of money, something like $7,000, to construct the boulevard. The next year, 1893, we started an improvement association, and raised a large subscription, something over $11,000, for the work. We organized with officers and various committees and sub-committees. The whole matter was top heavy. The one at the head was not an executive officer of any ability. The various committees divided and subdivided the work, and really nothing was accomplished. Only about one-half of the subscriptions were ever paid. The people became disgusted, naturally, with that association and its work.

It was in 1894 that we started our Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. We started in a small way, raising the first year between six and seven hundred dollars. We had to overcome the prejudice aroused by the attempted work of the Madison Improvement Company. That failure was something that worked against us for a number of years. But we finally overcame the prejudice completely. The work of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association has been of steady growth from year to year.

We do not have but one meeting of the association a year. That is our annual meeting. The whole work of the association is conducted by the board of directors. Originally we had but five, but later increased that number to seven. It is my opinion that a board of five or seven good men will accomplish more than a larger body, and that it is a good thing to have the entire work of the association entrusted to such board. Of course, we have been careful all the time to keep the press on our side and to keep the people well informed, through the press and through the reports, of just what is being done. We have found also that the publishing each year of just the amount of money subscribed and all of the items of expenditure, and sending the same to each contributor has proved a very great help to us.

I do not know whether I sent you the earlier copies of our reports or not. I have some extra copies left and enclose one of each to you for three years, under another cover.

I presume the above suggestions are entirely unnecessary, but they will do no harm at least. Wishing you the best of success in your work, I am,

Very Sincerely Yours,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Nov. 21, 1903.

Ernest G. Buttrick, Esq.,
307 Wilder St.,
Lowell, Mass.

My Dear Sir:-

Yours of Nov. 17 received and contents noted.

I am glad if you found the reports I sent you of our Association for the years 1902 and 1903 of interest.

I send you, under another cover, copies of our reports for 1899, 1900 and 1901. As you will see, these are not gotten up with any particular effect artistically. Our Association has been a matter of steady growth. We commenced with small beginnings, but have steadily gained strength.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by J.)

President.

Nov. 27, 1903

Petrie, Herrington & Collins,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Yours of the 20th received, concerning debt of John T. Johnson, teamster, to you, for $11.50.

Though of some little bother to me, I shall only be too glad to do anything I can to enable you to collect an honest debt from any person who works for the Association.

You failed to enclose the order, as referred to in your letter. Please send that to me and I will see what I can do.

I should say in this connection that I already have an order on his wages for $50.00, in favor of the Macrosse Plow Company, and I presume that takes precedence over your order of $11.50. I will try and get pay, however, for both of the orders, if possible.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Nov, 21, 1903.

Dear Mr. Vilas:-

I had a talk this afternoon with Leonard Kay as to connecting Lakes Wingra and Monona by improving Murphy's Creek. He has agreed to take up the matter of securing contracts from people owning land on either side of the stream and asked me to prepare a form of contract. I have dictated a rough draft of such contract. I enclose herewith the same. If not asking too much of you, I wish you could look the matter through and make such corrections as you may think best. I have drawn it with a view of putting it as little as possible and still getting what we want. The idea is to secure a strip four rods wide on either side of the creek, measuring from the present center thereof. It has occurred to me that if this portion of the improvement is made, it would be very desirable to have our Association control the banks of the waterway. The dirt obtained from the excavation would be sufficient to put the adjoining strip or land in condition for planting, which could be done any time in the future with but little extra expense, and in time might be made a very beautiful feature of the waterway between the two lakes.

Very truly yours,

President.

Senator William F. Vilas,
Madison, Wis.

Nov. 23, 1903.

John F. Ieke, Esq.,
City Engineer,
City.

Dear Sir:-

Have you located, as yet, for Mr. Johnson, the line of the sewer pipe across the river, and have you indicated to him how deep below the bed of the river it is? I was down to the river yesterday morning. He is now in his work where he ought to know definitely about these matters.

He also wants to know something about the pipe that is near the St. Paul bridge and projects out into the stream. As I understand, that is an outlet or overflow pipe. We want to excavate there in such a way as to necessitate the taking out of only a part of that pipe. I wish you would talk this matter over with Mr. Johnson also.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

Nov. 23, 1903.

John B. Heim, Esq.,
Supt. City Water Works,
City.

Dear Sir:-

I was trying to get you yesterday, and also this morning, but have not as yet succeeded. I was down with Mr. Johnson to the river yesterday forenoon. He is right up to where he understands the city water pipe is. He says he had a talk with you but that you said you could not now attend to the matter. He further stated that there was some talk between you and him that he would do the work of excavating for lowering the pipe, and you pay simply what it actually cost.

Now, as you will remember, this is a matter which was brought up early in the season, in order that our work might not be delayed. The delay there of twenty-four hours, to our Association means an expense of not less than fifty dollars for each day's delay of twenty-four hours each, the machine working nights as well as during day times. I write to see whether you will not take this matter up at once so that Mr. Johnson can go ahead with his work. You can readily see the necessity of not delaying the dredge, and it seems to me that other work might wait a day or so under the circumstances. If you got all ready for the work as the plan was, there certainly ought not to be much difficulty in getting the pipe lowered.

I will have this sent to you by special messenger so that you can get it as early as possible. I will also drop a line to Mr. Steenland, secretary of the board.

(Dic. by O.)

Yours truly,
John M. Olin

Nov. 23,1908.

Mr. E. B. Steensland,

City.

My Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter which I have just had sent to Mr. Heim. I wish if there is anything you can do to help us out, you would take the matter up with Mr. Heim and see that we are not delayed in the work. I will very much appreciate anything you can do in the matter.

Yours truly,

John M. O'Leir

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

Nov. 23, 1903

Hon. George C. Sayle,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Nov. 19th received.

I noticed after I wrote you the letter, that the water had been let in over the dam.

From all I can find out, I think Mr. Blake is mistaken about having received any instructions from the engineer as to doing away with the use of boulders. The boulders can be used all right if they are put in in the right way. However, we do not wish any trouble about the matter. It is not a very large item anyway, and I would rather our Association would meet the extra expense of the change than to have any trouble about it.

If you have not already done so, please see Prof. Taylor and look over the work with him and get a certificate from him as to the completion of the work and then present the same and we will pay at once. The money is in the bank ready for you.

As I understand, the one hundred dollar subscription by Mr. Stephens, and the one hundred dollar subscription by Mr. Paunack, are to be applied on the contract in some way, and also a certain amount of work done by teamsters. Mr. Blake spoke to me about these matters once, and, I think, has all of the figures as to just what the teamsters have done. I want a list of the teamsters, and the amount of credit that each is entitled to, so that we can make a proper statement in our report, giving each teamster credit for the amount he has contributed. I should dislike very much to have any one of these men omitted.

Yours truly,

John A. Blake

President.

(Dic. by O.)

Nov. 23, 1903

Senator William F. Vilas,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Vilas:-

I think your suggestions as to the proposed contract for land along either side of Murphy's Creek are both excellent, and I have redrawn the proposed agreement, incorporating the same. I enclose a copy of it herewith. It will not be necessary for you to bother to return the same unless some further needed change might occur to you.

Thanking you for looking through the contract and for the suggestions made, I am,

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by G.L.)
(Enc.)

President.

Nov. 23, 1908.

Leonard W. Gay, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

My Dear Mr. Gay:-

I drew a form of contract Saturday and submitted it to Senator Vilas. He made certain suggestions or changes, and I have incorporated such changes in a redraft of the contract, which redraft I enclose herewith. Some other needed changes may occur to you. I wish you would look the same through and if any needed change occurs to you, let me know. If you think the proposed contract is all right, then let me know by telephone and I will have a number of copies prepared for you and sent to you through the mail.

Of course, in getting the contracts, you may need to modify them in different cases somewhat. We would be willing to do that wherever it can be done without sacrificing the substance of things.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)
(Enc.)

President.

C. F. Cooley, Esq.,
City.

Nov. 25, 1903

Dear Sir:-

Will you be so kind as to make out and send to me a bill for whatever the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association owes up to date? Please make a separate bill for the tiling, since that was for the Yahara River Improvement.

(Dic. by C.)

Yours truly,

John W. Alvord,
President.

Nov. 25, 1903.

Prof. W. H. Taylor,
Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

I had a talk the other day with Deppard Gay, who lives on the Vilas farm in a new house on the right hand side of the road, crossing the marsh toward the fish hatchery and beyond Murphy's Creek. I think it is the first house on the right hand side beyond the bridge crossing the creek. It seems that he had, last year or last winter, a survey made of the difference in level between Lake Wingra and Lake Monona, and at that time he says it only lacked one inch of being five feet. Lake Monona was very high all summer and that would account, undoubtedly, for the difference. It might be well, perhaps, this winter, to have some levels taken at different periods.

He also informed me that the bottom of the culvert under the Northwestern main tracks is up so as to make a difference at that point of about twenty inches in the fall. He also states that there is from twenty inches to two feet fall between the water in Lake Monona and the first or St. Paul Railway track, but that the water is blocked up so that it does not escape. I presume your students will take the levels at different points along the river so as to determine accurately the levels at different points; and that they will also determine the best or most feasible place to put the lock.

If any of them wish to talk with Mr. Gay about the matter, they can reach him most any time. He will be glad to give any information he has.

I have made arrangements with him to secure contracts for a strip

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of land on each side of the creek four rods in width, measuring from the center line of the creek, for park purposes. I submitted the proposed contract to Senator Vilas for suggestions. He seems very much interested in the whole scheme. The idea of securing this strip, on either side of the creek, is that we can some time add very much to the beauty of the waterway by planting.

The people in Wingra Park have already raised one-half of the ten thousand dollars necessary to be raised for the improvement, and they feel confident that they can raise the other five thousand dollars.

I will write a letter to Prof. L. S. Smith, suggesting that he help us to measurements of lake bed, etc.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

Nov. 25, 1903.

Prof. L. S. Smith,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

You, undoubtedly, know of the proposed plan of securing a park in Wingra Park on the shore of Lake Wingra. The plan is to get about twenty-five acres of ground there, to have some one person pay for the ground, and to raise ten thousand dollars by subscription toward improving the park, especially the lake bed in front of the solid ground.

Since the plan was first broached, another suggestion has been made that, as a part of the improvement, Lakes Wingra and Monona ought to be connected by a water-way. I have gone over the line of Murphy's Creek with Mr. Johnson, our dredger, and Prof. Taylor has undertaken, through his students, under his supervision, to determine all the necessary facts as to the water-way. The plan is to excavate so that there shall be not less than twenty-five feet between the banks of the creek, and a depth of water of not less than five feet throughout the length of the stream between the two lakes. As a part of this plan, we are going to secure, if possible, a strip of land four rods in width on each side of the creek, measuring from the center thereof. Leonard W. Gay has undertaken this part of the work. I may say here, confidentially, that Senator Vilas is very much interested, and is being consulted in every step taken. However, we do not wish that his name as yet be mentioned in connection with the scheme.

I write this letter to you especially with reference to Lake Wingra. It seems that the difference in level, at the present time, between that lake and Lake Monona, is three feet and seven inches, or there was that difference on Nov. 7th last. Leonard Gay tells me that he had a survey

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made within the last year or two, at a time when the difference was four feet and eleven inches. It has been suggested that in making the improvement, it might be well to lower the water in Lake Wingra say eighteen inches or two feet, provided this could be done without diminishing materially the area of the clear water space as it now exists in that lake. It has been thought that this portion of the lake bed could be cleaned, and perhaps somewhat deepened by pumping, and using the material for filling purposes to make land in front of the proposed park. I write to suggest, provided it is possible to do so, that a hydrographic map be made of this lake, similar to the one you have made or supervised for Lake Monona. At the same time, we would like to have tests made, showing the condition of the lake bottom and at sufficiently near points to determine such condition with a good deal of accuracy, so that a man like Mr. Johnson, the dredger, might rely upon the tests made.

Another point we want to have ascertained is the extent, in area, of the lake bed in front of the proposed park out to the clear water as it now exists, the shore line of the proposed park extending from Warren Street to Edgewood Avenue. As you are aware, the owner or owners of the shore line here would have a right, in case filling is done, to claim the ground out to the clear water's edge, measuring as you go but at right angles to the line of the shore at Warren Street and at Edgewood Avenue. We would like to have an accurate survey made of this portion of the lake bed or land, so that a landscape architect, like Mr. Simonds might be able to take the same and make a plan for its improvement. The idea is that we would excavate portions of this space sufficient depth to get deep water

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and use the material for filling other portions, and in that way combine both land and water features. Hence, it would be desirable, if not necessary, to make tests over this space so as to determine quite accurately the condition of the bed of the lake.

It has occurred to us that you might be in a position to have the above work done soon after the lake is frozen over, by students acting under your supervision, and that the work might possibly be done without expense to the Association. I do not know whether this is possible. I make the suggestion to you just the same as I have to Prof. Taylor as to the part of the work he has in charge. We are all donating our services in the matter. I feel, however, that I do so much of this work without charge, that I may at times give the impression of imposing upon others. The scheme on foot is a large one and involves quite a large amount of preliminary work being done without our knowing in advance that the scheme will ultimately succeed. However, I feel that the only way to make it successful is to gather all of this information at an early date. Then, the plan is to lay all of this information, together with a subscription of ten thousand dollars, before Senator Vilas. I fully believe that he will come forward with the necessary twenty thousand dollars to purchase the land. Of course, this is stated confidentially. I wish to say, however, that no definite promise has as yet been made by Senator Vilas. I infer, however, that he would not encourage what is being done, unless he thought very favorably of the suggestion that has been made to him that he purchase the land for the park.

I will say that we have options on all of the land included within

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the proposed area of the park extending to April 15, 1904, excepting on the two lots owned by Miss Sterling, and as to those lots, I have sent to her address at Berlin a proposed option and feel quite sure that she will sign the same.

After you have considered the suggestions contained in the above, I wish you would be so kind as to drop me a line.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

P. S. It is very desirable that all of the above work should be done at as early a date as possible, for the reason that if the scheme goes through, Mr. Johnson, the dredger who is doing our work, will construct a new dredge of about double the capacity of the one he now has. This work he could do the latter part of this winter and early spring. We desire to determine whether the work is to be done early enough to enable him to construct the dredge, so that the work might be commenced either in the middle summer or early fall of next year.

Nov. 25, 1903.

Prof. R. B. Dudgeon,

Supt. City Schools,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

There has been quite a little damage done of late to the willows and shrubs planted near the water's edge in Tenney Park, caused by boys breaking off limbs or young trees to make sticks to aid them in skating. We are intending to make an example of some one, but before doing so, desire to have full notice given to the young people who are most apt to frequent the park. I write to ask if you could not, in some way, say something or have something said by the teachers in the different rooms in second and seventh wards? Of course, we are very anxious to have the children and young people use the lagoons for skating purposes. The ice is in fine shape there now and is perfectly safe. We would be very glad to have some sticks cut and furnished the small people at our own expense rather than have any damage of this kind done.

Dr. Nielsen, the superintendent, and I, thought if something could be said in the right way, to the school children, to get them to cooperate heartily in protecting things in the park, it would be a very good thing.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Nov. 25, 1903.

Samuel Higham, Esq.,
Pres't. Fuller & Johnson Mfg. Co.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I have had Mr. Loke measure up the quantity of land that would be coming to the city from the Fuller & Johnson Mfg. Co., on the theory that Bridge street and the northeasterly end of Mifflin street were vacated. After deducting land included in the railway rights of way, he tells me the city would be entitled to a strip of land off from the northeasterly end of block 240, one hundred and thirty-six feet in width. It is either one hundred and thirty-six feet or one hundred and forty-three feet, I am not sure which. This would bring the line seventy or seventy-seven feet southwest of the line of the sixty-six foot strip already conveyed. Now, we are desirous of getting the line of Water street changed and the street relocated, so as to throw the same farther back from the river. To do this, it is necessary that the city should have the two pieces of land , one off from the northeast end of block 222 and the other off from the east corner of block 223. I was wondering whether your company would not be willing to execute to the city a deed of those two pieces of land. There is no question but what the city, or the circuit court, will vacate the east end of Mifflin street. But if you desire to protect your company, you might have this deed executed and left in escrow with the city attorney.

I enclose herewith a description of the two pieces. These descriptions are in accordance with the sketch furnished by you to me. You will

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also find certain stakes already set, I think, indicating the descriptions.

Yours truly,

(Dfc. by O.)

(Enc.)

John M. Olin

President.

Nov. 25, 1909.

Rufus B. Smith, Esq.,
City Attorney,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith a copy of letter which I have just written to Samuel Highby, President of the Fuller & Johnson Mfg. Company. I also enclose copy of the description of the two pieces of land referred to in such letter.

We would like to secure a deed of those two pieces of land, drawn the same as the other deeds already executed by the Fuller & Johnson Mfg. Company and by Senator Burrows. If the Fuller & Johnson Company consent to execute the deed, will you see to the preparing of the same for the City, and much oblige?

Yours truly,

John

President.

(Dic. by O.)
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Nov. 27, 1902.

Judge Anthony Donovan,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

It will be impossible for me to be at your court this morning, since I am due at the circuit court at the same time.

We have had the lights put in at the pump house in Tenney Park and the bill for the same is $5.25. This does not leave the building in quite as good shape as it was before, but is very much less than I supposed the bill would be.

As I have already suggested, it seems to me that a fine imposed upon the boys, varying in amount according to the degree of guilt or blame on the part of the different boys, would teach a very much better lesson than asking them to pay jointly the small sum of $5.25 for a case of wilful and malicious mischief such as this was.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

Nov. 27, 1903

Mrs. Lilly McCue,

113 N. Butler St.,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Mrs. McCue:-

Yours of Nov. 26th received, and although I am soon to start for the circuit court to commence an argument in an important case, I hasten to reply, for I want you to have the money at once for the school children. Your letter gives me very great pleasure. Great credit is due you for the excellent work you have done in this direction.

Enclosed you will find two warrants, drawn payable to bearer, and you can turn them over to the parties entitled to the money, or you can draw the cash and pay the money, just as you prefer.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

(2 Warrants.)

Nov. 28, 1903.

Severt Aasen, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed you will find warrants for the different parties, with the following explanation;

1. Two of the warrants to John T. Johnson, I want you to see that these are signed on the back by Johnson and returned to me. He gave orders on me for these amounts and I am legally bound, by reason of his orders, to see that they are paid to the parties,

2. The warrant to J. J. Olauson for $7.20 is drawn payable to bearer, so that you can get the money on it. This, I understand, belongs to you.

3. I enclose an extra warrant both to Patrick Griffin and to Andrew Olsen, so as to make their pay come up to that of the other men whom we employed the present season on Yahara River Improvement.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

John M. Olsen.

President.

Since writing the above, Johnson [illegible] and I attended to his warrants and [illegible]. Please get the receipts back as [illegible] as you can. J. M. O.

Nov. 28, 1903.

Thomas P. Nelson, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $5.28 for your bill for repairing damage to pump house in Tenney Park. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return the same to me, and very much oblige.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)
(Warrant)
(Enc.)

President.

Leonard W. Gay, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Nov. 28, 1903.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed I hand you eight copies of the proposed agreement for strip of land on either side of Murphy's Brook, redrawn as you suggested.

We must, if possible, get this strip of land without paying out very much, if any, money. The expense incident to making the channel will be quite large and it will be about all we can stand, I am afraid. I speak of this so that you will keep this in mind.

I think you are entirely right about leaving out the provision as to stock. If, however, any of the owners bring that matter up, you can explain to them that it will be very easy, if they want a watering place, to put in a pipe under ground, connected with the river and extending across the strip to their land or to any place where they want a watering place. This could be very easily done and not injure the park strip in any way. If any of the parties insist on having such an agreement incorporated in the contract, of course you can write the same in.

It is very desirable that this matter be closed out at the very earliest date possible. We are trying very hard to get the ten thousand dollars subscribed before the first of January. When that is done, I shall then go to Senator Vilas with the whole matter and try and get him to promise definitely that he will pay the amount necessary to purchase the land. When that is done, we will enter into an arrangement with Mr. Johnson, our engineer, for doing the work, and he will commence at once to

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construct a new dredge especially for this work, which will have not less than double the capacity of his present dredge. In order to accomplish this, it is necessary that he should know at as early a date as possible, so that he can build his dredge this winter or early spring, and thus be able to commence the work on this job some where along the middle summer or early fall next year.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

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President.

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Pettit, Harrington & Collins,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed I send you a warrant, drawn in favor of John T. Johnson and by him endorsed to your order, in payment of the order which he gave your firm on me.

Yours truly,

(Dis. by C.)

(Warrant)

President.

Nov. 28, 1903

LaCrosse Plow Co.,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed I hand you a warrant for $50.00, made out to John T. Johnson and endorsed, to pay for order given by him to me in your behalf for balance due on account.

Yours truly,

(Dis. by C.)

(Warrant.)

President

Nov. 30,1903.

M. J. Jo[illegible],

[illegible] E. Dayton St.

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir;-

I was down to the river Saturday forenoon, and I judge that you must have had a break-down. I am anxious to have you get the work done below the Avenue bridge before the season closes, if possible. It has a bearing on our collecting in some of our subscriptions. We want to show the people there that we are doing something along that part of the river.

Yours truly,

John V. Ott President.

Nov. 30, 1903

Evans Thomas, Esq.,

C[illegible].

My Dear Mr. Thomas:-

Yours of the 28th received and contents noted.

I do not know as I quite understand from your letter, whether you mean that you have completed three-fifths of the work, including the construction of street, gutter and sidewalk for Beaumont. I should say you have done three-fifths of the filling, which would be $1500. Perhaps you have done more than this. My judgment would not be very good in the matter.

Would it be satisfactory to you and Mr. Clark if the directors should decide to make an additional payment at this time of say from $400 to $500?

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Dec. 1, 1903.

Conklin & Sons,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Will you be so kind as to send to me any bill you may have against the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association, and much obliged.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Dec. 1, 1903.

Hon. J. W. Craven,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

You will remember, that there is a small horse barn on the lot purchased by the city from Mr. Bowers in block 222, in Burr W. Jones block. I spoke to you once about Mr. Bowers wanting to remove that barn. Since writing the above, it has occurred to me that that barn is just what our Association needs at the present time. I examined the barn this morning. It is a very good substantial little barn, apparently well constructed, and contains three stalls. Our Association may purchase a team next spring for our work. Besides, we need a little more room for some of our tools just now. What we would like to do is to get permission to move that barn upon a portion of the vacant city property adjoining the present tool shed that we constructed on that property. Of course, we would be at the expense of moving the building. I write this so that if anything has been done toward giving Bowers the privilege of removing the barn, that the action may be rescinded. It would cost us quite a little money to construct as good a building as this.

I called to see you this morning about the matter, but found you were out of the city. Hence, I write you this note so that you can have the matter laid before you immediately upon your return.

Yours truly,

Dictated by P.

President.

Dec. 1, 1908.

Edward Johnson, Esq.,
Oconomowoc, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I understand that you are a brother of Mr. N. J. Johnson, who has been doing dredging for our Association this summer. In some talks that I have had with him, I know that he would like very much to get you interested in the work here. I believe that there is work enough should here for from six to ten years. Of course, I don't mean to promise anything absolutely. But if a certain scheme goes through that we are now figuring on, we shall have arranged steady work for not less than two years after the close of next year. This work involves connecting what is known as Lake Monona and Lake Wingra and the making of a park of from thirty to forty acres along one side of the latter lake.

This will likely be followed by some work of a similar character in what is known as Monona Bay. If this scheme goes through, there is another two or three years' work here. We expect this work will be followed by the connecting of the chain of lakes running down as far as Stoughton. This latter piece of work would consume two or three years and would involve an expenditure of from twenty thousand dollars to twenty-five thousand dollars.

It would please us, from what I have heard of you through your brother, if you could look the ground over here with the idea of becoming interested in the work with your brother. We like him very much. He is giving general satisfaction to our citizens.

(Ric, W & C.)

Yours truly,

President.

Dec. 1, 1903.

Stephenson & Stadelmann,
Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

I am trying to get in all of the bills against the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. I am not sure whether you have any outstanding bill against the Association or not. If so, will you be so kind as to send same to me, and much oblige?

(Dic. by C.)

Yours truly,

President.

Dec. 1, 1903.

M. J. Cantwell, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I think the Association has not paid you for printing letter heads recently. If not, please send your bill and I will see that the same is paid at once.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

Sumner & Morris,

Madison, Wis.

Dec. 1, 1903.

Gentlemen:-

Will you be so kind as to send me a bill for anything you have against the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association, and much obliged

(Dic. by O.)

Yours truly,

President.

Dec. 1,1903.

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed please find warrant for $5.30 for your bill against Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Will you be so kind as to receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me, and very much obliged

(Dic. by O.)

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Yours truly,

President.

Dec. 1, 1903

George Sullivan, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith a copy of letter which I have just written to Mayor Groves. I write you so that you may see to it that nothing is done toward removing this barn, by Mr. Bowers or any other person. I am very anxious to secure this barn for the use of the Association.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

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President.

[illegible]

Dec. 1, 1903.

Ralph Kayser, Esq.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

If you have any bill against the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association, will you be so kind as to send the same to me, and much oblige?

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

[illegible]

President.

Dec. 1, 1903.

Ward F. Paumack, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed I send you warrant for $23.23, as per enclosed bill against the Association. The figures I get from our foreman, Mr. Ansel. Will you be so kind as to receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me in the enclosed stamped envelope, and much oblige?

Yours truly,

John M. Olin
President.

(Bier & C.)
(Warrant)
(Note.)

Dec. 1, 1903.

C. F. Cook, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find two warrants, one for $19.86 to pay for pipe and cement, and the other for $37.50 to pay for 250 feet eight inch pipe, for bills against Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(2 Warrants)

Dec. 3, 1903

A. H. Kayser, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find warrant for $2.33 to pay for your bill against the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association for lumber and posts Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me, and much oblige.

(Dic. by O.)
(Warrant)
(Enc.)

Yours truly,
Edwin Olin
President.

Dec. 3, 1903.

Cantwell Printing Co.,
Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $5.50 to pay for your bill for printing for Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association, under date of Dec. 2, 1903. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me, and oblige.

(Dic. by O.)
(Warrant)
(Enc.)

Yours truly,
Edwin Olin
President.

Dec. 3, 1903.

Sumner & Morris,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $8.99 for your bill against the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me, and much oblige.

(Dis. by O.)

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Yours truly,

J. Howell Ellis

President.

Dec. 4, 1903

A. D. & I. V. Frederickson,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $1.25 for stakes for Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt enclosed bill and return same to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

J. Howell Ellis

President.

(Dis. by O.)

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Dec. 6, 1903.

M. C. Clarke, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Mr. Clarke:-

Yours of Dec. 4th received. I received reply from Mr. Thomas. We intend to have a meeting of the board of directors within a week or so, and I will then bring the matter up and recommend some additional payment at this time to you and Mr. Thomas.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Dec. 7, 1903.

Claus Clauson, Esq.,

Madison, Wis;-

Dear Sir;-

Enclosed find warrant for one month's pay in Tenney Park. Please sign the enclosed receipt and return same to me in enclosed stamped envelope. This is to pay up in full for this season's work.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

President.

Dec. 7, 1903.

Dr. Samuel A. Nicholson,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I have sent Mr. Clawson warrant up to Dec. 1st, and told him that would pay up in full for this season's work.

There is a matter I think ought to be attended to in connection with the dynamo in the pump house. Some one suggested to me that that ought to be taken down and taken to the Northern Electric works and put in a place where it will be kept dry. I wish you would look into this matter and have done whatever is necessary to be done to fully protect the machinery.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John W. Alvord
President.

Mr. N. J. Johnson,

1140 E. Dayton St.,

Madison, Wis.

Dec. 3, 1903

Dear Sir:-

I am planning to have a meeting of our directors on the evening of next week, if possible. Will write you further definitely about the date of the meeting. I desire to have you present at the meeting, and before the meeting would like to have you consider certain matters.

1. Please be able to state the time spent between the railroad tracks and bridge on East Washington Avenue, in addition to the time I already have.

2. Would like to have you consider, so as to be able to make a statement to the directors, what, in your opinion, is the most feasible method of getting the dirt or material out from under the bridges, and what expense to the association such method would involve, as nearly as possible.

3. Wish you would be able to give us your opinion as to the best method of doing the necessary excavating above the dock. Have you any idea how far out you would have to go beyond the dock to get at any a depth say of not less than about four and one-half feet of water?

4. On the theory that the fish or improving Lake Mingra and connecting that lake with Lake Monona does through, and that $10,000 is raised for the improvement, I wish you would be able to give some statement to the board as to what, in your judgment, would be the best or most

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feasible way of doing the work. Wish you could give me some figure for which you would do the excavating from Lake Monona to Lake Wingra, on the theory that there will be excavated a channel about thirty feet wide and deep enough to furnish, at all times, a depth of water about five feet, and on the theory that you would be able to run your dredge from one lake to the other without tearing it to pieces in order to get under any bridge or bridges.

5. Also be able to state to the directors, as you have heretofore stated to me, your plan of distributing the dirt along the river for the rest of the excavation, and in that connection I wish you could state something as to what extra cost there would be to the association in the carrying out of such plan.

6. On condition that the Lake Wingra improvement goes through and we have $10,000 to pay for the improvement, I wish you would be able to state something along the line you have already talked with me as to the construction of a new dredge.

7. You will remember that we have had some talk about it being necessary to have one or two scows with which to do work of this kind. Was it your idea that if you were assured of this job of improving Lake Wingra, that you could construct such scow or scows as a part of your equipment in doing this work?

If the Lake Wingra improvement goes through, I do not have much doubt but what both the other large schemes will go through, namely, the one for the improvement of Monona Bay, and also the one for connecting the other lakes. If these schemes go through, you certainly will have work here

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for from six to eight years at the least calculation on these three jobs of work, and if these go through, others will follow, some of which I already have in mind.

I thought I would write the above so that you might be considering these matters and thus be able to talk more intelligently to the board at its next meeting.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

P. S. On the theory that there is to be removed say five thousand cubic yards of top dirt from the Steinle tract and distributed over the filled ground along the river between the two lakes, would you be willing to figure on doing this work and give the directors a bid, stating the amount for which you would be willing to put the dirt in place ready to be spread, per cubic yard, measured in excavation, on the theory that you do the whole work? This would also include a bid for covering the five filled lots in Tenney Park with top dirt.

Dec. 11, 1903.

Hon. George C. Sayle,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I have called a meeting of the directors of the Association for to-morrow evening, Saturday, at 7:30 o'clock, at my office. The matter of paying you the balance due on your contract for constructing of dock will be passed upon at this meeting. I have talked the matter over with Prof. Taylor, and I think we can adjust matters without difficulty. I wish, however, that you could be present at the meeting

Yours truly,

Dic. by O.L.

John M. Olin

President.

F. W. Hoyt, Esq.,

Madison Wis.

Dec. 11, 1903.

Dear Mr. Hoyt:-

We were unable to have the meeting of the directors on the time we expected to, about Nov. 16th. You will remember you made out a statement for me as of Nov. 16th. I enclose the same herewith. Could you, without very much trouble, bring this statement down to the present time? I have called a meeting for to-morrow evening. I write this note because I shall be out of the office to-day in the supreme court, but will see you later.

Yours truly,

Dic. by O.L.
(Enc.)

Dec. 11, 1903

Severt Aasen, Esq.,

Corner E. Washington Ave. & Blair St.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

We are to have a meeting of the directors of the Associa-tion to-morrow, Saturday evening, at 7:30 o'clock. On looking over the receipts, we find that the only one that has not been returned is that of $10.20 paid to John Midthun for work on Yahara River. If you can get that receipt to us before the meeting to-morrow evening, shall be much obliged.

I think you had better close up all of the drives for the winter.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

Dec. 11, 1903

Prof. W. D. Taylor,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Taylor:-

I have called a meeting of the directors of our Association for to-morrow, Saturday evening, at 7:30 o'clock, at my office. I have requested Mr. Sayle to be present at that time. I told him if he would be here at 7:30, we would close out his matter at once.

If not trespassing too much on your time, I should appreciate it if you could be present at the same time. We would keep you but a short time. If you come, please bring with you your check book upon your bank. My reason for asking this is as follows: We will give to you a warrant for the full amount of your bill, and then would ask you to give us a check for the amount of your subscriptions. This is in order to keep our books correct and to give each man credit in our reports for the amount he pays. You will, I think, understand the reason.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin
President.

Dec. 11, 1903

Mr. N. J. Johnson,
1140 East Dayton St.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I have called a meeting of the directors of our Association for to-morrow, Saturday evening, at 7:30, at my office. Undoubtedly you have not had time to consider fully all the matters contained in my recent letter. I would like, however, to have you present at our meeting, and to state something concerning the most feasible means of dredging out under the bridges over the river. On the other matters referred to, wish you would be able to state, as far as possible, along the lines indicated. I will try and get this to you to-day.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin
President.

Dec. 14, 1903

George C. Sayle, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

By reason of our hurry the other evening, the agreement which you were to have signed, was not signed. I enclose the same herewith. Will you please sign the same and return to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

Dec. 14, 1903

Mrs. Lilly McCue,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mrs. McCue:-

Would you be so kind as to sign the enclosed receipt for the $10.00 paid for prize money? It is just in order to keep our accounts correct.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

Dec. 14, 1903

A. D. Foy, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Foy:

Enclosed please find warrant for $100, as per vote of directors on Saturday evening last. Will you please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me?

If you will, at the same time, as per our oral agreement, send a check, payable to Frank W. Hoyt, for $100, I will see that he gives you credit on your subscription for that amount, leaving unpaid but $400.

It occurs to me that there has been no deed drawn as between you and the Northern Electric Company and George B. Burrows, in pursuance of the contract signed by the parties. I have no copy of that contract. If Mr. Burrows were the only party interested, I would not suggest having anything further to do with the matter, but allow him to straighten it out himself. But I feel differently with reference to yourself and the Northern Electric Manufacturing Company.

If you will return to me a copy of the contract, I will some time have prepared proper deeds.

Yours truly,

(Dict. by O.)
(Warrant)
(Enc.)

John W. Alvord.
President.

