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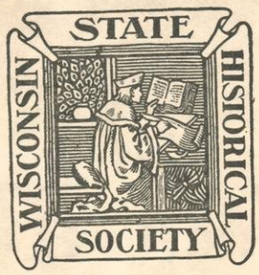

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John M. Olin.
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June 20,1904

C. D. Brandenburg, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Please accept thanks for yours of June 17th, containing list of papers. Am much obliged to you.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

June 20,1904

Frank M. Stratton, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of June 11th was duly received, enclosing check for $2.25 for trees obtained from nursery. Please accept thanks for same. I have turned the check over to Frank V. Hoyt, treasurer.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

June 20, 1904

E. C. Chaney, Esq.,
Supt. C. M. & St. P. Ry. Co.,
Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

The city has changed or relocated Water street, throwing the street back farther from the Kahara river, in this city. This necessitates moving the plank between the rails farther to the southeast on the Portage line of your road. The same change is necessitated on the Northwestern double track near your Portage track. I write to inquire whether you will not, we do mind is to see that this is done, and very much ob-liged.

Yours truly,

(Dict. by C.)

President.

June 20,1904

Severt Aasen, Esq.,

107 N. Blair St.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I would like to have gathered in at the end of this month all bills against the association of all kinds, including screenings, stone, lumber, tools and everything of the kind, so that we will know something where we stand. Please see Mr. John T. Johnson about the matter, so that he can assist so far as necessary. I want this to include the statement as to the number of days we have used the wheel scraper belonging to Mr. Quinn, and also the one belonging to Schimming and the one belonging to Keyes. I wish to settle up everything of that kind at this time.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

Robert Olive

President.

June 20,1904

Senator William F. Vilas,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Vilas:

I hand you herewith deed from Miss Sterling of lots 7 and 8, block 22, Winara Park Subdivision, and abstract continued down to date. Also letter of Miss Sterling to me, indicating how she wishes to have money disposed of.

You will observe the deed was originally drawn to be executed in Berlin, but was not executed until Miss Sterling reached Paris. This accounts for the erasures in deed.

If for any reason you think this deed not satisfactory, we can, without any doubt, secure from Miss Sterling another deed after her return. I judge she needs the money from what she says in the letter, and inasmuch as there has been considerable delay would like, if possible, that the matter be closed out now, and if you desire another deed after her return, I will see that the same is obtained. [illegible] I leave for Chicago this evening to be gone 2 or 3 days.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

(S Enc.)

[illegible]

President.

June 20, 1904.

Mr. H. Klövekorn,
Gutsbesitzer,
Klein-Haferbeck,
bei Uderwangen,
Ost-Pr.

My Dear Sir:-

Your very pleasant postal card of May 29th came just one day before the anniversary of your visit here. It reminded me of a very pleasant two or three hours' time with you. You may be interested in the last report of our association. I send you a copy under another cover.

With kind regards.

Yours very truly,

[illegible]

President.

June 20,1904.

John F. [illegible] Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

I know you are a very busy man and I dislike to put any extra work upon you, but I will be very much obliged indeed if you can get the measurements to me as to filling between Johnson and Dayton streets that I wrote you about some time ago. The estimates ought to be separated into three different parts, as I stated in that letter, so that I can make a proper settlement.

There is another matter that I call your attention to. It is the filling to be done for the Fauerbache on one-half of the end of Jenifer street. We are now at a point in our work where we need to finish up the strip along the river, and in order to do so properly, we ought to know the grade of that street end. I cannot myself see how the street end can be filled up as it is without throwing out of joint the whole of that end of Jenifer Street. I do not wish to appear to be interfering at all with the Fauerbache, but simply call your attention to this matter, so that we can have a grade set there that will enable us to properly finish our work. I think a part of the bend in that street will have to be removed. If so, and it is desired that our association should do that work, we will be glad to do it.

This is a matter that ought to be attended to at once.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Can you not see Mr. Olin and Mr. [illegible] Fauerbach [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

June 20, 1904

Mr. M. C. Clarke,

Care First National Bank,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

There is one piece of the river bank on the easterly side where the excavating does not seem to throw up ridge or bank enough to retain the same that you will want to pump in there. Perhaps it will be high enough when Mr. Johnson goes along the next time. I suggested to Mr. Johnson that you might desire to have him excavate enough there to make a proper bank and thus do away with the necessity of putting in plank. We should not, however, do this unless you specially ordered. We intend simply to excavate sufficient depth to get the six feet. However, if you should desire to get a little extra work done there and will speak to Mr. Johnson about it, it will be done for you for just what it costs us.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

June 20, 1904.

M. A. Cowan, Esq.,

Supt. N. W. Ry. Co.,

Baraboo, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Under the steel bridge on the northwestern track running between Madison and Milwaukee and over the Yahara river, are a number of piles that were originally driven in there and then cut off below the top of the water. It is impossible for our association with any tools or implements we have to get the stubs or piles out. They are directly under the bridge of the Northwestern Company. Yet it is absolutely necessary that we should get them out in order to deepen the central portion of the channel. The dredge will be soon going up the river ready to excavate under the bridge. I write to ask whether your company will not get out these piles so that we can do the necessary work.

We have thrown Water street back from the river, as you may have observed. By reason of this, the planking between the tracks on the main line of the northwestern road ought to be moved toward the city so that we can cross the tracks along the newly laid out line of the street. Will you be so kind as to see that this is done, and very much oblige?

Yours truly,

John W. Olin

President.

Copied by O.

July [illegible]

Hon. W. D. Curtis, Mayor,
Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

I would come over and see you personally had I the time to do so.

At the time that Judge Carpenter and Burr W. Jones made gifts of land to the city for park and playground purposes, in blocks 133 and 170, it was agreed by the common council in the resolution accepting the gifts that these two pieces of ground should be filled and put in shape for playground purposes before the close of the present year. Nothing has been done to accomplish this result in block 170, and only a little in block 133. As I remember, the city has purchased some dirt that is quite conveniently located to block 170,- some dirt from the property Mr. Rogers once owned. Would it not be well to bear in mind this resolution of the council accepting the gift, and see that some dirt is put in on block 170? The same thing is true with reference to block 133. I would like to see this resolution of the council accepting the gift carried out in good faith, if possible, for it will have a direct bearing on other possibly gifts to the city.

Upon my return from Chicago, I would like to see you some day personally, and will call at your office for that purpose.

Yours truly,

J. [illegible]

(Dic. by O.)

President.

June 24, 1904

J. M. Dunn, Agt.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find warrant for $12.00 to pay freight for three carloads of screenings. Will you be so kind as to sign the enclosed receipt and return same to me, and very much oblige?

Yours truly,

(Dis. by O.)

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

President.

June 24, 1904.

International Harvester Co. of America,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find two warrants, one for $3.30 for mower knife and repairs, and the other for $2.40 for sections for mower and repairs. Please receipt both bills and return same to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(2 Warrants)

(2 Enc.)

President.

June 24, 1902.

C. A. Parker, Esq.,
P. O. Box 397,
Hartford, Conn.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of June 22nd received and contents noted.

Under another cover, I send you a copy of the last annual report of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association.

Would be pleased to have the last report of the park association of your city.

Yours truly,

Pres. of C.C.

President.

June 24, 1902.

Fuller & Walker Co.,
Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for fifty cents to pay for repairing mower for Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt and return to me the enclosed bill, and oblige

Yours truly,

Enclosure

President.

June 24, 1904

J. A. Spaulding, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

It now seems impossible for us to get the dirt off from the eight rod strip by the first of August next. Mr. Riley informs me that he thinks they can get it off by September 1st next, but in order to make it perfectly sure would like to have the time extended to Sept. 15th next. They do not intend to delay matters a minute, but intend to crowd the removal of the dirt just as rapidly as possible. They are not working to pretty good advantage and are getting another engine made so they will be able to push matters pretty rapidly. I wish you would sign the enclosed agreement, extending time to Sept. 15th next, but with the understanding that the work will be crowded to the utmost limit so as to get the dirt off earlier, if possible.

I enclose a duplicate copy, so that you can retain one copy for yourself, and enclose a stamped envelope to return the other copy to me.

I will appreciate very much if you can sign the agreement extending time under the conditions above named.

Yours truly,

John W. Alvin

President.

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June 24, 1904

Crawford Harper, Atty.,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

Can you give me any idea as to when the poles will be taken out along Water street? I was out along the river on Sunday and found that nothing had been done at that time. Somebody had been using one of them as a hitching post and in that connection destroyed a lot of [illegible] near by.

You know the talks we have had about this matter. We would like very much to get Water street in as good shape as possible, so as to get the benefit to our work that comes from having done something that the public can see is to its advantage.

In getting out the poles, I wish you would see to it that the men disturb the grass that is just coming up nicely now as little as possible. Of course, I realize they will do some damage. But have them limit their disturbance to as small an area as possible. After the poles are out, we will at once re-seed the part that is torn up.

Yours truly,-

(Sic, by S.)

[illegible]

President.

June 24, 1904

Charles E. Brown, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Brown:

I think I owe something for banquet at time of our annual meeting. I wish you would let me know how much it is and I will remit at once.

Yours truly,

J. M. Olin

President.

(Dict. C. O.)

June 24, 1904.

Mr. O. C. Simonds,
Landscape Gardener,
Station X,
Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Sir:-

I have been intending for some time to make an arrangement with you to come to Madison, but have been so engaged myself that I could not do so. I write now to find out whether you can be here on Monday or Tuesday, of next week. I understood from Roy West that you would come up to Geneva on Monday, and it occurred to me that you might come from there to Madison. You had better plan to spend not less than two days here this time. I am exceedingly anxious that you should give this proposed new park thorough consideration, for I want Senator Vilas pleased in every way with the work. It might be well, on receipt of this, for you to send me a telegram, stating just when you will be here, and I will try and arrange to have Senator Vilas on hand. I would like, for several reasons, to have you meet him and have him on the ground while you are looking over the same.

I send you, under another cover, copy of our last annual report, and should like to have you give me your opinion as to what you think about its arrangement for artistic effect, etc.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin
President.

June 24, 1904

W. H. Manning, Esq.,
Landscape Architect,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

Under another cover, I send you a copy of the last annual report of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Should be pleased to have you glance the same through.

I wanted very much to be present at the meeting of the American Park and Out Door Art Association at St. Louis, but some litigation came up which kept me from going. You must have had a very enjoyable time.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

John A. Weir
Assistant.

June 24, 1904

John Sullivan, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed I hand you warrant for $98.75 for dirt drawn up to and including June 8, 1904. Will you and Mr. Kanouse please receipt the enclosed bill and return it to me in the enclosed stamped envelope?

Please get to me the amount drawn at the end of the month in addition to the above, and we will pay for that also.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

(Dict. by O.)

(Warrant)

(Env.)

June 24, 1904

Mr. Burton Hanson,

Gen'l. Solicitor,

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

Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Hanson:-

I want to visit you a little with a view of having Mr. select Madison as a place for a summer home. Hence, I send you, under another cover, a copy of the last report of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association. I thought you might be interested in glancing the same through.

I called upon you yesterday, but found you were away.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by D.)

John M. Blair.

President.

June 24, 1904

P. C. Eldridge, Esq.,
Supt. Prairie du Chene Div.,
C. M. & St. P. Ry. Co.,
Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Under another cover, I send you a copy of the last annual report of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. I thought you might be interested in glancing the same through. On pages 38 and 39, and 49 and 50, will be found a reference to the liberal aid given us by the railway companies.

I have very much admired the way in which you have improved the surroundings of your station here in this city.

I should be pleased some time when you are here and have a few hours at your disposal, to drive you over one of our drives.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

May 24, 1904

Judge J. M. Dickinson,
1 Park Row,
Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Sir:-

Under another cover, I sent you a copy of the last annual report of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. I should be pleased to have you glance the same through. You will observe from the statement on page 18, that in the last twelve years we have raised in this city something over $116,000, chiefly by private subscription, for the work of this association.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

J. Sewell Allen

Treasurer.

June 24, 1904

W. C. Kenney, Esq.,
Supt. C. M. & St. P. Ry. Co.,
Milwaukee, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

Under another cover, I send you a copy of the last Annual report of the Madison Park and Fleetside Drive Association. I thought you might be interested in glancing the same through. On pages 38 and 39, and 49 and 50, will be found a reference to the liberal aid the railway companies have given us in our work.

Very truly yours,

(Sig. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

June 24, 1904

[illegible] R. Ry. Co.,
[illegible], Ill.
[illegible]:-

Under another cover, I send you a copy of the report of our association and should be pleased to have you glance through the same. On pages 38 and 39, and also 49 and 50, will be found a reference to the liberal help the railway companies have given us. While we have not heard definitely, as yet, from your road as to the raising of track over Wingra creek so as to enable us to improve lake Wingra and connect that with lake Monona, I trust that you will give us a favorable reply.