Dec. 14, 1908.

M. C. Clarke, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

At a meeting of the directors of the Association held on Saturday evening last, it was voted to pay to you and Mr. Thomas, at this time, sufficient to make total payments up to date $1,000. Enclosed I hand you a warrant for $268.03. Will you please sign the enclosed receipt and return same to me, and much oblige?

(Dic. by O.)

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Yours truly,

President.

Dec. 16, 1908.

Mrs. Lilly McCue,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mrs. McCue:-

Yours of Dec. 15 received, enclosing receipt. Please accept thanks for same.

There was no fault whatever on your part. It was my omission in not making a receipt when I sent the warrants.

Thanking you for your courtesy in the matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Dec. 17, 1903.

Editor Engineering News,

New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Prof. W. D. Taylor, of the University, has kindly handed me a copy of the issue of your paper of Dec. 10, 1903, containing an article by him on the work of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association.

Our Association feels much indebted not only to Prof. Taylor for the article, but for your admitting the same to your publication.

I should like one more copy of the issue and enclose herewith fifteen cents for the same.

It has occurred to me, that perhaps you might be willing to let our Association have the plates for the cuts or pictures illustrating the article. We could use them to good purpose in the next publication of our annual report, which comes out some time about the middle of April next year. If you could see your way to letting us have the plates, we should be much indebted to you.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

(Stamps Enc.)

John M. Olin

President.

Dec. 17, 1903

Evergreen Nursery Co.,

Sturgeon Bay, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Yours of Nov. 9th was duly received. I do not know as it requires any answer. I wish merely to say, however, that the purchase of the goods that you are complaining about not being paid for, was on behalf of the public, and as representing the public, I felt very certain, under the circumstances, that our Association had suffered, in the deal, about all it ought to be called upon to stand.

(Dic. by O.)

Yours truly,

President.

Dec. [illegible]

Wm. [illegible] C. Smith,

Madison, Wis.

[illegible] - Smith:-

Yours of Dec. 15th received after our informal talk on the car the other evening, as to survey of Lake Wingra. I am much pleased that you can take hold of the matter to the extent indicated in your letter, and shall be very glad to confer with you at any time as to any unfinished portion of the work.

I think you can get from Grant Thomas anything that he has in the way of testing pipe or pipes; that he would be glad to loan you anything he has of this kind.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

[illegible]

President.

Dec. 19, 1903

[illegible] Esq.,
Sec'y. West Lawn Co.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Dec. 17th received, enclosing copy of resolution of the West Lawn Company, modifying previous resolution as to subscription of $1,000 to proposed park in Wingra Park Subdivision of the city. The resolution, as adopted, is entirely satisfactory to our [illegible].

Thanking you for your courteous letter, as will do the remaining subscription by your company, I am.

Very truly yours,

(Dict. by C.)

[signature]
President.

December 23,1903

Professor C. R. Barnes,
Department of Botany,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Sir:-

Yours of December 22nd received.

I think the chances are very good for the development of our improvement scheme in Wingra Park. There has already been subscribed over $7,500 of the necessary $10,000. We hope early in January to be able to have the subscription list completed, and then I propose to go in person to Senator Vilas and lay the whole matter before him, and get from him at that time, if possible, a definite promise to come forward with the necessary $20,000 additional to buy the land. I now believe that he will meet the request.

Undoubtedly the offer which you have received on the lots is by reason wholly of the fact that the person making the offer expects that the improvement is going through. I find that some real estate agent has been making similar offers to Professor Hobbs for the two lots in the same block with yours, and undoubtedly the offer is made for the same reason.

Anticipating that real estate agents and others might be trying to pick up some property lying adjacent to but outside of the proposed park, upon which we have first secured options, I wrote to some of these parties, one of them being Professor Haskins, who had given us a very favorable option, not to dispose of their land for the present.

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I do not know but what I was negligent in not acknowledging receipt of your option and kind letter. It was through an oversight of mine if I failed to do so. We thank you very much for the option.

We have the options on all of the property included in the proposed park, unless it be on the two lots owned by Miss Sterling. She is in Berlin, Germany, and I have sent the option to her there, but have not yet heard from her.

If it should be determined at any time prior to April 15, 1904, that the proposed scheme for improvement will not go through, I will at once notify you.

Yours truly,

Dict.O.

Dec.24,1903.

Engineering News Publishing Co.,
220 Broadway, New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

Yours of December 21st received.

I wish to thank you very much for your generosity in permitting our Association to take the cuts used by you in your publica- December 10. We shall be pleased in our annual report to give

E. F. Riley, Esq., Dec.24,1903.
Secretary, Board of Regents, City.

My Dear Sir:-

Yours of December 23rd received, extending the time within which the city may complete the bridge across East Johnson street to December 31, 1905. Please accept thanks of our Association for the same.

Yours truly,

Dict:O:

President

Dec. 24, 1903.

M. J. Johnson, Esq.,

1140 East Dayton St., City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find warrant for $86.18, for your bill for moving dredge under railway bridges. Please receipt the enclosed bill, return the same to me, and much oblige.

I received your statement of time, from December 3rd to December 19th, inclusive. I wish you would make out a separate statement, giving the number of hours you worked for the city water works, and another statement giving the number of hours you worked for the city, so that we can present the same to the city and the water works company.

Yours very truly,

Johnwell Aire

President.

Dict.O.

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Pages included between 645 and 662 taken out and put in office book of Olin & Butler, letters wrongly copied into this book

Dec. 29, 1903.

Stephenson & Sanderman,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Inclosed find warrant for $6.04 to pay your bill for tools against the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Warrant)

(Inc.)

Dec. 30, 1903

Mr. M. J. Johnson,

1140 East Dayton St.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

The student that I referred you to the other night, who was doing the work on Lake Wingra, making tests, is Ernest A. Moritz. He rooms at No. 1021 West Johnson Street. This is up University way, as you will see. I thought I would send you this note so that, if you had any trouble in making connections with his work out on the lake, you might call at his place of residence.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

Dec. 31, 1908

Judge Robert G. Siebecker,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Siebecker:-

I would like to confer with you for a few minutes concerning a proposed plan for the improvement of what is known as Third Lake Bay, beginning at the Easterly end of the triangle. It could be perhaps from twelve to fifteen minutes of your time. There is one matter connected with I think you can be of decided help, and it is about this matter that I wish to talk with you. If you could indicate to me when I could see you, I would arrange matters to suit your convenience. The point I wish to see you about is one that ought to be considered as soon as possible, as you will see when I come to talk with you about it.

Very truly yours,

John M. Olin

(Dic. by O.)

Mr. F. A. Goetz, Jan. 1, 1903.

Care Columbia University,

New York.

Dear Sir:-

At the request of Prof. John G. D. Mack, I send you, under another cover, a copy of the last two annual reports of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

Prof. John G. D. Mack, Jan. 1, 1903.

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

As requested in yours of Dec. 31st, I have forwarded to F. A. Goetz copies of the last two annual reports of our Association.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

Jan. 2, 1904

Mr. H. Klovekorn,

Klovekorn,

Klein-Haferbeck,

bei Uderwangen,

Ost-Pr.

My Dear Sir:-

Please accept my thanks for your kind postal card of Dec. 19th. I remember, with pleasure, the forenoon I had the pleasure of spending with you and others, and I am very glad to hear that you have returned safely home after so long an absence.

Thinking you might be interested in the work of the Association that has constructed the drives along our lakes, only a very small part of which you passed over, I send, under another cover, a copy of each of our two last annual reports.

Yours very truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John W. Alvord

Jan. 2, 1904.

Joseph A. Steimle,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find check, signed by E. F. Riley, for $500, dayed Jan. 2, 1904, payable to the order of John M. Olin, President, on the First National Bank, and endorsed payable to your order. This is to meet the payment due on Jan. 1, 1904, on the contract between you and the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association. Please sign and return to me the enclosed receipt in the enclosed stamped envelope, and much oblige.

Yours truly,

J. M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

(Check)

(Enc.)

Jan. 6, 1904

Senator William F. Vilas,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Vilas:-

As I understood the talk we had the other day, as matters were finally left, you stated that you would say now that you would be responsible up to $20,000 for the purchase of the land for park in Wingra Park, if we could get a promise or agreement from the railway companies to do what is necessary to secure the construction of a water-way between Lake Monona and Wingra Lake, subject, of course, to other conditions that have been talked over. Since our interview, I have been considering the matter of how to best get at the railway companies and have concluded to write you, suggesting that you write me a letter, covering the following points:

That you will give, for the purpose of securing the park in Wingra Park, the money necessary to buy the land, not exceeding, however, $20,000, the money to be paid on April 15, 1904, upon the following conditions, however:

(I insert here a description of the proposed park, since you might wish to use the same: Commencing at the center line of Warren Street at the edge of Lake Wingra, and extending thence north along the center line of Warren street to the center line of Drake street; thence west along the center line of Drake street to the center line of Garfield street; thence north along the center of Garfield street to the center line of Grant street; thence northwest along the center line of Grant street to the

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center of Jackson street to the center of Edgewood Avenue; thence along the center of said Edgewood Avenue to Lake Wingra; and thence along the edge of Lake Wingra to the point of beginning; all in what is known as Wingra Park Subdivision to the city of Madison and according to the recorded plat thereof, and now a part of said city, excepting therefrom, however, lots one to six, inclusive, in block twenty-two, and lots one to six inclusive, in block twenty-three, up to and including the northwesterly line of the alley lying to the rear of said lots.)

1. There shall be subscribed, on or before April 1, 1904, in bona fide subscriptions, not less than $10,000, said $10,000 to be devoted exclusively to the permanent improvement of said lands for park purposes, or of additions thereto, including the money necessary to be used to connect Lakes Monona and Wingra by a water-way as hereinafter mentioned.

2. What is known as Murphy's Creek, now connecting Lake Wingra and Lake Monona, in Dane County, Wisconsin, shall be improved by dredging, widening and deepening the said creek so that the same, when so improved, shall be, throughout its entire length, not less than twenty-five feet in width between its banks, and the water therein shall be of a depth not less, throughout its entire length, than from four to five feet, so that said creek, when so improved, shall furnish an adequate water-way between said Lakes Monona and Wingra for the passage of all kinds of boats and launches not requiring to exceed an eight foot clearance above the level of the water in said creek when so improved; and a portion of said $10,000, above mentioned, may be used in so improving said creek, but not for the

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purpose of elevating or changing any railway tracks or the construction of any railway culverts.

(3) That the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association shall secure, on or before April 1, 1904, a promise from the proper officials of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway and the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Companies, that such companies will, at their own expense, so change their tracks, if necessary, and culvert or culverts, as to enable the connecting of said Lakes Monona and Wingra as above specified.

(4) That the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association shall secure, for the purpose of a park and driveway, a strip of ground three rods in width across land owned by the St. Dominican Sisters in the northwest quarter of section twenty-seven, township seven, north, of range nine east, Dane County, Wisconsin, said strip to be located along or near the bank of Lake Wingra, in said town.

(I would like to have this condition inserted in the proposition you may make, for the purpose of using it as a lever in securing the driveway across this land, but wish that it might be understood, as between us, that if it turns out to be impossible to secure the strip, this would not result in defeating the entire park scheme.)

Of course, all of the above is merely by way of suggestion.

And now I will mention some of the reasons why such a proposition as indicated above, from you, at this time, would be helpful. I would like, if possible, to have the full $10,000 subscribed before submitting the matter to the railway companies. They have now $8,000 of the $10,000

subscribed, but, as you know, the last $2,000 come in small amounts, and the securing of the same will involve a good deal of labor. If it could be known now that you stand ready to purchase the ground on the conditions above indicated, it would aid very much the securing of the last $2,000.

Furthermore, if we could now state to the public the substance of your proposition, I think it would arouse such a general public interest here in the city as to help us decidedly with the railway companies. It has been my experience, in this kind of work, that whatever is published in our local papers that in any way concerns or affects the railway companies, gets promptly to the proper officials of these roads at Chicago, and I find that general public interest here in the city with reference to any particular matter has been of great service to us in the past, in dealing with the railway companies.

Moreover, such an announcement, at this time, would be of decided aid to the other work of the Association, that is, in securing the $5,000 annual subscription for our regular work, and the necessary additional subscription of from $6,000 to $8,000 to complete the Yahara River improvement. Such an announcement will arouse decided interest and enthusiasm in the work of the Association, and would enable us to come up to our annual meeting in April with, by far, the best showing in the history of the Association.

Now, I realize the fact that you do not personally desire any undue attention called to your very generous and public spirited proposition, and so far as I am concerned, I will do everything in my power to see that

the matter is presented to the public in good taste. Of course, you realize the fact that if the plan succeeds, it must, at some time in the near future, be laid before the public, and the only question is whether we are not now in such shape that the plan may be stated to the public and our Association be decidedly helped, not only in getting [redacted] what we must secure from the railway companies as to this particular improvement, but also along the other lines of the Association's work.

Very sincerely yours,

(Dic. by O.)

J. Howell [redacted]

President.

Enclosed final copy of one of the letters from former law student. Thought you would [illegible] sending it — especially the letter [illegible] Characteristic of General Bryant.

J. Coll.

Jan. 6, 1904.

George Sullivan, Esq.,
Street Supt.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Sullivan:-

Mr. Johnson is planning to dredge between East Main street and the Northwestern Railway bridge. He says that if you will remove the plank, he can swing the iron part of one-half the bridge without difficulty. I thought I would drop you this line so that you might keep the matter in mind. I presume it would be a week or so anyway before he would be ready, and I will ask him to notify you some days in advance. I would like very much to have him do all he can this fall, so as to have people understand that something is being accomplished.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

Jan. 6, 1904.

W. J. Johnson, Esq.,
1140 E. Dayton St.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I was out to the river this morning for the first time for some two or three weeks. I wish you would have the men keep account of the time that it takes to excavate the other cut on the southwesterly side of the river between East Washington Avenue and Main Street. I have a reason for making this request.

Since our last meeting, I have thought over what you said about going down under the railroad bridge this winter. I do not think the city officers would wish to have you do this, unless you are willing to meet the expense of taking down and putting up your dredge. We feel as though the dredging ought to be completed, if possible, between the west railroad bridges and the bridge next east of Main Street before you tear down your dredge again. But I should like to have you do all you can this winter between these two points. I will write a line this morning to Mr. Sullivan, stating that you will want to go below the Main street bridge, and asking him to get ready for your work.

In case you need to have out of the way at any time any wires, I wish you would look ahead for a week or ten days, so that notice can be given to the companies to get the wires out of the way in time for you.

I have secured the promise of Senator Vilas to put in the necessary money to purchase the land for park in Wingra Park, in case we can get the railway companies to do whatever is necessary to enable us to cut the proper channel between the lakes. Hence, the next thing to do is to get

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their consent to do this work, and I am now working upon that branch of the case.

As I remember, you stated your dredge would need to be twenty-four feet wide. I merely suggest the question as to whether it is necessary to make the dredge quite so wide in order to have it of the capacity you desire. I presume it is, or you would not have suggested it. If it could be made, however, twenty feet wide, it would cut down the expense somewhat. However, I do not wish this to stand in the way of your constructing the most efficient dredge for the work generally.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

J. Averell Clark

President.

Jan. 6, 1904.

Prof. L. S. Smith,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Mr. Smith:-

Since talking with you this morning over the phone, I have concluded to drop you this line: If you can have tests made, running down twenty or twenty-five feet, of the portion of the lake bed in front of the proposed park in Wingra Park out to the clear water, and say from five to six hundred feet beyond, opposite such strip, I will be responsible myself to the extent of ten dollars for such work, in case the Association should decline to pay it. It is quite essential for us to know whether the mud or mire which you find there is underlaid with sand. If it is, we can use the sand pump to great advantage, and it will not make any difference how deep we go in getting the material.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

John Muir

President.

Jan. 7,1904

Senator William F. Vilas,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Mr. Vilas:-

I have just received your note of the 7th, and I am very sorry indeed that I have made a mistake. I hasten to acknowledge it. I only want to assure you that it was a mistake. Of course, it was my intention to proceed at once to get the consent of the railway companies, and the thing uppermost in my mind was how to best bring the thing around. The point you call attention to, strange as it may seem, did not occur to me, that is the inconsistency. I only trust that you will forgive my blunder, and that the same will not cause you to lose faith in me so far as this work is concerned. I should regret exceedingly that anything I might mistakenly do, through error, should in any way offend you. I do not know as I can say anything more. The letter was dictated rather hurriedly, but I ought to have seen the inconsistency in subdivision three, on page three. I certainly meant all I said about the desire of knowing at an early date so as to make a contract with Johnson for the dredging, but I can see now as plainly as any one the inconsistency between this and the postponing of the promise from the railroad company to April 1st next. The surprising thing to me is that I wrote the letter without noticing that inconcistency, but the fact is I didn't, and that is all I can say about it.

Please consider the matter, if you can, as though I had not written the letter. I would not for anything have you think that I had in any way intentionally misconstrued our interview or sought in any way to

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put things differently from the talk we had. Nothing could be farther from my thought than such a thing as that, and I trust you may think so.

Very sincerely yours,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

Jan. 7, 1904.

City Water Works Department,

To Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association, Dr, as follows; For dredging done by N. J. Johnson in connection with change of water pipe across Yahara River on East Washington Avenue, as follows;

Dec. 9,	9 hours.		
" 10,	12½ "		
" 11,	10 "		
" 12	8 "		
Making a total of,	39½ "	@ $2.50 per hour,	$98.75

Jan. 7, 1902.

John B. Heim, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith a bill, presented by Mr. Johnson, for work in assisting as to water pipe across river on East Washington Avenue. We have paid Mr. Johnson for this time, being responsible of ecurse directly to him. I enclose herewith the bill as presented by Mr. Johnson. He had in the bill, as presented, another ten hours for Dec. 16. He states to me that you arranged with him to be ready for work on Wednesday morning, Dec. 16, and that he was there, ready with his men, and that you came about eight o'clock and notified him that you had changed your mind. He says that he had to pay his men for their time that day, and also for coal. I requested him to leave out this day entirely, and he finally consented to do so.

If there is anything wrong with the bill as presented, I wish you would be so kind as to inform me. If the bill is correct, will you be so kind as to have the matter presented for payment, and much oblige?

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(2 Enc.)

John W. Alvord

President.

Jan. 9, 1904.

The Journal Printing Co.,

Racine, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

The enclosed bill was sent to me as President of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association, addressed to the Madison Improvement Company. I do not know anything about it, and therefore return the same to you. I do not know of any company or corporation by the name of "The Madison Improvement Company".

Yours truly,

President.

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

Jan. 9, 1904

D. L. Davidson & Son,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed please find warrant for $4.50 to pay your bill against Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt same and return receipted bill to me, and much oblige.

Yours truly,

President.

(Dic. by O.)

Warrant)

(Enc.)

Jan. 9, 1904

John B. Heim, Esq.,
Supt. City Water Works,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Jan. 8th received and contents noted.

I am entirely willing to leave the whole matter of the amount the city should pay for work done by Mr. Johnson in connection with the pipe across the river, to you. Please make out such bill as you think, under all the circumstances, is right. I would much rather that our Association would pay the whole bill than to have any trouble or feeling in the matter, and, as stated above, whatever you determine will be entirely satisfactory.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

Jan. 9, 1904.

Senator William F. Vilas,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

Yours of Jan. 9th received. I thank you very much for the same. I see for the first time, from your letter, just where I made the mistake, and I only write this note that you may see how I came to make it. I understood you to say that if we could get the promise of the railway company, etc., you would now state that we could rely on your giving the money for the purchase of the land; whereas, what you evidently did say, but was misunderstood by me, was that when we got the promise of the railway company, you would then state definitely what you could do, so as to enable us to make the arrangement with Mr. Johnson. Of course, I am not pretending to state the language used. Had I understood you correctly, I certainly should never have written the letter I did, and, as I now see things, I am not at all surprised that you were surprised at its contents. I most willingly acknowledge the mistake I made, but would be very sorry indeed if I felt you thought I had in any way intentionally misrepresented our interview. I am sure you will not think that. If there is one thing above all others, in this matter, that I have had in mind, it was not to do or say anything that would, in any way, surprise you. Hereafter, I shall come to you personally in this matter, instead of writing letters. I shall try not to make the second mistake.

Again thanking you for your very kind and considerate letter, I am,

Very truly yours,

[illegible] Olin.

(Dic. by O.)

Jan. 11, 1904.

Severt Aasen, Esq.,
107 N. Blair St.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I have been trying to get you for some time by phone, but have not succeeded. I understand you are now living at 107 N. Blair, and will send this note to you there. I would like to see you for a minute. If you have not already arranged for some permenent work for the winter, I think I can arrange matters so that you can help Mr. Johnson with the dredging, and at the same time help our Association. At any rate, I would like to talk the matter over with you, and for that purpose wish you would come up to the office.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

John M. Olin
President.

Will be in office tomorrow.
J. M. O.

Jan. 11, 1904.

Thomas Anderson, Esq.,

Mendota Station, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $21.00 to pay your bill against the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill to me.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

J. Woll. Olin

President.

Jan. 12, 1904.

Amos P. Wilder, Esq.,

Editor State Journal,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Mr. Wilder;-

I have had a talk with your reporter, and read your card. I do hope very much that nothing will be said for a while in the newspapers either as to the Wingra Park matter or the Third Lake Bay matter. As I stated to you before, at the very earliest date when anything ought to be said to the newspapers, I will see that a carefully prepared statement is made. We must yet secure certain options, and if these matters are made public I fully believe we shall not be able to do anything in either case.

Yours truly,

(Dict. by C.)

John M. Olin

President.

Jan. 12,1904

Mr. N. J. Johnson,

1140 E. Dayton St.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I have seen our foreman, Severt Aasen, and he can arrange to commence work with you on the dredge Monday morning of next week. I would like to have him do so if you can make such arrangement. Our Association will pay him all over fifteen cents an hour, and he will keep the time for us during the time he works on the dredge.

I have thought over the matter of getting under the bridge, and if you will stop in some time I think we can adjust that amicably.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin.

President.

Jan. 13,1904

N. J. Johnson, Esq.,

Oconomowoc, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Prof. Taylor called me up to-day and wanted to know whether the new dredge that you have been talking about building might not be made narrower. He also wants to know how much water it will draw and how long it will be. You have stated to me that the dredge was to be twenty-four feet wide. Could it be made just as efficient and not be more than say twenty feet wide? I sent a letter to your former address in the city, but they informed me that you would not be back until some time next week. We want to get this information at once, so as to be able to talk with the railway officials.

I wrote you about Severt Assen, our foreman, commencing to work on the dredge next Monday. Since writing you, it has developed that we shall likely want Severt for perhaps next week, or most of it anyway, in making tests on the ice in Third Lake Bay, and I should like to arrange to have his work with you commence when he gets through with the work there. I think we can work this matter out all right so as to be very satisfactory to all parties. Please let me hear from you by return mail, if possible.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

Johnson Bros.

President.

Jan. 13, 1904.

Severt Aasen, Esq.,
107 N. Blair St.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir;-

Since writing you last, it has developed that we want your help in making some tests on the ice around Third Lake Bay. This is work done practically under the supervision of our Association. It will be done under the management of a civil engineer student. We want one man, besides yourself, to assist in the work, and we want to commence the work on Saturday morning, of this week, at eight o'clock. We propose to make the tests by the use of an auger and an iron rod. I wish you would come up to the office in the morning and see me about the matter. I shall want you to try and get another good, strong man to work with you. The work is estimated to take from four to six days, two men in addition to the engineer, who will be with the men part of the day only.

Yours truly,

(Dict. by O.)

President.

Jan. 13, 1904.

Greiling Bros.,

Green Bay, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Yours of Jan. 12th received and contents noted.

The dredging for the Yahara River Improvement was commenced last spring and we expect to have the same completed by about the 1st of June next.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John W. Alvord

President.

Jan. 14, 1904.

Mrs. Clara T. Bunge,

433 4th St.,

Baraboo, Wis.

Dear Madam:-

Yours of the 13th received and contents noted.

I could not give you the information desired without spending some time in getting at references that are not just at hand.

As to the state parks in this state, I think if you will drop a line to E. J. Castle, Chief Clerk of Land Office, at Madison, he can give you that information.

As to state parks generally, outside of Wisconsin, I think if you would drop a line to Charles Mumford Robinson, Secretary American Park and Outdoor Art Association, Rochester, N. Y., he might give you the desired information.

Regretting that I cannot be of more service to you, I am.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by C.)

John W. Clark

President.

Jan. 14, 1904

Senator William F. Vilas,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Vilas:-

Arrangements have been made to meet the railway officials on Saturday, of this week. Mr. L. S. Hanks has kindly consented to go down as one of a committee. Before going, I should like to have a short interview with you. There are one or two matters I want your advice about. If convenient to you, I can call at your house this evening on my way to the office. Would you be so kind as to telephone either to the office at any time before half past five, or to my house at any time between six and seven, whether it would be convenient for you to meet me stating the hours.
this evening? I name this evening instead of to-morrow evening, for the reason that there is to be a meeting of our directors to-morrow evening.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

John W. Allen

Jan. 14, 1904

F. M. Wootton, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

You will remember that you obtained from the Association last year a certain quantity of screenings. I wrote you concerning the matter on Aug. 8th, and again on Sept. 5th. I have no record that you have yet paid for the screenings used. I am quite sure that you will agree with me that I ought not to be troubled about this matter. I presume the delay has simply been the result of an oversight on your part. Of course, if you have paid the same either to me or to Mr. Hoyt, this letter would be unnecessary, and I would owe you an apology for writing it.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John W. Alvord

President.

Jan. 15, 1904.

Fred Huels, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $1.00 to pay your bill against the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association for sharpening saws. Please receipt and return to me in enclosed stamped envelope the enclosed bill.

Enclosed also find check for $2.15 to pay your bill against me personally.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin
President.

(Warrant)

(Check)

(Enc.)

Charles Whitter, Esq.,

Supt. of Parks,

Lowell, Mass.

Jan. 18,1904

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Jan. 14th received. It gives me pleasure to send you, under another cover, a copy of the two last reports of our Association. Shall be pleased to receive a copy of your annual report when completed.

Very truly yours,

John M. Olin
President.

(Dic. by O.)

Jan. 18, 1904

E. H. Smith, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Smith:-

I have drawn up a proposed contract for the parties to sign who own land bordering on the socalled triangle. I submit it to you for your examination, and would suggest in this connection that it might be well for you to see Judge Siebecker and talk the matter over with him, and then make suggestions as to changes, if any, desired in the contract.

You will observe that I have given considerable time within which to complete the improvement. I think it is best to do this under the circumstances. If the general scheme goes through of improving the shore of Third Lake Bay, it is a big undertaking, and it is not well to tie ourselves down too closely. That is the reason for fixing the date for completion of work as late as the contract suggests.

After you have examined the same and concluded what you think ought to be done in the matter, please return the enclosed to me and I will see that enough copies are made to enable you to deal with each landowner separately.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

John W. Alvord

President.

Jan. 18,1904

Hon. L. S. Hanks,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Hanks:-

On reaching my office this afternoon, I find your note of the 17th. I see the situation and think you have done just right. It may come out all the better in the end.

Prof. Taylor, in the meantime, will get figured ready for the cost of constructing an arch instead of a bridge, and will also determine just how much it will cost the company to make the change as to the bridge or treasle work in the Montfort division, provided they do not construct a better bridge than they have got there now. This would enable us to determine just what the cost would be to the Northwestern by reason of the proposed change.

Yours truly,

John W. McAlvin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

Jan. 18, 1904

F. S. Giddings, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Giddings:-

Yours received, enclosing certificate of deposit on Frist National Bank for $50, endorsed payable to my order, for Yahara River imrpovement. I have endorsed the same to Frank W. Hoyt, treasurer. Please accept my thanks for same.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

J. M. McClair

President.

Jan. 20, 1904

Frank M. Wootton, Esq.,

Madison, Wis,

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Jan. 16th received, enclosing check for $3.46 for screenings. The same has been turned over to Mr. Hoyt,

It was because of my looking over some of my old mail that I ran across yours of Aug. 10th, enclosing check for $2.62, which I had omitted to turn in, which reminded me of the matter of the screenings.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Jan. 20,1904

R. N. Qualey, Esq.,

526 W. Doty St.,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Mr. Qualey:-

There is to be a meeting at my office on Friday evening, of this week, of a number of citizens coming from different parts of the city, for the purpose of looking over the names or lists of those who might be willing to contribute to support the work of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association, and especially to contribute toward the completing of the Yahara river improvement. I would like very much if you could be present at the meeting and assist us in the work.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

J. Atwell Olin

President.

T. Madisonian, Jan. 20, 1904,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $5.25 for your bill against the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association for purchasing and printing three hundred and fifty postal cards. Please receipt and return to me the enclosed bill.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

President.

Jan. 25,1904

Rufus H. Smith, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Jan. 25th received, and contents noted. Please accept thanks for your contribution to the work of the association. The amount you name for the two branches of the work is all that the committee would ask of you, and I think the subscription a liberal one.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. O'Leer

President.

Jan. 26, 1904

Charles N. Brown, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Brown:-

I made an arrangement with the Engineering News that the cuts which appeared in the article written by Prof. Taylor would be turned over to the associatuon, thinking that they might be of use to us in our annual report. They had, before I wrote them, forwarded the cuts to the Democrat Printing Company. Mr. Brandenburg wanted to retain them for a while, but he is evidently through with them. I wish you would call and get them and keep them among your other cuts.

Yours truly,

John W. Blair
President.

(Dic. by O.)

Jan. 26,1904

The Madisonian,
Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed finl warrant for $2.25 to pay your bill for printing one hundred postal cards. Please receipt and return to me the enclosed bill.

Yours truly,

John W. Blair
President.

(Warrant)
(Enc.)

Jan. 26, 1904

Mr. Charles N. Gregory,
Dean of College of Law,
Iowa State University,
Iowa City, Iowa.

My Dear Mr. Gregory:-

The enclosed circulars as to our drive work explain themselves. You have kindly kept up your membership for the general work of the association. I have inserted in the postal card enclosed the same amount you contributed last year. If you felt like helping us with a small amount on the river improvement, based on the theory that such improvement may, to some extent help property you may own, we should, of course, appreciate it, but that is a matter we leave entirely to you.

Hoping you and your mother and sister are well, and that you are enjoying your work, I am.

Very sincerely yours,

(Dic. by O.)
(3 Enc.)

President.

Jan. 26, 1904

Patrick Cudahy, Esq.,

Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

There was sent to you, I think yesterday, circulars and a postal card with reference to subscription to the work of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. As you will see from these circulars, we are this year, as well as last year, trying to raise money for two different purposes, one for the general drive work, which is to keep up the drive system and improve it, and the other for dredging and improving the connection between the two lakes. We have asked you simply to contribute toward the general drive work. You have heretofore been giving $10.00 each year. I write this with the hope that you may feel like putting down $25.00, which is the full membership fee in the association, for the regular work. We have about seventy-five persons who give $25.00 each. I send herewith, under another cover, a copy of our [illegible] annual report, which will show you at a glance the subscriptions as well as the general character of our work.

I believe you have been over one of the drives, so that you know somewhat the kind of work we are attempting to do. It is sustained wholly by voluntary contributions, and these have to be renewed each year.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

Jan. 27, 1904.

Thomas W. King, Esq.,

Spring Green, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Jan. 27, 1904, received. You did not send original notice or answer so that I could get admission of service endorsed thereon. I have had Mr. Dibble sign, however, the enclosed admission, which you might attach to your originals.

(Dic. by R.)

(2 Enc.)

Yours truly,

Dick Butler

Jan. 28, 1904

Dr. William A. Scott,
School of Commerce,
University of Wisconsin,
Madison, Wis.

My Dear Mr. Scott:-

Your note of the 27th received and contents noted I am glad to have you express yourself just as you have. For one, I do not wish any person to contribute to the work of the association unless he can do so without cramping himself. We shall be glad to have you back with us in the work another year.

Yours truly,

J. Russell Allen
President.

(Dic. by O.)

Jan. 28, 1904

E. B. Steenland, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

My dear Mr. Steenlands:- You are right in your understanding as to the amount to be asked of you for the river improvement. I do not know how it got written in $35.00 instead of $20.00. It was a mistake of either myself or my clerk. You have expressed the matter on your postal cards just as it was intended. Thanking you for the same, I am.

Very truly yours,

Jan. 28,1904

Prof. W. B. Cairns,

710 Madison St.,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Mr. Cairns:-

I just received your postal card. The only reason I write you this note is because of what you state, that your subscription to the Wingra Park fund was condition on your not being asked to contribute anything for the general work of the association. I regret very much if your subscriptions in your end of the town have been obtained on any such representation. It was distinctly stated by me at both of the preliminary meetings that these subscriptions for this special work ought to be managed in such a way as not to cut in upon the general work of the association. Besides this general work, we have, as you perhaps know, to raise an additional $5,000 for the Yahara River improvement. I feel it would be all right for those living in Wingra Park to leave out, this year, the contributions for the Yahara river improvement, but I had hoped that they would not drop out from the general work of the association. I think the subscriptions for the park in Wingra Park ought to be looked upon as an investment. However, I am aware that even an investment may cramp one and leave him so that he does not feel able to do what he otherwise would wish.

I trust you will understand the spirit in which this note is written. I am exceedingly anxious not to let the general work of the association drop behind by reason of the special undertakings that may be launched any particular year.

Yours truly,

Jan. 28,1904

W. A. Thompson, Esq.,

Care LaCrosse Dredging Co.,

LaCrosse, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Jan. 26th received and contents noted. There is nothing definite as yet about dredging being done in Wingra Park. The extent of the funds at our [redacted], provided our scheme goes through, at the present time would not exceed $10,000, and this, I presume, might be too small a piece of work for you to consider. However, as soon as anything definite is determined, I can let you know.

It may be that a larger piece of dredging will be arranged around Monona Bay, and that that will come first. If that scheme should go through, it means some where from $30,000 to $50,000, I should think, expended. But there will not be as much dredging to be done as there will pumping. We have had the whole bed of the bay carefully tested and find that down to a distance from sixteen to twenty-six feet the material is excellent not only for dredging but for pumping purposes.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

Edward Klein

President.

Jan. 2d, 1904.

Prof. W. A. Henry,
Madison, Wis.

My Dear Professor:-

Please accept thanks for your liberal check of $75.00 for work of our association thie year. This check will not be presented for payment until after the annual meeting, so as to keep our funds for one year separate from those of another.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

Johnwell Allen
President.

Jan. 28, 1904

Judge J. H. Carpenter,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 26th received, enclosing check for $35.00 for the work of the association. Please accept thanks for the same.

Your check will not be presented for payment until after the annual meeting of the association. This is in order to keep the funds of one year separate from those of another in making our report.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

Lovell Clair

President.

Jan. 28, 1904.

Reuben G. Thwaites, Esq.,
Sec'y. State Historical Society,
Madison, Wis.

My Dear Mr. Thwaites:-

Your kind note of Jan. 27th received. I regret that a mistake was made in the amount you were asked to subscribe. The mistake was made in copying from the original lists. I have consulted the original subscription list of last year and find it is just as you stated in your letter. Hoping you will pardon the mistake, I am

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Jan. 28, 1904

Mr. William E. Petrie,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I have noticed in the paper something about the forty thousand club advertising the city of Madison by having write-ups, etc. Of course, I do not know whether what the paper states has any foundation in fact or not. I would like, however, to make a suggestion in this connection for your consideration, but would perfer that you do not indicate to any one that the suggestion comes from me. It occurs to me that one of the best possible ways of advertising the city would be to have an extra number of the next annual report of our association ordered and have these used to the best advantage. If the order could be put in at the proper time, they could be secured at actual cost. The advantage of this kind of advertising is that it does not appear to be advertising. If most people are affected as I am, the moment they take up a write-up of any city or place which appears on its face to be a write-up, they throw it down, knowing that it is paid for at so much a line. I merely make this by way of suggestion.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin,

President.

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Jan. 28, 1904

Charles N. Gregory,

Dean of College of Law,

Iowa City, Iowa.

Dear Mr. Gregory:-

Please accept thanks for yours of the 27th, enclosing check for $10.00 for the work of the association. It will not be presented for payment until after our annual meeting about the 18th of April.

Am pleased you had such a fine trip. I thought for a time that Mrs. Olin and I would get off this summer, but I now fear that we shall have to postpone the anticipated pleasure for another year anyway.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin,

President.

Please remember me to your mother and Dister.

Jan. 28,1904.

Judge J. B. Winslow,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Mr. Winslow:-

I am very glad indeed that you did not contribute anything to the work of our association. I should have been sorry had you done so under the circumstances as you state them.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

Jan. 29,1904

W. D. Winkley, Esq.,

524 N. Frances St.

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith a postal card which I wish you would take with you and see personally Dr. Harper, and see if you can't get him down on the same terms that you subscribed. I will regard it as a personal favor if you can do this. Please have him sign the postal card and then you can mail same to me.

Thanking you in advance, I am,

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

William Rainey Harper

President.

Jan. 29, 1904

Prof. Edward T. Owen,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Owen:-

The enclosed circulars and postal card explain themselves. I regret exceedingly that we are under the necessity of trying to raise for our work this season $5,000 with which to complete the Yahara river improvement. It is not going to be, I fear, an easy matter to do this. I do not know as you feel as though you could help some this year on that matter. I certainly am not going to urge it. We are trying to get five persons who will give $200 each toward this improvement, and ten who will give $100 each. If we can do this, we can raise the $5,000. I thought perhaps your affairs might be in such shape this year so that you might feel that you could be one of the five. It is not easy for us to ask much, if any, contribution this year, from those who gave $1,000 last year. I have decided myself to put in another $100 on the river improvement. Wish you would consider the matter, and whatever you decide will be entirely agreeable to me. You can write in such sum, if any, in the other blank on the postal card as you feel like contributing.

Very sincerely yours,

(Dict. by C.)

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President.

Jan. 30, 19[illegible]

[illegible] Severson, Esq.,
1923 E. Washington Ave.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith a circular letter as to the Yahara river improvement. I have arranged with Dr. Samuel A. Nielson to assist in getting the renewal of subscriptions for the work the present season. He will see you later with reference to assisting him somewhat among some of the men that you especially know in connection with your work. I trust you will be able to help Mr. Nielson so far as possible. We are very anxious to complete that improvement the present season ready for planting in the spring of 1905. The planting can be done without any very great expense.

Yours truly,

John Will Olin,
President.

(Enc. by O.)
(Enc.)

Jan. 30,1904

Grant Thomas, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

ar Mr. Thomas:-

I have arranged with Dr. S. A. Nielson to take charge of the work of getting the renewal of subscriptions for the present season, under my supervision.

I expect to devote Monday and Tuesday, of next week, to the work, and after that must arrange to have parties go with Mr. Nielson from day to day. I know how you are situated with reference to the World's Fair work. Yet, I hope that you may be able to arrange your work so that you can give to this part of our work two or three days. Can you not plan for this and notify Dr. Nielson in advance, so that he can make arrangements to devote his time exclusively to the work with you at such time as you can assist him?

As you know, we are trying to raise $5,000 for the completion of the Yahara river improvement. It is going to be rather a difficult thing to do, but I think we shall succeed by a good deal of hard work.

Shall I put you down for your annual subscription or the general drive work, namely $5.00?

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Jan. 30,1904.

John Gritsie, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

In order to carry on the work of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association, it becomes necessary each year to see personally a large number of individuals to secure their subscriptions for the work. This involves a large amount of labor. It can only be done successfully by dividing the work up. I have arranged with Dr. Samuel A. Nielson to take the general charge of the work under my supervision. I expect now to devote to this branch of the work all of Monday and Tuesday, of next week. Thereafter, Mr. Nielson expects to continue the work with the aid of others. Some twenty-four different persons have been selected to assist Mr. Nielson in this work, among them being yourself. Mr. Nielson will see you personally and try and arrange some time when you can help him. You have always been willing to do anything you could for the association. I trust that you may be able to give some time to this work, and that if you make an appointment with Mr. Nielson for some certain date, that you will arrange to keep that appointment, or if you find this to be impossible, that you will secure some other person to go for you as a substitute at the time agreed upon. Mr. Nielson is planning to give his entire time to this work for the next few weeks. It is very desirable that some one stands ready to go with him.

The association will appreciate very much any service that you can render along the lines above indicated. Thanking you in advance for your help in the work, I am,

Very truly yours,

President.

Feb. 1,1904

C. W. Wells, Esq.,

684 W. Main St.,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Mr. Wells:-

It is a good deal of encouragement to receive such a postal card as yours, not lowering but raising the amount that the committee thought you might be willing to give for the work of the association. Please accept our hearty thanks for the contribution.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin.

President.

(Dic. by C.)

Feb. 1,1904

Mr. N. A. P. Morris,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Mr. Morris:-

Your kind note of the 30th received. You will observve that we did not insert any amount in the blank for subscription for the Yahara river improvement. This was omitted by us deliberately. I felt that you had contributed very liberally last year and that we ought to get along, if possible, this year, without asking any further contribution from you. Your gifts toward the work have not only always been liberal, but given with such a hearty good will as to be of very great encouragement to those who have the more active burdens to bear of the work.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

Feb. 4, 1904.

Prof. L. S. Smith,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Smith:-

Could you send me an extra copy of the hydrographic map of Lake Wingra? If you have them to spare, I would like two copies. The one I had, I left with the railway officials of the Northwestern road the other day. I enclose postage for the same.

Yours truly,

Feb. 4, 1904.

[illegible] Journal Printing Co.,

[illegible] Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed Mint warrant for $11.25 to pay your bill against Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association for printing circulars. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill to me.

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

Feb. 5,1904

V. E. Peck, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Mr. Peck:-

I write you concerning the subscription to the work of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association last year. Mr. Hoyt informs me that you are of the opinion that you subscribed only ten dollars. I was the one who called at your house with Mr. Thomas, and you put down the sum of $15.00 instead of $10.00. I have the original subscription before me at this time, and I know that you would not question the matter if you could see the subscription as written by you. We are trying to close out the balance due on the subscriptions, so as to have as clean a sheet as possible by the time of our next annual meeting. Could you not send to me or to Mr. Hoyt a check for the balance due, being ten dollars?

I wish also you would indicate on the enclosed postal card the amount you are willing to subscribe for the work the present season. We do not want to have you drop out, and we do not want to be unreasonable. I would suggest that you give us for our work this year on the general drive work. It is necessary for us to raise not only $5,000 for the General work, but also $5,000 to complete the Yahara river improvement.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

J. Lovell Rice,

President.

Feb. 5, 1904

Judge E. W. Keyes,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Mr. Keyes:-

We have overdrawn our account on the general work of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association between four and five hundred dollars. We are trying just now to collect in the balance subscribed for the general work of the association, as well as the balance unpaid on the Yahara River improvement. You put down $100 for the latter and $25.00 for the general work. Now, I want to make a suggestion: Pay us at this time $25.00 on the regular drive work and $50 on the river work, and let the balance of the river subscription stand until some time next summer. Help us out, if you can, along the above lines, and I will personally appreciate it. Of the term.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

Feb. 5, 1904

Hon. J. C. Monaghan,

Care Department of Commerce,

Washington, D. C.

My Dear Mr. Monaghan:-

We are trying to collect, before our annual meeting, the balance of the subscriptions for the work of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association made last year. You put down $10 for the general work of the association, and $15 for the Yahara river improvement. According to our records, there has been paid $7.50 on the Yahara river improvement, leaving unpaid $17.50. Now, I presume you may feel that, having moved away from Madison for the present, it may be asking too much of you to pay the balance due on the subscriptions. Yet you know the plan upon which our association is conducted, and that we take pride in collecting all subscriptions made. We wish very much to report at the next annual meeting your subscriptions fully paid. Can you not send, either to me or to Mr. Hoyt, a check for the amount still unpaid, being $17.50? We would very much appreciate the same.

I trust that you are enjoying very much your work at Washington.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

Johnson Olive

President.

Feb. 6, 1904.

Miss Susan A. Sterling,
Butzow Strasse 72 II
Berlin, Germany.

Dear Miss Sterling:-

Under date of Nov. 18th last, I wrote you concerning proposed park in Wingra Park. Through an error in addressing the envelope, the letter did not reach you, and the letter, with the enclosed papers, was returned to me yesterday. I herewith enclose my former letter with other enclosures that were contained in the first envelope.

I regret exceedingly the mistake that was made, but I trust this letter will reach you in ample time.

I will say that $9,000 of the $10,000 to be raised by voluntary subscriptions have already been subscribed. We expect, at this time, that the scheme will go through, provided we can secure an option on your lots. We have the option on all other lots included within the lines of the proposed park. If the scheme goes through, it means that you would be paid for your lots the cash on or about April 15th next.

We are all as well as usual here. The baby talks all the time and is very bright and interesting.

I trust you are having a nice rest as well as a profitable year for study.

Sincerely yours,

John W. Klein

(Dic. 5, O.)

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Feb. 6, 1904.

Prof. W. D. Cairns,

710 Mad[illegible]on St.,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Mr. Cairns:- Yours of Feb. 5, 1904, received. I think, from your statement, you have given all you ought to give, and perhaps more. Indeed, it has occurred to me that a little too much emphasis has been put upon the particular lots any one might own in Wingra Park rather than upon the comparative ability of men to pay.

Yours truly, John M. Olin

(Dic. by O.)

Feb. 9, 1904

Hon. L. S. Hanks,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Hanks:-

Your favor of Feb. 8th at hand and contents noted.

Could I get away from the office this morning, I would call upon you personally to talk matters over. I will try and see you in the near future, or if you happen this way should be pleased to have you drop in at any time. I think we can get at the situation more intelligently by a few minutes personal talk than by correspondence.

Very sincerely yours,

(Dic. by O.)

John W. Blair

President.

Feb. 9, 1904

Des Moines Bridge & Iron Works,

Des Moines, Iowa.

Gentlemen:-

As I understand from our city engineer, Mr. Ickes, your company is engaged in the business of constructing cement arch bridges. There is to come before the common council of this city at its meeting on Friday evening of this week, the question of the construction of either a steel or cement arch bridge across the Yahara River, a stream about a mile in length, which connects our two larger lakes, between which lies the city of Madison. The Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association is engaged in dredging and deepening this river so as to permit the passage of boats and launches from one lake to the other. We are expending something like $26,000, all raised by private subscription, in this work. The city, as its part of the work, is called upon to elevate all of its bridges. One of these bridges is of such a character as not to permit of its elevation and use. Hence, at this point, a new bridge must be constructed the present seasen. Later, and in the very near future, there must be constructed not less than four new bridges, making five in all. Our Association is exceedingly anxious to get matters started right,- to secure the construction of a cement arch bridge instead of an ugly, common, steel truss bridge. There is a division in the common council on the matter, but we have finally got things in such shape that the council will order, I think, the cement arch bridge, provided such bridge does not cost to exceed two thousand dollars of the amount that a proper steel truss bridge would cost at this point. The estimates put in by the engineer make the

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difference, as I remember, about $1700. I am somewhat fearful, however, that some of the companies engaged in the construction of steel bridges may put in a very low figure for this steel bridge, with the idea if such a bridge is constructed at this point, all other bridges to be constructed across this river will be steel instead of cement bridges. Hence, our association is very anxious to have a cement bridge constructed at this point.

That you may understand a little better the nature of the work that is being done by the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association, I enclose, under another cover, a copy of the annual report of the association for the past two years.

I am informed by the city engineer that your method of construction is somewhat different from that called for in his specifications; but he informs me that your method would be just as strong and serviceable. I would suggest, therefore, that if you put in a bid for the cement bridge, that you put in a bid that would cover his specifications and, at the same time, one that would cover specifications that might be modified so as to conform to your method of construction. That would give the common council the right thereafter to direct Mr. Icke to modify his specifications, if the council thought best, so as to permit of your method of construction.

I write this letter to you confidentially. While there is nothing in the letter whatever improper, if it should be known that I had been writing to you it might be thought by some of the members of the common council that I was interfering in matters that did not pertain to the

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proper business of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. While I would not agree with this position, I should prefer to obviate any chance for any such remark or criticism on the part of any member of the council that might be hostile to the plan of a cement arch bridge.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

J. W. Ellis.

President.

At the meeting of the Council this week the Council will decide engineer a few bids obtained through advertisement, for both a steel and cement-bridge. These bids will then go before the Street Committee, and be by it reported later to another meeting of the Council.

J. W. E.

Feb. 10,1904

Mr. L. S. Bradley,
Librarian State Historical Society,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:- Under another cover, I send you a copy of report of Mad-
son Park & Pleasure Drive Association for year ending April 10, 1899. We
printed no reports back of that year.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by C.)

Feb. 17, 1904

James Duff, Esq.,

723 W. Main St.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

As I understand, you have been spoken to about securing an option on your house and lot, as a part of the proposed improvement of Monona Lake Bay. I have had some talk with your brother, John M., about the matter, and asked him to arrange, if he could, a meeting when I might see you both together at my office. I do not know as it is necessary to see you both at the same time, but thought perhaps you might perfer this. The time is now getting near, when we must decide one way or the other. If you would call at the office, I would like to talk the matter over with you, showing you just what is proposed to be done, so that you can understand the whole situation. We did not think it necessary to be in a hurry about getting an option on either your property or that of your brother, for the reason that we felt you were both intelligent, reasonable men, and would be able to see into the proposed plan better than most of the people whom we have had to deal with in that section.

I have a map or plat of what is proposed to be done there, at the office, showing how the property can be rearranged, and would like very much to talk the matter over with you. In order that you may get this note at the earliest date possible, I will send it by our errand boy. If this is your day off, and you are in the city, could you not come up to the office some time to-day and talk the matter over? It will not take very long to do this, and certainly no harm can come from having an inter-

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view about the matter. I will say that I have no personal interest in the proposed parking of the bay whatever, and do not intend to have any. My whole interest is that of a citizen desiring to secure something that may be of benefit to the city. I think this is a case where the same improvement may benefit both the city and the private land owners.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

Feb. 11,1904

Messrs. Conklin & Sons,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

I have called at your place of business twice with reference to securing subscriptions for work of Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association the present season, but was unfortunate in not finding you in, and I take this method of reaching you in order to save time. The enclosed circulars explain themselves. We are under the necessity of raising an additional five thousand dollars to complete the Yahara river improvement, as well as five thousand dollars for our general work. Your interests have given for a number of years $25.00 for the general work of the association, and last year you subscribed $250 for the Yahara river improvement. We thought we would ask you for one-fifth of your subscription last year, making $50.00. At this ratio, we would not be able to raise the full $5,000, but we appreciate that those who gave the larger subscriptions last year ought not, perhaps, be asked to give in the same proportion this year, and we hope to make up the difference by asking those who contributed small amounts to give in a larger proportion. I put down $300 last year and have put down another $200 for the present year. We would appreciate very much, especially this year, if you can contribute the amount asked. Next year we do not expect to call upon members of the Association for anything more than the regular annual subscriptions.

I will say that we are trying to get five persons who will give $200 each for the river improvement this year, ten who will give $100 each, and twenty who will give $50 each. If we can secure these sub-

scriptions, we can raise the necessary $5,000.

Very truly yours,

J. Howell Olin

(Dic. by O.)

(3 Enc.)

President.

Feb. 11,1904

C. F. Cooley, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Mr. Cooley:-

In order to save time, I enclose herewith a postal card as to subscriptions for work of Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. If the amounts inserted are agreeable to you, should be pleased if you would sign card and return same to me at once, and very much oblige. I, as well as all the rest of the directors, will appreciate very much the subscription this year. I enclose copies of circulars, although I think you have already had at least one of them.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(3 Enc.)

President.

Feb. 12, 1904.

Dr. C. A. Harper,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I write to ask you to do a little work for the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. At the conference we had some time ago, the question of securing a subscription from Loehrer & Anderson, liverymen, came up. They have declined absolutely, for some four or five years, to contribute anything for the drive work. I do not know of any firm in the city that makes more use of the drives or gains more in dollars and cents each year out of them. The other livery stables, like Brown & Nevins and Kentzler Bros., each contribute $25.00 each year for the regular work, and there is no other livery stable in the city but what contributes something each year. It was suggested that you, if any one, might secure a subscription from this firm. I,myself,would never submit the matter to the firm again, and would not wish to have it known that I had been the one to suggest the matter to you. If agreeable to you, however, our association would appreciate the matter if you would suggest to this firm the obligation they are under to do their fair share toward sustaining the drives so long as they get so much out of them. I enclose herewith a postal card which you can use to secure their subscription, if possible.

Thanking you in advance for your assistance in the matter, I am

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by C.)

(Enc.)

Edward Ellis

President.

Feb. 12,1904.

F. D. Winkley, Esq.,

524 Frances St.,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

I enclose two postal cards. If you think best, should be pleased to have you see both Judge Zimmerman and Mr. Ratcliff and see whether they are each willing to put down $25 on the general drive work amd $5 on the river. If they will do so and return the new cards to me, I will cancel those which were sent in. Of course, our association would appreciate very much their becoming full members.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(2 Enc.)

John M. Olin

President.

Feb. 12, 1904.

Carl J. Hausmann, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith a postal card for subscription to general work of association. If you will sign the same and return to me, I will see that your name is put down on the list.

Have you, as yet, talked over with your brothers the matter suggested as to removal of sheds? I hope very much that can be carried out.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

John M. Olin

President.

Feb. 12, 1904.

Mrs. Lucius Farichild,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mrs. Fairchild:-

I do not wish to make of myself a nuisance, though I feel sometimes that is the reputation I am establishing. You have already learned, I presume, through a circular sent out, that our association is trying this year to raise not only the regular subscription of $5,000 for the general work, but an extra $5,000 with which to complete the Yahara river improvement. It is going to be somewhat difficult to raise the latter sum. However, it is very necessary that that improvement should be completed the present season. We raised last year, for that work, $21,000 in round numbers. By reason of the fact that I was then negotiating with you as to a park on Mills street, I did not suggest that you contribute anything toward the river improvement. We are trying, in order to raise the $5,000 for that improvement, to get five persons who will give $200 each, ten who will give $100 each, and twenty who will give $50 each. I thought, perhaps, everything considered, you might be willing to be one of the ten to give $100. It is a little difficult this year to urge those who gave $1,000 or $500 last year to contribute any large sum toward the river improvement, although a number of those who gave $1,000 and $500 last year, will put down an additional sum of either $200 or $100 this year.

I enclose herewith a postal card upon which I have written the amount you have been contributing for the regular drive work. Should be pleased to have you consider the other matter, and give such sum as you feel, under all the circumstances, would be right,- and nothing more.

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I take this method of reaching you in order to save time, feeling that you will regard the letter the same as a personal interview, and will do what you think is right under all the circumstances.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

(3 Enc.)

J. Howell Aiken

President.

Feb. 12, 1904.

Magnus Swenson, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Swenson:-

I fear we are going to find it somewhat difficult to raise the extra $5,000 for the completion of the Yahara river improvement. We are trying to secure five subscriptions of $200 each, ten of $100 each and twenty of $50 each. If we can do this, we can make the matter go. I do not feel that we can urge any very large subscription upon those who gave as much as you did last year. I have put down another $100 for the present year as have Mr. Steensland and Mr. Frank W. Hoyt. I think Mr. Brittingham will give at least that amount. Senator Vilas, for certain reasons which you, I think, understand, will not, at the present time, be asked to give anything for the Yahara river improvement. Arthur Fox, who gave $1,000 last year, and something over that amount for the hospital, does not feel like putting down at present an additional subscription, but we hope to get from his company at least $200. I thought, everything considered, I would suggest to you the coming in as one of the ten to give one hundred dollars each. I enclose a postal card, upon which I have written in the regular drive subscription of $25.00. I wish you would consider the other matter and put in such sum, if any, as you feel, everything considered, you can afford to do.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by C.)
(Enc.)

President.

Feb. 12, 1904.

Mr. A. A. Dyer,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Dyer:-

As you have already been informed, we are trying to raise for our work this year the regular subscription of $5,000 for the general work of the association, and an extra $5,000 with which to complete the Yahara river improvement. It is going to be a little difficult to raise the latter sum, and, in order to accomplish this, there must be done a large amount of hard work, personal solicitation, etc. I feel that you are one of those that I can appeal to through a letter as well as to call upon you personally. There is nothing about this work that you do not fully understand and fully appreciate. I will say that, in order to raise the $5,000 for the Yahara river improvement, we feel it is necessary to get five persons who will subscribe $200 each, ten who will subscribe $100 each, and twenty who will subscribe $50 each. I have put down $100 as has also Mr. Steensland and Frank W. Hoyt. Others have not yet been seen, but we hope to be able to make the necessary ten. I write to suggest to you that you come in as one of the ten. You gave us last year for this branch of the work $250. I put in last year $300, in fact $350 in all. Frank Hoyt, who gives us $100, put in last year $500. Most of those who gave us $1,000 each last year do not feel like contributing much this year. It is a difficult matter, as you know, to divide a contribution of this kind up fairly. I will say that if you can see it your way to put down the $100 for the river improvement, besides your subscription for the general work of the association, it will be very much appreciated at this time. One of the reasons why it is necessary to raise the $5,000

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is the fact that we are doing more parking along the river than was planned. I have had in mind your excellent suggestion, made one year ago, of getting matters in such shape that we could ultimately have a subway under the tracks. With this end in view, we have secured more land along this side of the river, so that Water street can be thrown back from the river some distance and ultimately, I think, we can secure a subway under the tracks of each of the roads at least on this side of the river, and I think ultimately on the other side of the river.

I enclose herewith a postal card upon which I have inserted the same amount for the general drive work which you gave last year, but have left the subscription for the Yahara river blank. We wish, of course, to keep up our general subscription to the $5,000 mark. Will you be so kind as to consider the matter of this letter and make as early a reply as you can conveniently, and very much oblige?

I enclose herewith a couple of circulars, one of which, however, I think you have already had.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John Olin

President.

Feb. 12, 1904

Henry Fauerbach, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Fauerbach:-

You will remember the talk I had with you one day at Cronin's about the raising of the $5,000 for the purpose of completing the Yahara river improvement. As I then stated, we desire to secure, if possible, five subscriptions of $200 each, ten of $100 each, and twenty of $50 each. I suggested, in that conversation, to you, as to whether your interests could not put down $200. We are going to have quite a little difficulty in raising the necessary $5,000. It is going to take a good deal of hard work. But I feel that the improvement of this river ought to be completed the present season. There are a number of other things coming up this spring which make it a little more difficult to raise money.

I do not know whether you have talked this matter over with your brothers or not. If not, I wish you would do so at an early date. I enclose herewith a postal card, upon which I have written your regular subscription of $25 for the regular drive work, but have left the other subscription for the Yahara river blank. I wish you would fill in that blank for such an amount as you feel your interests can, under the circumstances, give, and return the postal to me. I adopt this method of reaching you in order to save time. I feel you will consider this letter the same as though I saw you personally.

I feel that if we can get the connection between fourth and third lakes made, with the river banks parked, and the planting, that there will be no particular difficulty in raising the necessary funds to open up a channel clear through to First Lake, and inland as far as Stoughton. This

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is what ought to be done in order to complete our work.

I enclose a couple of circulars, although I think you have had at least one of these.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

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J. Newell Olin

President.

Feb. 13,1904

Hon. J. C. Monaghan,
Dept. of Commerce & Labor,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Monaghan:-

Your kind letter of Feb. 9th received and contents noted. Please accept thanks for same. It is entirely satisfactory, of course. If you find you can,without cramping yourself, remit so that we would get the remittance on or before the 15th of April, it would enable us to make a little better report. If you find that you could remit to that time the subscription for the general work of the association but would rather wait for the balance of the Yahara river improvement until a later date, please do that, since we are more anxious to make the collections on the general work than we are for the Yahara improvement, that improvement not yet being completed; and we having money enough on hand in that fund to continue the work some time yet. We shall be compelled to raise, however, another five thousand dollars to complete the improvement this season.

Thanking you for your generous contributions to the work in the past, I am.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

Feb. 17, 1904

Dr. A. A. Dye,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Please accept thanks not only for your subscription but also for your very suggestive and interesting letter.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

John McClure

President.

Feb. 17, 1904.

Prof. L. S. Smith,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Mr. Smith,-

Please accept thanks for maps of Lake Mohona.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John McClure

President.

Feb. 18,1904

Mrs. F. B. Fairchild,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Mrs. Fairchild:-

Yours of Feb. 7th received. Your note is plain as to the Yahara River improvement, but I am a little in doubt whether I am to infer from the letter that you do not wish to continue, for the present year, the subscription for the general drive work. I find that a good many of the members of the association understand that they continue members without renewal of the subscription each year, and this is what raises the doubt in my mind as to your note, in which you say: "I can only see my way clear to do this year what I have already promised."

Very sincerely yours,

(Dic. by O.)

J. Howell Clair

President.

Feb. 18,1904.

Prof. John G. D. Mack,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Mr. Mack:-

I wish to thank you very much for the blue print copy of map of our chain of lakes.

As to the matter suggested by you in your letter that I write out a short legend which would describe briefly the principal features of the work of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association, will say that I have had a talk with Charles N. Brown and asked him to comply with your request. The reason I do this is, that I am just now tied up with work in the supreme court, which I cannot turn aside. Mr. Brown would like to have you call upon him and talk the matter over, so that he might be able to get a definite idea from you as to just what is wanted.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Feb. 20,1904.

Henry Tauerbach, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

Yours of Feb. 17th received, enclosing check for $25.00 for subscription to regular work of Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association for the present year. Please accept thanks for same.

As to the other portion of your letter, as to the Yahara River improvement, it is very satisfactory, and I thank you personally very much for the same.

The work of getting subscriptions has been dragging somewhat, but I hope to be able, in the course of a week or ten days, to arrange matters so as to devote a week or so to the work myself.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by C.)

J. Howell Olin

President.

Feb. 24, 1904.

Gustave W. Garvens,

1033 W. Johnson St., City.

Dear Sir:-

Could you get to me, not later than Friday evening of this week, at seven o'clock, a statement showing the proposed dock line in Monona Bay, between the foot of West Main street and West Washington street, and the estimated amount of filling it would take to fill out to such dock line a depth of, say, 2 feet above the present water line. This is the portion of the lake shore and bed upon which the city council has recently obtained options, with a view of buying the same for park purposes. The matter will likely come up for action at a meeting of the council to be held on Friday of this week. I do not know whether you could sketch out roughly a map showing this area. I would like to be able to get such information as would enable the city to act intelligently in making the purchase. Please call me up by phone, if you will, either at the house or the office, after getting this note.

Yours very truly,

John M. Olin.

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Feb.24,1904.

Henry Fauerbach, Esq.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Would you have any objection to my putting down your firm for a subscription of $200, in this way: "Fauerbach Brewing Company, as per letter of Henry Fauerbach, dated February 17,1904." The only reason I ask this is that putting your name down in this way would help in getting the other four subscriptions we want of $200 each.

Yours very truly,

John H. Olive.

President.

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Feb.26,1904.

Leonard W. Gay, Esq.,

City.

Dear Mr. Gay:-

I had a talk the other day with Richmond and Jackman, and all parties interested are agreed that if you can take hold of this project of trying to get the Monona bay filled up, through the organization of a corporation, etc., a payment to you, if the matter goes through, of $500, would be very reasonable. I am not quite sure from the talks I have had with you whether you feel as though you can take hold of the matter or not. I hope very much that you can do so.

We have got the options on the land in the Monona street section continued to April 30th, except as to one piece, and that Mr. Richmond, Mr. Jackman and myself will put up about $1,400 to buy, to be held for the improvement, if it goes through.

It is a large undertaking, but I believe that with your good judgment and energy it can be made to succeed now if it ever can.

I hope to see Senator Vilas today some time, for some further talk concerning the proposed park in Wingra Park. Has any further progress been made as to getting the eight rod strip from the trustees of the county fair association, and also from the shooting club and the Lakeside Assembly people? I wish very much that we could get all that right of way covered by written contracts at as early a date as possible I presume about all we can get from the shooting club and the Lakeside Assembly people from the lake to the public road will be a strip of sufficient width to enable us to cut a proper channel. What I should think would be sufficient for that particular spot.

Very truly yours,

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Feb. 27, 1904.

Prof. John G. D. Mack,

C i t y.

My Dear Mr. Mack:-

You will remember that I had some talk with you about assisting in closing out the subscriptions with the members of the faculty. I presume we have now got all the money we will get through the postal card system alone. I enclose herewith some lists which explain themselves. I thought it might be of some aid to put down the subscriptions from members of the faculty up to the present time. This I have done.

I also send you herewith a list of all of the different names I had which have not responded, with the amounts that were assessed by the committee opposite each name.

I hope very much that you can take hold of this matter. I will regard it as a very great personal favor if you will do so. I would suggest that about the easiest way to do would be to keep the lists in your pocket and tackle men as you meet them. We have now about one half the necessary amount raised. We are intending to push the matter during the next two or three weeks and try and close out the subscriptions in that time if possible.

You will observe that I have labelled the lists so as to keep the subscriptions for the two purposes separate. It may be that we have assessed some of the younger men, instructors, etc., a little high, when we ask them to pay $5.00. I would like to have you get as many as possible on the lists at that amount, but if that is too much they can put

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down, of course, a smaller amount. We want them to do that in all cases where $3.00 would be too much.

Yours very truly,

Johnson Oil.

President.

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March 2, 1904.

Mr. A. J. Earling,
Prest. C. M. & St. P. Ry. Co.,
Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Mr. Earling:-

Your favor of the 27th received and contents noted. Please accept thanks for same.

Our committee will meet you on Friday, of next week, at about half past ten o'clock in the forenoon, going directly from the stattion of your road to your office.

I note what you say about telegraphing you a day or two in advance of the time of our coming. I will bear this suggestion in mind.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

March 2, 1904.

Rev. Mother Emily,
Sinsinawa Mounds, Grant County, Wis.
Dear Madam:-

Under another cover I send you a copy of each of the last two reports of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. I should be pleased to have you glance them through in order that you may see the kind and nature of work which this association has been doing.

You may remember that some years ago we endeavored to secure a right of way across the land owned by your organization, known as the St. Clara Female Academy property, formerly owned by Gov. Washburn. At that time certain objections were raised and the project fell through.

This matter has now come up in a new form, in such a way as I hope may commend itself to you and your corporation. In order that you may understand it fully I enclose herewith a small plat of Wingra Park, marked "A," which has recently been brought within the city limits; also a rough sketch, marked "B," showing your property as it extends up to Edgewood avenue; also a hydrographic map of Lake Monona; and under another cover I send you a blue print map of Lake Wingra. These maps will enable me to make plain this letter.

Nearly one year ago it was suggested to our association that the shore of Lake Wingra, opposite Wingra Park plat, between Warren street and Edgewood avenue, ought to be secured for a public park. Negotiations were entered into with the land company and others owning lands in this vicinity, with a view of securing about 25 acres of the high ground for park purposes. Options have been secured on all of the land lying between the lead pencil mark along Warren street, Drake street, Garfield street, Grant street, thence through Blocks 22 and 23 to VanBuren street, thence on VanBuren street to Jackson street, and thence on Jackson street to Edgewood avenue, and Lake Wingra. The above described land comprises 25 acres of very finely located land for park purposes. It will cost to purchase this land $20,000. If the plan goes through, Ex-Senator William F. Vilas will pay the $20,000 necessary to secure the land above described. But he will do this on certain conditions only. One of these is that an additional $10,000 should be raised by private subscriptions from parties owning lands that would probably be benefited by such a park. These $10,000 have now all been secured, with the exception of two or three hundred dollars, and these will be secured within a few days. Another condition made by Senator Vilas is that Murphy's Creek, shown on the hydrographic map, which is the outlet from Lake Wingra to Lake Monona, shall be dredged, to a width of about 30 feet on top, and of sufficient depth to furnish 5 feet of water, so as to admit of the free passage of boats and launches from one lake to the other. We have already secured a strip of land eight rods in width, four rods on either side of Murphy's Creek, and propose to excavate the waterway out of the central portion, and make a parkway along either bank of

the river or creek with the remaining land. The plan is to put in a lock at the outlet of Lake Wingra, so as to hold the water in Lake Wingra at its present height.