On page 18, you will observe that we have raised, in this way, during the last twelve years, wholly by individual subscription, a little over $116,000 for this work.

I wish again here to express to you the gratitude of the citizens of Madison for the liberal treatment they have received at the hands of yourself and the road you represent.

Very truly yours,

(Dict. by C.)

John M. Olin
President.

June 24, 1904

Patrick Griffin, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I want to make out a statement of the tress, shrubs, etc., planted this spring. You have the statement, I think, that I furnished you. Would like to have you return same to me with your statement as to what was actually planted.

Yours truly,

John W. Clin

President.

(Dic. by C.)

June 24, 1904

Severt Aasen, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I want to have returned to me the statement by you, showing number of trees, shrubs, etc, planted this spring. You must have the one I furnished you.

Yours truly,

John W. Clin

President.

(Dic. by C.)

June 24, 1904

Mr. Marvin Hughitt,

Prest. C. & N. W. Ry. Co.,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Hughitt:-

I send you, under another cover, a copy of the annual report of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. I should be pleased to have you look the same through. You will find on pages 38 and 39, also 49 and 50, reference to the liberal aid given by the railway companies. On page 18, you will observe that we have raised in this city during the last twelve years, wholly by individual subscription, in all $116,000 for this work.

I wish here again to express to you the thanks of our Commissioners for the very liberal treatment they have received from you and your road.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olmsted,

June 26, 1909

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You are informed, I understand, of the proceedings before the council to improve Water street as relocated, between [illegible]ington Avenue and Williamson street or Wilson street. Across the [illegible] east of the avenue, the city now owns land on both sides of [illegible] relocated. Hence, that portion of the street must be improved at the expense of the city. Along the other two blocks, [illegible] land adjoining the street as relocated. The street as [illegible] sixty feet wide. As I am informed, the plan now is merely to have the street filled and graded to proper grade and not macadamized. [illegible] to me, that the association could do this filling, both for [illegible] and for you, cheaper than it could be done in any other way. And I figure it, I think the association could do the work and come out about even by charging thirty cents a cubic yard, measured in the fill. This is certainly twenty cents a cubic yard cheaper than the work could be done by contract with any other party. In order, however, for the association to do the work at this price, or in fact at any price, it is necessary that we should know at once whether you would wish to have the excavation [illegible] and that we should be through with the excavation below Williamson street bridge. The plan then is to move up the river, and one of the first places to excavate would be opposite these two blocks owned by you. The digging through this point is very hard and that makes the work somewhat higher than it otherwise would be. I write

[illegible] letter so that you can consider the matter and let me know [illegible] or two your decision. The proposition I make to you on [illegible] the association is as follows:

1. The association will fill to the grade as required by the plans and specifications of the city engineer, the fifty foot strip constituting Water street as relocated across lots 239 and 238 at thirty cents per cubic yard measured in the fill, you to pay one-half the expense of the filling, exclusive, of course, of the public street or streets. This proposition does not include, of course, any expense there may be in the way of putting in tiling or culverts that may be necessary to let water out from marsh into river. I presume there will be at least one such culvert in each block, one-half the expense of which would have to be borne by you.

2. Before any filling is done, a topographical survey is to be made of the ground as it now is by John F. Icke, city engineer.

3. After the filling is completed, Mr. Icke is to make another survey and determine the number of cubic yards put in place by our association, and his determination is to be final between the parties, you to pay the amount per cubic yard determined by Mr. Icke, for one-half the fill, exclusive of [illegible]

4. This proposition is conditioned on your notifying me of your decision in the matter not later than Thursday morning, of next week.

I make the above proposition for no other purpose than to assist you. It is a matter of importance to the association, and I think at the price named the association will be a little out of pocket. If it

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were easy to do so, I should prefer to keep track of just what it cost to do the work and then have him pay just what the work came to. But it is not easy to do this. However, I presume you would prefer to know in advance pretty accurately what the cost would be.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

June 25, 1904

Mr. Stuyvesant Fish,

Prest. Ill. Central Ry. Co.,

New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Under another cover, I send you a copy of this last report of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association. I should be pleased to have you look through the same. You will observe on page 18, that we have raised in this city, wholly by private subscriptions, and mostly in small amounts, during the twelve years, something over $150,000 for the work of the association. We are a small body, not over 25,000 or 23,000 at the present time.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John D. Olmsted

President.

June 25, 1904

Mr. John C. Welling,
Vice-Prest. Illinois Central Ry. Co.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Under another cover, I send you a copy of the last annual report of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. I should be pleased to have you look through the same. This association is sustained wholly by voluntary contributions. You will observe, by glancing at page 16, that we have raised during the last twelve years, wholly by voluntary contributions, and mostly in small amounts, a little over $116,000 for the work of the association. Inasmuch as Madison is a small city, not over 22,000 or 23,000, we feel this is a pretty good showing.

It occurred to me that the officials of your road might be interested in the work this association is trying to do.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

J. Scott Clair

President.

June 25, 1904

Mr. J. T. Harrahan,

Second Vice-Pres't. Ill. Cent. Ry. Co.,

Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Sir:-

Under another cover, I send you a copy of the last annual report of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. I should pleased to have you look through the same. This association is sustained wholly by voluntary contributions. You will observe by glancing at page 18, that we have raised during the last twelve years, wholly by voluntary contributions, and mostly in small amounts, a little over $16,000 for the work of the association. Inasmuch as Madison is a small city, not over 22,000 or 23,000, we feel this is a pretty good showing.

It occurred to me that the officials of your road might be interested in the work this association is trying to do.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by S.)

Jewett Brice

President.

June 25, 1904.

Edward P. Vilas, Esq.,

Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Mr. Vilas:-

Under another cover, I send you a copy of the last annual report of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. I thought you might be interested in glancing the same through, not only because of the general work of the association, but because of the very handsome gift to the association by your brother and his wife in memory of their son Henry. Nothing in our work thus far has been so generous as this gift, and I am sure that all of the citizens of Madison not only appreciate the gift, but are especially pleased that it was given in memory of one so generally esteemed by all the citizens of Madison as was Henry Vilas.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

June 25, 1904.

J. A. Steinle, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed I send you check for $500, dated June 25, 1904, signed by E. F. Riley, payable to myself as president and by me endorsed to you. This I believe completes the payment for the dirt. Will you send the receipt and return same to me, and much oblige?

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

June 27, 1904

Mr. E. F. Riley,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed I send you copy of agreement signed by Mr. Steinle, extending tome to remove dirt from eight rod strip to Sept. 15, 1904. I have the original with the other papers. You will observe that he reserves the right to enter on the eastern part of that eight rod strip after August 1st. I think he has made some arrangement to get out some other dirt there and wants a right of way wide enough to admit a team to pass through. He insisted on having this condition added before he signed the agreement, and I could not see any objection to it.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin.

(Dft. by O.)

(Enc.)

June 27, 1904.

Messrs. Sumner & Morrie,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find two warrants, one for $1.70 to pay for one enameled pail and cover and two tin cups and chain, and the other for $4.72 to pay for tools for drives. Please receipt and return the enclosed bills to me.

(2 Warrants)

Yours truly,

(2 Enc.)

President.

June 27, 1904

Mr. O. C. Simonds,

Landscape Gardener,

Station X,

Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Mr. Simonds:-

Your telegram, saying that you cannot be in Madison as stated in Saturday's letter, just received. I very much regret this. I had made arrangements for Tuesday and Wednesday, of this week, expecting you would be here Thursday and Friday. Next week comes the 4th, and I have to try a case the 5th and 6th, and have engagements on the 8th and 9th of July, I expect. The following week I must be at La Crosse to try a case that will take all of the week. I have been delaying nearly a month your coming here, because of my engagement in connection with this republican contest matter. The people interested in this proposed new park are very anxious to have something done. Moreover, there are a number of other matters here that I wanted to consult you about. If you are not able to come this week, it looks as though we could not get together until after the middle of July. Should regret very much this delay.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

Edward Allen

President.

June 27, 1904

The William Bayley Co.,

Springfield, Ohio.

Gentlemen:-

Yours of the 24th received . We have no use for any [illegible] fencing in the work that our association is doing.

Yours truly,

(Sic. By O.)

John M. Olin

President.

June 28, 1904

Northern Electrical Mfg. Co.,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Yours of the 27th received and contents noted.

I send you, under another cover, the annual reports of the association for 1903, 1902, and also for the year 1899. The latter contains a copy of the constitution and by-laws of the association and of the statute under which our association is organized. I think these three reports, together with the one already sent your Mr. Hough, will furnish him all of the printed matter as to our association which would be of any particular value.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

June 28, 1904

B. A. Smith, Esq.,

Supt. C. & N. W. Ry. Co.,

Baraboo, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of June 27th received and contents noted. Please accept our thanks for your promptness in the matter.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

June 28, 1904

Mr. O. C. Simonds,

Landscape Gardener,

Station X,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Simonds:-

Yours of June 27th just received.

You state in the letter: "Would the fore part of next week be a convenient time for you and Mr. Vilas?" I do not know whether you had in mind the fact that Monday of next week is the 4th. I will say, however, that I can arrange to have free July 4th and 5th, but that is the only time I can count on for that week. Hence, should be pleased to have you come up Sunday night so as to be here Monday morning, prepared to stay Monday and Tuesday. Please let me know whether you will be here at that time.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

Since dictating above Sen. Vilas called, and the above date will suit him. Hence, hope my next you will come. Don't have spending less than two full days.

June 28, 1904

Lindsay Bros.,

78 to 94 Reed St.,

Milwaukee, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

I wish you would send me by freight at once three of your slush scrapers, the same size I have heretofore ordered. I think they are what you call No. 1. At any rate, it is the larger size. Make out a bill for them against the Madison Park & Pleasure Driva Association and I will remit for same immediately upon receipt of the scrapers. Hope you will attend to the order at once, since we are in need of the scrapers

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

John M. Olin,

President.

June 28, 1904

Prof. L. H. Smith,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Inclosed you will find a warrant for the above, I judge, from your letter, that you have made some subscription. In order to keep accounts straight, I prefer to pay you the cash and you can pay cash on subscription. Please receipt enclosed bill and return same to me, and much oblige

(Dic. by C.)

June 29, 1904

H. H. Ratcliff, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

I regret exceedingly that anything I should have done caused you offense. In such matters, I always feel that writing letters does not help much. I learned of your feeling on my walk down town yesterday morning with Mr. Raymer, and I said to him I would go to you at once and talk matters over. On reaching my office, I found yours of the 27th, and I called you up over the phone.

There are certain things which I think might be explained, and one is that I certainly have had no other object in anything I have done with reference to the work of the association than to serve the public as best I could. I would not intentionally offend you or any other person, and am always willing to acknowledge any mistake made. We are all, of course, liable to make mistakes. You certainly misapprehended the spirit which prompted my remarks, though my manner may have justified you in the way you say. I can only say that I had no such intention and do not recollect at the time that I said or done anything that should cause offense. Of course, in judging whether I did or not, you ought to examine the basis upon which I made the remark, namely, that you were violating the rules as I understood the matter. Of course I am not, in stating this, assuming that I was right. I frankly concede that there was a misunderstanding and that you and the other automobilists are just as honest in your understanding of the matter as I was in mine. I regret exceedingly that you did not come to me personally about the matter. I think we could

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have come to an understanding in two minutes that would have been entirely satisfactory to all parties. I found Mr. Raymer very much excited, and I thought very unreasonable, yesterday morning; although I told him repeatedly that so far as I was concerned I should accept the position taken by the automobilists, that I should assume that they were right in their understanding of the matter, and that being so I did not see any occasion for any trouble or difficulty.

As you well know, this whole matter of allowing automobiles on the drives put the directors of the association between two fires. We certainly have tried, in good faith, and at the expenditure of a great deal of time and thought, to harmonize matters with the hope and belief that ultimately the question would be worked out to the satisfaction of every member of the association. I believe this can be done and have been well pleased so far with what has been done, and believe that with a little patience on both sides, we can work the problem out satisfactorily.

Of course, you and the other automobilists will understand that so far as I am concerned, no further objection will be raised to your use of the University drive, and it goes without saying that had I understood the position taken by the automobilists, nothing would have been said by me to you. In justice to myself, however, I wish to state, as I did to you at the time, that I am very certain that I stated to the directors (and, as I supposed, to the automobilists, but in this I presume I am mistaken) that one advantage to be gained by granting the concession asked would be that any one using the Lake Mendota drive would know that

except on excepted days they could do so without encountering an automobile on the University part of the drive, while if the concession was not granted this portion of the drive could be used at any and all times by the automobilists, and that it was absolutely necessary to go through the University drive to get upon the lake Mendota drive proper.