Another portion of theplan is that the low, marshy, wet land in front of the hard ground above described shall be made into a park out to the clear water line. The blue print map which I send you shows the depth of the water in Lake Wingra. The outer line shows a depth of 2 feet of water. Outside of such line it is marshy or boggy. You will observe a line drawn from the foot of Warren street out at right angles to the shore line a distance of 750 feet, and another line drawn out from the center line of Edgewood avenue, at right angles to the shore, a distance of 1,050 feet. The amount of ground comprised between these lines and the present shore line and the clear water line is 50.5 acres. It is proposed to improve these fifty acres by dredging out parts of the same, making lagoons at various places, so as to have a park that will combine both water and land. These 50 acres, added to the 25 acres of high ground, will make a park of 75 acres. The line drawn out from Edgewood avenue a distance of 1050 feet, will constitute the dividing line between the proposed park and the property owned by your corporation. It is proposed to make a harbor out of a portion of the 50 acres, so that all kinds of launches and boats can be here sheltered, and can pass from this portion of Lake Wingra down through the canal or waterway into Lake Monona. From there any one will be able to go through the Catfish, or Yahara river, up into Lake Mendota, past what is marked, as you will observe on the hydrographic map, as Tenney Park. Hence if this improvement goes through, both your property and the property formerly included in Wingra Park will be put in direct communication with our chain of lakes, and if at any time persons attending your school desired to take a trip of pleasure on the lakes they could easily do so.

It is proposed ultimately to clean out and deepen somewhat Lake Wingra, so as to reclaim the same, and to have a driveway around the outer part of the clear water space, all the way around the lake.

Now it is another one of the conditions of Senator Vilas that our association must secure an outlet from this proposed park, across the property owned by your corporation, to the road going down on the southwesterly side of your property, and between your property and that owned by Mr. Chase. I have indicated roughly on the blue print map where such a road would run; but of course such a road would not be straight, as indicated on the map, and could be located at such point on the bank as would be agreeable to the owners, and in such a way as not to destroy or injure the beautiful trees there are now there on this bank. All our association would want would be a strip three rods in width, conveyed simply for park and pleasure drive purposes. We would agree, if desired by you, to construct any kind of fence you might desire, along either side of the road. We would also agree to construct one or more underground passageways, either for

cattle or persons. If you desired an underground passageway for persons, we would make an artistic one, with split boulders for the sides, and in such a way as to be very attractive.

Now I know the objection will be made that such a driveway as this will interfere with the privacy of your school. My own opinion is, and I have had considerable experience along this line of work, that such a driveway would be helpful rather than hurtful. Loafers or loungers do not, as a rule, frequent a driveway of this kind. I believe an arrangement can be made so as to be entirely satisfactory to you people. If this [redacted] goes through, your school would have the benefit of the large park of 75 acres, lying immediately adjoining your grounds, to be kept up at public expense. We intend to make of this a place where woman and children especially can go at all times in the summer season without any fear of being in any way molested or interfered with. It will be in all respects a quiet, restful place, with no objectionable surroundings.

I call attention to another matter that may be of some interest to your corporation. You will observe the rough sketch designated "Map B." I understand that your corporation would like in some way to get Edgewood avenue thrown farther off from your property on the easterly side, so as to get more privacy at that point. Now I am sure that if your corporation would grant what is requested by Senator Vilas and those interested in the proposed park, and this means all of our people of Madison, you could secure without much, if any, difficulty, the re-location of Edgewood avenue. I understand that your corporation has already purchased all of the lots adjoining Edgewood avenue, as shown on Map B, excepting the three that are marked with a star. These three are now owned by William T. Fish. If the drive can be extended across your property, as above indicated, I am sure that he would sell these three lots at a reasonable price, and that you could then get the city of Madison and the property owners interested to join in the re-location of Edgewood avenue, so as to throw the same over and away from your property sixty feet. This, it seems to me, might be quite desirable, inasmuch as the road now comes very near your building.

I have talked this matter over both with Father Naughtin and Father Knox several times, both of whom have been members of our association for many years and are much interested in its work. They both very much favor the proposed park and plan of securing a driveway across the rear portion of your land and hope that your corporation will see that it is to its advantage, everything considered, to grant the request here made.

Now permit me to say just a word about the importance of this proposed improvement. It means the reclaiming of this lake, naturally one of the most beautiful of our chain of lakes. The beautiful woods lying across the lake opposite your property are undoubtedly familiar to you. Nowhere in the state of Wisconsin can be found finer springs than exist at the head of this lake, and some day we hope that the lake may be put in such shape that the public may enjoy them.

If the opportunity of securing this park is not taken advantage of at this time, it will be gone forever. It is very fortunate indeed that the twenty-five acres of high ground which will be included in the

park are still owned almost wholly by one corporation. We have got, we think, a very reasonable option on the ground. It expires, however, on the 15th of April, and we must have all arrangements completed to take advantage of this option not later than the 1st of April. Hence, you see that we have only about a month within which to complete the arrangements.

If you should come to this city any time in the near future, I should be very much pleased to call on you and personally consider with you the whole plan for securing the park and connecting the lakes. I could make myself much plainer than I can by correspondence.

Let me say further that the work of our association is one in which all of the people of the city of Madison are intensely interested. You will observe how generally people subscribe to the work. By glancing through the list of subscribers, you will observe that the list represents all classes of our people. You will there find practically all of the clergy, all of the physicians and lawyers, substantially a greater portion of the professors of the University, but along side of these you will find clerks and small business men, small owners of property, who contribute each year their $5.00 or more for the support of this work. You will observe that the work includes all nationalities as well as all classes. You undoubtedly will recognize in the names many persons that you are either personally acquainted with or know of by reputation or otherwise. We raised for our work last year, wholly by voluntary subscription, something over $26,000. These subscriptions are not included in the reports sent you, but will appear in the report that comes out after our annual meeting on the 18th of April next.

It has occurred to me that if your corporation could fully understand all the facts and could see the relations of this work to our city, and what a grand improvement this would be to this lake and to the property owned by your association as well as that owned by others, you certainly would not wish to stand in the way of the improvement, but would be heartily interested in it and would not, for a moment, hesitate to grant the request made. You could do nothing that would please the people of this city more than to grant this request. It will certainly be a very great disappointment if you deny the request and thereby we lose the $30,000 in cash and also the park. You see it is a part of the scheme to secure a driveway around the lake, and Senator Vilas is unwilling to put $20,000 in cash into such an improvement unless, as he stated to me, he can see that the improvement is to be a thorough success and that it will result in reclaiming the whole lake. I am sure you will appreciate his position. I tried hard the other day to get him to withdraw the condition attached as to this right of way across your property, provided we were unable to secure it, but I was unable to get him to do so.

We do not ask from your corporation any absolute deed or conveyance of the three rod strip of ground, but merely that you will grant to us a right of way or easement for driveway and parking purposes only. The grant or concession would in no way interfere with your riparian rights as to the water. The improvement would ultimately result, I think, in cleaning up that whole shore and would add immensely to the value of the property.

In order that you may see the plan upon which our association is organized, I enclose herewith a copy of an earlier report which gives the law under which we are organized and also a copy of our charter and by-laws. You will observe that we have full police power given us, so that any one working for us as superintendent has the power of a policeman to arrest or to prevent any damage being done. I will say that we have found such an excellent public spirit here, improving each year, as to give us practically no trouble. Every one who subscribes any money for our work, no matter how small the amount may be, becomes a partner in it and thereby interested in its success, and in a way becomes a policeman or care-taker of the grounds under our control. We find this to be after all the very best kind of a protection.

I beg your pardon for writing you at such length, but I am exceedingly anxious to get before you the facts of the case? I wish you would let me hear from you at as early a date as possible. If there is any further information that I can give you that will enable you to see the situation just as it is, please be free to call upon me.

Hoping very much that the plan suggested will commend itself to you and your corporation, I beg to remain,

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by C.)

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President.

March 8, 1904.

N. J. Johnson, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $307.50 to pay for dredging from Feb. 1 to Feb. 29, 1904. Please receipt and return to me the enclosed bill, and much oblige,

Yours truly,

President.

March 3, 1904

Messrs. F. G. & F. M. Brown,
Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Will you put down on the enclosed postal card such sum as you feel like giving for the general drive work the present season, and return the same to me, and much oblige?

Yours truly,

J. Russell Clair

president.

(Dic. by O.)
(Enc.)

March 3,1904.

J. E. Flavin, Esq.,
Sun Prairie, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

If you would like to come and try the work for our association, along the lines we talked, for a month at $2.25 per day, with the understanding that if both parties are satisfied at the end of the month you will continue throughout the season, I should be glad to have you come. Please let me know by return mail, if possible, whether you wish to accept the place.

Yours truly,

J. Russell Clair

President

(Dic. by O.)

March 3, 1904.

Sadek Bros.,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

You will remember the talk I had with one of your firm when Dr. Nielson and I called the other day for an oral subscription for work of Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. In order that you may see that I was correct, I enclose, under another cover, another copy of the last annual report of the association. I have marked in lead pencil opposite the sentence that I referred to. From this you will see that only names of contributors who have paid subscriptions for the year that closes with the annual report appear in the report. Hence, the name of your firm will appear in the next annual report, whether you contribute the present season or not.

We intend this next year to get up even a finer report than we got up last year.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John Nell Olin

President.

March 9, 1904.

F. A. Ogden, Esq.,
Spokane, Washington.

Dear Sir:-

The enclosed circulars and postal card explain themselves. Although you are not in our city very much now, I think you will be willing to continue your subscription to the general work of the association for another year. We have our annual meeting on the 18th of April, and we should like very much to have you wish us for another year on the same terms as heretofore. We are trying this year to raise $20,000, five thousand to carry on the general work of the association and five thousand to complete the Yahara river improvement. Of course, there is nothing against your putting something in the blank for the Yahara river improvement, and if you feel like doing so we shall very much appreciate it.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)
(3 Enc.)

March 3,1904.

C. H. Colton, Esq.,
Care Madison Gas Company,
Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

I send you, under another cover, a copy of the last report of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association, so that you can examine the same and thus determine a little better what the nature of the work of the association is. After examining the same, I trust that you may sign the enclosed postal card for $5.00 for the general work of the association. I enclose also some circulars, which explain themselves.

Yours truly,

John M Olin

President.

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March 3,1904.

Robert Davis, Esq.,
County Treasurer,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Are you acquainted with F. M. Slavin of Sun Prairie? He has applied for work from the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association this year on the Yahara river improvement, and has referred me to you as a reference. I should be pleased if you could drop in at the office for a minute some time and talk the matter over with me.

Yours truly,

Edward Ellis

March 3, 1904.

John Nichols, Esq.,

Janesville, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

By reason of your absence from Madison, it has not been easy for the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association to lay before you its merits and get you to join the association as a member. In order that you may understand the nature of the work, I send you herewith, under another cover, a copy of the last annual report. I also enclose herewith some circulars, also a postal card. We should like to have you join the association on the $5.00 list. You will observe by looking over the list of contributors that almost every business interest in the city contributes something. We have our annual meeting on the 18th of April, and we wish to get the subscriptions in at as early a date as possible. We are trying this year, as you will observe, to raise not only the $5,000 with which to carry on the general work of the association, but also an additional $5,000 to complete the Yahara river improvement. We have merely asked that you join us on the general work of the association.

Yours trily,

(Dic. by C.)

(3 Enc.)

James Allen

President.

March 3, 1904.

F. S. Giddings, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Giddings:-

I have decided, instead of calling upon you personally, to write a letter as to the work of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association just at this time.

As you will remember, we raised last year by private subscription for the Yahara river improvement, in round numbers, $21,000. We must raise this year an additional $5,000 with which to complete that improvement, besides the $5,000 necessary to carry on the general work of the association. It is going to be very difficult for us to raise the $5,000 with which to complete the river improvement. We started out with the idea of getting five men to give $200 each, ten to give $100 each and twenty to give $50 each. If we could do this, we could easily raise the necessary $5,000, but we are not going to be able to secure all of these larger subscriptions. I have already two subscriptions of $200 each and a number of $100 subscriptions and several of $50, and we have raised up to this time about $2500 for the river improvement work, leaving $2500 more to be raised. Before you sent the $50.00, I thought you might be willing to contribute this year $200 toward the river improvement. Your neighbor, Dr. Dye, gave us $250 last year and has given us $75.00 more this year on the river improvement, besides the $25.00 each year for the general drive work. I put in $360.00 last year on the river improvement and have put in another $100 this year, besides my $25.00 for the regular work. In addition to this, I have been giving very largely of my time. I wish

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very much that you might feel like giving us, in addition to the $50.00 you contributed a short time ago, either $100 or $150 additional for the river improvement. It is a matter that I must leave, of course, entirely to you. I enclose herewith a postal card upon which I have written down your regular subscription of $25.00 for the drive work, but have left the other subscription blank. I wish you would insert in the other blank such sum, if any, as you are willing to contribute the present year for the river improvement.

I wish here to correct an impression which is quite general as to this river improvement, and that is that it is something which is almost solely for the benefit of people who use the water. This is an erroneous idea. I think the securing of the land along the river for park purposes and the making of a park for the public in that locality, is quite as important to the city as the connecting of the lakes. It is because we are doing so much in the way of securing park land and filling it that the improvement costs so much. Were it simply a matter of digging a channel for boats to go back and forth, the money raised last year would be much more than ample to do the work.

I have writtin this letter in order to save both your time and my time. I feel as though you understand fully the nature of our work and that you will do what you can, everything considered, for it, and that a personal call upon you would make no difference as to the amount that you might contribute. We have our annual meeting on the 18th of April next.

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

Yours truly,

Johnson Olin

President.

March 3, 1904.

Mr. H. B. Cottrill,
Gen'l. Supt. Wis. Telephone Co.,
Milwaukee, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

You will remember that when you called at my office some time since, I made the suggestion that your company subscribe $25.00 for the general work of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Associatiga. You suggested that I drop you a line, and that you would lay the matter before the proper officers.

We raise each year for the general work of the association a little over $5,000. We are also trying, this year, to raise an additional $5,000 to complete the Yahara river improvement. Your company gave us the liberal subscription for that work last year of $200, and we do not wish to ask anything further from your company for that work. We will appreciate, however, if you can subscribe the $25.00 for the general work. I enclose herewith under another cover a copy of the last annual report, thinking it might come handy to you. Your subscription of $200 will appear in the next annual report that comes out immediately after our annual meeting on April 18th next. You will observe from the list of subscribers how generally people contribute for this work. Our membership represents all classes of our citizens. One incurs no obligation by subscribing beyond the payment of the amount subscribed.

I enclose a postal card, which can be signed and returned to me if your company decides to make the subscription.

Yours truly,

John Nolen

(Dic. by C.)
(Enc.)

March 3, 1904.

Dr. C. A. Harper,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I called with Dr. Nielson yesterday at your office to get your subscription for the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association the present season, but found your office so full that I did not attempt to interrupt you? We are trying to close out the subscriptions. It means a lot of very hard work, as you can well understand. Will you not be so kind as to send me your postal card with the amounts inserted that you intend to give? Lest you have lost or misplaced the one you already have, I enclose herewith another.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(Inc.)

J. Howell Olin

President.

March 3, 1904.

Carl Johnson, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

Last year you and your brothers subscribed for the general drive work of our association $50.00 under the name of "S. A. Johnson and Brothers." I enclose herewith a postal card and should be much pleased if you could sign the same in the same way for the same amount the present year, and return same to me.

As you know, we are trying to raise this year an additional $5,000 with which to complete the Yahara river improvement. We are not intending to call upon those who contributed as liberally as you people did last year for this additional amount. We are going to have some trouble in raising the full $5,000. It means a great deal of very hard labor, but I believe if we are pretty thorough in the canvass we can come very near getting the full $5,000. We must complete that improvement this year.

I have regretted exceedingly the serious illness of your brother. I do hope that he will fully recover. I was not much acquainted with him until within the last year or two, but the more I come in contact with him the more I liked and admired Him. This city is much in need of just such men as he is.

With kindest regards, I am.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

President.

March 3, 1904

Prof. W. D. Taylor,
Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

I enclose warrant for $10.00 to apply on services. As explained over phone the other day, if you will endorse the same over to Frank W. Hoyt, the treasurer will cancel your subscription of last year of $10.00 to the general work of the association and you will receive credit for the same in the annual report.

I do not mean to indicate by this bill anything as to the value of your services. That is a matter that we can settle up between you and the association later.

I wish you would send me a bill, however, for your expenses the last trip to Chicago, and I will see that they are paid at once.

We are now endeavoring to secure renewal of subscriptions for the present year. We are trying to raise $10,000, $5,000 for completing the Yahara river improvement and $5,000 for the general work. I enclose herewith a postal card and would be pleased to have you insert whatever sum you feel like contributing for each of the two branches of the work, and return the same to me.

Yours truly,

John M. Nail

(Dic. by O.)
(Warrant)
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March 3, 1904.

Hon. J. W. Babcock,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Babcock:-

I write you concerning the matter I spoke to you about upon the street here in Madison. We are very anxious to secure a neat, artistic bridge across the Yahara river, and the question is whether it shall be built of steel,-the ordinary, ugly, stock steel bridge,- or of concrete steel with a well designed arch. Some question has been raised by some members of the common council as to whether a concrete arch bridge can be built that will be firm and substantial. I understand that a memorial bridge has been planned across the Potomac river at Washington, and that this is planned to be built of concrete. If so, it has occurred to me that the engineer in charge of that work could furnish me with some very valuable information just at this time. I dislike to trouble so busy a man as you are, but if you can lay this request before the proper authorities so that I can get the necessary information, your kindness will be very much appreciated. What we desire to know is whether there is any difficulty to-day in constructing a concrete steel arch bridge so that the same will be substantially a permanent bridge, free from cracks or other defects, provided the work is done properly by a person who understands that kind of work.

In as much as this is a matter which will come before the common council in the near future, I would very much appreciate an early reply.

Yours truly,

J. [illegible]

(Dic. by O.)

March 3, 1904

The Marsh Bridge Co.,

Des Moines, Iowa.

Gentlemen:-

I have thought a good deal about the concrete bridge since you were here and I hope very much that you will get to us in the near future a proposition a proposition as to the construction of that bridge that the council may be induced to accept. I wish in some way you could make the proposition so that the cost of the bridge would not be over $6900. You may wonder why I say $6900 instead of $7,000. Do you know that $6900 sounds to some people a great deal smaller than $7,000? Do the best you can for us. Send us a sketch of the bridge, showing what it would be when up. After getting that sketch, I will have a meeting of the directors of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association and see that the matter is thoroughly canvassed.

You will also send the sketch and proposition, as I understand, directly to the Mayor.

The Mayor has received some letters from the chief engineer of the C. M. & St. P. Railroad Company, which rather throw cold water on the construction of concrete bridges. In order to fortify him and the council, I have written to Congressman Babcock to have him get for us information as to the construction of a proposed concrete bridge across the Potomac river at Washington. It occurred to me that some information from the engineer of that bridge might be very helpful just at this time. Anything that you can furnish along this line will also be helpful.

If you offer to guarantee the work you put up against cracks, etc.

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for a number of years, that will have very great weight both with the Mayor and the common council.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin.

(Dic. by C.)

March 2, 1904

A. H. Kayser, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $3.14 for your bill against the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt same and return same to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

(Dict. by J.)

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

President.

March 3, 1904.

Mueller Heating Co.,

Milwaukee, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

The enclosed circulars explain themselves. I send, under another cover, a copy of the last annual report of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. You will observe by glancing at this report that every business interest in this city, practically, contributes toward its support. We are trying to raise this year $10,000 for the for, $5,000 for the general work, and $5,000 to complete the Yahara river improvement. I enclose a postal card herewith. I hope your company may feel like signing the same for the amounts indicated thereon. The amount you contributed last year will appear in the report to be published this year, which will come out shortly after the 18th of April, and we will send you a copy of such report.

Considering the amount of business your company is now doing in this city, and the fact that all other concerns here in a similar line of business contribute toward the support of the work, we feel that your company would be willing to help. I am sure we would have no trouble in securing the subscription asked for if I could see you personally instead of corresponding concerning the matter. Of course, you are at liberty to cut down the amount suggested on the postal card, but I hope you may feel like contributing the amount asked. If not, however, put down such sum as you feel would be right under all the circumstances.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

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President.

March 6, 1904.

T. C. Richmond, Esq.

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of the sketches that have been prepared by Mr. Garvens. I would suggest that you have him come to your office and that you look over the whole matter with him pretty carefully. His estimates go on the theory of filling to a height of three feet above the level of the water. I do not think this will be high enough along where the road is so much higher. You will observe that he figures on going out three hundred and fifty feet. This is farther than is necessary to get two lots in length, and the fifty feet additional for the driveway. Moreover, his sketch goes on the theory of dividing it up into straight lines when it ought to be drawn on a curve. That, however, may not be material. I think you ought to have Mr. Garvens come to your office and go over with him the whole matter and see if you cannot get matters in shape so that it could be submitted in the form of a report to any person that you wish to invest money in this project. The time is getting short, and it is almost impossible for me to give much more attention to this scheme with all the other work I have on hand now in securing the necessary subscriptions for the work of the association. Mr. Garvens name is Gustave W. Garvens and he lives at 1033 W. Johnson Street. I know there is a telephone in his house, but what the telephone number is I do not know. This information could be given you by calling up the central office.

I would suggest further that Mr. Garvens draw a line from the St. Paul tracks around to East Main Street, on the sketch of that portion

of the proposed improvement that will be about three hundred and fifty feet out from the present shore line and will give us an estimate as to how much it would take to fill out to this line in addition to his estimate of filling for that strip of some 53,000 cubic yards. The reason of this is that such extra filling would have to be done by the city, and the city would want to know about what it would cost.

Steps ought to be taken at once to have the common council order the establishment of a dock line. This ought to be brought up by resolution, I think, before the council, at its next meeting.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by J.)

March 4, 1904

Grant Thomas, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of March 3rd just received and I have handed the same to Mr. Brown, to whom I handed the other letter. I will urge him to attend to the matter.

I am giving this week to the work of securing subscriptions for the work of our association the present season. I find it absolutely necessary for me to do this. I am in hopes to end to-morrow night with $7,000 raised for both branches of the work. It is going to be difficult to raise the $10,000. I feel as though we cannot do it, unless I can get your personal help, Mr. Thomas. We need it badly, especially with reference to a large number of persons who gave last year to the river improvement and whom you saw almost exclusively. I do want you to arrange to help us out in this matter. Can you not arrange to give us Saturdays and Mondays, or if not both days, one day each week now for a number of weeks? If you can possibly arrange to help us on Monday of next week, I wish you would do so. Dr. Nielson is under the weather just now, but I presume may be all right by Monday. However, if he could not go with you, I think, without doubt, John Grinde would go with you. Mr. Grinde is helping me this week. If you return to Madison in time to help us on Monday, I wish just as soon as you get this letter, you would get in communication with either Dr. Nielson or Mr. Grinde, and arrange to go with one of them on Monday. I cannot possibly give any more than this week to the work, at least for the present.

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I will send this letter both to Milwaukee and to the city here, so that you will be sure and get it.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

Charles N. Brown, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

March 4, 1904.

Dear Mr. Brown:-

I hand you a letter from Mr. Grant Thomas under date of March 3rd, as to Madison views at the Wisconsin building, St. Louis World's Fair. I wrote him that I had turned the matter over to you. I wish you would write him concerning the matter.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

(Enc.)

President.

March 5, 1904.

Magnus Swenson, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith a list of trees now in the nursery which belong to the Association. You know where the nursery is located, just south of Mr. Rayner's land on the drive leading to Eagle Heights. I wish you would look the list through and see what of the trees you would want. It would be a good thing if you could go out there and look the trees over. They are a nice, thrifty lot of trees. Most of them, I think, you will find thicker at the butt than you would expect from the height as stated in the list.

Very truly yours,

John M. Conway

President.

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

March 5, 1904.

R. J. Lavelle, Gen'l. Agt.,
J. I. Case Threshing Machine Co.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Under another cover, I send you a copy of the last annual report of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association, as per our talk Thursday afternoon.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin
President.

(Dic. by O.)

March 5, 1904.

H. O. Brown, Mngr.,
Dowagiac Mfg. Co.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Under another cover, I send you a copy of the last annual report of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association, as per our talk on Thursday afternoon.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin
President.

(Dic. by O.)

March 5, 1904.

Hon. H. C. Adams,

Washington, D. C.

My Dear Mr. Adams:-

The enclosed circulars explain themselves. I have doubted whether we ought to ask you to contribute anything to the work of the association this year. However, I thought that you might feel like keeping up your usual subscription of $15.00 for the general work. If you do, you can sign the enclosed postal card for that amount and return the same to me. We are now trying to raise $10,000 for the work this year. I hope by to-night to have $7,000 of the $10,000 raised. It is going to be rather difficult to raise the full $10,000, but I hope to be able to do so by April 18th, the date of the annual meeting.

I have made an appointment with Mr. Earling, President of the St. Paul Railway Company, to meet him in Chicago on Friday, March 11, at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon, concerning the proposed park in Wingra Park. I think if we can get the railway companies to consent to fix their road so as to let us under their tracks either the present season or next year, we shall be able to make the park scheme a success. The only other condition insisted on by Senator Vilas is that the Catholic Sisters let us across their land either on the high ground or along the edge of the clear water of the lake. I have written to Mother Emily, the one at the head of things at Sinsinawa Mounds, a long and detailed letter, urging upon her the desirability of letting us across their land. I hope they will yield to our request. Father Naughton has also written her a letter. Father Knox would do the same, but he says that she is not to write

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to him and he thinks it will be better for him to wait and answer such letter rather than write in the first instance.

Hoping that you are will and enjoying your work, I am.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

(3 Enc.)

J. Howell Olin

President.

After dictating above, met Sen. Vilas, and the $20.000 is ready if the two Conchbers are met of getting under the railroads, and of getting across the Sisters hall.

J. M. O.

March 5, 1904.

John H. Bramhall, Esq.,

Care Battle Creek Sanitarium,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I send you, under another cover, a copy of the last annual report of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. I would like very much if you could become a member of the association. I enclose a couple of circulars, which explain themselves. I also enclose a postal card. You will observe we are trying to raise $10,000 this year, $5,000 for our regular or general work, and $5,000 with which to complete the Yahara river improvement. Could you not put down say about $10.00 on our general work? I would like to have you put down such sum as you might feel like contributing from year to year for the general work of the association, although there is nothing binding in your subscription beyond the present year. The subscription has to be renewed each year. On April 18th next, we will have our annual meeting and we have a banquet in connection with the same, with a number of toasts, etc. Should be pleased to have you identify yourself with this work and be present at the banquet and annual meeting. You will observe we are trying now to get through a plan by which we shall get the whole of the Monona Bay cleaned up and a driveway next the water as far as South Madison. Then we hope to continue it later around the lake.

We have larger subscription lists and also a $5.00 list. Please put down such sum as you feel you would like to contribute and nothing more.

Very truly yours,

President.

(Dic. by O.)
(3 Enc.)

March 5, 1904.

Hon. J. W. Groves,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I have received a letter from Mr. A§ J. Earling, President of the St. Paul Company, sayinf that he could meet a committee as to the proposed Wingra Park improvement on Friday, March 11, and the hour has been set for 10:30 O'clock in the forenoon. I hope that you may arrange to go down as a member of the committee as representing the city.

Very truly yours,

John Ellis

President.

(Dic. by O.)

March 5, 1904.

Nicholas Keeler, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

The enclosed circulars explain themselves. I enclose a postal card on which I have written the same amount that you have subscribed of late for the regular drive work. I have not inserted anything in the blank for the river improvement. If you feel like helping us our a little on that, we should be pleased. Will you be so kind as to sign the postal card for such sum as you feel like giving the present year, an return the same to me, and very much oblige?

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)
(3 Enc.)

President.

March 5, 1904.

C. M. Colladay, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

We are getting the subscriptions renewed for our Madison Park & Pleasure Drive work for the present season. We are trying to raise $10,000 this year, $5,000 with which to complete the Yahara river improvement, and $5,000 for our regular drive work. The enclosed circulars explain themselves. You have contributed heretofore $5.00 a year for the general work. Will you not be so kind as to sign the enclosed postal card and return the same to me? I adopt this method, because I find it difficult to reach you, and it will save your time and my time. A prompt reply will very much oblige.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)
(3 Enc.)

March 5, 1904.

Hon. Alfred Arenske,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

In order to carry through the plan of improving Monona Lake Bay, that is, getting private parties to put in money to clean up the bay and fill out a certain distance, it will be necessary to have a dock line established from the St. Paul tracks around to the city limits. Inasmuch as our options all expire the 30th of April, and a corporation will have to be organized and money pledged for the proposed improvement before that date, you will see that it is necessary to move very rapidly in securing the establishment of a dock line. Will you not see to it that a resolution is introduced in the common council at its next meeting, instructing the city engineer to establish a proposed dock line at once and report the same to the common council for its action.

I have received word finally from Mr. Earling, President of the St. Paul road, that he would meet a committee of our citizens as to the proposed Wingra Park improvement on Friday, March 11, at half past ten o'clock in the forenoon. I write you now with the hope that you may arrange to go down as a member of the committee.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by S.)

John W. Alvin

President.

March 6, 1904

Charles N. Brown, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

You will find enclosed herewith a list of trees and shrubs that are to be planted according to Mr. Simonds' direction on the half mile strip between the corner of the cemetery and the Larkin woods. Please look the same over. You will see from the statement what material we must buy and what we can get here around Madison. If you are in doubt about anything connected with the statement, shall be pleased to talk the matter over with you. I have a copy of this statement so that you can keep the one enclosed.

I would suggest that you bring up the matter of planting trees by the school board. I do not want another year to go by without something being done. I put in $110 for those plans and am desirous that the resolution passed at the time be carried out in good faith, as no doubt it will be, by the school board.

Very truly yours,

J. Mott Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

March 6,1904

Julius Zehnter, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Zehnter:-

May I suggest, if you have not already done so, that it might be well for you to get in the order for shrubs and trees for school grounds at as early a date as possible? It may be that the association has in its nursery some trees that are called for by Mr. Simonds' sketch. If so, and you will let me know the kinds and quantities, I will see that they are reserved for you. The association will let the school board have these trees without cost to the school board, the school board simply paying expense of digging them and getting them in place.

Yours truly,

John [illegible]

President.

(Dic. by O.)

March 5, 1904.

Dr. H. L. Russell,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed I send you a list of trees that belong to the association, most of which the association will be willing to sell this spring. Mr. Magnus Swenson has a first lien on them. I have written him, sending him a list, and asked him to indicate what of the trees he would want, and just as soon as I hear from him I will drop you a further line. In the meantime, it might be well for you to go out and look the nursery over. It is just south of the dirt road leading from the corner of Mr. Raymer's farm through to Eagle Heights.

Yours truly,

John W. Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)
(Enc.)

March 8, 1904.

Hon. N. B. Van Slyke,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Van Slyke:

I am devoting this week to the work of trying to secure renewals of subscriptions to the work of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association the present season. We must raise this year $10,000, five thousand with which to complete the river improvement and five thousand for the general work of the association. It is going to be difficult to raise the $5,000 for the river improvement, but I feel as though we ought to complete that work this year, else we shall br criticised. You have always given $25.00 for the general work of the association. I enclose a postal card with that amount written in for that purpose. The other space is left blank. I should appreciate very much if you could help us some in that matter. I put in $360 last year on the river improvement and have put down another $100 this year. We have been trying to get five persons to subscribe $200, ten to subscribe $100 each, and twenty to subscribe $50 each. I did not know but what you might be willing to be one of those who would give $50 each. But if you feel that you cannot do that, should be pleased to have you help us whatever sum you feel like giving. If we raise the $5,000 this year, it will make $20,000 in all for that improvement.

I wish to say just a word concerning what I consider a false idea as to this improvement. Many people think that it is solely for those who use the lakes. Now to my mind, the park strip that we shall get along the river, amounting to some ten acres in all, as I remember,

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will be quite as important to the city as the connecting of the lakes, and it is the securing of this park strip and the filling of the same that makes the improvement cost so much. If it were merely the matter of digging out the river so as to get a passage for boats, the money raised last year would be much more than sufficient.

I take this method of reaching you to economize time. I feel as though you will consider the matter just as fairly as though I called upon you personally and that you will do what you think is right under all the circumstances. This securing of the renewal of the subscriptions each year for the work, is the one thing of all others that I feel is burdensome, and I wish that I could in some way cast it off more than I seem able to do upon the shoulders of some one else.

I regretted exceedingly to hear of your accident, and I trust that you will soon be fully restored to health.

With kind regards, I am.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)
(Enc.)

J. Thomas Olin

President.

M. D. Eells, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

March 7, 1904.

My Dear Sir:-

The enclosed circulars explain themselves. You may have received them before. I enclose a postal card upon which I have written $5.00 for the general work of the association. I felt sure you would like to contribute that amount to sustain the drives. I adopt this method of reaching you to save time. Will you be so kind as to sign the postal card and return same to me, and very much oblige?

We have our annual meeting on April 18th next. We hope to have a good meeting and a good time. I trust that you may plan to be present at the meeting.

Very truly yours,

J. Jewell Allen

President.

(Enc. by O.)
(3 Enc.)

March 9, 1904.

C. B. Welton, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

You are absent from the city so much that I take the method of reaching you by correspondence. We are now trying to renew the subscriptions for the work of the association the present year. We must raise $10,000, which is $5,000 more than the usual amount we raise each year. But we need this extra amount with which to complete the Kaiser river improvement. I have not, however, on the enclosed postal card, requested you to sign anything for that work. We merely ask that you renew your usual annual subscription. Will you be so kind as to sign the enclosed postal card and return the same to me?

We have our annual meeting on April 18th next. Hope to have a good meeting and a good time. I hope, if you are in the city, you will plan to be present at the meeting.

Yours truly,

J. Howell Cox
President.

(Dic. by C.)
(Enc.)

March 7, 1904.