I can see, however, certain reasons for allowing automobiles on the University drives at all times, the main one being that these drives are wider than the drives under the control of the association, although a part of the University drive is rather narrow.

Of course, my remarks to you were not based upon any theory or claim that the drive through the University grounds was under the jurisdiction of our association, but wholly upon the theory that this was considered by both parties as a part of the lake Mendota drive on the negotiations that were had.

I have not consulted the other directors to ascertain what was their understanding, nor shall I do so, except for the purpose of ascertaining what their understanding was, and not for the purpose of seeking to enforce any rule as to the use of automobiles on the University grounds.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

June 30, 1904

Senator William F. Vilas,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Mr. Vilas:-

I enclose herewith the original and one copy of proposed deed from you and Mrs. Vilas to the association, I inserted the words "hereby conveyed" on page 4, thinking they were necessary to make clear the idea that it was the land conveyed that was to be approved, etc., rather than any land along lake Wingra run or creek.

I also send you a half dozen extra copies of the last annual report. I have enclosed them in a wrapper, so that if you wished to send any of them away you could easily do so.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(2 Enc.)

John M. Olin.

June 30, 1904

Mr. E. A. Hutchins,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Mr. Hutchins:-

Under another cover, I send you a copy of the last annual report of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association.

Yours truly,

Dict. by O.

John M. Olin

President.

June 30, 1904

Mr. A. S. Frank,

Portland, Oregon.

My Dear Mr. Frank:-

Under another cover, I send you a copy of the last annual report of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. I thought you might be interested in glancing the same through.

In a talk I had with Mr. Barker when here this spring, I judge you might possibly come this way some time during the summer or fall. If you do so, plan to take at least one meal at our house. Both Mrs. Olin and myself will enjoy very much seeing you. I trust you are in good health. With very kindest regards, I am.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

J. Carroll Olin

President.

Mr. Gus Barker,

Gen. C. & N. W. Ry. Co.,

Portland, Oregon.

June 30,1904

My Dear Mr. Barker:-

I send you, under another cover, copy of the last annual report of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association. I thought you would be interested in glancing the same through.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

J. Carroll Olin

June 30, 1904.

Starks-Levis Land Co.,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

I have just received a statement from John F. Icke, city engineer, of the amount of filling done by the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association on lands owned by your company as follows:

On remainder of lot 10, block 221,	213 cu. yds.
On part of lot 11, block 221, (remainder of lot being owned by Mackin),	85 cu. yds.
Total,	298 cu. yds.

The agreement between us last year was that this was to be done at thirty-five cents a cubic yard. At this figure, the 298 cubic yards amounts to $[illegible]. Can you send me a check for that amount? Make the same payable to Frank W. Hoyt, Treasurer. An early reply will very much oblige.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

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President.

June 30, 1904

Senator William F. Vilas,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Vilas,-

I enclose check for $1.25, remainder left after paying for recording the five deeds.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(Check)

John W. Olin

President.

June 30, 1904

Rev. Father Naughtin,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

I would like to send three or four copies of the last annual report of our association to the different clubs connected with the school, and I would be obliged to you if you could write out for me their proper name and address.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John W. Olin

President.

June 30, 1904

Mother Emily,

St. Clara College,

Sinsinawa Mounds, Wis.

Dear Madam:-

I send you, under another cover, a copy of the last annual report of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. I suppose you would be interested in perusing the same through. You will notice, on page 46, that I call attention to the generous gift of the park by your college.

We expect Mr. O. C. Simonds, our landscape architect, here in the city on July 4 and 5, to look over the grounds and make a design for the park. I will see that you are furnished with a copy of the same.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

July 1, 1904

Claus Clauson, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $50.00 for one month's work in Tenney Park ending June 30, 1904, and also warrant of $7.50 for Ole Halvorson for cutting grass in Tenney Park three times.. Please sign the enclosed receipt, and have Mr. Halvorson receipt the other bill enclosed, and return same in enclosed stamped envelope.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

(2 Warrants)
(2 Enc.)

July 1, 1904

Fuller & Johnson Mfg. Co.,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for forty-three cents to pay for your bill against Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

John D. Hayes, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

July 1, 1904

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $8.80 for your bill for horse-showing for association. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

John W. Alvin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

(Warrant)

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July 1, 1904

Lindsay Bros.,

Milwaukee, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $12.75 to pay for three No. 1 Nyelup scrapers. Please receipt the bill and return the same to me, and much oblige.

Yours truly,

John W. Alvin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

(Warrant)

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July 1, 1904

Mr. Charles W. Garfield,

Grand Rapids, Michigan.

My Dear Sir:-

Under another cover, I send you the last annual report of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. I thought you would be pleased to glance the same through.

A letter just received from Mr. O. C. Simonds states that you and other gentlemen will probably be here in the city on the 4th or 5th. I trust that you may be able to come. I shall be pleased to meet you and show you something of our city and surroundings.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John W. Allen,

President.

July 1, 1904

Prof. W. D. Taylor,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

Was the map from which blue prints were made, of Lake Wingra, that was prepared under the direction or supervision of Prof. Smith, left with you? Prof. Smith was of the opinion that the students that prepared the topographical map of the high ground, got this map, and that it was not returned to him. I have one blue print, with a proposed two hundred foot right of way for driveway and speedway purposes sketched in from the foot of Warren street to the outlet of Wingra run. This was sketched in after the map was first prepared. I would like to get possession of the original map, and would like also to have as many as a half a dozen additional blue prints made from the same. If you have the map, and can have the blue prints made, and sent to me with statement of cost of same, I will be very much obliged.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

Jas. Wells Blair.

President.

July 1, 1904

Dr. Edward G. Kremers,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Kremers:-

I have been trying to reach your house by phone, but something seems to be the matter with the line. I now expect Mr. Simonds to be here on the morning of Monday next to look over Henry Vilas Park for the purpose of preparing a design for the same. I should be very much pleased to have you present when Mr. Simonds is on the ground, and also any other citizens in Wingra Park that might be interested in the design.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

John W. Alvord

President.

July 1, 1904

Editor Park & Cemetery & Landscape Gardening,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

Under another cover, I send you a copy of the last annual report of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. I should be pleased to have you glance the same through. You will observe from page 18, that in the last twelve years we have raised $116,000, wholly by voluntary contributions, for this work. Inasmuch as our city numbers only 22,000 or 23,000, and much less twelve years ago, we think this is a pretty good showing. I do not know of any other city in the United States of the size of Madison where so much has been done for the maintaining of an association of this kind wholly by voluntary contributions.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

July 1, 1904.

Mr. N. J. Johnson,

1119 E. Johnson St.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

In looking over my bills, I do not find bill of A. E. Kayser, which I handed to you at one time when you were here. Will you please return same to me, and oblige

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

July 1, 1904.

Sister Bertha, O. S. D.,

Edgewood Villas,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Madam:-

Under another cover, I send you a copy of the last annual report of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Should be pleased to have you glance the same through.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

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July 1, 1904

Mother Baptist, O. S. D.,
Holy Trinity School,
Bloomington, Ill.

Dear Madam:-

Under another cover, I send you a copy of the last annual report of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. I thought you would be interested in looking the same through. You will notice on page 46, that I call attention to the generosity of the St. Clara College in connection with the proposed new park.

(Dic. by C.)

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

July 1, 1904.

Sister Clement, O. S. D.,
Edgewood Villa,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Madam:-

Under another cover, I send you a copy of the last annual report of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Should be pleased to have you glance the same through.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

John M. Olin

President.

July 1, 1904.

Mother Reginald, O.S.D.,
Edgewood Villa,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Madam:-

Under another cover, I send you three copies of the last annual report of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association, one for yourself and the other two for such use as you may desire to make of them. I thought you would be interested in glancing the same through.

I expect now that Mr. Simonds will be here on Monday morning, of next week, to look over the ground preparatory to making a design for improving the land for park purposes. When the design is completed, I will furnish you with a copy without expense to you.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

July 1, 1904.

Sister Richard,
196 Oneida St.,
Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Madam:-

Under another cover, I send you a copy of the last annual report of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. I thought you might be interested in looking the same through.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin
President.

July 2, 1904

Mrs. Daniel Smiley,

Mohonk Lake,

Ulster Co., New York.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of June 28th received and contents noted.

Under another cover, I send you a copy of the last annual report of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive association. The book which you refer to as having been sent to me has not yet been received, but I presume it will be along in the next mail. Thank you very much for the same.

Should be pleased to have you glance through the report when

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

J. Howell Allin

President.

July 2, 1904

G. A. Parker, Esq.,

P. O. Box 397,

Hartford, Conn.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of June 30th received and contents noted.

If the report which was sent you the 24th does not reach you, please give me a postal card and I will see that another copy is sent.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

J. Howell Allin

President.

July 2, 1904.

Thomas Clauson, Esq.,

Mendota, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $48.10 to pay for your bill for work on drives up to and including July 1, 1904.

Hereafter, you had better make out your bill up to and including the last day of the current month, so as to keep the months separate.

Hereafter, I wish you would watch the small shrubbery more carefully rather than to give your time to digging around the trees that are well started. I have instructed the men to stay over on that side until they get the trees and shrubs on the island in good shape.

I was over the drive toward the asylum on Sunday last and was pleased to find things looking so well.

The suckers ought to be taken off from the single trees along through Woodard's land and in some other places. I do not mean by this the trimming of the trees out, but simply taking off the suctions from the bottom.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(Warrant)

J. Scott Olin.

President.

July 4, 1904

John F. Ickes, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Has grade been fixed at foot of Fauerbach street? If not, hope same can be done at once. Our men are now up to that point with work and cannot proceed farther until that matter is settled.

At same time, grade stakes should be set, indicating grade of new road to be built from Williams street to Jenifer street on Fauerbach property.

Can you help to get decision from Burrows at once? We would like to know immediately whether we are to do that work for him at thirty cents per cubic yard, measured in fill. If we are to do the work, we would like to know now, so as to arrange for the excavating.

Yours truly,

(Dict. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

July 5, 1904.

James R. Wylie, Esq.,

Prest. National City Bank,

Grand Rapids, Michigan.

My Dear Sir:-

Under another cover, I send you a copy of the three last annual reports of our association, and also a copy of an earlier report in which the latter containing a copy of the law under which our association is organized and also of the articles of incorporation and by-laws of the association. Section two, of article one, of the by-laws, has since been amended so that any one who gives five dollars, or over, becomes a full member of the association, except on the one question of voting to change the articles of association. This change makes our association more democratic, and I think was a wise one to make. You will observe in the list of contributors for our regular work we have a $25 list, then follows the $10 list, among which are a few $15 subscriptions, and then the $5 list. The subscribers for the present year do not appear in the report. They appear in the report of the coming year.

If I can aid you in any other way, please feel free to call upon me.

I shall remember, with great pleasure, our trip of yesterday, and only regret that you could not have remained over another day and thus spent the other two drives, the other half of the one we took yesterday, and the other drive toward Farwell Point.

Yours truly,

President.

July 5, 1904

George B. Clementson, Esq.,

Lancaster, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of June 2nd reached me this morning. I take pleasure in sending you, under another cover, a copy of the three last annual reports of our association, and also of an earlier report in 1899, which latter contains a copy of chapter 55, laws of 1899, and of the articles of incorporation and by-laws of the association. Section two, of article one of the by-laws, has since been amended so that any one who pays $5.00, or more, becomes a full member, with the single exception of the right to vote on the question of changing the articles of association. This change has made our association more democratic, and I think was in the right direction.

I hope very much you will be successful in securing the tract of land for park purposes.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

July 6, 1904.

Patrick Griffin, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find check for $5.55 to pay for work for me, and two warrants to pay for work for association. Please get receipts back as soon as you can conveniently.

(Dic. by O.)

(Check)

(2 Warrants)

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

July 6, 1904

J. M. Minch & Son,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $46.10 for bill against Madison Drive Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill to me.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

(1 pc.)

John M. Olin

President.

July 6, 1904.

Severt Aasen, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed herewith find warrants, and bills to be receipted, for men working for association. Please get receipts back to me as soon as you can.

As I understand it, the work you and Joseph Ryan did for me is not included in the bill against the association, and for that reason I sent separate checks. If I am wrong about this, please let me know.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

July 6, 1904

Otto Kney, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of July 5th received, and contents noted. I have nothing to do with making the collection of subscriptions to the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. That is done by Frank W. Hoyt, our treasurer. I do not think he, as a rule, sends formal receipts, unless specially requested, but if you will drop him a line, no doubt he will do so.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President

July 7, 1904.