A. M. Stondall, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

The enclosed circulars explain themselves. You may have already received a copy of them. I think we assessed you, at our meeting, for $25.00 on the river improvement and $10.00 on the general work. Perhaps that is too much. Could you not give us say $15.00 with which to complete the river improvement and $10.00 for the general drive work? I enclose a postal card and ask that you will write in the blanks such sum as you feel like contributing the present year. I adopt this method in order to economize time. We have our annual meeting April 18th next. Hope to have a good meeting and a good time, and I trust that you may be present.

Yours truly,

Stowell Sias

President.

(Dic. by O.)

(3 Enc.)

March 7, 1904.

John Sharp, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Sharp:-

The enclosed circulars explain themselves. I thought you would be willing to renew your subscription of $5.00 for the work of the association, and I have enclosed a postal card with that amount written in. I do not ask you to pay anything toward the $5,000 that we are trying to raise to complete the Yahara river improvement. Should appreciate it if you could return the postal card with a subscription of $5.00. Our annual meeting is April 18th next. We expect to have a good meeting, and I wish very much you could plan to be present.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

(3 Enc.)

President.

March 7, 1904.

C. E. Milward, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

We are now trying to get renewed the subscriptions for the work of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association for the present year. We are trying to raise $10,000, $5,000 of which we intend to use to complete the Yahara river improvement and $5,000 for the regular drive work. You have for several years contributed $10 a year. I enclose a postal card with that amount inserted for the general work. I hope you may feel like renewing your subscription at that sum. If, however, you feel like cutting it down, of course you are at liberty to do so.

According to the list furnished me by Mr. Hoyt, your subscription for last year was not paid on Feb. 2, 1904. Perhaps you have paid it since. We are exceedingly anxious to have all the money paid in before the annual meeting on April 18th next, since we wish to have just as good a showing at that meeting as possible, and if you have not already sent in a check for that amount, would you be so kind as to remit directly to me, and I will see that the same is turned over to Mr. Hoyt, who is now absent in the south?

Yours truly,

(Dict. by O.)

(Enc.)

President.

March 7, 1904.

William Keyes, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

The enclosed circulars explain themselves. We are now trying to raise $10,000 for our work this year, $5,000 to complete the Yahara river improvement and $5,000 for the general work. I enclose herewith a postal card, upon which I have written $5.00 for the general work. I hope you may feel like signing this and returning it to me. I adopt this method of reaching you in order to economize time. Please respond promptly, and very much oblige.

We have our annual meeting on April 18th next, and we hope to have a good meeting and a good time. Please remember the date and try and be there. You will observe the $5.00 is not payable until June 1st. If you prefer a later date, please state so on the postal card.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

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John W. Blair

President.

March 7, 1904.

Martin Higgins, Esq.,

332 W. Washington Ave.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

The enclosed circulars explain themselves. We are trying to raise this year $10,000, $5,000 with which to complete the river improvement and $5,000 with which to do our general work. I thought that you would be willing to help us out to the amount of $5.00 on each branch of the work, and have inserted that amount in the enclosed postal card. Of course, you must be the judge, but it would be a pleasure to me if you could sign the card and return the same. However, if you feel that $10 is too much, strike out one of the $5.00. I hope, however, you may feel like letting the matter stand as it is. I adopt this method of reaching you because you are out of the city a good deal and it is a little difficult to reach you by personal solicitation.

We have our annual meeting and banquet on April 18th next. We are planning to have a very good meeting, with some good toasts, etc. Mr. Burr W. Jones is to preside, and Father Naughtin is to respond to a toast, among others. Please remember the date and plan to be present.

Yours truly,

(Dict by C.)
(3 Enc.)

John [illegible],
President.

March [illegible], 1904

Siegert, Good & Co.,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

I send you, under another cover, a copy of the last annual report of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. I should be very much obliged if you will glance the same through. You will observe that the association is maintained wholly by private subscription. We have raised up to this year for this work, in this city, by private subscription, something over $76,000. in 12 yrs We must raise this year $10,000, $5,000 with which to complete the Yahara river improvement, which will connect our two lakes, and $5,000 for our general work. You will observe that almost every business interest in the city is a contributor to the work. I called at your place of business here and the person in charge told me he had no authority to act, and referred me directly to you. I enclose herewith a postal card and have written in the amount which I hope you may be able to subscribe for the general work, namely $10.00. Will you not be so kind xxxx as to sign this and return to me, and much oblige? We publish, each year, an annual report, in which we include all members who subscribe anything for the work, and this is sent to each contributor. We hope this year to get up even a more artistic report than we did last year.

Yours truly,

[illegible]

(Dic. by O.)

O. S. Norsmen, Esq.,

City Clerk,

Madison, Wis.

March 6,1904.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find bill for $8.75 paid by association to Dane County Title Company fpr abstracts furnished by said company on lands purchased by city for park purposes. Will you please see that the bill is presented to the proper committee, and much oblige?

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

Prof. L. S. Smith,

Madison, Wis.

March 8,1904

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $6.30 to pay for your bill against association. Please receipt same and return to me, and much oblige.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

March 8, 1904

Joseph A. Steinle, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

You will remember I had some talk with you some time ago about a modification of the contract as to the time within which the dirt should be removed. I have tried to put in shape, in the enclosed proposed agreement, the terms of our talk as I remember them, which were that if we would commence on the northeast side of the strip and remove the dirt from a strip not less than eight rods in width by August 1st of this year, you would then extend the time for the removal of the balance to August 1st, of next year. If I have correctly remembered the talk, will you be so kind as to sign the enclosed agreement and return one copy to me in the enclosed stamped envelope?

It is our purpose, if possible, to get all of the dirt off the present season, and I think we shall be able to do it, but we may not quite succeed. We have just let a contract to-day to a couple of men to remove the top soil at so much a cubic yard.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)
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President.

March 8, 1904

Mr. E. F. Riley,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Riley:-

I have to-day sent to Mr. Steinle a proposed agreement on his part as to the extension of time for removal of dirt to Aug. 1, 1905, on condition that eight rods of the dirt on the northeasterly side is removed by August 1st, of this year. If he signs the agreement, I will send you a copy of it.

We are to-day letting a contract to a couple of men to remove the top dirt at so much a cubic yard, measured in excavation. The letting of this contract calls to mind the fact that there are quite a number of trees yet to be grubbed out and removed from the land. We have grubbed out a portion of the trees. There is nothing said in the contract between us as to who should meet the expense of this work. I presume that it would fall upon both parties to the contract in proportion to the amount of dirt removed or taken by each. If I am right in this, I think that we must have removed our full share. I will say that if you will see that the remaining trees are grubbed out and taken off upon Mr. Steinle's land, our association will meet the entire expense of making the surveys or measurements in order to determine the quantity of dirt used by the association. Under the contract between us, that was to be equally divided between you and the association.

I write concerning this matter at this time, for the reason that these trees ought to be removed at the very earliest date possible. We shall plan to commence removing the top dirt from the northeast corner

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next to East Washington Avenue and try to keep out of the way of Mr. Johnson.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

J. Howell Clair

President.

March 8, 1904

George Lichty, Esq.,

Prest. Business Men's Asso.,

Waterloo, Iowa.

Dear Sir:-

I understand that your city put in a cement arch bridge some time recently. Could you tell me how the bridge has stood with reference to settling or cracking, and how the severe winter we have just had has affected the bridge, if at all? I have been referred to you by the Marsh Bridge Company, and would appreciate a reply. Our council has before it, at the present time, the question of whether there should be constructed a steel or a concrete steel bridge.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

J. Sweell Allen

March 8, 1904

L. S. Cass, Esq.,
Prest. Rapid Transit Co.,
Waterloo, Iowa.

Dear Sir:-

I understand that your city put in a cement arch bridge some time recently. Could you tell me how the bridge has stood with reference to settling or cracking, and how the severe winter we have just had has affected the bridge, if at all? I have been referred to you by the Marsh Bridge Company, and would appreciate a reply. Our council has before it, at the present time, the question of whether there should be constructed a steel or a concrete steel bridge.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

Johnwallace

March 8, 1904

M. L. Newton, Esq.,
Consulting Engineer,
Waterloo, Iowa.

Dear Sir:-

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Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

March 8, 1904

Hon. P. J. Martin, Mayor,

Waterloo, Iowa.

Dear Sir:-

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Very truly yours,

(Dic. by C.)

March 8, 1904.

Hon. Alfred Kinney,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I received word from President Darling, of the St. Paul road, saying that he had gone to the Pacific coast, and hence could not meet the committee this week. I regret the delay.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. W.C.)

March 9, 1904

Hon. J. W. Groves,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I received word from President Darling, of the St. Paul road, saying that he had gone to the Pacific coast, and hence could not meet the committee this week. I regret the delay.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by W.)

March 9, 1904.

George Chamberlain, Esq.,

Windsor, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 9th received as to team.

There is one remark in your letter which makes me fear a little as to whether your team would be what we wish. You say, "they are a good, heavy team of chunks." Now what we want is a good strong team, but a team that can travel fairly well. If we get a team, it is for the work of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association on the drives around the lakes. Such team would have to travel out each morning from three to six miles, and return in the evening. This necessitates a team that is not too logy or poky. Perhaps your team is just what we wish. You will know better after getting this letter. Wish you would write me what you think about it. The size and age of the team, and the weight, is all right, and if they are all right in other respects, we may be able to make a bargain. Would you be so kind as to tell me what brand of stock they are, whether Norman or some other breed?

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

[signature]

President.

Of course we don't want a fast team, nor do we want a logy team, a team that could not go away on a slow hot without injury.

[signature]

March 9, 1904

Mr. E. B. Cottrill,
Gen'l. Supt. Wis. Telephone Co.,
Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 14th received, enclosing draft for $25.00, subscription to the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association for the year 1904. I wish to thank you very much for the same.

I return voucher herewith.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

President.

March 10,1904

E. F. Riley, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

I enclose a proposition, signed by Mr. Steinle, as to extension of time for removing dirt. He modified the contract as I drew it by changing August 1st to July 1st. Inasmuch as we lose nothing by getting this proposition, I consider it as so much gain. I have written to him, acknowledging the receipt of his proposition and stating that we would try to comply with it.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

President.

March 10,1904

J. A. Steinle, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I have your proposition modifying contract of May 20, 1903, as to time when dirt should be removed. Please accept thanks for same. We think we shall be able to comply with the proposition without much, if any, doubt.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

(Dic. by O.)

President.

March 10, 1904.

N. [illegible]nson, Esq.,

1140 E. Dayton St.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I want to see you the first opportunity after your return to the city and have a talk with you about several matters.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

John M. Olin

President.

March 11,1904.

F. A. Ogden, Esq.,

Spokane, Washington.

Dear Sir;- Please accept thanks for postal card agreeing to pay $10 to the work of Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association for present season.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

John McGilvra

President.

March 15, 19[illegible].

[illegible] R. [illegible], Esq.,

1242 E. Dalton St.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Under another cover, I send you a copy of the last annual report of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association.

Enclosed herewith I send you a circular, which explains itself, also a postal card. We are trying to raise this year for the work of our association $10,000, $5,000 to complete the river improvement and $5,000 for our general work.

We should be pleased to have you join the work of the association and put down such sum as you feel like contributing. Any one who contributes as much as $5.00 has all the rights and privileges of full membership.

Very truly yours,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dis. by O.)

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March 1[illegible], 1904.

William H. [illegible], Esq.,

1[illegible] Spaight St.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

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Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

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John M. Olin

President.

March 15, 1904.

T. M. Flavin, Esq.,

Sun Prairie, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of March 13th received and contents noted.

I thought I notified you within the two weeks that I was to have for investigation, etc. I think my letter was written within that time.

It will be necessary for us to know very quickly whether we can rely upon your taking the job offered or whether we must look elsewhere. Hence, I trust if you desire the work, you will let me know promptly.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

March 15, 1904

Sister M. Samuel, O. S. D.,

St. Clara Female College,

Sinsinawa Mounds, Wis.

Dear Madam:-

Your kind letter received. I thank you very much for the same.

I do hope that your Council may find it possible to accede to the wishes of our association as expressed in my former letter to Mother Emily.

Very sincerely yours,

(Dict. by C.)

John W. Cox.

President.

March 15, 1904.

The Mother Reginald, O. S. D.,
St. Clara Female College,
Edgewood,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Madam:-

Some time since I wrote a letter to Mother Emily and sent to her certain maps, explaining the situation as to proposed park in Wingra Park. I would like to have you fully understand the situation, and for that reason, I take the liberty of enclosing to you a copy of the letter which I sent to Mother Emily. I also enclose a little plat of Wingra Park that is referred to in the letter as being marked "A". Under another cover, I send you a blue print map of Lake Wingra, recently made for us, and also a hydrographic map of Lake Monona, which shows the connection of Lake Wingra and Lake Monona by Murphys Creek. The sketch "B", referred to in my letter to Mother Emily, is not included, but you understand the situation of your property there perfectly well. This was made for me by another party.

I also enclose to you, under another cover, our annual report for the last two years, and also an earlier report, which contains the constitution and by-laws of the association. I send you this printed matter so that you may get at the situation a little better. You can retain the maps, and reports, since I have other copies.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)
(3 Enc.)

March 18, 1904.

The Marsh Bridge Co.,

Des Moines, Iowa.

Gentlemen:-

I have received some blue prints of proposed cement bridge over Yahara river. There was no letter accompanying the same. These prints do not seem to add anything to what was already on file in the engineer's office. So far as I can ascertain, there have been no specifications furnished by your company for the bridge you propose to build. I am sure that the common council would not consider any proposition without such specifications being made and filed so as to form a part of any contract that might be entered into. The time is getting short within which the council will act on this matter. Hence, if your company wishes to consider the building of this bridge, I should think it would be well to act within the near future.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

John M. Olin

[illegible] 10, 1901.

E. C. H[illegible], Esq.,

[illegible], Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I [illegible] look over the team owned by [illegible] F. Riley, now at the University. [illegible] Riley is using the team. [illegible] their mouths to see how old they are. I [illegible] wish you would come and see me. He wants to sell the team, wagon, harness, etc., for a certain amount. If the team is not too old, it may be the one for us to get. But I want to talk with you about it after you have examined the team.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

March 16, 1904.

Mr. [illegible],
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith another postal card as per our recent talk.

Yours truly,

(Dic. [illegible])
(Mrs.)

John M. Olin

President.

March 17, 1904

Col. Adolph Wagner,
Madison, Wis.

My Dear Mr. Wagner:-

I want to thank you very much for your letter of March 15th, and for the liberal subscription which you make to the work of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

March 18, 1904

Mrs. Robert M. Bashford,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of March 16th received and contents noted.

The Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association, in making the improvement of the proposed park in Wingra Park, if the plan goes through, would so make the improvement as not to dam up the water on land owned by the sisters at Edgewood. We will have a lagoon running through the land that is proposed to be improved by the filling, and will so arrange such lagoon as to connect with the property owned by the sisters in such a way to allow any water that might gather there to flow off just as readily as it does now, if not more so.

The association could not agree to improve the land in front of the sisters' shore out to clear water, unless an arrangement could be made that such land, when improved, would constitute a part of the park. I should think some plan of this kind might be agreed upon that would be beneficial to both parties, the sisters reserving, of course, all the riparian rights that they now have.

As to the lots owned by Mr. Fish, referred to in your letter, I took the matter up at once, and found Mr. Fish was out west but is expected to get back to the city some time next week, and it is hoped by Wednesday or Thursday. Immediately upon his return, will endeavor to be taken up with him, I think, from all I know, that he will be willing to give a reasonable price on the three lots in question in case the park plan goes through and the three roadways or any strip is opened through

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the sisters' property, as indicated in my letter to Mother Emily under date of March 2nd.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John W. Olsen.

President.

March 19, 1904.

Hon. Hollo Steensland,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Steensland:-

We must employ some good man to take care of Farwell drive this year. I have not, as yet, been able to find any such one, and it has occurred to me that we may be driven perhaps to employ Anderson. I would like to get your opinion about whether we had better employ him. If we do employ him, could you look after him somewhat during the season? I think very well of Anderson as a worker when somebody is around, but the doubt I have is as to what he will do when nobody is around. Of course, it is very essential for us to get men who will do good work in the absence of any superintendent or boss, but this is not always an easy thing to do. It is now getting the time of year when we must make our contracts for this kind of service.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

March 19, 1904

Claus Clausson, Esq.,
115 N. Hancock St.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

We are looking around for some one to work this season taking care of Farwell drive. I write to find out whether you know of any such person who would be a good one to hire. I always thought very well of your brother and was sorry that he got mi[illegible] last year. I think he was entirely in the wrong, and it resulted from a misunderstanding on his part.

If we could secure his services again, I would arrange with him so that he could put in his entire time on that drive and be responsible for it. I think this arrangement might suit him. If he is still not engaged, I wish you would make it a point to go and see him for me to-morrow and take this letter with you.

I understand from Dr. Nielson that you are willing to take the position of caring for Tenney Park again this year at the same price as last year. Shall we understand that this is to be the agreement between us? Please let me know.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

March 19, 1904.

John Biddle, Major,
Corps of Engineers U. S. A.,
Engineering Commission,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Hon. J. W. Babcock has forwarded to me your letter to him under date of March 15.

The street committee that has in charge the decision as to whether we shall construct here a concrete steel bridge instead of a steel bridge, expects to decide that matter on Thursday, or next week. Hence, if you could furnish any information that would be helpful that would reach me before that date, I would very much appreciate it. I regret exceedingly that the time is so short.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

Hon. J. W. Babcock,
Washington, D. C.

March 19, 1904

Dear Mr. Babcock:-

Yours of March 17th just received, enclosing letter from John Biddle, Major, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., Washington, D. C. Please accept my thanks for your kindness in this matter. I have written a letter direct to Major Biddle.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

March 22, 1904.

Julius Zehnter, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I write to find out what, if anything, has been done toward ordering shrubs to complete planting in school grounds. I called up Mr. Brown, member of the board of education, and he tells me nothing has been done by the board as yet. It is already quite late, and unless the order is put in for the shrubs, etc., at once, we shall lose another year. As you know, two years ago this spring I put in $10 in cash for the purpose of securing the planting and beautifying of the school grounds after Mr. Simonds' plans. Last year nothing was done, although the board voted, as I understand, money for that purpose. I would regard it as a great personal favor to me, if this matter could be taken up at once and the goods necessary to do the planting ordered, as provided in Mr. Simonds' plans.

Perhaps you have already made the order for the goods, relying upon the appropriation of the board made a year ago. If so, of course this letter is wholly unnecessary, and perhaps out of place. My only excuse for writing it is my interest in the matter, both because I want to see the school grounds improved as an object lesson, and because of the cash I have put in for that purpose under a resolution passed by the school board agreeing to make the improvement according to the plans furnished. This was the condition on which I donated the $10.00.

Yours truly,

J. Howell Olin.

(Dic. by O.)

March 22, 1904.

Jeff Marsden, Esq.,
Town of Madison,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

You will remember some time ago I wrote you a letter, stating that I would like to see you a few minutes at my office. The time is getting short within which to close out arrangements for a park in Wingra Park, and a drive around Lake Wingra. There are certain things, especially in connection with the latter, that I want very much to talk over with you. Could you not drop in at the office on Saturday of this week? I mention that day because it is uncertain now whether I could be in my office and unengaged at any day prior to Saturday, unless you should call say in the morning as early as nine o'clock. I am having some cases this week in the supreme court, but expect to be through before Saturday. Could see you, however, almost any morning before half past nine o'clock, or could arrange to meet you say at half past one o'clock any day if I knew just when you were coming in.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin.

President.

March 22, 1904.

E. G. Hammersley, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I have just seen William Pierstorff, and he explained to me why the sale of horses did not come off at Middleton on Saturday. He says the sale is to take place on Friday, of this week. He says, however, that they are selling the horses at private sale, and thinks if we want to get a team it would be best to go before Friday. I thought I would write you this.

Yours truly,

John M. [illegible]

President.

(D. c. by C.)

March 22, 1904.

George B. Stacey, Esq.,
814 S. Bassett St.,
Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir,-

On behalf of the committee having in charge the arranging of the program for the annual meeting of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association, I write you this note:

As you undoubtedly know, the city and association are securing a park around Monona Bay. We desire that some one, at the annual meeting, should present this subject. As a part of it, I would suggest that this subject might very appropriately include the proper cleaning up and treatment of the whole of Monona Lake shore as far to the east certainly as the Northwestern station.

We wish very much that you would take this subject for your toast.

And now a word, by reason of the talk we had some time since. It has always been the policy of our association to adhere strictly to its special line of work. The object and purposes of the association, as declared in its articles of organization, is to "acquire, open, extend, maintain and improve parks, boulevards and pleasure drives in and about the city of Madison, and within the limits of Dane County, according to the authority conferred by chapter 96 of the Laws of 1893."

You will see from this, that it is no part of the work of this association to advocate or agitate the construction of hotels or to take any part in the establishment of manufacturing concerns.

The success of our association has depended very largely, if not

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almost entirely, upon the fact that we have adhered to the purpose for which the association was organized.

In our annual report, we never publish anything whatever that pertains strictly to the work of the association. Now, we are very desirous of publishing your toast as well as the other toasts that may be given at the banquet and annual meeting, and we should regret exceedingly not to be able to do so.

There is another reason especially why we should not wish to have the subject of establishing a new hotel agitated at this annual meeting of our association. We are hoping and expecting to be able to announce at this meeting that Senator Vilas has contributed $50,000 in cash toward our work. As you know, he is the owner of the Park Hotel. Under these circumstances, the officers of the association feel that it would not be appropriate to agitate at our annual meeting the subject of a new hotel.

I think, perhaps, both Mr. Howe and myself were somewhat in fault, when you were asked to respond to a toast, in not making plain to you the purpose of our association and the nature of the discussions had at its annual meetings.

Of course, you will not understand from the above, that I am not interested in the securing of a good hotel in Madison or that I am not interested in having secured for this place as many manufacturing establishments as possible. All I wish to make plain is, that our association was never organized for any such purposes, and it would not be fitting, at its annual meeting, to discuss such purposes. A discussion along these lines, would be very appropriate either at a meeting of the Forty

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Thousand Club or what is still better, at some meeting of the Six O'Clock Club. This association was organized for just such purposes, and I will say here, that if you will omit all discussion in your paper of any matter that is not strictly within the purposes of the association, I will try and see that this matter of securing a good hotel at Madison is assigned for some evening of the Six o'Clock Club, and I will personally see Mr. Wilder and arrange that you be put down as one of the leading speakers at such meeting. Such a discussion as this at such a meeting, would be very appropriate, and I think very helpful.

Now, because I have written the above very plainly, I am sure that you will not take offense.

The subject of the proper treatment of the Monona Lake Bay and the Monona Lake shore would make an excellent subject for a toast, and I know of no one who could handle it better than you can. That is what I had in mind when I spoke to you about responding to a toast. You will remember it came up in connection with what you said about the remarks of a Mr. Bacon, as I remember, as he came into the city looking across Monona Lake bay. You could make an excellent impression by stating the condition of this bay and the lake shore, and then picture what the impression would be to a stranger coming into the city from that direction after the bay and lake shore, including ends of streets, had been properly treated. I think there is here a very fine opportunity for an excellent toast and for the accomplishment of much good to our association, and a good toast on this subject published in our annual report, would very much help the work of the association.

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Hence, I trust you will be willing to take this subject, as requested by the committee on arrangements, as the subject of your toast, wording it as you may think best, and treating it as you may think best, but in the treatment adhering to the general purposes of the association.

I want to thank you personally for the interest you have taken in our work.

Very truly yours,

(Dict. by C.)

J. Howell Cox

President.

March 24, 1904.

Thomas Clauson, Esq.,

Menlota Station,

Dane Co., Wis.

Dear Sir;-

Your brother, Claus Clauson, informs me that you are willing to work for our association this year on terms which I stated in a letter which he took to you. We are willing to pay you this year $1.25 per day, and in case you remain by the work faithfully during the year, we will pay you, at the end of the season, an extra $10.00. This is just the amount we are paying Patrick Griffin, who is attending to the other drive, and has worked for us a good many years.

We shall expect that you give your whole time this year to the Farwell Drive. I will not ask you to do work elsewhere on any ground that we have a right to do so, and in all cases I ask you to do work elsewhere, I will talk the matter over with you in advance, who chances be-fore however, that I shall not even ask you to work elsewhere. We might expect that you will take especial interest in this drive and, with other help that we may give, the drive will be kept in good shape.

Upon receipt of this, please drop me a line, stating whether or not the proposition is accepted, and then we will consider the matter settled and will not look any further. For my part I shall be very glad to have you work for this association.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

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Hon. Halle Steensland,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir;-

Thomas Clauson has [illegible] work through the brother that he is willing to come back and work [illegible] care of Farwell Drive the present season. That relieves me a good deal as to that branch of our work. He is a faithful fellow and [illegible] of course we better this year than he has the previous two years, since he knows better about the work.

Yours truly,

[illegible]

(Dic/ by O.)

March 24, 1904

Prof. John C. D. Mack,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Mack:-

I write to find out how you are getting along with the subscription list among members of the faculty who have not subscribed. Our annual meeting is the 18th of April. We are exceedingly anxious to have all subscriptions gotten in before that meeting.

It is going to be difficult for us to raise the necessary $10,000 for the work the present season. On this account, I will very much appreciate indeed anything that you can do in the work of making a thorough canvass among all members of the faculty not already seen. There are quite a number who did not return the postal cards, who have been with us before and who, I should think, would subscribe if they were spoken to personally.

If you needed some help in the work, I think Prof. Slichter would be willing to render you some assistance. I will say that he has sent in a check for $10 for the general work and Prof. Smith has sent subscription of $6.00 for the general work. I expected a little larger amount from both of these gentlemen, but I presume they have some special reason.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by C.)

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President.

March 24, 1904

J. M. Dunn, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I have expected to hear from you before this as to what price you are willing to put your half lot and house in at in case the plan of securing land around the bay goes through. We cannot wait much, if any, longer. If we cannot secure your property and that of your brotherin at some reasonable figure, then we shall have to either abandon the whole plan or adopt a modified plan which would leave out all property on Main street, except the Devine property. Will you not be so kind as to give us a definite answer concerning this matter, and very much oblige?

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

John W. Olin.

President.

March 24, 1904

Mr. A. O. Fox,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Mr. Fox:-

I trust you will pardon me for inquiring as to what has been done toward getting subscriptions for our work on the river. I regret to say that this work has been thrown back upon me this year more than ever before. The arrangement I tried to make (confidentially, this is stated) did not at all work, and I find that the only way to get the money is for me to personally attend to the matter under the circumstances. This being true, I shall appreciate exceedingly anything that you can do, and especially will appreciate if you can get a subscription of not less than $200 from the Northern Electric Company. Our subscriptions up to to-night stand as follows: For the general drive work, $4,635; for the river, $3,437, making together $8070. Hence, you see we have to raise yet about $2,000 to get the necessary $10,000. I hope we can do it, but it is very doubtful. My plan now is to get the river subscriptions up to not less than $4,000, and to get the other subscription up, if possible, to $6,000. We can then turn $1,000 of the $6,000 over to the river work by a vote of the directors, if necessary, and I think no one will complain. Of course, I would like to get the river subscriptions above $4,000, if possible, and we may be able to do it.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

John W. Alvord.

President.

March 26, 1904

Hon. H. C. Adams,

Member of Congress,

Washington, D. C.

My Dear Mr. Adams:-

We need help as to the proposed park in Wingra Park, and we need it badly, and we need it quickly. The enclosed hydrographic map, prepared under the direction of Prof. L. S. Smith, explains itself. The outlet to the lake has been sketched in by me roughly in lead pencil. The part out to the clear water in front of the Wingra Park lake shore, measures 50.5 acres, as you will notice.

Everything has been secured for this park with one exception. We have got the options on all of the land within the $20,000. In fact, the options make just an even $20,000, and the $10,000 has been raised for the improvement of the park. Senator Vilas stands ready to pay the cash over within the appointed time, namely April 15. There are just two conditions which Senator Vilas insists upon. One is that we shall get a right of way across the Sisters' property on the bank, three rods in width, for driveway and park purposes, through to Chase's house. That is indicated roughly on the blue print map enclosed. At first, it seemed very doubtful whether we could secure this concession. I wrote a long and carefully prepared letter to Mother Emily at Sinsinawa Mounds, who is the one at the head of the association. This resulted in a conference held here yesterday at Mr. Bashford's office, and this conference has resulted in an agreement by which we shall get the necessary right of way. We are going out Sunday and look over the precise line, and I am to draw the contract and

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submit it to Mr. Bashford. You will appreciate how much this will add to the value of the park, for it will result ultimately in the woody portion of this bank between the right of way and the lake being made a part of the park, and the shore along the sisters' property will ultimately be improved in keeping with that in front of Wingra Park.

The only other condition insisted upon by Senator Vilas is that we shall get a promise from the railway companies to so change their passageways under their tracks as to permit a water-way thirty feet in width with a clear space of eight feet between Lake Wingra and Lake Monona. This involves dealing with both roads. But the main difficulty is with the Northwestern road. Both of their tracks are plenty high enough. There is a stone culvert under their main and double track which would have to be rebuilt. Their Montfort track is high enough up and all we ask is for the road to put in any kind of a bridge it may see fit that will give us a thirty foot opening. Prof. Taylor estimates that a new steel girder bridge at this point, including the entire work necessary to give us the opening, would cost something less than $5,000. His estimate, after careful examination of the other change, namely the culvert under the main track where Murphy's Creek passes through, as you will remember, the present fair grounds, would ~~about~~ about $10,000 ~~to~~ $11,000, on the basis of giving us a thirty foot opening. The total change to the St. Paul tracks will not cost to exceed $8,000. We have been unable, thus far, to have a meeting with President Earling, of the St. Paul road, by reason of his absence. Very unfortunately, we made an appointment to meet

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President Hughitt sometime ago, but before we reached there President Hughitt had gone away, and we, very foolishly, submitted the matter to the general manager, W. A. Gardner. He turned us down after considering the matter some time, claiming that they could not afford to do the work this year and that the total cost of the improvement would be $25,000. Evidently he means by this, that if they made any change in the Montfort track they would do more than we were asking, because he was careful to say that he made no question of the figures of Prof. Taylor. I think the change can be easily made, for both tracks, from what Prof. Taylor says, inside of $15,000.

We are now planning to go directly to President Hughitt, and with a little different proposition, namely that he will give us a promise that he will make this change either this year or next year. We are hoping to meet President Hughitt on Friday, of next week. He is now absent in New York City, and has been for some time, but is expected back some time the middle of next week.

Now, what I want you to do after receiving this letter, is to go at once and have a talk with Senator Spooner, and explain to him fully the improvement we are seeking to make and what has been done. I will say here that from talks Senator Vilas has had with me, if we once get into Lake Wingra with a proper dredge, he, in all probability, will fix the whole of his shore, which is nearly one-half the distance around the lake, and will fix matters around his springs so that the public can have access to them. The plan now is to get a nice driveway around the lake.

There is nothing that has come up that our whole city is so much

interested in as in this proposed park, and nothing the railway company could do would please the people more than granting the request here made. I feel as though this improvement, under the circumstances, is the key to the opening up of all of our chain of lakes. It is merely continuing what we started out to do last year and for which the railway companies elevated their tracks and we raised some $26,000, and are now raising another $5,000 to complete the work this year. Mr. Johnson, our dredger, stands ready to put a dredge in, that will be twenty-four feet wide and eighty feet long, with a dipper capacity of a yard and three quarters, with which he will do the work of filling and making a park in Monona bay for the city and will do this work for the dead lake improvement, and would then be ready to carry the improvement down through the chain of lakes as far as Stoughton [redacted]. Hence, you see the improtance of securing the present improvement.

Now, what I would like to have you do is to get Senator Spooner to write a personal letter to President Hughitt, to the effect that if he can advise or recommend that his road make the changes suggested so as to enable us to secure this park and reclaim this lake, he would regard it as a personal favor to him. I think something of that kind from Senator Spooner would be of great help to us just now. But in order to be of any help to us, the letter must be written at once. Hence, I wish you would remain with the Senator, if possible, until the letter is written and ready for mail, and help all you can with your good taste and good judgment in seeing that everything is done to present the matter in the

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best light possible.

Senator Spooner is interested in all of this work, he gave us a handsome contribution last year of $1,000 toward the river improvement, which was very much appreciated by all of the people here interested in our plan of improvement, and I feel that he will be interested very much in securing for the city of Madison this park of seventy-five acres or more and the reclaiming of this lake, one of the most beautiful of all of our lakes. It is not often that this city has offered to it in cash $20,000 by one individual. Hence, I hope you will try and impress upon Senator Spooner the great importance of this proposed improvement to the present and future prosperity and welfare of our city. Please tell him for me that he can do nothing that will be more appreciated at this time by us all than to secure a promise from President Hughitt to make the changes as suggested.

So far as I can see, this is all that we shall call upon the Northwestern road to do in the connecting of our lakes. Of course, in going down through to Second and First lakes, we shall have to call upon the St. Paul Company to elevate its tracks in two places and perhaps put in a bridge at these places. But that is something that road can well afford to do when the time comes.

You will see that, inasmuch as we expect to meet President Hughitt on Friday of next week, it will be necessary for you to act very promptly in this matter. Wish you could write or telegraph me result of conference with the Senator, so we would know, before leaving for Chicago, what had been done.

Very truly yours,

Russell Olin.

(Dic. by O.)

March 25, 1904.

Prof. Charles S. Slichter,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Prof. Slichter,-

Some time ago I made out a list of the names of the professors and instructors who had not responded to the postal cards, and sent it to Dr. Mack with a list of all of the faculty who had subscribed up to that date, and the amounts of their subscriptions. I received a letter from Dr. Mack this morning, the effect of which is that he has not as yet done much, if anything, and does not give much assurance to me that he is going to be able, unaided, to complete the work of getting the other members of the faculty.

I write to make an especial appeal to you to help me in this matter this year. It is not easy to make plain in a letter just how I am situated with reference to the work of the association. My engagements in court were such as to make it very difficult for me to pull out of the office and see men to get subscriptions renewed. Because of this, I made a contract with a party to pay him $200 out of my own pocket if he would do the larger part of the work of soliciting. He attempted the work, but was not successful, and it has all been thrown back upon me. I have now been out of the office more than a week, and if the work is completed, it will take most of another week. I cannot afford this. I will go through with it, however, the best I can the present year, but unless matters change, and I can get other parties to do more of this work, I shall, at the end of another year, pull out entirely. While I should regret to do this, I feel, in justice to myself and family, that I shall be compelled to.

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I will say that the subscriptions up to last night amounted to $8070 for both purposes, the general work and the river work. That leaves, in round numbers $2,000 still to be raised. To raise this latter sum will take time and patience.

I had hoped that from $150 to $200 more might be raised from University men. Certainly there are others who ought to give at least to the general work. I realize that the prospective Jubilee is interfering with our work. We kept out of the field for three weeks at the suggestion of Mr. Hanks, in order that the Jubilee people might have the first chance at the business men around the square. We are taking the leavings. Now under the circumstances, we naturally feel that the professors who have been with us heretofore could afford to keep up their general subscriptions. For example, such men as Dr. Voss, Prof. Lenher and Howard L. Smith, and others I might name, would, I think, if seen, and the matter were submitted to them, feel like giving something toward the work.

Now, I wish you would see Dr. Mack and talk the matter over and see whether you and he cannot arrange to close out this work with the faculty members the present season. I will regard it as a personal favor to me if you will do so.

Very truly yours,

John H. Olin.

President.

(Dic. by O.)

Dr. John G. D. Mack, March 25, 1904

College of Mechanics & Engineering,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of March 24th just received and contents noted. I regret exceedingly that matters are in just the shape they are with reference to our work this year. It is in some way all being thrown back on me, and so much so that, while I will try and do the best I can this year, if the work is to be continued the same way another year by being mostly thrown on to me, I will, at the end of another year, pull out entirely from it. Now, this is not said with a view of at all complaining to you. You are a very busy man, I know, and have had your hands full. I merely speak of the matter to show you the situation. I tried to make an arrangement with some other party by agreeing to pay him $200 out of my own pocket, to do the work this year, but I found that the arrangement was proving a failure and I had to take hold of the matter personally. I have devoted an entire week out of my office so far and have got the subscription lists up to $8070. But there is another $2,000 to raise. It is this last sum that comes hard.

Now, there are quite a number of persons in the faculty who have always contributed to our work that have not given a cent this year. It does seem to me that such men as Dr. Voss, Prof. Howard L. Smith, Prof. Lenher, and many others, who have contributed to our work heretofore, would contribute cheerfully to the general work if the matter were presented to them. Since turning the matter over to you, I have refrained from soliciting from any of the professors, except one or two. [illegible]

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day when I met him on the street. Prof. L. S. Smith has sent his subscription, as has also Prof. Slichter. Other than that, I have not received any subscription from any of the names included on the list sent you.

I shall write a letter this morning to Prof. Slichter and appeal to him to assist you in this matter.

I realize that the Jubilee this year is interfering with our work. It has made it uphill for us to raise the necessary funds, and it has cut in upon us quite seriously.

While the professors might not feel like contributing toward the current work, I thought they would feel like keeping up their regular subscription to the General work.

Whatever is done, must be done within the next week or ten days, or certainly within the next two weeks.

I trust that you and Prof. Slichter may yet be able to get together and help me out this year. Every added subscription helps just so much.

Very truly yours,

(Dict. by C.)

J. Howell Aiken

President.

March 26, 1904

Thomas Clauson, Esq.,

Mendota Station, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of March 25th received and contents noted.

We cannot very well treat you any differently from what we treat other men who work for the association. I offered you the very highest wages that we pay any one doing similar work, and have made no such arrangement in their favor as suggested by you in your letter.

I will, however, concede part of your request: If at any time you are working on this end of the drive, at a point this side of Frank Wootton's house, we will regard that you have done your full duty if you are as far toward home as Frank Wootton's house by Seven o'clock in the morning, and you will be at liberty to quit work on the drive at any point this side of Frank Wootton's house at such time as will enable you to get to Frank Wootton's house by six o'clock. Moreover, if you choose to shorten your hour at noon, you can quit just what much earlier.

Now, as to not deducting time when it rains for an hour or two, it seems to me that this is a request that you ought not to ask. Of course, I would not mind an hour or two; but if I make that arrangement with you, then [illegible] with every other person who works for the association. You see, our work is of such a character as will enable you to put in almost your full time in any ordinary season; that is, rain does not, as a rule, interfere very much with the work. I will say this, however, that if you are cut short any one day an hour or two by reason of rain, and feel like making it up any other day or any other time, so as to [illegible]

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in full time, that will be entirely satisfactory to us, and I am willing to leave the matter to you.

I thought when I made the proposition to you to confine your work to that drive, it would please you.

I hope the above will be satisfactory to you. On re-reading your letter, I think I have granted substantially all you ask on the point of distance. I do not think there need be any trouble about the other matter. Would like to have you work for the association and take an interest in the work, and keep up the work on this drive better than it has been any prior year, and I think you can do this.

Please let me know from you at once whether you desire the place on the terms indicated in this letter.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

John M. Olin.

President.

March 26, 1904

E. S. Reynolds, Esq.,
[illegible] E. Mifflin St.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $4.00 for bill against association for paving stable. Please sign and return to me the enclosed receipt.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

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March 29, 1904

Hon. R. M. Bashford,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Bashford:-

I enclose herewith two copies of proposed agreement between St. Mary College and Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. I have redrawn the agreement and incorporated therein all of the things that we talked over, and I trust the same is now satisfactory. I thought it might be well to have the contract executed in duplicate, then they would have a copy and we would have one. Please examine the same, and if you think it is according to our talk, Mr. Brown and I will execute both copies now on behalf of the association and then redeliver them to you to be forwarded by you to Sinsinawa Mounds; then when they execute the contracts all they need do is to send us one of them.

Yours truly,

John McClive

President.

(Enc. by O.)
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March [illegible], 19[illegible]

C. W. Bacon, Esq.,
[illegible] N. [illegible] St.,
Madison, Ala.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of March [illegible]th received, enclosing a check, drawn payable to the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association for $5.00, and also a postal card upon which is written a subscription of $10.00 for the Yahara River improvement. You say in your letter: "I enclose you my check for $5.00 as subscription for completion of Yahara River improvement; also subscription for $10.00."

I am sorry to trouble you, but I am not quite sure whether you mean by your letter and postal card and check combined to subscribe in all $15.00 or only $10.00. I understand, of course, that your entire subscription if for the river improvement, and that I just as acceptable to us as though part of it had been put upon the general work. Will you be so kind as to drop me a line, stating whether you intend to have the five dollar check apply to the payment of the $10.00; or whether you intend to have the check stand in addition to the $10.00?

I want to thank you very much for your liberal contribution, whether it be $10.00 or $15.00.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

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President.

March 29, 1904

William Houghteling, Esq.,

Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I should have answered your letter of March 16th sooner.

If you are still in Milwaukee, you will get this. I think that we can give you work this summer either on the drive or on the river, provided you let liquor alone. I should be pleased to have you work for us under these conditions.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

March 29, 1904

Rev. Father Naughtin,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Father Naughtin:-

I meant to thank you for your kindness in leaving note at the office as to Rev. Mother Emily. I think that matter will come out all right. I am redrafting the proposed contract between the sawyers and our association to-day, to be submitted to Mr. Boardman.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

March 29, 1904.

Miss Susan A. Sterling,

Lutzow Strasse 72 II,

Berlin, Germany.

Dear Miss Sterling:-

Your letter received, containing option for sale of lots seven and eight, in block twenty-two, Wingra Park Subdivision to the City of Madison, for $850.00. I wish to thank you very much for the letter and the option.

It now looks as though the plan of securing the park would go through. Senator Vilas stands ready to pay the $20,000. We have yet to secure promise on the part of the Northwestern road to change its culvert so as to connect the two lakes. We expect to see President Hughitt some time this week and secure that concession.

If the plan goes through, we are to secure a three rod right of way for park and driveway purposes across the rear part of the sisters' property. This will make a very beautiful drive and will connect directly with the park.

After seeing President Hughitt, I expect to prepare a deed for you to sign and will send it to your address with instructions.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

March 29, 1904

Thomas Clauson, Esq.,

Mendota Station, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of March 28th received and contents noted. We will understand that you are to work for us the present year.

I presume there is not work now steady on the drive, but what I would like to have you do is this: Undoubtedly the last heavy rain has done quite a little damage to different portions of the drive. We cannot, as yet, get out with a team to do the repairing. I would like to have you go over the drive with spade and pick, or whatever tools are necessary, and do what you can to keep the water from running on the drive at the various places, and see that the culverts are open, etc. That is about all we can do until we can get the teams out on to the drive to do the regular repairing. I am having Patrick do this kind of work for the other drive. Now, can I understand that you will attend to the Farwell Drive in this respect? You can keep track of the time. I will leave that all to you. Do whatever is necessary to be done to protect the drive and prevent further damage. If you need any tools that you have not got, come in to Madison and see Severt and get what you need.

Yours truly,

J. Howell Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

Hon. H. C. Adams,

Member of Congress,

Washington, D. C.

March 29, 1904

Dear Mr. Adams:-

Have received your telegram stating, "Spooner promised me this morning that he would see Hughitt in New York this morning, and if not would write." I hope he saw Mr. Hughitt, but am fearful that even if he did, he might have been too busy to present this matter to Mr. Hughitt. I regard the securing of this concession from the Northwestern road as the most important thing that has come up in our work. If this road will grant what is requested at this time, Mr. Johnson, our dredger, stands ready to put in a dredge with a dipper of a yard and three quarters capacity. The dredge will be twenty-four feet wide and eighty feet long. With this he can do the work of reclaiming lake Wingra, can make the park in Monona Bay, and by that time would be ready to cut the channel down through to Stoughton, so as to connect the rest of the lakes. If, however, our present plan fails, then we lose Mr. Johnson, and it is doubtful if we ever can secure the improvements such as we desire. We certainly would lose this park in Wingra Park, and with it lose the $30,000 that is now ready to be turned over to the city, or to our association in trust for the city. I do hope that you impressed upon Senator Spooner the importance of the whole matter, and that he feels that it is of sufficient importance to our city here to enlist his hearty co-operation.

I wish I might hear from you in some way so I would get your message sometime Thursday. I would like to know before meeting Mr. Hughitt on Friday, as we expect to do, whether or not Senator Spooner has either

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talked with him personally about the matter, or written to him.

Very truly yours,

John M Allen.

President.

(Dic. by O.)

March 30, 1904

O. C. Simonds, Esq.,

Landscape Gardener,

Station X,

Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Sir:-

You will remember that at the east end of the plat of ground on the Marshall farm, you provided for about 150 shooting stars. Those that we set out last year all died. We have been unable, thus far, to find any place where we could purchase others. What would you recommend, if anything, to be planted in this place instead of shooting stars, and if you recommend any particular flower or shrub, indicate where we can get it. A prompt reply will very much oblige.

Yours truly,

[signature]

President.

(Bids by O.)

March 30, 1904.

Secor. Aspen, Esq.,

107 N. Blair St.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find warrants and blank receipts, as per your statement left here under date of March 29th. Please get parties to sign same and return receipts to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

J. [illegible]

President.

(Enc. by C.)
(4 Warrants)
(4 Rec.)

March 31, 1904

A. O. Fox, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

As I promised you, I [illegible] herewith a list of men who work for the [illegible] Electric Company that have given heretofore, and also a few [illegible] here down to give but have not heretofore contributed. Those who have given are as follows:

August [illegible], for drive work, $5.00

[illegible] F. Dyer, on river last year, $5.00

F. W. [illegible], on river last year, $10.00

The following persons we have down to be seen: David E. Goe and John G. Wynne.

Very truly yours,

J. Wm. Olin

(Dic. by O.)

March 31, 1904

G. J. Corscot, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed I send you an order made out by the City in favor of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association for $8.75 for abstract work, and endorsed by the association to you.

Yours truly,

J. Wm. Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

March 21, 1904.

Mr. W. J. Underwood,
Asst. Gen'l. Mngr.,
C. M. & St. P. Ry. Co.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Underwood:-

I write to see whether your road could not cut out a section of the track and bridge over the Yahara river on your Watertown line, and move the same one side, so as to allow our dredge to pass through and at the same time cut a channel. It has occurred to me that this might be done early some Sunday morning and be put back toward evening of the same day. As I understand it, you do not run trains over this branch of your road on Sunday.

The ground at this point is very hard and the distance between the railroad bridge and the city bridge is not sufficient to permit of the dredge working between the two bridges; but if we could cut a channel through, we could get along nicely.

Inasmuch as you are going to replace this bridge with a steel bridge, I thought some arrangement as indicated above might be made.

If your company could see its way clear to do as above suggested, we would very much appreciate it. The dredge is now working near your bridge and will be ready within a week or ten days, or two weeks at the most, to go down below your bridge.

Do you yet know, with any certainty, as to when President Earling will get back to Chicago?

Very truly yours,

(Dict. by C.)

President.

Blied & Schneider,

Madison, Wis.

April 1, 1904

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $1.40 to pay your bill against the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association for one expansion bit. Please receipt and return to me the enclosed bill.

Yours truly,

Jhurd Klein

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

April 4, 1904

F. S. Giddings, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I wrote you some time ago about the subscription to the work of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. I have received no reply. I take it for granted that you would be willing to renew your $[illegible] subscription. If so, can you not return to me the postal card signed for that amount? I will say that our directors, on Saturday evening, passed a resolution to the effect that no automobiles should be allowed at any time on that portion of the Farrell drive which extends from the entrance of the [redacted] road [redacted] across Maple Bluff and as far as a point some distance beyond Frank Wootton's cottage. Hence, any one can go out on that [illegible] drive at any time without running any risk of meeting any automobiles [redacted].

Now, as to the Yahara river improvement subscription. We are trying very hard to get the $10,000 for our work. We have raised up to the present time $8800. That leaves $1200 yet to be raised. Would you be willing to give $100 toward the necessary $10,000, on condition, however, that there should be raised not less than $10,000 for our work the present season? If you could do this, I would very much appreciate it.

Yours truly,

[illegible] Olive

President.

(Enc. by O.)

[illegible]

April 4, 1904.

Samuel Marshall, Esq.,

Madison, Fla.

Dear Mr. Marshall:-

It has occurred to me that in order to our Asso-
ciation has made an arrangement by which automobiles will be kept off en-
tirely from the drive leading to your house, that you would be willing to
help us another $25.00 this year on the regular drive work. That would
help to make up some of the subscriptions we have lost this year from
one cause and another, and would be very much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

John W. Alvis

President.

April 4, 1904

William K. Caldwell, Esq.,

Morrisonville, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

The Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association is trying to find a good team with which to do a part of its work on the drives. We would like to get a team weighing some where about 1400 pounds each, and of a character that could drive out into the country five or six miles in the morning and back again in the evening. As you will see, this will require a team which is not heavy. Of course, we do not expect a team to travel very fast, but, as you know, there is a good deal of difference between work horses as to travel. We thought you might either have or know of some good team in your neighborhood. I am having Mr. E. C. Hamersley help us in selecting such a team, but I would be willing to take your judgment on a team of that kind as quickly as any one's. Mr. Arthur C. Fox, who is one of our directors, and whom you know very well, at a meeting of our directors on Saturday evening, suggested that I write to you, and that any team that you might select for us would be all right. Will you be so kind as to write me concerning the matter, and very much oblige

Yours truly,

President.

Order by C.J.

April 4, 1904

John Marsden, Esq.,

Town of Madison,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Marsden:-

I expect to be at the town meeting of Madison to-morrow at about eleven o'clock. I would like to meet you and Mr. Nelson at that time. I will say in advance, that I do not intend to ask you for any subscription. It is with reference to securing a right of way around Lake Wingra over land that you own. I will say that we have practically agreed upon a right of way across the sisters' property and through the Chases' property, and the only parties left are yourself, Mrs. [redacted] and Mr. Nelson.

Hope I may be able to see you at the meeting at the time above indicated, so that we can talk matters over.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

[illegible] 4, 1904

Charles Nelson, Esq.,

[illegible]

[illegible]

Dear Mr. Nelson:-

I expect to be at the town meeting of Madison tomorrow at about eleven o'clock. I would like to meet you and Mr. Marsden at that time. I will say in advance, that I do not intend to ask you for any subscription. It is with reference to securing a right of way around lake Wingra over land that you own. I will say that we have practically agreed upon a right of way across the sisters' property and through the Chases' property, and the only parties left are yourself, Mrs. [illegible] and Mr. Marsden.

Hope I may be able to see you at the meeting at the time above indicated, so that we can talk matters over.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

J. Howell Olin

April 4, 1904

John F. Ioke, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Ioke:-

I have sent the sketch as to Monona lake bay back to your office. I wish you could sketch in the dock line on this sketch and mark it with the dock line on the land the city is to get, enough to show the relations between the two. Then, if not too much trouble, I wish we could have one more copy made of the plat.

You are making, also, as I understand, a sketch showing the dock line not only along this property but also along the two Burdick blocks and the one block Beyler owns. I would like, in some way, to get a copy of such sketch. It would help us in submitting this whole proposition to some men that we hope to get money from as an investment. As soon as you come in, I wish you would call me up by phone for just a minute.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

Johnell Olin

President.

April 4, 1904

Hon. H. C. Adams,
Member of Congress,
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Adams:-

Both of your letters have been duly received. I understand the situation fully.

We have not yet met Mr. Hughitt. We are watching constantly to find out when he will be in Chicago, but have not yet learned. As soon as we hear that he is back, Judge Keyes, Prof. Taylor, A. O. Fox and myself intend to go to Chicago and see him personally, and lay the whole matter before him. I regret that the time is getting so short for completing the arrangements, but I have done everything in my power.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

J. Jewell Rhea,
President.

Apr. 4, 1904

Prof. Charles S. Slichter,
Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

Thank you very much for your offer to take hold with Dr. Buck in geeting balance of subscriptions.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

J. Jewell Rhea,
President.

Apr. 4, 1904

Thomas Clauson, Esq.,

Mendota Station, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I wish you would keep working on the Farwell drive, raking up the leaves along the gutters and road side and using them for mulching where you can conveniently, and in other places leaving them in piles so that they can be taken up later by the teams. I think it would be well for you to go and see Tom Anderson and arrange with him to work with you until such time as we shall not need him. Our men will go out first on the other drive and it will be some little time before they can get over your way, and I would like to have Anderson help you for a while. It is so much easier to take up the leaves and rubbish before the grass gets up that I would like to do all we can of that work as early as possible. You can tell Anderson that I have authorized you to arrange with him to help.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

Apr. 5, 1904

Judge A. G. Zimmerman,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

If you could see your way clear to coming in on the $25.00 list, this year, I would appreciate same, but do not do it if you feel that it crowds you too much. Of course, if you did this, we should remove your name from the $5.00 subscription for the river. It would make a difference of $5.00 in the amount you give. I am trying to keep up the $25.00 list to what it was last year. There have been quite a number who have dropped out, some by death, and others, like the Browns for other reasons. — or lack of reason

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

John M. Olin

President.

April 5, 1904

F. W. Jacobs, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

You perhaps have noticed that since I had the talk with you about the automobiles, the directors of the association have voted to exclude automobiles entirely from that portion of the Farwell drive which extends from the entrance on the Hoven grounds through Maple Bluff to a point north of Frank Wootton's house where the road crossing Woodard's land intersects the regular lake drive. This will remove, as I understand the matter, most of the objection made by you. This being true, would you not be willing to make your subscription for the regular drive work $25.00, instead of $15.00, thus keeping your name in the $25.00 list? This would raise the amount of your contribution for both branches of the work from $25.00 to $35.00 the present season. I thought you might feel like doing this in view of the resolution we passed, and if you can see your way to doing it, I would appreciate it. I enclose a postal card with the amounts filled in $25.00 and $10.00, and if you sign this and return it to me, I will see that your name for the $15.00 is erased and $25.00 substituted in its place for the general drive work.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

John M. Olin.

President.

We would like very much to keep over 20 [illegible] [illegible] to what it was last year. J.M.O.

April 6, 1904

Mr. Robert Johnson,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

You will remember that some time since, I talked with you about renewal of subscription to association for the regular drive work. You were to talk the matter over with your brother Carl and then let me know. There was put down last year for this portion of the work $50.00, under this description, "F. A. Johnson & Brothers." Would you feel like making the same subscription the present season?

We have the annual meeting of our association on April 18 next, and would like to complete the subscriptions before that time. As I stated to you, we are trying to raise $10,000 for our work the present season. We may not be able to do quite that. We have now about $9,000 for both branches of the work. If you could send me a reply, stating the conclusion you have reached in the matter, I would very much appreciate it.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

John R. Allen

President.

Apr. 6, 1904

Peter Burger, Esq.,

702 University Ave.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find warrant for fifty cents to pay your bill. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill to me in the enclosed stamped envelope, and oblige.

Yours truly,

[signature]

President.

(Dic. by O.)

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Apr. 6, 1904

Dr. Edward Kremers,

280 Jackson St.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I think the subscription list of $10,000 ought now to be closed out at once. I wish you could have this done and could then send to me a copy of the completed list showing the full $10,000 pledged.

Very truly yours,

[signature]

President.

(Dic. by O.)

Apr. 7, 1904

Dr. Philip Fox,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Dr. Fox:-

We are now making out the annual report of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association, and would like to put down your subscription of last year as paid. Could you not send it in either to me or Mr. Hoyt so that we could report the same as paid? We have overdrawn quite a good deal our funds for the general work of the association last year and are trying now to collect in what remains unpaid, so as to make as good a showing as we can at the annual meeting.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

Johnson Alden

President.

F. C. Richmond, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Apr. 7, 1904

Dear Mr. Richmond:-

I am now making out the annual report of the Drive Association, and would like to incorporate your name as having paid the [illegible] for last year's work. Can you not send me a check for that amount, and much oblige?

(Dic. by C.)

Yours truly,

[illegible]

President.

Apr. 7, 1904

W. K. Caldwell, Esq.,
Morrisonville, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Your kind letter of April 6th received. I wish to thank you very much for the same.

Mr. Hammersley yesterday -market day- purchased a team for our association. I think he got a very good team of Normans, four and five years old, well broken, weighing about [redacted] pounds, and apparently excellent horses. We had to pay what might be considered a fancy price, $[redacted].

Am sorry to have troubled you in the matter. If I can do any favor for you at any time, please call on me.

Yours truly,

John W. Olin

President.

(Dict. By O.)

Apr. 7,1904.

Col. George W. Bird,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Bird:-

We are now preparing the annual report for our association and would like to incorporate your subscription of $25.00 of [redacted] year as fully paid. According to the records, there remains unpaid $12.50. I felt that you would like to have the full amount reported paid, and hence send this note. Could you not send me a check for that amount and much oblige? We desire to make as good a showing as we can at the annual meeting. Moreover, we have overdrawn about $500 our funds for the general work last year.

Yours truly,

J. Howell Cox

President.

(Dic. by C.)

April 7, 1904

W. J. Johnson, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I was very much disappointed not to hear from you yesterday as to what conclusion you had reached as to dredging in Waubesa lake bay. The time for doing all that must be done if the work goes through before the close of this month is very limited. There is no need of me spending my time, or Mr. Gay and others spending their time, in trying to negotiate for the purchase of this land, if you are unwilling to enter into a contract for doing the dredging. The time is now so short that it would be impossible to negotiate with any other dredger so as to close out any agreement before the time o. the options would expire. If you have decided to have nothing to do with the job, I would regard it as a favor to me if you would tell me so. I perhaps ought to say, however, in this connection, that if this whole scheme of improving the bay fails through, it is likely to result in tipping over the proposed park in Winters Park. The two are connected in a way that I cannot very well explain in a letter. I expect now to be at my house this evening [illegible] either be there or at the office, most likely at the house. I have tried to reach you at the dredge, but find that you are not there. I will try and get this note to you in some way through some of your men.

My understanding yesterday was that you were to give me a definite answer some time yesterday. Perhaps I misunderstood you. Mr. Gay is in the city to-day ready to commence work negotiating for money, but of course will do nothing until some answer is obtained from you.

Please give me an answer at once, and much oblige.

Yours truly,

(Dict. W.C.G.)

Apr. 9, 1904

Mr. W. J. Underwood,
Asst. Genl. Mgr.,
C. M. & St. P. Ry. Co.,
Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Sir:-

Yours of April 7th received, Mr. Cammell called this morning, and we have arranged to have the opening made in the pile bridge so as to allow the dredge to pass through on Saturday night, of next week, that is one week from to-night. This will give Saturday night and all day Sunday.

Want to thank you very much for the courtesy we have had in this matter.

Yours truly,

(Dictated by C.)

President.

Apr. 9, 1904

Col. George W. Bird,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Mr . Bird:-

Yours of April 8th, enclosing check for $12.50, balance of subscription for 1903, received. Please accept thanks for same. I have turned the same over to Mr. Hoyt, treasurer.

Yours truly,

(Mic. by O.)

Jno. M. Olin.

President.

Apr. 9, 1904

Col. Adolph Wagner,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Mr. Wagner:-

Yours of April 8th received, enclosing check for the Yahara River Improvement, which I have turned over to Mr. Hoyt, our treasurer. Please accept thanks for the same.

Very truly yours,

(Mic. by O.)

President.

Apr. 9, 1904

N. J. Johnson, Esq.,
1140 E. Dayton St.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Mr. Campbell, bridge carpenter from Milwaukee, called upon me with reference to opening up a passageway through their bridge next Williamson street city bridge, and we have arranged to have same done one week from to-night. He will have a gang of men ready to commence work immediately after the Watertown passenger train goes over the track to Madison, which is, as I remember, about 7:30 in the evening. Now, I wish you would plan to have your dredge in readiness for work that night and all the next day. I write you now early, so that you may be planning for the work.

Yours truly,

President.

Dict. by G.L.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Dear Sir:

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Apr. 11, 1904

[illegible]

[illegible] Sir:

[illegible] Railway Company,

Mr. [illegible], agent at [illegible] [illegible] called me up and stated that Mr. [illegible] [illegible] cover over the coal platform, which barely misses the box [illegible] along the track, and that one of their brakemen came very near [illegible] killed to-day. This cover [illegible] to be removed at once. Nothing [illegible] to come nearer the track there than [illegible] from the rail. [illegible] the platform upon which the coal [illegible] right, but the difficulty is with the cover that was put on.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by G.)

[illegible]

President.

Apr. 11, 1904

Prof. C. R. Barnes,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Barnes:-

Enclosed find deed of your two lots in Block twenty-two, Wingra Park Subdivision. Will you please see that the name of your wife is written in the body of the deed and also the acknowledging clause? Please have the deed acknowledged before a notary, and have him attach his seal, and have two witnesses sign. On returning the deed to me, or, if you prefer, to any other party, Senator Vilas stands ready to pay the money. He wished me to say to you that if for any reason the plan of securing the park should not go through, he will reconvey the lots to you as soon as it is determined the plan does not go through, upon your paying him the purchase price and six per cent interest. I feel now quite sure we shall get the park. The only thing yet to be secured is a promise from the railway companies that they will make the necessary changes to enable us to secure the waterway from one lake to the other. I saw the presidents of the two roads last Friday in Chicago, and they are to give us a definite answer by the 15th of this month. I will let you know the interviews, that they would do as we requested.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by P.)
(Enc.)

President.

Apr. 11, 1904

Prof. W. H. Hobbs,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed I hand you a deed of your two lots in block number twenty-two, Wingra Park Subdivision, running to William F. Vilas and wife. You can execute the deed and then send it forward for your wife's signature as suggested. If for any reason the park should not be secured, Senator Vilas will, as I stated to you to-day, reseed the property to you as soon as it is determined that the park is not to be secured, you paying back the purchase price and six per cent interest. I feel quite sure, however, that the park plan will succeed.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

John M. Olin.

President.

Apr. 12, 1904

Mr. W. A. Gardner,

Gen'l. Mngr. C. & N. W. Ry. Co.,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

Please accept thanks for your information as to amount of expenditure made at Madison last year by your road.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Apr. [illegible], 1904

Miss Susan A. Sterling,

Lutzow Strasse 72 II,

Berlin, Germany.

Dear Miss Sterling:-

Enclosed I send you deed of lots seven and eight, block twenty-two, Wingra Park Subdivision, running to William F. Vilas and Anna M. Vilas, his wife. All you need to do, is to go before a notary public and sign the deed as indicated in lead pencil and have two witnesses sign as indicated, and then have the notary take your acknowledgement and affix his seal. Then send the deed to me, or, if you prefer, send it to the First National Bank, and your money will be ready for you.

There is scarcely any doubt now but that the plan of securing the park will go through. The railroad companies are to let us know by the 18th of this month whether they will reconstruct the culverts under their tracks and raise one of the tracks so as to give us an eight foot clearance. Senator Vilas wished me to say to you that, if for any reason the plan of securing the park did not go through, you could have the lots back from him for just what he pays, with six per cent interest. He is paying [redacted] now all of the lots that the land company does not own, and has secured an extension of the option on the land that company owns.

I saw the presidents of the railroads on Friday last and feel that they will grant our request.

(Dic. by C.)

(Enc.)

Yours truly,

[redacted]

President.

Apr. 13, 1904.

Mr. A. J. Earling,
Prest. C. M. & St. P. Ry. Co',
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Earling;-

I feel that I was not very fortunate in the way I presented last Firday the matter of your road raising its track on the Prairie du Chene division, over Murphy's Creek, so as to permit connecting lake Monona and lake Wingra, and would like to state in writing the main reasons for asking this favor just now.

1. Unless the track is raised, the improvement can in no way be made.
2. Unless the track is raised, our city loses the $30,000 in cash now pledged for the improvement, and loses for all time, in all probability, the chance of securing this park of some seventy-five acres.
3. The proposed improvement is merely carrying out what we commenced last year, namely the connection of all five of our lakes, so that launches and boats can go clear through to Stoughton and back again.
4. When the lakes are so connected, we shall have here a unique situation, and one that must necessarily bring a large amount of increased custom or travel to your road. You are familiar, of course, with Waukesha and Oconomowoc. But so far as natural advantages are concerned, Madison and this chain of five lakes, when properly connected, would far surpass either of these places. The enclosed rough map, torn from the back of a water board report, gives a pretty good general idea of the situation.
5. Lake Wingra is naturally one of the most beautiful of the five lakes. It is fed wholly by springs. Here are the largest springs to be found any where along these lakes. But as things now are, the public has no access to these springs. If this connection can be made, there is no reason why this lake should not in a short time be surrounded with summer homes, for a large portion of the shore is covered with fine woods, and these, together with the magnificent springs, would make this lake a very attractive place. If the connection is made, there will be a beautiful waterway between the two lakes one mile and a half in length, the waterway and adjoining banks of land that would be owned by the association being eight rods in width. It is intended to plant each bank with willows and other trees that will overhang the stream.
6. If this connection can be made, the bay in lake Monona, around toward South Madison, will be improved, cleaned up and deepened, with a boulevard on the outer edge extending around to South Madison. By this improvement, the nuisance that now exists will be removed, and in this way nearly all of the feeling which now exists in favor of having increased openings made under the railway tracks would be done away with.
7. Prof. Taylor estimated the expense of raising the track at $7,000. As stated to you on Friday, we should much prefer that your company should not put in any new bridge across Yahara river, on Portage line, at this time, provided you will consent to raising the track on the Prairie du Chene division as asked. We now have a twenty foot opening under your trestle bridge across the river and we can get along with this until the wooden bridge is worn out, and you desire to put in the permanent steel

bridge. Prof. Taylor thinks that this bridge, including abutments, would cost about $5,000. This is merely an off-hand statement of his. As to the other bridge over this river on the Watertown line, you have put in concrete abutments. If deemed necessary by your road, and we cannot secure the raising of the Prairie du Chene track in any other way, we would rather even that your road should spend no more money now on the Watertown line bridge, provided you will raise the Prairie du Chene division track so as to permit the connection of these two lakes.

You can see from all this how anxious we are that you grant the request made. The connection between Mendota and Monona has been secured, and we can get along even though the openings under your bridges are not as wide as we would wish. They will be made wider some time,- when your wooden bridge is worn out and a steel bridge is substituted, and our people would understand why the change to steel bridge is not made now, provided you could see your way to raising the Prairie du Chene division track.

8. As to the feeling that you may have that your road, if it granted this request, would be doing more for Madison than for other places equally entitled to consideration, I would like merely to state in the first place that we preferred not to have this matter come up this year, but if we are to secure the park it must be done now, although the track need not be raised until another year. Moreover, our citizens have raised for this special work that we started out to do last year, including last year and this year, the sum of between $65,000 and $66,000. That amount of money is not large, of course, for a large place, but it is quite a sum for a city of 20,000 inhabitants to raise in two years by voluntary contributions for work of this kind. Such contributions furnish pretty strong reasons, moreover, that if we can carry the present plan through of connecting lake Monona and lake Wingra, we shall be able to raise the necessary funds to make the further connection down as far as Stoughton.

Now, I am wholly aware of what I consider some of the unjust attacks that have been made and are still being made on your road as well as on the other roads, by the administration of this state, but these methods do not fairly represent the state. The people of Wisconsin mean to be fair. Nor do these methods represent the sentiment of this city, and I feel that I know what this sentiment is pretty well. I have done something through our association, as well as individually, to create a proper sentiment here both toward your road and the Northwestern, and I mean to do more in that direction.

Pardon me for sending you so long a letter. It is written out of the feeling that I do not wish our request to fail from the imperfect manner in which I presented the case on Friday last. I trust that through the making of concessions as to the bridges over the Yahara river, you can see your way to granting the request made as to raising the track over Murphy's Creek.

(Dic. by C.)

Very truly yours,

(Enc.)

Apr. 12,1904

Rev. Mother Emily, O. S. D.,

Sinsinawa Mounds, Wis.

My Dear Madam:-

There was handed to me to-day by Mr. Bashford duplicate copy of contract between our association and your corporation as to right of way, properly executed. I wish on behalf of our association, and on behalf of the citizens generally, to thank you very much for the same. I will see that some appropriate statement is made of your generosity in this matter in our annual report.