C. A. Parker, Esq.,
Prest. American Civic Art Association,
P. O. Box 397,
Hartford, Conn.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of July 5th received, and contents noted. Under another cover, I send you another copy of the last report of our association.

(Dic. by O.)

Yours truly,

Magnus Swenson, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

July 7, 1904.

Dear Mr. Swenson:-

Yours of July 6th received, enclosing check for $126.20, for trees. Please accept thanks for same. I have turned the same over to Mr. Hoyt, who will place the same to the credit of the Association.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

July ?, 1904

Bradford Whitney, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Bradford:-

Enclosed find warrant for $20.78 for your pay up to and including June 30, 1904, for keeping time on dredge. Please sign receipt and return same to me, and oblige.

The dredge will soon be getting ready to go under the bridge and there will be no time kept during that time. I am thinking some of making a change as to keeping of time, and I wish you would call and see me about the matter.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)
(Warrant)

John W. Alvin
President.

John Sullivan, Esq.,
2415 Winnebago St.,
Madison, Wis.

July 7, 1904.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find warrant for $68.13 to pay for balance of dirt drawn by you and Mr. Kanouse up to date. Please have receipt signed and returned to me in enclosed stamped envelope.

(Dic. by O.)
(Warrant)

Yours truly,

John W. Alvin

July 6, 1904.

M. Lyons, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $3.60 for bill against Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt and return to me the enclosed bill.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

President.

July 7, 1904.

Peter Burger, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $5.53 for your bill against Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt and return to me the enclosed bill.

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Yours truly,

President.

Maligus Boehmer, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

July 6, 1904.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $10.20 for your bill against Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill to me.

(Warrant)

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

Henry Kessenich, Agt.,

Madison, Wis.

July 6, 1904.

This is not for any work done at road across marsh. J.M.O.

My Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith a bill for work and material furnished in repairing road leading to house on Stevens farm. This is just what has been paid out by the association for the labor and material, according to bill furnished me by our foreman. I send it to you, thinking you could best attend to the matter.

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

July 6, 1904.

Mrs. B. J. Stevens,

To Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association, Dr.

For man and team, 2 days, 3 hours,	$9.20
For stone and quarry screenings used in repairing drive,	5.20
Total,	14.40

July 7, 1904.

Blied & Schneider,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $1.70 for bill against Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt and return to me the enclosed bill.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

John M. Olin

President.

July 7, 1904

W. W. Joachim, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith warrant for $43.69 for your bill for keeping time on dredge up to and including June 30, 1904. Please sign receipt and return same to me.

I do not remember of having agreed to pay any extra price for the night work, but have decided to pay your bill as presented. I have decided to stop the keeping of time on the dredge. Hence, you may make out the bill for the work up to the present time and I will have the same cashed.

The stopping of the keeping of the time is not by reason of any dissatisfaction with your work. I think your work has been very carefully and faithfully done.

Yours truly,

(Dic. By O.)
(Warrant)

July 7, 1904.

J. F. Paunack, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $39.15 to pay your bill for crushed stone and screenings. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill to me.

Yours truly,

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James R. Wylie, Esq.,

Prest. First National City Bank,

Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Dear Sir:-

Through an over-sight, I neglected to send you a copy of typewritten brief which you asked me to send. You are entirely welcome, if you see fit, to have a copy made of this, and return the original to me. If it will be of any good to you or your people there, I shall be very glad. Of course, you will understand that it is not gotten up with the care that it would be if it were prepared with a view of having it printed in brief form. It is something I did to satisfy myself, and not in my capacity as retained attorney for any one, and was done nine years ago.

Very truly yours,

John W. Olin.

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

July 7, 1904.

Hon. Charles W. Garfield,

Grand Rapids, Michigan.

My Dear Mr. Garfield:-

Your very kind and appreciative letter of [illegible] just received. There is one statement in it that I want to emphasize, and that is the desirability of having Mr. Simonds, or some other competent person, outline your general plan at the beginning, as you suggest. I have been all through with the ordinary and common experience in this work. We started out without the aid of any landscape architect. We made many mistakes. Some of them we have since corrected, others we could not well correct. The more I have had to do with this work, the stronger I have felt the absolute need of having the aid and counsel of a person like Mr. Simonds, and of following implicitly, generally speaking, his suggestions or designs. He called my attention to two or three errors we had made in our work along the river the last time he was here. They are errors we can correct. But it costs money to do work over twice. It is much cheaper in the end, and much better in every way, to pay out money for the services of a man like Mr. Simonds. No money spent by us is better spent. I cannot speak too strongly along this line. Men who are not educated in this particular work differ so much as to what ought to be or ought not to be done, and are apt to think, until they have had some experience, that they know about as much as any other person as to how such work should be done. Hence, the safe rule to follow is to select a competent person, one trained in this branch of work, and then do your best to follow out his plan or design.

(Dict. by O.)

Very truly yours,

July 8, 1904.

Prof. J. L. Smith,
Madison, Wis.

My dear Mr. Smith:-

After seeing you, I wrote to Prof. Taylor to see if he knew anything about the original map of lake Wingra. He writes me that he has not seen the map and has had nothing whatever to do with it. The only thing I have in my office is one blue print, with the proposed speedway, etc., sketched in. I would like very much to have the original map from which the blue prints were made. Will you be so kind as to look into the matter and see if you can get the same for me?

Yours truly,

J. Lowell Adkins

President.

(Dic. by O.)

July 8, 1904.

Hon. David Stephens,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

Enclosed I send you warrant for $65.50 for 131 cubic yards screenings at fifty cents per cubic yard. This is the number of cubic yards according to weight as furnished us by the St. Paul Company. Their original report to us is on file here in the office and you can examine it any time you call. The stenographer made out the bill.

You made a subscription of $10.00 to the Yahara River improvement, to be paid for in screenings. I preferred to send you the check for the full amount, and wish you would send to Frank W. Hoyt, if you have not already done so, your check for $10.00. This is simpler and enables us more easily to keep our accounts straight.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(Warrant)

President.

July 11, 1904

M. C. Clarke, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

I leave the city to-day about noon to be gone the rest of the week, in all probability. If you should decide to handle the sand along the river as I suggested the other day, you ought to see Mr. Johnson at once before he takes his dredge down, and have him raise the bank at that one low place, so the water would not run out over it. The more I think of the matter, the more I think I am right, and if you attempt to have the water run out into the river you will fill the river up with sand. Of course, if you do this, we shall expect you to clear the river out again without expense to the association, so that it will be in as good condition as it is now. That is the only interest I have in matter.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John W. Alvin

President.

July 11, 1904

Henry Bauerbach, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I leave the city to-day noon to be gone, in all probability, the rest of the week. I called you up by phone this morning, but found you were out of the city. I wanted to see whether you could give me any idea when the house would be moved off from the strip where the road is to be built. I do hope that you will get this done at the earliest date possible. I wish also that you would see our foreman down there, John T. Johnson, (not the dredger) and tell him just the height of the grade on the fifty foot strip at the foot of Jenifer street, and also indicate the grade at Williamson street, so that he will understand just how much sand to take off before putting on the other dirt.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M Olin

July 11, 1904

Hon. George B. Burrows,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

Will you please drop me a line, stating that our associates can do the work of filling in the blocks referred to in my letter to you and on the terms referred to in my letter to you on June 28th. It is necessary for us to have such a letter on this by reason of the [illegible] interested in the matter.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

July 11, 1904.

T. G. Cheney, Esq.,

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

Milwaukee, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

I would like very much to see you personally with reference to two or three matters pertaining to the improvement of the Yahara river, especially with reference to the bridge crossing the river on the Watertown track next to the Williamson street bridge. There ought to be some filling done out as far as the new cement abutments at each end. I also want to see you about the piles in the river at this point. We must do some more excavating there but are fearful that the present piles in the river will not permit of this. I leave this noon for La Crosse to be gone for the rest of the week. I shall be in Madison on Monday, of next week, and wish you could meet me here at that time. Please drop me a line, stating whether you can do so.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

July 11, 1904.

Mother Reginals, O. S. D.,
Edgewood Villa,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Madam:-

Mr. O. C. Simonds, our landscape gardener, was here on the 4th and 5th, and, among other things, he staked out the proposed drive through Henry Vilas Park and also the property owned by St. Clara College. You will observe a line of stakes, all of which come within the fifty foot strip. They are placed about fifty feet apart. The line of stakes indicate the outer or northwestern line of the proposed road. I think they are set so as to make a very beautiful drive through the grounds.

Before making a road, however, we shall put in a fence on the upper side and also construct an under-ground passageway, both for persons and for stock. We think the best place for the under-ground passageway for persons is at the ravine just opposite one of the springs and in a line almost between your house and the spring.

We think the best place for the under-ground passage for stock is quite near the fence next to Chase's, and where the road comes near the bank. The passageway can be made here without doing but comparatively little cutting, and we can make a fence out into the lake for the stock at this point I think better than at any other. If for any reason you object to the location of these two underground passageways, please let me know. Mr. Simonds will make a design for both of the passageways. We want to have them neatly constructed.

We will build the fence and the passageways before attempting to build the road, so that the stock will not be cut off from the lake. We

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shall put up first the fence upon the upper side of the fifty foot strip. You can then see how matters look and can determine later whether you wish a fence also constructed along the lower side of the fifty foot strip. We hope, however, that you will not wish this latter fence and that you will determine ultimately to keep the stock out from this strip and thus give the trees a chance. That is a matter, however, we can talk over later. We will order turned cedar posts and have them stained or painted green, and will try and make a very neat fence in every way. You will observe that but very few trees will have to be taken out to make the road, and most of these are not good trees . I will have the men cut the trees up into four foot lengths for wood for you people and will make no charge for that. We will also do the same with reference to any dead trees that we take out.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

July 11, 1904

C. F. Cooley, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

I find, on looking at the work along the river, that our men have made a mistake as to the filling on your block. Of course, it is not your fault. They have filled out farther than they ought to. You will remember there were two lines of stakes set there, and they got matters mixed, notwithstanding I expressly told the foreman just what the facts were. Now, I wish you and Mr. Icke would get together and have permanent stakes set at each side of your block at the proper point, and we will work to those stakes. I hope very much that you will give this matter your personal attention at once. I will regard it as a great personal accommodation to me.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

July 11, 1904

Magnus Swenson, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

I told Mr. Johnson, the dredger, to see you and to have you see Mr. A. O. Fox, and you three determine on the best method to pursue to do whatever excavating is necessary above the dam. I wish you would try and see Mr. Fox and talk matters over, and determine just what Mr. Johnson better do. I felt as though you and Mr. Fox are the two persons of the board of directors who would know best how the work should be done and just what arrangement had better be made with Mr. Johnson. If you will attend to this matter, I will appreciate it.

Very truly yours,

John M. Olin

(Dic. by O.)

President.

July 11, 1904

John T. Johnson, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I tried to get word to you Saturday night and all day Sunday, but, as Severt informs me, he did not find you until this morning. You will remember I had a talk with you Saturday afternoon about getting scraper and about arranging to let some of the men go, so as to do the work to advantage. As I understand the matter, you did nothing whatever toward making such arrangement; that you did not see Severt, or attempt to see him. Now, you ought to have arranged matters on Saturday evening and notified the men. I presume you have a supply of men to-day, unnecessary to do the work, and thus working at very great disadvantage to the association. You should have straightened these matters all out Saturday night, or not later than Sunday morning; should have found out about the scraper and have either gotten it Sunday or have started the first thing this morning. If you expect to work for the association, and expect me to keep you in steady employment, I expect that you will take personal interest in matters and that you will come to me with them without my having every time to go to you. It was a part of the understanding that you was to have a telephone at your house so that I could get word to you when I wanted to. It has been very difficult to reach you at all. For some reason, you are hardly ever at your house, and that makes it difficult to make any arrangements or changes in plans. I am going away to-day noon, to be gone all of the week, and was especially desirous to have you get the work organized so as to do it to the best advantage.

The exact grade along the Fauerbach property you can get from Mr. Ladd, the engineer. He told me it is about six inches higher at the foot of Jenifer street than the present filling and will run on an even grade from there to a point about six inches above the present grade of Williamson street if they get that house out of the way, I think there is a good deal of earth that can be taken out by wheel-scrapers before you scrape the other dirt over into place. If the Fauerbachs have not already done so, you had better have them put an iron stake at their eighty foot line both on Williamson street and Jenifer street. There is to be built next to this line a five foot sidewalk, then a two foot and a half cement curb and gutter, then a sixteen foot macadam roadway, making in all twenty-three and one-half feet. Then we are to have the parkway outside of that twenty-three and one-half feet between that and the river. The roadway will have to be on an even grade and level on top, but outside of the roadway, between that and the river, we can grade down to the best advantage for park purposes.

If you get the fifty foot strip ready to put good dirt on, you had better get word to Sullivan and Kanouse to commence drawing dirt. In that event, they had better draw sod first to put along the edge of the bank. Tell George that he must in some way get the sod tamped down smoother than that just west of the tracks on this side of the river. Also consult with Ferguson, the dredger, as to how you had better fix up the portion of the bank where it will be washed by the lake along where we talked over that Sunday morning.

Yours truly,

John McGee

President.

July 11, 1904

Sevvert Aasen, Esq.,
107 N. Blair St.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

From what little I have observed, I fear that Andrew does not get out with the team of the morning much, if any, earlier than Louis did. I came past your place that morning, and it must have been certainly ten minutes after seven before I turned off from the avenue, and I had not see anything of the team up to that time. I will see you personally about this matter later and talk matters over. I wish, however, you would keep pretty close watch of things. One of the main reasons of our getting a team of our own was to be able to get out on time in the morning.

I meant to say that the work to be done in the Henry Vilas Park (Wingra Park) is to be kept separate; that is, you are to keep a separate account of the work there and make out separate statements, for this work is to be paid out of a special fund.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

July 11, 1904.

L. W. Joachim, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $10.05 to pay your bill for keeping time from July 1 to July 7 inclusive. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

July 11, 1904

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Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $4.25 to pay your bill. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill to me.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

July 18, 1904.

Mr. N. O. Starks,

Care Starks-Levis Land Co.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

On June 30th, I wrote your company, stating that there was due to our association for filling, as per aggreement, $109.30. The bill has not yet been paid. I called Mr. Levis up by phone a week or ten days ago, and he said he would attend to the matter in a day or two. I called up your office again this morning by phone and find that Mr. Levis is gone to Mexico to be gone two or three weeks. Our association is in need of funds to go on with that work. We have paid for the work done, and it would be a very great accommodation if you could send me a check for the amount of the bill against your company. The figuring was done wholly by Mr. Loke, and I have simply taken his figures.

Yours truly

July 18, 1904.

Mr. Daniel Smiley,

Mohonk Lake, N. Y.

My Dear Sir:-

Yours of July 15th received. Under another cover, I send you a copy of the two previous annual reports of our association.

Yours truly,

J. Merrill Olin

President.

(Lic. By C.)

July 18, 1904.

John T. Johnson, Esq.,
514 E. Mifflin St.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

There is one thing I meant to speak to you about yesterday, but forgot about it. I cannot be bothered any more, as I have been in the past, with men coming to me for their pay, who have worked for you on the river. These men are entitled to their pay and they have, in law, a lien against our association for their pay, which they, perhaps, do not understand. Hereafter, you must pay the men that work for you at the end of each month if you desire to work for the association. I have been annoyed beyond measure by men coming to me for their pay, and find that in my absence Mr. Fred Rommalfanger came for another $2.00, and through the intervention of Dr. Nielson succeeded in getting a warrant for that amount. The receipt for that warrant has not yet been returned to the office. Please have the same sent up to the office either personally or by mail without any further delay.

Yours truly,

(Dict. by JT)

President.

July 18, 1904.

Fred W. Coombs, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Frank W. Hoyt has handed me a letter which you wrote under date of July 12th. I do not know as it requires any answer, but I take the trouble to write simply because I think the people in Wingra Park ought to be a little careful about what they say and what threats they make as to their subscriptions. The fact is that Senator Vilas, in the deed which he made to the association, puts in a condition, among other things, that not only $10,000 shall be expended within a certain time in improving the park and land immediately in front, but also that this water channel shall be cut and paid for within a certain time. Hence, you see, in order to meet Senator Vilas' conditions, it will necessitate the expenditure of at least $13,000 within the time named. But this will by no means complete that park. I presume, before we get through, it will require from $20,000 to $40,000. Now, when you remember this, don't you think it is a little unwise, not to say foolish, for you people to be worrying lest the $10,000 subscribed be not applied just as you think it ought to be. Of course, if any of that money is used in the first instance to pay for dredging - and none of it has been so used,- it will all be replaced, and ten times over, in all probability, for the improvement of the ground immediately in front of the hard land. Moreover, the getting of this waterway in the most valuable thing that can be done for that park. You people all know this fact as well as other people, and why raise the objection such as you raise in your letter? Every dollar paid on that subscription is being kept in a

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separate fund and a separate account will be kept of every dollar spent, and a statement made at the close of the year of the amount paid and how it has been expended, etc. Nothing will be done in the dark. It seems to me it is about time for you people out there to pull together, and not be trying to raise objections at every turn that may serve to hurt the improvement. What you want ultimately is not only the twenty-five acres of hard ground, but the fifty acres in front improved and the waterway connecting with the other lakes, and also a drive around the whole of lake Wingra. will at this be-[illegible] paying [illegible] for

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

July 18, 1904.

G. L. Stiner, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

Yours of July 14th came in my absence from the city. I regret that there should have been any trouble about the pulverizer. If you have not already had the use of it, you are entirely welcome to it, and all you need do is to see it is returned when you are through with it.

Of course, you understand that men working for the association don't always exercise a very wise discretion.

Thank you for the enclosed check of $10.00 for the general drive work, which I have turned over to Mr. Hoyt.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

J. Howell Olin

President.

July 18, 1904

R. A. Cowan, Esq.,

Supt. C. & N. W. Ry. Co.,

Baraboo, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

The throwing of Water street back from the river a distance of sixty or seventy feet makes it necessary to change the railway embankments next the water's edge somewhat. I would like to see you personally on the ground, if I could, some time this week. I am to be absent from the city to-morrow, Tuesday, but shall be here Wednesday, Thursday and Friday forenoon. I expect to leave Friday noon. Could you not run down some time Wednesday or Thursday and look matters over with me? I would appreciate it if you could do so.

Yours truly,

Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

July 16, 1904.

Mr. A. Pettibone,

La Crosse, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Under another cover, I send you a copy of the last annual report of the La Crosse Park & Pleasure Drive Association. I thought you might be interested in glancing the same through.

While a very large number of our citizens are interested in this work, and this fact is a great source of strength, yet we have labored under the disadvantage of having but very few people in our city who either were able or willing to do much in any large way along this line of work. In that respect, La Crosse has been much more fortunate. The gift you have made is a magnificent one, and will be increasingly appreciated and enjoyed as the years go by. I was glad of the opportunity of seeing the island, its beautiful location and great possibilities for a fine city park.

Very truly yours,

(Per O., by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

July 20, 1904

John T. Johnson, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

You need give no further orders to any other people for me to pay any sums of money. I shall not honor any further orders, unless they are gotten at my request. These orders are coming in for me to pay in advance of the wages earned. You seem to forget our agreement as to the payment of the horse. I shall expect, at the end of this month, that you will pay enough to make up the average payment of $40.00 per month since you commenced work.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John W. Alvin

President.

July 20, 1904.

Sumner & Morris,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $6.00 to pay your bill against Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt enclosed bill and return same to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

John W. Alvin

July 20,1904.

Mr. M. G. Clarke,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

Henry Fauerbach just telephoned me that he now thinks they will have the building on its new foundation and everything out of the way so that you can commence as early as Monday morning to get in the sidewalk, gutter and macadam work. Before this is done, I suppose the water and gas should be put in. We are very anxious that this work should be done just as rapidly as possible. Hence, will you not take this matter up at once with the gas company, with the water board and also with Mr. Blake? I understand the latter has the contract for the road work. We cannot finish up the putting on of the black dirt and seeding on that side of the river until all of the work to be done by you and Mr. Thomas, under the contract, for the Fauerbachs, is completed. I am exceedingly anxious to get that side of the river completed and grass seed sown at as early a date as possible. Try and help us by pushing the matter as rapidly as you can.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

July 21, 1904.

M. Lyons, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

On July 7th, I sent you warrant for $3.60 to pay your bill against the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association, and enclosed bill to be receipted and returned. Will you please return the receipted bill to me, and much oblige?

Yours truly,

John McClair

President.

July 21, 1904.

Bliel & Schneider,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

On July 7th, I sent you warrant for $1.70 to pay your bill against the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association, and enclosed bill to be receipted and returned. Will you please return the receipted bill to me, and much oblige?

Yours truly,

John McClair

President.

July 21, 1904

Starks-Levis Land Co.,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Yours of July 20th received, enclosing check for $109.30, made payable to the order of myself in payment for filling of lots, as per agreement, by the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. I have endorsed the check over to Frank W. Hoyt, treasurer. Please accept thanks for same.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

July 22, 1904.

John F. Icke, Esq.,
City Engineer,
Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

I called at your office to see you this morning but you had just left before I got there. There are several things I wanted to talk with you about, and since I leave the city this evening to be gone until Tuesday morning, I thought I would send you this note.

1. The men, in doing the filling on the land owned by Mr. Cooley, went outside the fifty foot strip, notwithstanding I had specially called Johnson's attention to the fifty foot line. There were two sets of stakes left there and he went out to the outer set. We need all of this dirt very much and we wish to recover a part of it. I wrote Mr. Cooley, asking him if he would not see you and re-establish the fifty foot line. I presume you could do this without much difficulty yourself. I wish you could have this done at once and an iron stake driven in on the Main street and Washington Avenue lines.

2. The dredge is now ready to proceed up stream, and will soon do the excavating that will give dirt to raise the approaches at the Main street and Avenue bridges. Hence, I wish you would have in mind the raising of these bridges so that this work can be done without in any way stopping our work.

3. What has been determined as to how Williamson street bridge is to be left. I had expected that this bridge would be put in shape before this. Of course, it is not the plan to leave the bridge in its present shape,

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4. What is going to be done to put in shape the dam at the outlet of lake Mendota? It seems to me this work ought to be done within the next month or six weeks if it is to be done to the best advantage. There is no way of controlling the water; the water in lake Mendota is quite low, while that in the other lake is very high.

Very truly yours,

John W. Alvord

President.

(Dic. by O.)

July 22, 1904.

John T. Johnson, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Will you please return, or have returned, to me at once the two receipts duly signed, one for $2.00 and the other for $6.00?

Yours truly,

John W. Alvord

President.

July 22, 1904

N. J. Johnson, Esq.,
1119 E. Johnson St.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I think you have not returned to us the Kayser bill, which you got for the purpose of seeing whether he had given credit for a certain item. We have another bill, which has been sent in since the former bill, and we need the former bill in order to determine whether there has not been a duplicate charge made in the second bill. I wish you would send me at once the former bill so we can get matters straightened out.

Yours truly,

(Dict. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

July 22, 1904.

Severt Aasen, Esq.,
107 N. Hancock St.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Did you order any oats for the association from a man named J. F. Bacon, 710 W. Washington Avenue? He called me up by phone and says that some man working for the association made the order and that he was told it was all right. I have not paid the bill and shall not do so until I hear from you, stating the particulars about it. It has occurred to me that perhaps John T. Johnson has been ordering oats. I wish you would find out about the facts and let me know. I leave the city to-night, to be gone until Tuesday morning. If he has been ordering oats, and ordering them charged up against the association, I want to know it.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

July 27, 1904.

Fred W. Coombs, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 23rd came in my absence. I cannot take up my time in making any reply to the various statements contained in it. I merely ask you to read my letter again, and then read your own, and you will see how wide of the mark you are. I made no statement whatever that it would cost "twice $10,000" to dig any "ditch". My statement as to the cost applied wholly to the improvement of the marsh land in front of the hard ground. The fact is, we already have a proposition from Mr. Johnson, the dredger to dig the "ditch" for $3,000, and Mr. Vilas' condition, instead of working against you, necessitates the raising and expending not only the $10,000 already subscribed, but $3,000 in addition to secure the "ditch". This statement is sufficient to show how unwarranted your statements and inferences are as to misapplication of funds, etc., etc.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin.

President.

Your remarks are a fine commentary upon the conduct of a leading citizen who pays $18,000 in cash & secure for the people of the City a public park. I trust they do not represent the views of anyone but yourself and I am quite sure that they do not.

J. M. O.

July 27, 1904.

A. H. Kayser, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I return herewith your bill under date of May 25th, with request thst you make out separate bills. The first bill should be for $3.56 against Tenney Park.

The next bill should be $16.89, less the $2.11, and should be for Yahara River Improvement. I can't tell from your bill whether the $1.48 between the Tenney Park bill and the Yahara river bridge is for Tenney Park, or what it's for. If it is for the bridge, put it in under that head.

Then make out another bill for the balance, marking it as you have with the name Aasen opposite it, and send me the bills and I will see they are paid at once.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

(Enc.)

July 30,1904.