I met the presidents of the two railway companies, the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, and the Northwestern, in Chicago, on Friday last. I think they will grant the request we have made. They are to let us know before the 18th of this month. We are all hoping for a favorable reply.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

J. Howell Olin.

President.

Apr. 13, 1904

Mr. A. O. Fox,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Fox:-

Since seeing you, I called up Prof. Turneaure over the phone and had a talk with him about green scum forming on water in Monona Bay. He stated that if the water was left there four or five feet deep, he thought there would be very little, if any, danger of such scum forming; that if it formed at all, it would only be in an extremely dry season accompanied by still weather. He thought the conditions as far as forming green scum is concerned, would not vary much inside the bay from what they would be outside the bay, provided the water was deep as above indicated.

I think Prof. Turneaure would know as much theoretically about this matter as any one I can think of.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by C.)

John M. Olin

President.

Apr. 12, 1904

Sevart Aasen, Esq.,

107 N. Blair St.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed I hand you a list of trees and shrubs to be planted this spring. You will see that these are largely to make good damage done last winter. I will send the same kind of a list to Patrick Griffin. I presume Patrick will have to look after the planting a good deal on the lake Mendota drive system, and you will have to attend to the Farwell drive system, as well as to keep a general supervision over the whole matter. You will notice that there are a good many shrubs to be gathered this spring. I wish you would watch matters and organize for doing the work at the right time and in the best way possible. Charlie Brown is attending to purchasing trees and shrubs we buy, and I shall rely on him to communicate with you and you with him as to the planting.

The ground that was ploughed up last spring next to the cemetery, I suppose will have to be put in shape for planting. Please keep account of the number of trees and shrubs, and the different kinds planted, and where planted, so that when you get through you can make out a statement to me.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

(Enc.)

President.

Apr. 13, 1904

Patrick Griffin, Esq.,

348 W. Dayton St.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I send you a copy of the list of trees and shrubs to be planted to replace those that died or were damaged last year. You will likely have to look after the planting largely on the lake Mendota drive system. Please keep this list. Also keep track of the number of trees and shrubs planted, and the different kinds of them, and where planted, so that you can make a report to me later.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

John M. Olin

President.

Apr. 14, 1904.

John B. Heim, Esq.,
Supt. Water Works Dept.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Heim:-

I have arranged to have the St. Paul employees cut out an opening in the trestle bridge next to the Williamson street city bridge, commencing Saturday evening at about eight o'clock. The dredge will then proceed to cut through and to cut a channel down to the Williamson street bridge. I am informed that there is a water pipe somewhere between these two bridges. Hence, I wish that you would arrange to have done whatever is necessary to permit the dredge to proceed. I think a great mistake was made last fall in not putting in the pipe across the river next Washington Avenue bridge. It may be necessary now for you to make some temporary connection to run a pipe across the [redacted] bridge while the pipe under the river on Williamson street is disconnected. I wish you would see Mr. Steensland about the matter and be ready to do whatever is necessary to be done, so that the dredge will not be stopped. It is very essential that it should be able to proceed so as to get out of the way of the railroad trains. We must not interfere with the running of the trains. They have agreed to open up this bridge on condition that we get out of the way and get the bridge back in place before Monday morning. The timing is very hard at this point and it is absolutely necessary that we cut the channel through as planned.

I do not know that you desire Mr. Johnson's help in any way as to cutting a channel for this water pipe. If you do, I want some definite

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understanding, or contract made, so that there will be no difficulty about the pay for the actual time that Mr. Johnson is employed in doing work for you. You are at liberty to make any contract you can with Mr. Johnson for any such work and pay him at the same rate we pay him ~~when~~ [illegible]

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Clair.

President.

Mr. E. B. Steensland, Apr. 14, 1904.

Sec'y. Water Works Board,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Steensland:-

Since seeing you, I tried to find Mr. Heim, but found him out, and concluded to send him a note, and I enclose herewith copy of the same.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

John M. Clair.

President.

Apr, 14, 1904

George Sullivan, Esq.,

Street Supt.,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

I have arranged with the St. Paul road to cut out a section of their tressle bridge, commencing work Saturday evening about eight o'clock, so as to let the dredge through, the plan being to have the dredge work Saturday night and all day Sunday, so as to enable the bridge to be put back in place in time for service Monday morning. We shall then want to go down under the Williamson street bridge after excavating all we can between the two bridges. I write to ask that you get some jack-screws ready so as to elevate that bridge promptly when Johnson is ready. If in some way you could plan to raise the bridge so there would be about nine feet between the iron and the water, it would help Johnson very much in getting through and would lessen the time of stopping traffic across the bridge. I hope very much that you can give this matter attention, so that we shall not be delayed in the work.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by C.)

John M. Olin.

President.

Apr. 14, 1904

John F. Ioke, Esq.,
City Engineer,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Ioke:-

I wonder if you, without too much trouble, could have some stakes set in the water on the easterly side of Williamson street bridge that would indicate just where the abutments of the cement bridge will come when finished. We are planning to fill down under Williamson street bridge soon and would like to throw up on each side of the river below the bridge an embankment that will indicate the line of the river when improvement is completed. If you can attend to this, I will appreciate it.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

John W. Alvord

President.

Apr. 16, 1904

Prof. C. R. Barnes,

University of Chicago,

Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Mr. Barnes:-

Yours of April 14th received. I have ordered an abstract of the property. It may be a few days before the money gets around to you. Senator Vilas is very busy with the budget for the University for the coming year. As soon as I get the abstract, I will have the same left with the bank and then I will notify Senator Vilas to go to the bank and examine papers and make payment.

Thanking you for your courtesy in the matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

Apr. 16,1904.

R. Douglas Sons,

Waukegan, Ill.

Gentlemen:-

Some years ago I bought from your firm a number of picea pungens. Some of these turned out decidedly blue and others green. They were counted last fall and there were 240 Douglas blue spruce from 2½ to 3 feet high, and 470 Douglas green spruce from 2½ to 3 feet high. They are a very nice thrifty lot of trees and ought to be set out this spring, for they will be rather large by another year. I was wondering whether your nursery couldn't handle the larger part of them, paying me a very low figure for them here. Please let me hear from you, and very much oblige.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Hon. William T. Fish,

Madison, Wis.

Apr. 18,1904

My Dear Sir:-

Will you give me an order for printed abstracts to cover the Barnes lots, the Hobbs lots, the two lots owned by Miss Sterling, and the two owned by you, in Wingra Park Subdivision? I have ordered an abstract on the Barnes lots, but they told me that I must get an order from you in order to use the printed abstract,

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Apr. 16, 1904.

The Kelly-Springfield Road Roller Co.,

Springfield, Ills.

Gentlemen:-

Yours of the 14th just received.

I am surprised at the statement that interest was not paid which fell due May 1, 1903. If you are correct about this, as I presume you are, it was the result purely of an oversight. It was intended to pay interest on the note at that time.

If we should decide to ask it, I wonder if your company would be willing to extend the time of payment of the note one year, interest, of course, to be paid to May 1, 1904. The only reason I make this suggestion is that we undertook a pretty large piece of work last year, as you will see by a copy of last year's report, which I send you under cover, and we wish to finish that work this year. We have raised another $10,000 for the work this year. Besides this, we bought a new team this spring, which cost about $400, and it might be an accommodation to let the principal of the $430 note stand for a year. I do not yet know for certain whether we shall wish to ask this, but merely suggest the matter to you contemplatively.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Apr. 1918.

E. S. Reynolds, Esq.,
316 E. Mifflin St.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

On the 26th day of March, I sent you a check or warrant for $4.00 and enclosed a receipt for you to sign and return to me. No receipt has been returned. I enclose another stamped envelope for that purpose. It is absolutely necessary that we should have this receipt back as a voucher before our annual meeting, and we need it promptly as the meeting of our Directors. Please see that this matter is attended to, and much oblige.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by C.)
(Enc.)

Apr. 19,1904.

W. B. Carnochan, Esq.,
Treas. O. S. Kelly Co.,
Springfield, Ohio.

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 18th received. I think we can get along as to the note. If we decide to have the time extended, I think we can get the bank here to pay the note and we will deal with our bank. Am much obliged to you for your consideration in the matter.

As to the plates shown on 25, 30, 54 and 61, of the book sent you, I wish to find out whether you desire the plates permanently, or whether you simply desire them for some temporary use. We have been in the habit of retaining these plates, but have always been willing to let other people use them where they did it carefully.

We expect to publish a ~~fish~~ report this year, which will be out some time between the fore part and the middle of May, and I will try and remember to send you a copy.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

Apr. 21, 1904

Mr. A. J. Earling,

Pres't. C. M. & St. P. R'y. Co.,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Earling,-

I noticed out at the Yahara river this morning that some men were doing some work preparatory, as they stated to me, to putting in concrete abutments for steel bridge across the river on your Portage line. This is the bridge that I suggested your company might not construct now, provided you could grant the request made of raising track on Prairie du Chene line across Murphy's Creek either this year or next year, so as to enable our association, or city, to secure the proposed park and the connecting of Lakes Monona and Wingra. I trust that you have not decided against this request. If you have not, it occurred to me that possibly these men were carrying out previous orders given by some official that had no knowledge of the negotiations now pending as to this proposed park and waterway, and that you might wish to be informed of what was being done. This is my only excuse for writing the letter.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by C.)

Apr. 21, 1904

Mr. Marvin Hughitt,

President C. & N. W. Ry. Co.,

Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Sir:-

Yours of April 20th received and contents noted.

Since receiving the same, I have called in Mr. Johnson, our dredger, and have also consulted with Senator Vilas, to see if we could in some way arrange to secure the proposed park and waterway connecting Lakes Monona and Wingra without asking your company to change the stone arch culvert under your main line (No. 250).

Mr. Johnson had planned to construct a dredge 24 feet wide and 80 feet long for doing this work. Such a dredge would need a thirty foot opening to pass through. Such a dredge would weigh 110 ton and could not be transferred over-land from one lake to the other. Hence, without the thirty foot opening, it would be necessary to abandon the idea of using any such sized dredge. We realize that it is asking a good deal of your company to make this proposed change. We have appreciated very much your generosity in aiding us thus far in our work, and we do not wish to ask anything unreasonable.

After carefully considering the matter, we have decided to change our plans and to use a small dredge that we can take over-land from one lake to the other. This will add much to the expense of the proposed improvement, but we trust that in some way we can secure the necessary funds. Therefore you may consider that the request for changing your masonry arch, is withdrawn, it being understood that the present arch is so constructed that we can excavate the necessary depth to secure the

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waterway. As I remember Prof. Taylor's figures, this involves cutting below the present bottom of the creek about six and one-half feet.

As regards the bridge under the cross line (No. 1236): Prof. Taylor's estimate was based on what he calls a "through" plate girder, similar to what is used on your line in the creek elevation in Chicago. By the use of this form of girder, we would have sufficient clear space, that is eight feet, after we excavate the creek the necessary depth, for the waterway at this point. The use by your company of "a deck plate girder", which, as you say, would leave only about two feet clear head room, would not give us the necessary eight feet clear space, but only about five feet, as I remember.

Can you not at this point put in the "through girder" bridge? If you can say "yes", our proposed improvement is made certain, and the citizens of Madison will be very much rejoiced.

It should be stated here that we shall need a thirty foot opening under this cross line (No.1236), since our bridge will need to cut down from lake Wingra to your stone arch, as well as to cut up Murphy's Creek from lake Monona to the stone arch. Hence, we shall need the thirty foot opening both under the St. Paul Prairie du Chene track and under your Montfort line.

The original option on the twenty-five acres of land to be purchased by Senator Vilas expired on April 15. We secured an extension for ten days, to April 25th. Can we not hear from you before the latter date?

Thanking you very much for your courtesy in this matter, and trusting that you may conclude to grant the request as it now stands, and

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that ultimately your company will not be the loser by so doing, I am.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

Apr. 22,1904

Dr. Samuel A. Nicholson,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Will you see that Mr. Claudon signs, before a notary, the oath enclosed, and that there is delivered to him his enclosed appointment as special policeman, without pay, at Tenney Park, and have the oath or affidavit returned to the city clerk?

Yours truly.

(Dic.by O.)
(Enc.)

Apr. 22, 1904

Thomas Hawkes, Esq.,
Landscape Architect,
1532 Monadnock Block,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of April 11th was duly received, and also letter from Frances M. Davis, under date of April 14th.

For a number of years past, our association has employed the services of Mr. O. C. Simonds, of Chicago. I presume you are acquainted with him. He has given us very good service, we think. I am familiar with a portion of the Sheridan road, especially that part that passes through Lakeside. Certainly your work there is of a very high grade, and I am pleased to know you through this correspondence.

You may be interested in looking through the last annual report of the work of our association. The report for the year just past, will be out some time in May, and I will try and remember to send you a copy of that.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

Apr. 22,1904

Mr. Marvin Hughitt,

Prest. C. & N. W. Ry. Co.,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

In writing to you yesterday, as to necessary width of opening in proposed bridge on Montfort, or cross line, I forgot the fact that we intend to use a smaller dredge, and hence could get along with a smaller opening. For this reason, I sent you a telegram this morning, stating that an opening of twenty instead of thirty feet would be sufficient at this point. I judge this would lessen somewhat the cost of a steel bridge.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by C.)

Apr. 22,1904

Mr. A. J.Earling,
Pres't. C. M. & St. P. Ry. Co.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Erling:-

We have modified our plans as to excavating Murphy's Creek, so as to use a smaller dredge, and could get along with an opening under your Prairie du Chene line twenty feet in width instead of thirty feet in width. I send this note since such fact might tend to lessen somewhat the cost of the steel bridge.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

Apr. 22, 1904.

Charles Rosenhain, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I hand you herewith quit-claim deed by the Northern Electrical Manufacturing Company to George B. Burrows, and quit-claim deed from A. C. Fox and wife to George B. Burrows, both duly and properly executed.

Will you see that the two deeds from George B. Burrows, one to the Northern Electrical Mfg. Company, and one to A. C. Fox, together with the deed belonging to Mr. Fox, are gotten to me this afternoon, and very much oblige?

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

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President.

Apr. 23,1904

J. B. Cartwell, Esq.,

Prest. C. S. Kelly Co.,

Springfield, Ohio.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 21st received and contents noted.

When our new report is out, I will send you a copy of the same and then you can indicate from the two reports what pictures you would like, and I think some arrangement can be made that would be satisfactory.

I note what you say about getting some view showing the roller. I will turn your letter over to Mr. Brown, the one who does all of our photographing, and suggest that he get such view for you some time.

Yours very truly,

(Dic. by C.)

[signature]

President.

Apr. 23,1904

Charles M. Brown, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Brown:-

You will notice by the enclosed letter that the Kelly Company would like to get some view showing the roller on the road. If at some time you could get such a photograph for them, it might be a nice thing to do. I presume they would be very glad to pay a reasonable price for any trouble in getting the picture.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

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Apr. 23, 1904

James S. Grady, Esq.,
[illegible] E. Washington Ave.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

It has occurred to me that you might handle a large number of trees from our nursery in a way to make very good money for yourself. Could you not organize to plant here in the city, along the streets and in private yards, a quantity of trees this spring? If you could take this work up, the association would give you a very low figure for the trees, you to pay the association as much for trees and you to get whatever you can from your customers for planting, we to be at no expense whatever. If you care to consider this matter, you had better come to my house this evening about seven o'clock, and I will talk the matter over with you and give you prices on trees. There are quite a number of trees in the nursery that ought to be transplanted this spring.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

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President.

Apr. 23, 1904

W. A. Thompson, Esq.,

LaCrosse, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

It now looks as though we should have a pretty good sized job of dredging and pumping here at Madison in our work. I will say that we feel under a good deal of obligation to Mr. W. F. Johnson, who has been doing the work of dredging the Yahara river, and would feel disposed to give him the contract, provided he is as reasonable in his figures as anybody else. However, we are working for the public, and it would be our duty to let the contract to the lowest bidder under all the circumstances. If you care to come to Madison and look the matter over and give us a bid or proposition for which you will do the work, we should be pleased to have you do so.

Yours truly,

(Dict. by C.)

President.

Apr. 8th, 1904.

Hon. George B. Burrows,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Mr. Burrows:-

We are to have the annual meeting of our association on Monday evening, May 9th, and it will be preceded by a banquet commencing the same time as the banquets at the Six O'clock club. I hope very much that you will be able to be at the meeting and that you will make a special point to be there. We expect to have a good meeting and make a good showing.

You will remember that I have once before suggested to you the desirability of your leaving a monument for yourself much better than any monument of stone or bronze, by conveying to the city the lake shore property which you own called Maywood, reserving to yourself a life estate, thereby giving the city no right to interfere or in any way control the property until after your death. There are certain reasons why I bring this matter to your attention at this time.

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter addressed to me by Senator Vilas. This is to be regarded by you in strict confidence. We do not wish anything said about this gift by Senator Vilas until our annual meeting. We intend at this meeting, to make a proper statement concerning the same. Senator Vilas pays for the land included in the proposed park $50,000, and something over $70,000 has been subscribed for improving it. When this improvement is made, you will be able to get into a launch at your property and go down through the lock into the Yahara river and from there into Lake Monona and thence up Yahara Creek waterway to Yahara Lake.

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It is unnecessary for me to emphasize with you the importance of this proposed improvement to the city. The park that we shall ultimately secure will comprise not less than seventy-five acres.

Now could you not announce, in your own way, at our annual meeting, that you had determined to make certain, while yet enjoying yourself here, the perpetuation of your name in connection with this beautiful trust of land which you own? I can quote here, I am sure, without offense, a part of an editorial appearing in the Democrat of Jan. 10, 1904, as follows:

"The Democrat could register a dozen names - honored ones in the financial, industrial and commercial upbuilding in this community - which it earnestly desires to see endure, but fears may, in the long years to come, be recalled only when read by the casual visitor upon some grave-stone at Forest Hill. A moment of reflection now, the awakening of a new and generous impulse, the determination to do while still time remains-with but a modest check awaiting application for playground or park, to insure that sweet recollection otherwise lost to "The lone wanderer 'mid the wastes of death."

"Is not a religiously guarded, living landscape a finer monument than any ordinary work in marble or stained glass?" This is a question put by Charles Elliott at page 344 of the book written by his father.

If you could announce at this time a gift of this kind, it would greatly aid the work of our association, would, I think, give you much pleasure during the remaining years of your life, and would not need to call upon you for the expenditure of a dollar of money during your life. Situated as you are, with the wealth which I am credibly informed you

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possess, do you not really think that such a gift as this would result in much pleasure and enjoyment to you, while at the same time laying the foundation for the enjoyment of the citizens of Madison in their successive generations?

With kind regards, I am.

Very truly yours,

John W. Oliver

President.

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

Apr. 25, 1904.

W. J. Underwood, Esq.,
Asst. Gen'l. Mngr.,
C. M. & St. P. Ry. Co.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of April 23rd received and contents noted. Of course, we shall be pleased to have the new bridges over the Yahara river, but hope that this will not defeat the other project.

I have been preparing the annual report of our association which is to be published in book form. In this report, I wish to make a statement of the amount that has been expended by the railway companies on the Yahara river improvement. The NorthWestern Company has furnished me with a statement of the amount expended by that road, it being $30,300. I have written to President Darling, suggesting that I would like a similar statement from your company as to what has already been expended, and what the estimated expense will be to complete the improvement as you are now planning to do the work. Could you furnish me with those facts, and very much oblige?

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

Apr. 26, 1904.

George K. Shaw, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

We are to have our annual meeting on Monday evening next and I lack one five dollar subscription of having four hundred and fifty $5.00 subscriptions for the general work of the association the present year. You have always helped the association in that amount. Could you not sign the enclosed postal for that amount at least and return it to me, so that I may be able to include your name to make up the four hundred and fifty?

(Dic. by C.)
(Enc.)

Yours truly,

John Olin
President.

Apr. 26, 1904.

John Olin, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Olin:-

We are to have our annual meeting on Monday evening next and I lack one five dollar subscription of having four hundred and fifty $5.00 subscriptions for the general work of the association the present year. You have always helped the association in that amount. Could you not sign the enclosed postal card and return it to me, so that I may be able to include your name to make up the four hundred and fifty?

(Dic. by C.)
(Enc.)

Yours truly,

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President.

Apr. 26, 1904

Mr. Marvin Hughitt,

Prest. C. & N. W. Ry. Co.,

Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Sir:-

Your favor of April 22nd was duly received; as was also your telegram of April 23rd, in answer to my telegram to you. After I sent the telegram, Prof. William D. Taylor made an examination of the masonry culvert under your main line No. 231, and he thinks there will be no difficulty in making the necessary excavation. Hence, we are very hopeful that the investigation which your company makes will result favorably.

We wish to thank you very much for the courteous and generous treatment which we have received at the hands of you personally, and of your road, in this matter. I shall be very pleased to see that some appropriate recognition is made at our annual meeting to be held on Monday evening next, and that the same is incorporated in the printed annual report.

I trust that we may hear definitely as to the masonry culvert before that meeting.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

Apr. 20, 1904.

Mr. A. J. Earling,
Prest. C. M. & St. P. Ry. Co.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Earling:-

At the annual meeting of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association to be held on Monday, May 2nd, next, I make a statement as to the work done during the past year and as to the work proposed for the coming year. In such report, I make a statement concerning the Yahara river improvement and have written on that subject, as to the part taken by the railway companies, the following:

"Liberal Aid By The Railway Companies.

The Northwestern Railway Company expended on this improvement, in raising its tracks and bridges, the sum of $30,300, while the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Company has expended thus far $_____. The two new steel bridges which this road proposes to build will cost an additional $_____, making the cost to this road $_____, and to both roads $_____ for the improvement.

We cannot speak too strongly in praise of the generous and courteous treatment which the citizens of Madison have received at the hands of these two railway companies in the making of this improvement, and we wish here to record our appreciation of the service rendered. These roads not only did their work promptly; they did and are doing voluntarily much more than was required of them by the law enacted by the last legislature, and they voluntarily consented to do all that this law demands long before the law was enacted."

The blanks above, I hope I may be able to fill in before the meet-

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ing.

The above will appear in our report, no matter what decision your road comes to as to the Wingra lake improvement. As to that improvement, I have received a letter from Mr. Hughitt, granting the requests made of the Northwestern Company. I have prepared a statement somewhat in detail concerning that proposed improvement, and in that statement, as it now stands, is the following:

"The getting under these railway tracks presented the greatest obstacle in connecting these lakes by a navigable waterway. It could not be accomplished except through the aid of the railway companies. They had done so much to help our work last year, that we disliked to ask further aid so soon. But, if these lakes were to be connected, we could not do otherwise. Hence, a committee of this association laid before the presidents of these two roads, Mr. Marvin Hughitt and Mr. A. J. Earling, our plans and our needs. Again they have granted our request, and thereby made possible the securing of this park and the connecting of these lakes. Certainly the citizens of Madison, and every one of the more than one thousand members of this association, have reason to be grateful to these railway companies for their generous aid, so freely given."

Of course, if we do not get the consent of your company to the improvements before May 2nd, I shall, of necessity, be compelled to modify the above statement somewhat, but I hope we may get a favorable reply before that date.

I received yesterday a letter from Senator William F. Vilas, and enclose herewith a copy of the same, thinking it might be of some interest

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to you in this connection.

Your assistant general manager, Mr. Underwood, has written me that your company proposes to go on with the new bridges across the Yahara river. Of course, we shall appreciate the putting in of these bridges very much, but trust that this will not stand in the way of securing the connection with Lake Wingra.

Very truly yours,

John M. Olin.

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

Apr. 27,1904

Mr. Marvin Hughitt,

Prest. C. & N. W. Ry. Co.,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of April 26th received, stating that your chief engineer considers it safe to bridge under masonry arch No. 281 south of Madison to the depth named, viz., six and one-half feet below the ordinary stage of water.

Our association and the citizens of Madison feel very much indebted to your company in this matter.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

Apr. 27, 1904.

Senator William F. Vilas,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Vilas:-

I have just received a letter from Mr. Sheplitt, under date of April 26, in which he states that the chief engineer of the Northwestern road considers it safe to dredge under masonry arch No. 291 to the depth named, viz., six and one-half feet below the ordinary stage of water. This letter, taken with the other letters, grants all that we have asked from the Northwestern road.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by C.)

Apr. 27, 1904

Mr. R. A. Bowan,
Sup. C. & N. W. Ry. Co.,
Baraboo, Wis.

My Dear Mr:-

I was out to the Ishara river this morning and find that your road has taken up one length of railway track that runs out into East Dayton street. The plan of improvement which contemplates the taking up of the track for some distance so as to be entirely out of the street and also off from a thirty-eight foot strip of land which the city gets from Fuller & Johnson people at this point. East Dayton street is to be cut down quite a little for some way back. As I understand Mr. Higham, there is a plan for rearranging the tracks in their yard, which, when done, will get the track out of the streets. It would be a very great accommodation to us in our work if these tracks could be gotten out of the streets at once. Hope you may be able to accommodate us in that respect.

Very truly yours,

(per. by C.)

President.

Apr. 20, 1904.

Prof. Charles S. Slichter,
Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

Mr. Hoyt handed me a note returned by you as to payment of subscription. You paid your subscription by check just as you stated. A number of such checks were sent to me and I kept them until a short time ago, and then turned over a list of names, with all the checks and cash paid to me, as I supposed, to Mr. Hoyt. But on conferring with him, I am satisfied that your check was not turned over to him. In some way, this check has been mislaid. I have made quite a thorough search in my office, but have not yet been able to find it. As I remember, it was made payable to my order, Of course, your account will show whether the check has been cashed. I have no doubt but what it has not. If you would give a duplicate check, I will hold myself responsible to you for any risk there may be in the matter, and you can retain this letter as protection.

I do not think have anything of this kind occur, and I cannot now understand how it has happened.

Yours truly,

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President.

Apr. 28,1904.

Mr. Philip Fox,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Fox-

Your check for $65.00, in payment for drive subscription for 1903, received, and by me turned over to Mr. Hoyt. Please accept thanks for same.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by C.)

C. H. Allyn, Esq.,
Care Fuller & Johnson Mfg. Co.,
Madison, Wis.

Apr. 28, 1904.

Dear Sir:-

Your check for $8.00 received in payment for drive subscription of 1903, and by me turned over to Mr. Hoyt. Please accept thanks for same.

Yours truly,

Pres. Pro Tem.

President.

(Dic. by C.)

Prof. L. S. Smith,

Madison, Wis,

Apr. 28, 1904.

Dear Prof. Smith:

I have been rather anxiously awaiting the description of the outlet to lake Wingra, so as to be able to secure certain contracts which we have not yet been able to get because of not having the description. Could you not get it to me soon?

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

Apr. 28, 1904.

Prof. Charles R. Barnes,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Mr. Barnes:-

I presume you have received your money before this for the two lots through the bank. As I understand, Mr. Vilas paid it to the bank. If for any reason you did not get it, please let me know.

You will be pleased to know that Senator Vilas has purchased all the land for that park and will convey the same to our Association in trust for the city. I have got the promise of the Northwestern Railway Company to do whatever is necessary on the part of their road to make a waterway between the two lakes, and expect to get a favorable answer from the St. Paul Company before our annual meeting on Monday of next week.

Including Senator Vilas' gift and the $10,000 subscribed for improving that park, there has been contributed in this city by our Association, or its members, to be expended in the city, or in land within the city, during the last two years, over $61,000. This does not include something over $10,000 which has been raised for maintaining and improving our drives. I think this is a pretty good showing for a city of the size of Madison.

And now I wish to suggest to you a matter which has been a sort of a dream of mine for a number of years past, and that is to secure, in some way, for a public park and arboretum combined, about six hundred acres of land lying on the lake shore beyond the University farm, and in-

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cluding the B. F. Stevens farm, Mr. Reymer's farm, and all of the land owned by the Minneota Heights Association, going out as far as Merrill Springs. You are familiar with the lay of this land. Of course, the only way that any such plan as this could be carried out, would be to get some wealthy man to purchase the land. I have had in mind for some time that we might possibly get Mr. Carnegie to do this, and laid the matter before President Vincent nearly a year ago. I doubt very much whether we will succeed in that direction.

It has occurred to me that perhaps Mr. Rockefeller, if he understood fully the situation, the relation of this land to the University, and the great possibilities it contains for making a magnificent public park and arboretum, might be willing to purchase the land with the understanding that it would bear his name, or such name as he might designate. I presume it might take from $250,000 to $300,000 to secure all of the land. I am sure that the Minneota Heights Association would be willing to let the whole of its land go for this purpose for a less price than it would sell it for any other purpose, and from some things I have heard of late, I believe the B. F. Stevens or Picnic Point farm, might be secured rather reasonably at this time. The only other party left to deal with would be Mr. Reymer, and I am very sure that a project of this kind would appeal very strongly to him.

It has occurred to me that possibly, through you, Mr. Chamberlain, Professors Watkins and Salisbury, something might be done in the way of interesting Mr. Rockefeller in a project of this kind. I presume I naturally may over-estimate the importance of such a park and arboretum as

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this in its relations to the University and the state. But after making due allowance for kind of judgment on my part, I think that, broadly considered, the expenditure of no other equal amount of money would, in the end, bring such large returns as money spent in the purchase of this land. There would be nothing, so far as I know, equal to such a park as this might be easily made, and, if purchased, would give to the University the ownership of some five miles or more of lake shore, including its present ownership.

The plan has seemed to me so admirable and so important in its results, that I have hardly dared to hope that it could be successfully carried through, and yet it is something that has been in my mind for many years, though I have not mentioned the subject to but a very few persons. I thought there would be no harm in suggesting the matter to you.

Very sincerely yours,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

Apr. 30, 1904.

Prof. L. S. Smith,
Madison, Wis.

My Dear Mr. Smith:-

Please accept thanks for description as to strip of land on lake Wingra. We shall need, however, more than a hundred foot strip. Think we ought to have about two hundred feet.

I wonder if we could secure half a dozen or so additional blue prints of this map, showing the two hundred foot strip as located by you on the map. Of course, we are willing to pay for the blue prints. The other blue prints are all gone, excepting one, which I retained. If you can secure these blue prints for me, I will appreciate it and will pay for the same on getting bill.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by C.)

John C. Olin

President.

Apr. 30,1904.

Charles N. Bross, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Bross:-

I have your note, enclosing letter from Mr. Charles N. Brown under date of April 27th, which I herewith return.

Since receipt of the letter, I have talked with Mr. Brown about the matter, and he tells me that you paid no attention whatever to the two letters which he wrote you; that had you done so, either by phone or by note, or in any other way, he would not have written the letter.

I, myself, would not have written you the letter, knowing you as I do and knowing that you have always stood by the work of the association and paid very liberally indeed according to your means, and I regret that the letter was written to you. I wish, however, that you had taken the pains to call Mr. Brown up by phone and stated to him what you would have stated to me at any time had I spoken to you about the matter.

Mr. Brown does, to my knowledge, a great deal of very hard work for the association, without a cent's compensation, and I trust that you will be willing to overlook the matter of his letter of April 27th. We try always to manage the affairs of the association so as not to offend people, and at the same time collect in subscriptions. Mistakes are made, as you know, by the best of us.

Hoping that you may overlook the matter, and that your interest in the work of the association will not be affected in any way thereby, I am.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. By C.)

President.

(Enc.)

Apr, 30, 1904

C. W. Gervens, Esq.,
1033 W. Johnson St.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find warrant for $20.55 to pay for your bill for services of yourself and an assistant in making tests and computations in Lake Monona Bay. I think your charges are very reasonable.

Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me, and much oblige.

Yours truly,

President.

(Dld. by e.)
(Warrant)
(Enc.)

Apr, 30, 1904

Fuller & Johnson Mfg. Co.,
Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $2.75 to pay your bill against Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association for repairing two plows. Please receipt and return to me the enclosed bill.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)
(Enc.)

Apr. 30,1904.

Charles Prosantine, Jr.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir;-

I have heard nothing further from you concerning the deed which should be delivered by Mr. Burrows to Mr. Fox and the Northern Electrical Manufacturing Company, and also the map that belongs to Mr. Fox. I have called up Mr. Brown and he tells me that he has heard nothing from you and that he has been unable to reach you. Now, it seems to me that its about time that Mr. Burrows delivered those deeds and that map, and that we should not be called upon to wait further or have any further bother about the matter. Mr. Fox is growling me, and I think very justly so, to secure his deed and map, and the lead to the Northern Electrical Manufacturing Company.

I shall expect that this matter is straightened out without further delay.

Yours truly,-

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Apr. 30, 1904

Patrick Griffin, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I think you had better now arrange to get that horse from Mr. Cass so that you can use the democrat wagon in doing planting out on the Lake Mendota driveway. I understand that practically all of the shrubs and trees have come and that they went out this morning to be heeled in.

Mr. Julius Zehntel wants ten birches taken from the nursery and left at the second ward school house Tuesday or Wednesday morning, of next week. I told him that if we could possibly do so, we would get him the trees. You, perhaps, can arrange to bring them in either Monday or Tuesday night and then leave them the next morning at the school house, but in such a way that they will be protected until they are planted.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

May 2, 1904.

W. J. Underwood,
Asst. Genl. Mngr.,
C. M. & St. P. Ry. Co.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Apr. 29th received and contents noted.

Am much obliged to you for your statement as to cost of Niagara river improvement.

As to the Niagra Falls improvement, while we have our annual meeting to-night, the annual report which I make will not be printed for some days yet, and I shall merely report to-night that we hope and believe your company will grant the request, but shall leave the report in such shape that I can make a definite statement later in the printed report.

Thanking you for your courtesy in this matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

May 2, 1904.

Severt Amson, Esq.,

107 N. Blair St.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I send you herewith vouchers and receipts to be signed. There is one of $42.00, in favor of John T. Johnson, that I have endorsed over to myself, and I wish Mr. Johnson to sign it and leave the same with you for me. This is in accordance with our agreement that he should pay at least $40.00 a month on the team. I will see that the amount paid is endorsed on the note at the bank.

There must be some mistake about the warrants for George Young. I see you have only credited him with certain work on the Menars river. I find no receipt for his time on the drives. My arrangement with George is that he is to have $2.00 a day for work on the river during this season. The preliminary work on the drives he was to be paid $1.85 a day, but I presume that after he commenced working on the river he had better be paid $2.00 a day whether he works on the river or on the drives, and I do not care if you make his pay $2.00 from the start, both on the river and the drives.

I wish you would see to it, either directly or through Johnson, that all of these receipts are signed and gotten back to me as promptly as possible.

(Dic. by S.)

(Encls.)

Yours truly,

J. [illegible]

President.

May 3, 1904.

Thomas Gleason, Esq.,

Mendota, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $48.10 for work on Farwell drive up to and including May 2, 1904.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

Thomas Gleason

President.

May 4, 1904.

Wagner Park Conservatories,

Sidney, Ohio.

Gentlemen,--

Yours of May 2nd received, with copy of "How to beautify home surroundings and "Landscape Architecture." They are very nice publications. Please accept thanks for same. I send you herewith copy of the annual report of our association for 1903. The one for the present year will be published within a week or two, when I will send you a copy of that.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by S.)

[signature]

President.

May 4, 1904

My Dear Mr. [illegible]:-

Yours of April 30th was duly received. I thank you very much for the same. I was very much pleased with Mr. [illegible], and with what he stated he was able to do in the way of pumping material and filling land. We shall be glad to give him an opportunity to give us a bid on the work as soon as we are ready for a bid.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

[illegible]

President.

Mr. Ellis B. Usher,

Lacrosse, Wis.

May 7, 1904.

Miller-Parkinson Lumber Co.,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $[illegible] to pay your bill against the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill to me.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

President.

May 7, 1904

[illegible] Salisbury, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:- Yours of May 4th received, enclosing check for $[illegible] for work of Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please accept thanks for same. I [illegible] turned [illegible] over to Mr. Hoyt, our treasurer.

I thank you very much for the kind and appreciative words contained in your letter.

(Dic. [illegible])

Very truly yours,

President.

May 7, 1904.

Claus Clauson, Esq.,

115 N. Mansoor,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $50.00 to pay for one month's work in Tenney Park ending April 30, 1904. Please sign the enclosed receipt and return same to me in enclosed stamped envelope, and oblige.

Yours truly,

John M. Clark

(Enc. by O.)
(Warrant)

(Enc.)

May 7, 1904

Fuller & Johnson Mfg. Co.,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find two warrants, one for twenty-eight cents for repairing scraper, and one for $[illegible] for one plow, for your bills against Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt and return to me the two bills enclosed herewith.

Yours truly,

(2 Warrants)

(2 Enc.)

May 10, 1904.

Thomas Clauson, Esq.

Mendota Station,

Dane Co., Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I liked very well the general appearance of Farwell drive as I drove over it on Sunday, but there are certain things that I would like to call your attention to.

The shrubs planted on the Marshall place, I would like to have you pay particular attention to as soon as possible, so as to get the hoeing done where necessary before grass gets too high. The old dead stalks of the asters ought to be all removed. You know these asters grow up each year from the ground.

I notice in some places the rabbits have badly eaten the asters we planted. This, however, will come up fresh from the roots. The stalks that are eaten ought to be cut off down to the live part at as early a date as you can with your pruning knife, thus XX giving the live part a better chance.

There are certain places where the water runs on the road a little. Try and watch such places and also try to keep the culverts opened as much as you can. Later we will try and have the men get over that way and put some more screenings on portions of the drive.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

[signature]

President.

Sep 16, 1904.

Mr. F. A. Cowan,

Supt. N. W. Sp. Co.,

Lawton, Mich.

Dear Sir:-

I was out over the Farrell drive on Sunday last and found that a fire, which evidently started from the railway right of way, so near as I can ascertain, spread over a part of our drive, destroying something over one hundred trees, some of which have been planted for four or five years. The fire started, apparently, on the right of way at a point where your right of way comes the nearest to the drive just at the eastern end of the deep field across the Woodard farm, and spread through the farm on the east side of the drive very nearly to Frank Wootten's cottage. Of course, we shall make no claim against your company for any damage. We would not do that even though we saw the man set the fire. I write this to you merely that you may caution the section [illegible] in charge that portion of your road, so that hereafter they may be more careful (if it was their fault) to see that fire lines are set outside of the right of way.

Yours truly,

(Dic. [illegible] O.)

John McOlin

President.

May 10, 19[illegible]

Dr. E. L. Bullard,

Supt. Mendota Hospital,

[illegible] Station, Wis.

My Dear Dr. Bullard:-

I drove over the Farwell drive on Sunday for the first time this spring. I noticed, with pleasure, a good many things that have been done by you on the grounds this spring. I think things are looking very much improved. And now permit me to find a little fault, not in any bad spirit, however.

While I was much pleased at what you had done in putting on sinkies on drive to the island, I regretted very much to see that you had cut out all of the under-growth on each side of that road. That under-growth constituted, to my mind, one of the prettiest features of that end of the drive. My idea has always been to have the drive widened out in about two places and let the under-growth be thick at all other points. It can be made a very unique feature of the drive. Hence, I hope you will allow the under-growth to come in again, as it will do in a few years.

You will observe that we have been replacing all of the trees and shrubs on the island that were destroyed last winter by mice and rabbits. This we are doing at our own expense and do not expect the asylum to make any returns to the association.

I hope very much that the island will be seeded down this spring and thus put into a meadow. This would be in accordance with the resolution passed by the State Board of Control. I presume this is what you intend to have done.

We are keeping cures on the Farwell drive all the time this year.

Of course, he cannot do all of the work, but our other men will help out in cutting the grass about twice during the year and in repairing the injuries way.

I noticed a fire had done some damage to some of the arbor vitae we had set out. Those will be replaced by the men to-day.

The worst damage we have suffered was by the fire, evidently started on the railway right of way, that swept through Woodard's land on the east side of the road. I think nearly every one of these trees will die. I ordered the men to replace the linden to-day, but the Norway maple, which had got such a nice start, many of them three to four inches through, I fear are all dead, and we cannot replace those this year. Such a thing as this is somewhat discouraging, but we have to expect it occasionally.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by S.)

John McCrae

President.

May 11, 1904.

M. N. J. Johnson,

1113 East Johnson St.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir,-

Enclosed find warrant for $491.25 for [illegible] April 1, 04 and including April 21, 1904; also warrant for $30.00 for expense in moving dredge under Williamson street bridge. Please sign the enclosed receipts and return same to me, and oblige,

(2 Warrants)

(2 Enc.)

Yours truly,

Engineer.

May 12, 1904.

John T. Johnson, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.-

Dear Sir:-

Inasmuch as you have more men than you need to-day, I wish you would have Coughlin and Maisch go with shovels and other proper tools down along the river and make openings so as to let water out. I will try and give you directions as definitely as I can. You had better go along with them first and point out the places.

1. There should be an opening made just west of East Washington avenue so as to let water out there.

2. Then just on the east side of the avenue, you will find a place where the water is now running out. This should be deepened.

3. Then I think an opening had better be cut about in the center of this block right opposite the place where there was a bridge. You will see the bridge is there yet.

4. Then an opening ought to be cut in the block just between Main street and Railroad street, so as to let the water out of that block.

5. You will find an opening was cut in the next block, between Railroad street and Williamson street, just where the intake is [illegible] the Northern Electric works, but the opening was not wide enough and has caved in. This ought to be opened up. This covers that side of the river.

I have not examined the other side of the river. You can do that and have whatever openings are necessary on that side made. You can explain to these men that you ask them to do this because you have a sur-

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plus 0% men to-day.

I will send this note out to you by messenger.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

May 12, 1904

C. H. Kanouse, Esq.,

1514 Washington St.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Mrs. Kanouse has left with me your bill for repairing Schimming's scraper, amounting to $8.50. I presume our association must pay this bill, but the agreement I had with Mr. Schimming was that we would pay for repairing the scraper, provided the expense did not exceed $1.00. He was quite sure that the expense would not amount to more than that, if it amounted to that much. I return the bill and ask that you send me an itemized statement, showing just what repairs were made, so that I can have the same in dealing with Mr. Schimming.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

(Enc.)

President.

May 13, 1904.

Mr. I. J. Johnson,
1119 E. Johnson St.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Are you satisfied with the young man that you have employed for fireman? I should judge he is a person about eighteen years of age. I think I could get you a good man for the place, but you would have to pay him $1.75 instead of $1.50. I doubt very much whether you will be able to get a competent person for that work for less than $1.75 per day.

Yours truly,

(No. by O.)

President.

May 13, 1904.

Fred Wallron, Esq.,
Route No. 4,
South Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I write to find out whether you would now be ready to commence work for the association on the Yahara river improvement with your team. If so, I wish you would call me up by phone or call and see me personally at the office.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

May 16, 1904.

John T. Johnson, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I was out Sunday to the river and noticed the bridge you are putting in for us. I presume it is my fault, but I supposed I had stated to you that I only wanted a narrow bridge there, just wide enough for one team to pass over. It was my plan to have the plank laid lengthwise so as to save as much as possible. I don't know, of course, how much the lumber that you have put into this bridge will cost us, but it will be quite a sum, I am sure, and it is more than twice as wide as was necessary. You see it was not necessary to have the bridge wide enough for teams to pass. But, as I say, I presume the fault is mine in not giving you particular instructions. I remember having talked that matter over with our foreman, and I thought I had with you.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

May 17, 1904

C. H. Kanouse, Esq.,

1514 Williamson [illegible]

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find two warrants, one for $3.50 and the other for $[illegible]. The $5.00 warrant is endorsed over to Frank W. Hoyt, treasurer, and this will pay for your subscription of $5.00. This is done in pursuance of your suggestion. Please return the $5.00 warrant to me after you have filled your name to be and I will have it, [illegible] over to Mr. Hoyt in full payment of your subscription.

Please receipt the enclosed bill in full and return [illegible] to me in the enclosed stamped envelope.

You did not quite understand my letter to you. I did not intend to raise any question [illegible] as you were concerned, or intimate that your bill was not reasonable for the work done. I simply meant to state that Mr. Schimming had given me to understand that the repairing of the scraper would not be over $5.00.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(2 Warrants)

J. Wolff Olsen

President

May 18, 1904

E. J. Johnson, Esq.,

1119 E. Johnson St.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I write you this so that you may get it upon your return. I was down again this morning to the dredge and left there at half past nine o'clock. The dredge started, as I remember, at seven o'clock. The fireman had not been there up to half past nine o'clock, as stated to me by the time-keeper. He was also gone from the dredge yesterday afternoon two hours, and as stated to me by the time-keeper, as I remember, was absent as much as two hours each time he went to get coal, and, as I understood the matter, he was absent in the morning and in the afternoon. This would make four hours' absence out of the teh. I think you will agree with me that this is entirely too much time during which to have the other men stop and attend to the firing. I can easily see, although not an engineer, that the efficiency of the work by the dredge, depends largely upon the firing being properly done and properly attended to.

I wish when you get back, you would look over with Mr. Johnson, the time-keeper, the record which he has kept since he commenced. He is a careful, painstaking fellow, and I think you can rely on his record. I notice from an examination of his record this morning, that it took the dredge one-half hour to change its position at one time. Generally it took the dredge, according to his record, from ten to fifteen minutes each time to move. Then I noticed that the dredge was stopped frequently ten to fifteen minutes to tighten belts on lipper and from fifteen to twenty

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minutes to grease chain, etc. Taking the whole record, it impressed me that quite a large proportion of the time was taken up in other things than dredging, and I think it would be a good thing for you to look over the record at this time, that is being kept by the time-keeper, to see whether or not you think things are going as they ought to. It seems to me that the third man, that is the fireman, ought to be on the dredge while the dredge is being moved forward, and that he ought to stand ready to render assistance at that time.

After you have looked over the record with the time-keeper, I would like to have a little talk with you.

I want to suggest here again as to whether or not, considering the large amount of time it takes to move this dredge forward, you do not think it would be possible or best for you to get some appliance that will economize time at this point? As I understood from you, you discovered there was such an appliance. If so, it occurs to me that it ought to be secured at the earliest date possible. I think it is no exaggeration to say that such an appliance would, up to this time, have saved our association not less than $1,000 in the increased efficiency of the working of the dredge.

Yours truly,

John [illegible]

President.

(Dic. by C.)

May 1o, 1904.

William Kahouse, Esq.,
1936 Railroad St.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

We expect to be ready to have you and Mr. Sullivan com-
mence drawing black dirt on Monday morning of next week. I think every-
thing will be in shape for that work at that time. Hence, I wish you
could see Mr. Sullivan and organize for commencing the work Monday morn-
ing. I have written Mr. Sullivan about the matter and asked him to see
you, and you had better arrange also to see Mr. Sullivan.

Yours truly,

John M. [illegible]

President.

(Dic. by C.)

May 18, 1904

John E. Sullivan, Esq.,

2215 or 2415 Winnebago St.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I spoke to your brother George this morning that we expected to be ready to have you and Mr. Kanouse start in drawing black dirt as early as Monday morning of next week. Hence, I wish you would organize with reference to commencing the work at that time. The bridge will be in readiness across the river and also the grading all ready, I think, up as far as the railway tracks on this side of the river. You might speak to Mr. Kanouse about the matter. I am not sure that I have his correct address.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

May 16, 1904.

George C. Riley, Esq.,
715 E. Gorham St.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I think you secured the topographical map prepared by Mr. Gilman of the Steinle tract. I cannot find it among the different maps that I have in the place that I have been keeping them. I am trying to get the men started to drawing dirt as early as Monday of next week, and I would like to get this map at once and then have a talk with Mr. Ecke, city engineer, as to making whatever survey may be needed in order to measure dirt as may take. Would you get the map back to me as early as you can, and very much oblige?

Did you have Mr. Gilman's work verified by Prof. Taylor or any other party? I have the original notes of Mr. Gilman in a book which he left here at the office.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

May 19, 1904

Crawford Harper, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir;-

You will remember the talk I had with you yesterday about moving two posts. I was out to the river this morning, and was there from eight o'clock till ten, expecting all the time that some one of your men would be there, but no one came. These posts, as stated to you yesterday, are right in our way, and I fully expected that they would be removed not later than this morning. I wish very much you would have this matter attended to right away.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John W[illegible]

President.

May 19, 1904.

Dr. Edward G. Kraemers,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Kraemers:

I would like to get, at once, a list arranged alphabetically of the subscribers to the fund for improving park in Wingra park, with the amount placed opposite each name, and where any conditions are attached to the subscription differing in any way from the general terms of the subscription contract, they should be mimeted in this copy. If the original lists are ready to be turned in, we would also like them at this time. We need this list for several reasons, and I hope you can get it for me at an early date.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

May 20,1904.

John Sullivan, Esq.,

2215 or 2415 Winnebago st.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed I hand you a duplicate copy of the contract signed last night, modifying the original contract as to drawing dirt. You can attach this to the original contract and have your record complete.

Yours truly,

Johnson Clair

President.

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

May 25, 1904

Breitenbach Bros.,
Madison, Wis.
Gentlemen:-

Yours of May 24th received, enclosing check for $12.00, payable to treasurer of Yahara river improvement. I presume you mean by this Mr. Hayt. As to your subscription not being due, you will remember that that was the position which you took when we asked you for some aid for the improvement this year; that you insisted at [redacted] so put down on the subscription list; that I told you I was quite sure you were mistaken, but you insisted you were not; that you stated if I would show you the subscription list, it would be disclosed that you were right; etc., etc.; that finally I went to the trouble of looking up the subscription list, took it to you, showed you your signature, and that there was no such condition attached. Now, you are a business man and you know of course what it means to sign a paper of this kind, and I do not think that you ought to blame me or the officers of the association who are doing all of this work for nothing, besides contributing pretty liberally, and toward an improvement that is for the benefit of your end of the city. I have given out of my own pocket, in cash, toward that improvement $100.00, or will have done so when I pay the balance of my subscription of $50.00 in August, besides giving more than that amount in services, and a letter like yours is certainly not very encouraging to one who is trying to do work of this kind for the public, and in which you, I think, are, or ought to be, quite as much interested as I am, or course, the officers of the association are trying to

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make mistakes. But you ought to realize that the only source or means at our disposal with which to pay men that work for this association are the subscriptions, and that unless we can collect these subscriptions we must either stop the work or run in debt. We are sorry, of course to offend any of the subscribers of the association. We try to do the best we can in the matter, and that is all we can do.

I think you will concede, upon reflection, that after all that has occurred between us as to your subscription, that your closing sentence, "thanking you for sending collection through attorney which was not due at this time", was ill advised, and should never have been written by you.

Yours truly,

Johnson Allen

President.

(Dic. by O.)

May 25, 1904

Adolph Kayser, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours received, enclosing bill for lumber. I wish you would make out two bills, putting into one bill that ordered by Mr. Johnson and stating for "Wahara river improvement", and putting the rest of the bill into a separate bill, and then return same to me and also enclose a check for $25.00 for your subscription on the Wahara river improvement, and I will at once send you two warrants, amounting to $132.20. Of course, I would not return this bill because you had not enclosed a check. You will understand that. I merely make this suggestion as the most feasible way of paying the bill and at the same time deducting the $25.00, amount of your subscription. This course of dealing is pursued by us in order to keep our accounts straight. Your bill will be paid at once on hearing from you again.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)
(Mnc.)

President.

May 25, 1904

Magnus Swenson, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I received your letter, enclosing list of trees obtained from nursery. I return herewith the list with prices marked opposite the different trees. If, however, you think the prices are not as low as they ought to be, please cut them down. I do not remember exactly our talk, and I want the matter satisfactory to you. Of course, you understand the money goes to the association and not to me.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

(Enc.)

Mr. O. C. Simonds,
Station X,
Chicago, Ill.

May 25, 1904.

My Dear Mr. Simonds:-

I send you, under another cover by express, a topographical map of what will be called "Henry Vilas Park." You will observe that the high ground included in the topographical part of the map includes about twenty-five acres, and we expect to make about seventy-five acres more ground out of the marsh or bog in front of the hard ground. You may, perhaps, remember this shore. The proposed park includes the whole of the lake shore that formerly belonged to the Wing's Park subdivision, now a part of the city. You will observe to the west of the proposed park lies what is called the sisters' property. We have a right of way across the back or high ground of that property through to what is a road running back by what is called the Chase house. The border line indicates the clear water line or where the present depth of water is about two feet. We shall want a design made for laying out all of this ground into a park and will want it made so as to furnish plan for improving the bog in front of the sisters' property, but so made that that shall be a separate matter. They have not yet agreed to throw that into the park, but they may do so later. At the same time, I send you some blue print paper, with the request that you will cause some ten or a dozen copies of blue prints to be made of the map. The blue printing machine at the University is broken, and there is no other machine large enough in the city to make the copies.

We shall want to arrange with you to come up to Madison sometime in the near future and look the ground over for the purpose of making a design.

Senator Vilas came forward and purchased the high ground, paying $18,000 therefor. There are other matters to be considered in connection with the improvement of this lake that I can explain to you when on the ground. They involve the connection of this lake with lake Monona by a water-way. It is by far the best chance for a fine park for the city that we have, and I think furnishes very good opportunity for landscape effects. Please return map and photographs except one you are to retain.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

All of the public streets within the limits of the park are to be vacated, and new streets laid out as will best subserve the interest of the park. The plan is also to have a drive around the lake in turn. But all of this we can discuss after the park commission

M. W. Torkelson, Esq.,

707 W. Dayton St.,

Madison, Wis.

May 25, 1904.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find warrant for $25.45 in payment of your bill for services in preparing typographical map for Henry Vilas Park. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me in enclosed stamped envelope, and much oblige.

(Dic. by O.)

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Yours truly,

John W. Olin

President.

Alfred T. Rogers, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

May 25, 1904.

My Dear Sir:-

You will remember that when I saw you some time since, you suggested that I remind you of the trees taken from the nursery. If convenient to your association to send a check for the trees so I will get it before the close of the month when we adjust our accounts for the month? I will be very much obliged.

(Dic. by O.)

Yours truly,

John W. Olin

President.

May 20, 1904.

Charles N. Brown, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:- Your letter to Mr. Porter was sent by him to me. I think there was some understanding with Mr. Forver that his subscription should apply on services that he had rendered for the association on proposed foot bridge in Tenney Park. Hence, we will straighten that subscription up in that way.

Yours truly,

John Olin
president.

(Dic. by C.)

May 25, 1904.

Lou S. Porter, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:- Your note on letter written by Mr. Brown to you received. You are right about the matter. At any rate, I feel that we owe him much and a good deal more. We expect this year to go ahead with the bridge, and I will see you some time later about the matter. I have written to Mr. Brown, explaining the situation.

Yours truly,

John Olin
president.

(Dic. by C.)

May 25, 1904

Julius T. B. Florin,

Menominee, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

I regret very much that yours of the 23rd did not receive my attention in time for your meeting this evening. I enclose, under another cover, copies of the two last annual reports of our association, and also an earlier report that gives a copy of the constitution and by-laws as they substantially remain at this time.

The new report for this year we expect we have out in a day or two, and will send you a copy of that.

Wishing you success, I am,

Yours very truly,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

May 25, 1904.

Fuller & Johnson M'f'g. Co.,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $4.80 for labor and material furnished Whitman Park & Pleasure Drive Association on Menominee river improvement. Please receipt and return to me the enclosed bill.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

May 6th, 1904.

Charles T. Brown, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I enclosed bill I should have sent to you. Is it something that I ought to send a warrant for?

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)
(Enc.)

May 27, 1904.

Adolph Kayser, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find two warrants, one for $170.[illegible], and the other for $2[illegible].22, for lumber for association. Please receipt both bills and return same to me.

Your check of $25.00 enclosed in payment of your subscription to the Yahara river improvement, I have turned over to Mr. Foyt.

(Dic. by O.)

(2 Warrants.)

(2 Enc.)

Yours truly,

[signature]

President.

May 27, 1904.

John T. Johnson, Esq.,

514 E. Mifflin St.,

Madison, Wis.-

Please get the three warrants attached to the three bills and receipts to the parties to whom they belong, Schinning, Sullivan and Krouse, and get the receipts sign and have same returned to me promptly, and oblige.

(Dic. by O.)

(3 Warrants)

(3 Enc.)

Yours truly,

[signature]

President.

May 27, 1904.

Crawford Harper, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Mr. Harper:-

I think if you understood just the situation as to the improvement we are trying to make along the Yahara river, you would get the posts all out along the river at the very earliest date possible. As you may know, we have graded the strip between the located road and the river and are now putting on black dirt, and we want, as fast as we put on the black dirt, to sow grass seed. Now if, after we put on the black dirt and sow the grass seed, your men have to go upon the same to take out the posts, they will practically disturb the work so that we shall have to prepare the ground again and re-sow it with seed.

A resolution was passed by the council about one year ago, requiring these poles to be taken out, and if you will remember, you promised that if the matter was left until winter or late fall, you would then get them out. At least, that is my recollection of the arrangement.

There is a line of poles also between the line east of Sherman avenue along the river which I suspect are poles of your company. We are just commencing work there, and, in fact, I think to commence work there this morning, and it will be necessary to have all these poles out. Of course, I am not sure that these poles belong to your company. If so, I wish you would see that they are removed.

Yours truly,

(Sig. by C.)

President.

June 2, 1904.

H. J. Johnson, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I would like to have you make out a time schedule, or bill, covering the whole month up to and including the 31st day of May, and I would like to have this signed both by you and the time-keeper, Mr. Joachim.

I would like very much if I could see you for a few minutes, but have been so busy of late that I could not get away. I don't know how far down you are on that side of the river, but I think that the plank or board and post retaining wall along there ought to be torn out in advance of your putting in the filling against it. Could you not come up to the office for a few minutes some time to-day or this evening, so that I can see you? There are two or three matters I would like to talk over with you for just a moment.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John Olin.

President.

June 2, 1904

C. E. Westover, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I understand you have been suggesting to the subscribers to the improvement of the Henry Vilas Park that they better be slow about paying their subscriptions, and indicating that the conditions had not been complied with, etc., etc. Now, I think this is pretty poor policy on the part of you or any other person out there. I don't know who started this report, but it is calculated to do much harm, and is also calculated to make Senator Vilas and Mrs. Vilas very angry if it gets to them. Before giving circulation to any such report, you certainly ought to take the precaution to find out whether you are justified in doing so, to say nothing about the interest you are supposed to have in the improvement. There is no foundation for making any such statement. It is true that the formal deed has not yet been made by Senator Vilas, merely because he has not yet got the deed from Miss Sterling to him, but he has stated in his letter to me, which is binding upon him, that we need not wait until he gets that deed, and that as soon as he gets the deed, he will make a deed of the whole land to the association.

The association has incurred some indebtedness, and is incurring indebtedness, to get the improvement started, and we cannot go any further with the matter if the people who have subscribed for the improvement are going to try and get out of paying their subscriptions.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Mr. Edward Powers,

[illegible], Wis.

June 2, 1904.

Dear Sir:-

The report, as coming to me from various sources, I don't know who has started it, that the conditions have not been complied with that make the subscriptions binding for the improvement of Henry Vilas Park. This is a pretty serious matter, I wish you would take it upon yourself to inform anybody who makes any such statement as this, that if it gets back to Senator and Mrs. Vilas, it is calculated to do a great deal of harm. There is no foundation for the report. You are familiar with the letter which Senator Vilas sent to me. It is true, the formal deed has not yet been made to the association, but that is merely because Senator Vilas has not yet secured a deed from Miss Sterling. But in his letter he tells me what must not stand in the way at all of going on with the improvement, and that as soon as he gets that deed he will make a deed of the small tract to the association.

Evidently, some mischievous person has been circulating this report, and it needs to be put a stop to at once.

Our Association has incurred some expense in the preliminary work on this improvement, has recently paid [illegible] to secure a topographical map, is in correspondence with Mr. Simonds to get him here to make a design for the improvement, and we do not wish to do any further in the matter if those who have subscribed for this improvement are to take the position that they are not going to pay their subscriptions.

Yours truly,

[illegible]

President.

Mr. C. B. [illegible],
Madison, Wis.

June [illegible] 1904

Dear Mr. [illegible]:

It is not too much trouble, I wish you could make out for me a list of newspapers that you think it would be well for me to send a copy of the report of the meeting to. We did this last year, and I think it a good way and very economical way of advertising our city.

Do not you think that would give us a little note editorially as to the character of the report, that is its artistic appearance? I think it is by far the most artistically gotten up of any of our reports.

Just a word too, at this time, as to the beauty of the drives would be, I think, a good thing. The chrysanthemums is now out in fine bloom and I think the drives never looked finer than they do now.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

June 3, 1904.

John T. Johnson, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith two warrants, one for $44.00, and the other for $85.08. The want for $44.00, I want you to sign on the back and return to me at once with both receipts. Out of this $44.00, I will pay for twenty bushels of oats, $9.60, and will then apply the balance of $34.40 on payment of the note for the horses. This is less than I am entitled to this month, but I will grant, in part, the request which you make. Please send the receipts and the warrant to the office by one of your children.

(Dic. by O.)
(2 Warrants.

Yours truly,

June 3, 1904.

Frank M. Wootton, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Could you not now send me a statement as to trees obtained from the nursery, and check for same, and very much oblige?

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President,

June 3, 1904.

Claus Clausen, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith warrant for pay for one month's work in Tenney Park, and also warrant for Ole Halverson for cutting grass in Tenney Park once. Please return both receipts to me in the enclosed stamped envelope.

(Dic. by O.)

(2 Warrants)

(2 Enc.)

Yours truly,

President.

June 3, 1904.

Alfred Rogers, Sec'y.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Your check for $25.00, payable to myself, for 100 trees at twenty-five cents each, received. The amount will be turned over to the association, since the trees belong to it.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

June 3, 1904.

Thomas Clauson, Esq.,

Mendota Station, Wis.

Dear Sir:- Enclosed find warrant for $47.15 with a receipt for you to sign. It would have helped matters some if you had receipted the bill when you sent it in. Please return the receipted bill to me.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

President.

June 4, 1904.

John F. Ioke, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Have you had time, as yet, to make measurements as to the filling out along the river so that we could find out how much ought to be paid by the parties interested to our association for the dirt put in on the basis of thirty-five cents per cubic yard? I would like very much to get the figures so that I can collect in the money for the association.

I take it from something I saw in the newspaper that the common council ordered this to be taken for improvement of Monona Avenue end. I regret exceedingly that this work should be pushed ahead in this way without having some conference, at least to see whether we could not have the ideas of Mr. Simonds included, if not entirely, yet as far as possible. It is rather difficult in doing work of this kind, after employing a man who has made a life study of it, to have it all tipped over at the suggestion of this one and that one whose considerations are largely influenced by personal matters.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

June 4, 1904.

Maligus Beemer, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $42.00 to pay your bill against the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive association for one double harness and blankets. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,
John [illegible]
President.

(Warrant)
(Enc.)
Enc

June 6, 1904.

Secret Agent, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed I send you warrants with receipts to be signed. You made a mistake as to one of Louis Ellerson's statements of $10.00 too much. You have it $60.83 whereas it should have been $70.83.

Hereafter, I wish you would hand in at the same time you hand in the statements, the time-book for the month, and you better have a separate time-book for each month. We will pay for them. I want Mr. Johnson to do the same thing.

Yours truly,

John M. Clair.

President.

(Dig. by G.)
(Encls.)

June 6, 1904.

John T. Johnson, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I wish you to get a separate time-book for each month and at the end of the month to hand the time-book of that month to me for the record of the time, so that I can look the same over.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin,

President.

(Dic. by O.)

June 6, 1904.

L. W. Joachim, Esq.,
145 N. Franklin St.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $30.60 to pay your bill as time-keeper on dredge for month of May. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

[illegible]

(Warrant)

[illegible]

June 6, 1904.

C. E. Westover, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

It seems to me from your letter that you have very little confidence, either in the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association or in the men who are managing its affairs. When you signed the subscription you made a contract, and it is to be presumed that the contract will be carried out on both sides. Your statement that there was "a disposition to know how, where and when the money is going to be applied", manifests great distrust toward the association and those in charge of its affairs. What has suggested to your mind that the money was not going to be spent according to the contract? If you people there think that every move that is taken must be first written out and sent to every subscriber, you certainly are mistaken as to what will be done. We have no time for any such unnecessary detail work. I must say that I am a good deal surprised at what I have heard you had said, as well as at the [illegible] terms and spirit of your letter.

Our association cannot abandon all the [illegible] other work that it is doing and that is entered upon before a park [illegible] in Winnebago Park was ever thought of. We are hurrying the work on the [illegible] ever as much as possible so as to get at the work in Winnebago Park as [illegible] as possible.

(Dict. by C.)

Yours truly,

President.

June 6, 1904.

H. M. Temple, Esq.,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Mr. Temple:

Please accept my thanks for copy of report of Board of Park Commissioners of St. Paul. Am very much obliged to you for same.

Under another cover, I send you a copy of our last annual report, recently published. I thought you might be some interested in it.

Yours truly,

Enc. by O.J.

President.

June 7,1904.

Patrick Griffin, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $48.60 for work for association during month of May. Please receipt and return enclosed bill to me.

Enclosed also find my personal check for $3.70 for two days work.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

(Check)

June 6, 1904.

Fuller & Johnson Mfg. Co.,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find two warrants, one for $1.25 for five handles for scrapers, and one for $1.50 for sharpening plow and putting on new fin cutter. Please receipt the enclosed bills and return same to me, and oblige.

(2 Warrants)

(2 Enc.)

Yours truly,

President.

June 11, 1904.

Hobart Johnson, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 10th just received and contents noted.

By an examination of the treasurer's report, you will observe that there is only down the amount paid of the subscription, and not the amount subscribed. The balance of your subscription of $500 will come in the next year's report. There is a statement of the amount subscribed for the Wahara river improvement last year on page 15 of the report, where you will find six $1,000 subscriptions. Your subscription is included in the six.

I trust the above explanation is satisfactory.

Yours truly,

(Dic. W. O.)

President.

June 13, 1904.

Dr. Samuel A. Nielson,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Nielson,- I wish you could call at the office for just a minute. I want to see you very much about Tenney Park. I have heard some matters concerning Clauson which show that he needs to be jacked up pretty suddenly. Want to talk it over with you.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

June 10, 1904

N. J. Johnson, Esq.,
[illegible] Johnson St.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I send herewith warrant for $[illegible].00, with receipt for you to sign. I also enclose the statement which you sent under date of June 8th, which you will see is not O. K'd. by Mr. Joachim. I cannot find any statement that is. I would like to have you make out a statement, not for one week merely, but for the whole month, and have Mr. Joachim sign same and attach it to the receipt enclosed, filling in the blank, and returning receipt to me.

I regret that this matter has been delayed as long as it has. I have not even had time to attend to my mail for the last two or three weeks.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)
(Warrant)
(2 Enc.)

[illegible]
President.

June 18, 1904

H. B. Estabrook, Esq.,
1935 Drake St.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

If you will call at my office about Friday, of next week, I will talk over with you the matter of cutting the hay in Wingra Park on what is known as Vilas Park.

If you get this in time and can call up Monday before five o'clock, I can talk the matter over with you then. I expect to leave for Chicago on the 5:45 train and may not be back before Thursday or Friday.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

June 18, 1904.

Fuller & Johnson Mfg. Co.,
Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $1.50 for sharpening and repairing plow for association, Yahara River improvement. Please receipt and return to me the enclosed bill.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

President.

June 20,1904

Mautz Bros.,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $8.00 for painting four signs for drives. Please receipt enclosed bill and return same to me.

Yours truly,

John M. Blair

President.

(Dic. by O.)
(Warrant)
(Enc.)

June 20,1904

Doyon & Rayne Lumber Co.,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for [illegible] for lumber for drives. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)
(Warrant)
(Enc.)

President.

June 20,1904.

George Sullivan, Esq',

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Wish you would write me, stating how much it would cost to sprinkle that portion of Sherman Avenue adjoining the park and Water street along the park as far as Johnson street, for the rest of the year, and also state whether you can have this sprinkling done. I think it very desirable that it should be done.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

June 20,1904.

International Harvester Company of America,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Could you make out a bill a little differently from the enclosed, stating what the articles are, so that I can make a proper record? Return the same to me and I will see a warrant is sent at once.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

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