Henry Mazomich, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Some time since I wrote you, enclosing a bill for services rendered and material, furnished in repairing road leading from the bay road up to B. J. Stevens' house on Picnic Point farm. I have not yet heard anything from the bill.

Of course, you will understand that this bill is not for any work done on the drive system, nor for any work done on the road across the marsh. We expect to keep that road in repair from taxes appraised by the town as we have done the last two years.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

July 30,1904

Hon. W. A. Nowel,
Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Under another cover, I send you a copy of the last report of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

July 30,1904

Hon. Burr W. Jones,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Jones:-

I write to find out whether there could not be a part payment made on the B. J. Stevens subscription of $500 to the Yahara River improvement at this time. We are now getting along where we must collect in every dollar possible to pay our bills that are incurred from month to month for work on this improvement.

Very truly yours,

John W. Alden.

(Dic. by O.)

July 30,1904

F. A. Steinle, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I understand from Mr. Riley that the excavation is ready for you to go in there, according to contract, on the first of August.

Yours truly,

John W. Alden
President.

(Dic. byO)

July 30,1904

Mr. O. C. Simonds,

Landscape Gardener,

Station X,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of July 29th received. The plans have not yet reached me, but I presume they will come along to-day or to-morrow.

I had been intending to drop you a line for some days, asking you to get back your suggestions as to Tenney Park bridge as soon as possible. If we build that bridge this year, we need to be getting at it.

I find we must modify somewhat our plans on the property owned by the Catholic Sisters. They insist on a fence being put up on each side of our 250 foot strip. They also want the cattle passage where we planned to have the passage for persons, so that cattle can go down to the large spring for water, which is open both winter and summer. We have to modify our plans accordingly, for the present at least. We hope some day that that spring may be devoted to some more worthy purpose than the watering of cattle, but for the present we can do no more than conform to their wishes in the matter.

Hence, there will be no under-ground passageway over next to ase's house. The passageway for persons will be as selected by them just thwest a short distance from the one for cattle, and not in a very good ace for excavating, but it is the place they have selected and we must form to their wishes.

I do not know whether your designs cover the matter of these

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passageways or not. If not, should like to have some suggestions from you, indicating how they are to be constructed. I think perhaps a width of five feet would be sufficient in each case. We shall arrive to consider excavating for passageways in a few days

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olsen

President.

July 30,1904

Mr. A. J. Earling,

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

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Earling:-

I want to thank you on behalf of our association for the courtesies extended to us in opening the tressle bridge across the Yahara river so as to permit the passage of the dredge through the same.

When your superintendent, Mr. Cheney, was here, about a week ago, he said something about the time when your company might put in the steel bridges. We are now going up the river, finishing the dredging. One of the most difficult places to dredge is the space between the bridge on your Portage line and the bridge on the main Northwestern line. We hope to get our dredging done at this point before you put in the steel bridge. If you could plan to put in first the steel bridge on the Watertown line and postpone the whole work so that you would not get at the work of putting in the steel bridge on the Portage line before about the middle of September, it would be an accommodation to our work. I merely make the above as a suggestion, thinking that perhaps your road could postpone the time of erecting the steel bridges without inconvenience.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

John W. Olin,

President.

Aug. 1, 1904

Bradford Whitney,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Bradford:-

Enclosed find warrant for $12.15 for keeping time on dredge. Please receipt and return to me the enclosed bill.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)
(Enc.)

President.

Aug. 1, 1904

trick Griffin, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

ear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $47.18 to pay for work on drives ring July. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill to me.

Yours truly,

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President.

Aug. 1,1904.

A. H. Kayser, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find three warrants, one for $14.78 for lumber for Yahara River improvement, one for $5.04 for lumber for Tenney Park, and one for $7.48 for lumber for drives. Please receipt the three bills enclosed, and return same to me, and oblige.

(3 Warrants)
(3 Enc.)

Yours truly,

John M Olin

President.

Aug. 1,1904

N. J. Johnson, Esq.,

1119 E. Johnson St.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $375.00 to pay for dredging from July 1 to July 11, 1904. Please sign receipt and return same to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

John M Olin

(Warrant)
(2 Enc.)

President

Thomas Clausen
Mendota Wis.

Dear Sir. Enclosed final warrant for 45.32 for July. Hereafter send me a detailed statement; showing no glasses washed on each day.

Yours truly,

John M. Allen.

Apr. 1904

Yours Thomas Ry,
St Louis World's Fair Grounds,

My dear Mr. Thomas:

The Gas Co. refuses to put in pipe across Fauerbach pipes. Say they have made no agreement with you. and knew nothing about it until I spoke to them about it. You told me that you had arranged with the Co. to lay the pipe. With whom did you make the arrangement? ~~The~~ and just what was the agreement? Please write by return mail. The work ought to be done without any further delay. Did you deal or negotiate with Malone?

Yours Truly,
John M. Olive

Aug. 2, 1904.

Mr. R. A. Cowan,

Supt. Chicago & Northwestern Ry.,Co.,

Baraboo, Wis.

Dear Mr. Cowan:-

I want to make a suggestion: I am very fearful that we cannot possibly get dirt enough out of the river to make a proper approach to your track going to Milwaukee. The grade ought to be not more than six feet in one hundred. I wonder if you cannott help us out on that matter to this extent; consider that all the gravel put in for the approach as it was on Water street next to the river will be moved by us for the new approach, and that your company will put in enough additional dirt, we care not whether it is gravel or what it may be, to complete the approach on proper grade, we to be at the expense of putting the dirt in place, your road simply depositing it on the side of the track, with the further understanding that nothing will be asked of your company this year as to the new approach on the north side of the main track suggested by me to you on your recent visit. That is if your company could help us out on the approach as above indicated, we will let the matter rest as to the new approach on the north side of the river to the main track.

As I understand the law, it is for the railroad company to build proper approaches where an established road crosses its tracks. In this case Water street was laid out

before the road was built. The location of the street has been changed and hence your road ought not to be asked in any event to do anything more than would be its duty had not the road been changed.

If you could see it your way to help us out on this matter just now I would appreciate the help more than I can tell you. We have no means of getting dirt in there except by excavating it from the river, and I am now quite certain that we cannot possibly get enough from the river. If anything is done in order to help us it would have to be done at once or at least promised, so that we could work according to the promise.

I wonder if you have gotten the piles out from under the bridge on your Milwaukee line. We shall have to go under this bridge in a very short time.

Very respectfully,

John M. Clark

Aug. 2/ 1904.

B. M. Minch & Son,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $10.43 to pay your bill for oats for team for Association. Please receipt the enclosed bill, return to me and oblige,

Very truly yours,

J. Lowell Allen

Aug. 2, 1904.

W. T. McConnell & Son,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $20.50 for your bill against the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association for grass seed? Please receipt and return enclosed bill to me.

Very truly yours,

J. Lowell Allen
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Aug. 5, 1904.

Mr. A. R. Denu, Attorney,

City,

My dear Sir:-

Yours of August 4th, enclosing check for $3.00 for the use of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association, received. Please accept thanks for same. I have turned same over to Mr. Frank W. Hoyt, who will duly account for same.

Yours truly,

John Will Alvis

Aug 5, 1904.

Dane County Title Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Will you make out the enclosed bill against the Madison park and Pleasure Drive Association and send to me and I will send you check.

yours truly,

John Will Alvis

Aug. 7, 1904.

Mr. R. A. Cowan,

Supt. C., N. W. Ry.,

Baraboo, Wis.

My dear Mr. Cowan:-

I was out along the river again this forenoon to examine especially as to the quantity of dirt we could get out of the river for filling. It is absolutely impossible to get sufficient to make the approaches as they ought to be across your track. If your road could help us part way even as to these approaches at this one point we would very greatly appreciate it. I have not yet received any reply to my former letter, and I write this one now because should like to hear from you as soon as possible so as to know what we can count upon.

Very truly yours,

John M. Olin

Aug. 8, 1904.

Mr. O. C. Simonds,

Landscape Gardener,

Station X, Chicago.

My dear Mr. Simonds:-

I had intended to write you before this but have been so busy with this contest matter that I have thought of nothing else.

I like the plan you have sketched out for Henry Vilas Park. The only criticism that I would make is that it seems to me to be too general and not enter into details enough to furnish a proper guide for the class of men we must depend upon to do our work. Perhaps your idea was to again come here on the ground, and locate more definitely where and what should be planted, etc.

I have just referred the people of Lancaster, Wis., who have recently purchased a twenty-five acre tract of land for a park, to you as the person to select to prepare a design for them. I presume you will hear from Mr. George B. Clementson soon. Do the best you can for them.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

(Dic. by O.)

Aug. 8, 1904.

George B. Clementson, Atty.,

Lancaster, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of August 4th received and would have been answered earlier except for press of work in re Republican contest.

I am very glad indeed you have succeeded in acquiring title to land for a park.

We have engaged for several years last past the services of Mr. O. C. Simonds, Landscape Gardener, Chicago, Illinois. His address is "Station X, Chicago, Ill." He is the person who has had charge of Graceland Cemetary from the beginning. I think he is a very competent man for this class of work. His regular charges, where working by the day, are $50.00 per day, he paying his own expenses, but for making a design for the park he likely would charge something more. He is reasonable, however, in his charges when you consider the class of work he does.

By all means get a competent design made by a competent landscape architect or gardener before doing anything by way of improving the park, and then follow that design religiously. That I find is the only way to get the best results. For a number of years in our work we did not have the aid or advice of such a person. We tried to do the work ourselves. We made a number of mistakes, of course, some of which we have rectified at considerable cost, and others which could not be rectified without considerable damage.

G. B. C.-2.

We have learned a lesson, so that now we do not lay out a drive or park or do planting of any kind except after plans furnished by Mr. Simonds.

He is a graduate of Ann Arbor, a thorough gentleman, a man who has been twice to Europe, and there seen the leading public parks and I think thoroughly competent for this class of work. If you employ his services I believe you will be pleased with what he does.

Very truly yours,

John M. Olin

(Dic. by O.)

Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association,

to

Ole Halverson, Dr.

Cutting grass in Tenney Park up to August 1, 1904. $6.50

The undersigned hereby acknowledges receipt in full of the above account.

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August , 1904.

Aug. 8, 1904.

Mr. M. C. Clark,

City.

My dear Sir:-

I notice on page four of the contract between you and Mr. Thomas and our Association the following provision:

"Said Thomas and Clark further agree to commence said work of excavating and filling on or about the 10th day of May, 1903, and to prosecute the same continuously and as rapidly as possible, it being understood that they are not to turn aside from this work to do other work until this work is completed, and that this contract shall be completed on or before November 1, 1904."

I call attention to this as bearing on the completion of the filling on the easterly side of the river. We are exceedingly anxious to have that work done so that we can get the top dirt upon the same, and seading done this season. We are compelled to get top dirt out this year or lose our right to the sand.

Very truly yours,

John W. Blair

Aug. 9, 1904.

Lindsay Bros.,

78 to 94 Reed St.,

Milwaukee, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Please send me at once four of the same size slush scrapers as you have heretofore sent. I wish you would be careful to put in scrapers as heavy and firm as you have in the past. The last ones were much better than the others. The material we are handling is gravelly and cuts the scrapers pretty rapidly.

Make the bill out against the Madison park & Pleasure Drive Association and send to me and I will remit.

Very truly yours,

John M. Blair.

(Dic. by O.)

Aug. 9, 1904.

Hon. W. D. Curtis, Mayor,

City.

My dear Mr. Curtis:-

I have thought a good deal about the dam since leaving you yesterday. The more I think the matter over, the more I am impressed with the importance at this time of so constructing the dam as will admit of the passage of boats or barges through the dam without difficulty. This could be done by not having the cement work and gate when down come much if any above the level of the bottom of the river as it now is below the dam. If a gate could be so constructed, then we could pass the barge or dredge up through or over this opening or the gate when down at any time, and if, later, it is desired to run wider boats from one lake to the other the only additional expense necessary would be the construction of gates at the lower end next the bridge.

I wish very much you might talk this matter over with Mr. Icke and see whether the change could not be made as indicated. If the cement is put is as suggested yesterday, it will prevent the passage of barges or the dredge for the present from one lake to the other absolutely; and if at any time in the future it is desired to run boats from one lake to the other it would be an expensive matter to tear out the cement work now put in and reconstruct things so as to have another lock at this point.

W. D. C. -2.

I would come over and see you personally this morning were it not that I expect to be in court.

If the change is made as above indicated, it might necessitate bringing the matter before the Council next Friday evening, but that could easily be done.

Very truly yours,

John M. Gaw.

Aug. 9, 1904.

Mr. L. H. Adams,

Supt. University Farm,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I have received the bill of Mr. Kayser for $23.66 for lumber for bridge on Sauk road, and have paid the same. I return herewith the other bills you left at the office. I am much obliged to you for attending to this matter.

Very truly yours, J. W. Olin

Aug. 9, 1904.

A. H. Kayser, Esq.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose warrant for $23.66 for your bill for lumber furnished to L. H. Adams, Superintendent of the University Farm, with the understanding that same should be paid for by the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt enclosed bill and return same to me and oblige,

Yours truly J. W. Olin

Aug. 9, 1904.

Dane County Title Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $4.00 for continuing abstracts on lots in Henry Vilas Park. Please receipt bill and return same to me and oblige,

yours truly,

John M. Olin

(Dic. by O.)

(Check)

Aug. 9, 1904.

Charles H. Kanouse,

1514 Williamson St.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $4.30 to pay for you bill for repairing tools for Association. Please receipt same and return to me in the enclosed stamped envelope.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin.

Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association,

to

N. J. Johnson, Dr.

For services and expenses moving dredge under Williamson street bridge $50.00

The undersigned hereby acknowledges receipt in full for the above bill.

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Dated August 1904.

Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association,

to N. J. Johnson, Dr.

For 207 hours dredging between July 22 and July 30, 1904, inclusive, at $2.50 per hour. $517.50

The undersigned hereby acknowledges receipt in full for the above bill.

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Dated August 1904.

Aug. 10, 1904.

Hon. W. D. Curtis, Mayor,

City.

My dear Sir:-

Mr. J. N. Johnson, the dredger, has proposed to me that if the city will, in reconstructing the dam, lower the same about two feet, he will contribute $50.00 toward the expense, and our Association will contribute another $50.00. If the dam is so reconstructed, Mr. Johnson promises to take the dredge under the Williamson street bridge and over the dam and back again without any expense to our Association. It is necessary, in order to deepen the water sufficiently above the dam to admit of the free passage of boats and launches, to excavate for a distance of two or three hundred feet out into the lake. There seems to be no other feasible way of doing this except by the use of the dredge. If the change is not made as suggested in the lock, it will cost $500.00 to get the dredge over into Fourth Lake and back again. Inasmuch as our Association acts merely as a trustee for the city in all the work it does, it is hoped that the city may feel like reconstructing the dam so as to not only provide for a greater flow of water over the dam, at certain times, but also so as to leave the dam in such shape as will enable a dredge to pass over the same.

If the city will so reconstruct the dam as above indicated, I will see that $100.00 is paid toward the expense, [illegible]

I might add that I do not know of any way of getting the

W. D. C -2.

stone that is now piled across the outlet of the river above the dam, for a coffer dam, out, except by the use of the dredge, and these stones certainly must be taken out of there in some way.

Very truly yours,

Jewell Allen.

(Dic. by O.)

Aug. 10, 1904.

N. J. Johnson, Esq.,

1119 E. Johnson St., City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $50.00 and also one for $517.50 in payment for your bill. Please receipt the bills and return same to me.

Yours truly,

J. Lowell McClain.

(Dic. by O.)

(Checks)

Aug. 10, 1904.

Mr. A. G. Zimmerman,

City.

My dear Sir:-

Complaint has been made to me that Louis Sumner has been running his automobile over this end of Farwell drive to the golf grounds. He may not know of the agreement between our Association and the Automobile Association. I do not know who is the proper person to write to of your Association, but thought I would drop you this line.

There ought to be put up at the end of the drives, where the automobilists enter the same, a sign or statement as to when the drives are open. The one that was posted at this end of the University drive is down. Moreover, the change as to use of the drives on Sunday was made after this sign was printed. I thought perhaps your Association might have some signs printed that could be used so as to give notice to everybody.

Yours truly,

John C. Olmsted

(Dic. by O.)

Aug. 10, 1904.

Mr. A. H. Kayser,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of August 9th received. I note what you say about the posts. Before accepting the bid on the posts I got bids from other parties. Under the circumstances I don't quite see how I could change the contract. You will remember that our Association has bought considerable material from you, perhaps to such an extent as to lead to some criticism from other lumber dealers. The amount, of course, is not a large item, but I think it might be perhaps better both for you and for me, as representing the Association, to let it stand as it is. If it will accomodate you any to wait a few days, or say a week or so, so as to give you time to finish the posts, I can make some arrangements for taking our man off from that work and putting him at something else.

Very truly yours,

John M. Olin.

(Dic. by O.)

Aug. 11, 1904.

M. C. Clarke, Esq.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Mr. Icke, City Engineer, has just notified me that the sewer which was laid last fall by Blake Bros. on the Fauerbach property was so poorly laid that he will not permit the connection of that sewer being made with the city sewer. This is a matter that you are vitally interested in. I supposed of course the sewer was properly laid as it should have been under the contract, and that connections had all been made with the city sewer system. It seems, however, that he stopped about thirty feet short of the city sewer system. I trust under the circumstances that you have not paid Mr. Blake anything on any such work. The only thing now to be done is for you to insist on Mr. Blake opening up the sewer so that it can be examined by Mr. Icke as representing the city. Of course the Fauerbachs will insist upon a sewer being laid there in such a way as to be serviceable and to be connected with the sewer system of the city.

I understand Mr. Icke is to meet the Fauerbachs down at the Williamson street bridge at about four o'clock this afternoon. I would suggest that you arrange to get down there say about half past three so as to be in ample time. This is a matter that I ought not to be bothered with, and I only write this note in a friendly way so that you may be informed of the facts as I have learned them and at the earliest date possible.

Yours truly,

Aug. 11, 1904.

John F. Icke, City Engineer,

Madison, Wis.

My dear Sir:-

(1.) As I am informed, it has been determined by you to recommend, everything considered, the lowering of the present cement apron at the dam one foot; and that when this is done, the obstruction would be six inches higher than it was before the cement apron was put in; and that this change will be made without reference to any interest of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association; that such change would have no bearing upon the question of getting a dredge or a barge from one lake to the other.

(2.) In asmuch as one foot is to be taken off from the cement apron, cannot the additional six inches, at the same time, be removed? Mr. Johnson, the dredger, says that if eighteen inches are taken off, which would put the dam back to just the height it was before the cement apron was constructed, he could get his dredge over the dam, provided the loose stones are removed below and above the dam, and the bed of the river below the dam is levelled off so as to be practically the same height as the present level of the river bed at the side of the lock wall nearest the Williamson street bridge. I asked Mr. Johnson whether such levelling might not involve cutting down the bed of the river somewhat next the east wall, constructed by the city last fall. He first stated it might involve a cutting of twelve inches, but further said that you could leave four feet next that wall nearly all the way to the dam untouched;

that he did not need that width, and that if you desired to put stone next that wall for additional protection, it could be done without interfering with getting the dredge through.

(3.) If the dam can be lowered to its original height, that is eighteen inches of the apron taken off, and the floor of the river smoothed as indicated above, Mr. Johnson will pay $50.00 and our Association will pay another $50.00 toward making the change. Inasmuch as the city will lower the apron one foot any way, could not the additional six inches be taken off, and the other changes made, so far as necessary, for an additional expense not exceeding much, if any, $100.00? If such additional expense would exceed $100.00, will you be so kind as to state to me the amount of such excess in your opinion? Should like an answer as early as possible to this question.

As I understood from my talk with you, you feel that it is necessary to leave the stones, which were thrown in below the dam last spring when there was danger of the dam being washed out, where they are, in order to prevent water, which comes over the dam, washing out a hole below the dam. But could not this difficulty be easily obviated by putting in a plank flooring, ten or twelve feet in length, just below the dam?

Yours truly,

Jefferson Allen

(Dic. by O.)

Aug. 11, 1904.

Hon. W. D.Curtis, Mayor,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I have spent, since seeing you today, two hours this afternoon out at the dam; went out with Magnus Swenson and Professor Turneaure, and we found Mr. Icke and Mr. Johnson there. It seems that all that is necessary to do to enable us to get the dredge through will be to lower the cement apron fifteen inches instead of one foot. It will not be necessary to take out the stone, either above or below the dam, except down to a point even with the dam after the fifteen inches are taken off. Our Association will have to excavate nearly two feet out of the river bed for fifty feet in length, measuring from the east end of the lock, but this excavating can keep away four feet from the east wall, and would not come near enough to the dam to affect the dam in any way. Hence, I do not see any reason why the dam cannot be reconstructed so as to allow the dredge to pass over; and if our Association does the excavating of the river bed, as above indicated, neither it nor Mr. Johnson ought to pay anything extra for changing the dam, since the lowering of the extra three inches makes no difference in the cost, except the added expense of three inches to the width of the gate. I think everything will come out satisfactorily to all parties and without putting the city to any unnecessary expense. It has not occurred to me until this afternoon that it would be unnecessary to lower the bed

of the river for any greater distance than fifty feet, that being the length of the dredge.

Very truly yours,

John W. Alvis

Aug. 12, 1904.

Lindsay Bros.,

78 Reed Street,

Milwaukee, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed please find warrant for $17.00 to pay for four No. 1 Haslup scrapers. Please receipt enclosed bill and return same to me and oblige,

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

(Dic. by O.)
(Check)

Aug. 12, 1904.

Conklin & Sons,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $9.00 for 20 feet 15 inch drain pipe for Henry Vilas Park. Please receipt enclosed bill and return same to me.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

(Dic. by O.)

(Check)

Aug. 12, 1904.

Fuller & Johnson Mfg. Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for fifty cents for repairing plow, as per your bill of August 10th. Please receipt bill and return same to me and oblige,

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

(Dic. by O.)

(Check)

Aug. 15, 1904.

F. W. Allis, Esq.,

Town of Blooming Grove, Wis.

Dear Mr. Allis:-

By reason of a statement made to me yesterday by young Mr. Boyd, I write you a note concerning your subscription of $200 this year for the completion of the Yahara river improvement. You made that subscription in Mr. Cronin's restaurant when I did not have the lists with me, but you authorized me to put you down for that amount. I did so, and certainly should not have done so if you had not authorized me to do it.

I appreciated very much the subscription at the time, because it was a great help in getting some other subscribers. I will say that we shall need every dollar subscribed, and it will take some $2,000 in excess of our total subscriptions to fully complete the work. We are in hopes to get an appropriation from the city to make up the deficit. We must in some way complete that work this year. We are in hopes to get matters in shape so that boats can pass through the river in a couple of weeks, but it will take all the fall to get the dredging done and the banks parked. Our expenses each month are now very heavy, and we have no other way of meeting them except through subscriptions made. I would personally appreciate it very much, at this time, if you could send me a check for the $200.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

Aug. 16, 1904.

T. C. Cheney, Esq.,

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

Milwaukee, Wis.

My dear Sir:-

Could you indicate about when your road will do the filling at the ends of the abutments next the Yahara river? It would accommodate us if this could be done in the near future.

The crossing of the Watertown track by the city street, Water street, will be thrown back farther from the river's edge than formerly. The center of the road-bed will be about eighty or eighty one feet, measured along the center of your track, southerly from the southerly edge of the present cement abutment. The road will cross the track at an angle at this point, as indicated by the filling we have put in on the westerly side of the track for an approach. There will have to be some filling done on the easterly side of the track between your track and Williamson street for a proper approach, as well as some more on the westerly side of the track. I thought while your company was filling at the end of the abutment, you could also help a little in making a proper approach on each side of the track. The grade ought not to be over six feet to the hundred.

I have the promise of the Northwestern road to build the approaches to their Milwaukee track on Water street, as we located them. The amount of filling required for a proper approach across

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your track is very small as compared with the amount of filling necessary to cross the Northwestern track. all we have already done most of the work

I wrote President Earling after you were here, suggesting that they postpone putting in the new steel bridges until about the middle of September, and I have received a letter from Mr. Underwood that they would comply with my request. This was to enable us to do the dredging between the bridge on your Portage line and that on the Northwestern's main line.

Very truly yours,

John M. Olin

(Dic. by O.)

Aug. 16, 1904.

B. M. Minch & Son,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find check for $9.00 for twenty bushels of oats furnished John T. Johnson. Please receipt enclosed bill and return same to me.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

(Dic. by O.)
(2 encls.)

Aug. 16, 1904

M. C. Clarke, Esq.,

City.

My dear Sir:-

Ought you not to serve upon Mr. Blake (that is, you and Mr. Thomas) a written notice to the effect that the city engineer claims the sewer pipe laid by Mr. Blake to be defectively laid, and refuses to permit connection of the same to be made with the city sewer, and request Mr. Blake to proceed to uncover sufficient of said pipe to admit of a proper examination of the same; and that in case he refuses to promptly uncover such pipe, that you will proceed to have the same done, and charge the expense up against Mr. Blake. Of course the notice ought to state that if it turns out that the pipe is properly laid, the expense of uncovering the same will be met by you and Mr. Thomas, and in that event I will say that our Association will make good to you and Mr. Thomas this item of expense, though under the contract we would not in effect be required to do so.

I write the above by way of suggestion, and as indicating a method of bringing Mr. Blake to time and perhaps hurrying up the completion of the work.

Yours truly,

Colonel Clair
President

(Dic. by C.)

Aug. 16, 1904.

Grant Thomas, Esq.,

Wisconsin Bldg., St. Louis Exposition,

St. Louis, Missouri.

My dear Sir:-

I presume Mr. Clarke has written you that Icke, the city engineer, takes the position that the sewer pipe put in by Blake across the Feuerbach property is in such bad condition that he will not permit any connection of the same to be made with the city sewer. I do not know how the contract reads between you and Mr. Clarke on the one side and Mr. Blake on the other, but I trust you have things in shape to compel him to do a proper piece of work. I understand he refuses to admit any defect in the work. I have finally arranged with Mr. Icke to have about seventy-five feet of pipe uncovered so as to permit a proper examination of the same. Mr. Blake, I understand, has declined to do this. If it turns out that the pipe is not properly laid, then the expense of uncovering the pipe should be charged up by you and Mr. Clarke against Mr. Blake. I think you and Mr. Clarke ought to serve written notice upon Mr. Blake requiring him to uncover sufficient of the pipe to disclose the way it is laid, and notify him that if he does not do so, the work will be done at his expense. I will suggest this course to Mr. Clarke, before Mr. Icke does any work of uncovering.

I finally succeeded in getting the gas company to agree to put in the gas pipe, and expect it will be put in this week. The

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only thing then standing in the way, or delaying us in the work, is the part left for Mr. Blake to do under the contract with you and Mr. Clarke. It seems to me that you and Mr. Clarke ought to get after Mr. Blake with a sharp stick.

Will try and have sent you one hundred copies of our last annual report, you to make such use of the same as you thing will be most to the advantage of our work.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

Aug. 16, 1904.

Messrs. Harper & Winterbotham,

City.

Gentlemen:-

We have reached a point now in our work and expenses in the Yahara river improvement, that makes it absolutely necessary to collect in every dollar subscribed in order to meet the payments due our men from month to month. As I understand, there is $50.00 back on you subscription for last year. Cannot you help us out just now by paying in that amount?

I am trying to assist Mr. Hoyt a little, although I do not feel that I ought to be bothered with this part of the work. Until now, delay in paying the subscriptions has not made any difference, for we have had money enough on hand to keep going, but the account is now low, and will soon be overdrawn unless those who have subscribed pay up; and I don't presume Mr. Hoyt would allow the account to be overdrawn, even if the Association should wish to do so. We cannot afford to run in debt.

I will say that we are making a very strong effort just now to get the dam at Black in shape so that launches can run from one lake to the other, and we hope to be able to accomplish this in the next ten days.

Very truly yours,

J. Ward Allen
President.

Aug. 16, 1904.

Frank M. Wootton, Esq.,

City.

My dear Sir:-

We have reached a point in our work on the river when it becomes absolutely necessary to collect in every dollar of the subscriptions, both on river work and general drive work. Thus far we have been able to get along and pay our bills as they became due, but we have just about reached the limit of funds on hand. Can you not send in the amount due on the river subscription of last year, and also the amount due on drive subscription this year, if any remains unpaid?

We shall need about $2,000 in excess of the amount of our subscriptions to fully complete this work, and I am worried to death as to how we are going to get the necessary money. I think we ought to ask the city to help to the extent, by putting in its budget for next year an item of that amount for that purpose. I should be willing to have the Association go ahead and borrow the money and complete the work if the city would promise to help us out to that extent. What do you think of this plan, and of the chances of carrying it through, if properly managed? It would seem, considering the amount of money we have raised and the work we have done by private subscriptions, as compared to what the city has done, that the city could well afford to help out to that extent.

F. M. W. -2.

I hope to have the lock opened so that launches can go from one lake to the other in the course of ten days or so. We should like to have people using the lock as soon as possible. Think this would help us some.

Very truly yours,

J. Edward M. Olive
President

(Dis. by C.)

Aug. 17, 1904.

Mr. R. A. Cowan,

Supt. C. & N. W. Ry. Co.,

Baraboo, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I am very greatly pleased that you are going to be able to help us out with the filling for the approach across your track on the Milwaukee line. I think you said, over the phone that you might be able to commence drawing the filling in about a week. Will merely say that I trust you can begin about that time. We will stand ready to get the filling out of the way and put in place as rapidly as you draw it.

I was down at that point this morning, and noticed that, if we can get a proper approach made to your track, we can make that crossing a very safe one, I think.

I wish to thank you personally for your courtesy and help in this matter, and if I can ever render you any favor, please feel free to call upon me.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

J. Howell Olin

Aug. 17, 1904.

Hon. Burr W. Jones, Atty.,

City.

Dear Mr. Jones:-

Concerning the subscription made by Mr. B. J. Stevens, we should prefer a little, if Mrs. Stevens has no objection, to have the amount of the subscription, not paid now, put in the form of notes running to the Association. We could use these in borrowing money at the bank, as we will have to do, I am fearful, in order to complete the improvement.

There was unpaid on the subscription of General Edwin E. Bryant, at the time of his death, $50. I think Mr. Hoyt filed a claim for the amount. We are getting now to a point in the work where our bank accout is somewhat low, and our outgo is pretty large each month, and we must try and collect in every dollar we can on the subscriptions. I thought perhaps this $50 might be paid in the near future, and thereby help us out to that extent.

I write this to you because I understand you, as attorney, are looking after the interests of Mr. Bryant's estate.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Orr

Aug. 19, 1904.

Mr. D. C. Cheney,

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

Milwaukee, Wis.

My dear Sir:-

Yours of August 17th just received. In the letter you state: "I should judge from your original estimates that it would cost us $300, in addition to what we have already spent, before the dredge will complete its work. * * * I trust that I did not misunderstand you as to the future movements of the dredge. As I call it to mind, the dredge was to go through our M. & P. line bridge again and then return to complete the work." I think there is some mistake here. We should not ask your company to open up again any of your bridges, so far as getting the dredge through or under them is concerned. It is necessary, however, for our Association to dredge out the river bed lying between your Madison and Portage line and the Northwestern's main line bridge. In order to do this work with the dredge, it would be necessary to open up your bridge and allow the dredge to go through and excavate between the bridges as it passes through. It would not be necessary, in the completion of the work, for your company to open any of its bridges any further than as indicated. That is, the dredge could get back under both bridges, after the completion of the work, without any trouble to your company. This assumes that the steel bridge will be in on the Watertown line, say about by the middle, at least, of October. I judge if your company commence putting in the bridge by the middle of

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September there will be no trouble of its being completed by the middle of October, and that would be in ample time for the dredge to pass under, with an eight foot clearance.

Any expense that the dredger is put to in getting under the bridges has to be borne by our Association, so that what you have kindly contributed in this direction has been, in effect, a contribution to the work of our Association, and not to the dredger.

Now if you can arrange at the proper time to open up the wood bridge, on the Madison and Portage line, sufficient to allow the dredge to go through as it moves up-stream, we should very much appreciate it, and agree not to ask any further favor in that direction.

Very truly yours,

J. Lowell Olin.

(Dic. by O.)

Aug. 19, 1904.

M. C. Clarke,

City.

Dear Mr. Clarke:-

Your note of the 18th received.

I hope very much that when Mr. Thomas gets here you and he will be able to get a move on Mills or Blake Bros. If the work were done on the Bayerbach property, we are in a position to complete the work on that side of the river up as far as the Northwestern's Milwaukee track, and in the near future could complete the work entirely on that side, through to Lenny Park. Of course there would be twenty-five or thirty feet or such a matter next to Williamson street bridge that would have to be left until a later date, but that would not be an important matter.

Yours truly,

Edward A. Allen.

(Dic. by E.)

Aug. 20, 1904.

George S. Pierce,

Park Superintendent,

London, Ontario.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of August 17th received and contents noted.

Under another cover I send you a copy of the last annual report of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. There is no charge for same.

Could you give me the date of issue of "Park and Cemetery" in which there was a notice of the work of our Association, and very much oblige,

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

Aug. 20, 1904.

Fuller & Johnson Mfg. Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $3.35 to pay for your bill under date of August 12th. Please receipt same and return same to me.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(Check)

Aug. 20, 1904.

Mr. D. C. Cheney,

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

Milwaukee, Wis.

My dear Sir:-

Yours of the 18th received and contents noted.

The matter of the filling at the highway is really a small matter. I do not think there will be any trouble about that, one way or the other. In fact, we have done the greater share of the work in making the approaches already. But I thought, while you were filling in next to the abutments, you could help out a little, with a few carloads of gravel, in making the approaches.

The Northwestern road is to commence drawing material on Monday, or Tuesday next at the latest. Of course we do not wish to inconvenience your road, but if it is so that you can put in the material on your line, next the abutments, within the next week or ten days, it would be a very great accommodation. It would enable us to finish up that portion on that side of the river, and thus get ready to put on the black dirt, or top soil.

Very truly yours,

John W. Alvord

(Dic. by O.)

Aug. 22, 1904.

M. C. Clarke, Esq.,

City.

Dear Mr. Clarke:-

Yours of the 22nd received. I am very glad that Mr. Blake is going ahead with the work. I wish you would make it a point to look after him, and see that he gets at the work and that he keeps at it until the same is completed.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

John W. Aird

Aug. 23, 1904.

International Harvester Co. of America.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed please find warrant for $2.00 to pay for your bill just received. Hereafter will you please specify a little more in detail what your bill is for. I presume it is for some repairs on a mower, but whether for repairs on mower, plow or what not I cannot tell from the bill. I ask that information simply in order to enable us to keep our accounts so as to make an intelligent report.

Please receipt enclosed bill and return same to me, and oblige,

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(Check.)

John W. Blair.

Aug. 23, 1904.

Editor Park & Cemetary,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

Will you be so kind as to send me the August number of "Park & Cemetary", and very much oblige? Enclosed find ten cents in stamps for that purpose.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)
(Encl.)

John W. Blair

Aug. 23, 1904.

Dr. C. A. Harper,

City.

My dear Sir:-

Complaint has been made to me repeatedly that Louis Sumner persists in using this end of Farwell drive with his automobile. I wrote to Judge Zimmerman some time ago, but complaint was made again today that Mr. Sumner continues such use of the drive. I will have a sign put up today or tomorrow, which I have had painted, at the entrance at Hoven's so there will be no need or excuse for further violation of the rules.

Judge Zimmerman, I think, suggested that you were the proper person to write to about the matter.

The signs that were put up last year, as to automobiles, are down. Inasmuch as the rules were modified as to Sundays, I suggested to Judge Zimmerman that some new signs be printed, and if so, I would see that they were put up. I was told that one week ago Saturday afternoon a large automobile car, evidently owned by a stranger, was out on the Lake Mendota drive near Rustic Bridge, and that a serious accident was but narrowly averted with a woman and three small children driving a carriage.

If you will get for me some new signs, I will see that they are put up at once.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

Burgess Allen

Aug. 23, 1904.

Dr. Gorst, Supt.,
Mendota Hospital,
Mendota, Wis.

My dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find copy of resolution embodying agreement between Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association and State Board of Control. Our Association adopted a resolution accepting the proposition made in the resolution passed by the State Board of Control.

I owe you an apology for not sending this sooner. However, I think you have had your hands pretty full up to the present time, and there is no special hurry about this matter.

You will observe that subdivision 4 covers the part which the State Board of Control assumed as to parking the island. All other parts of that expense, our Association assumed. The Board of Control met the expense of the first planting, under subdivision 4, on that part of the island, but our Association this spring met the expense of replacing the planting that died or was injured. This we were entirely willing to do, and are entirely willing to continue to meet that kind of expense, but hope that the State Board of Control may in some way protect, the coming fall and winter, so far as necessary, this planting from injury from rabbits, that may otherwise be done.

The resolution, as passed, does not seem to cover the point that the island was to be seeded and used as a meadow. That was talked over, I remember, and it was generally conceded, by all parties, that this should be done, and that it was to be done during the

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summer of 1903.

I think perhaps it would be just as well not to push or crowd this matter at this time. Perhaps at some meeting of the Board a presentation might be made that would secure all that is desired in this direction without any difficulty or friction.

Thanking you for the interest you have taken in the work of our Association, and hoping that you may enjoy looking through the last annual report of our Association, copy of which I send you, under another cover, I am,

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

John H. Clarke
President

Aug. 23, 1904.

Louis Sumner, Esq.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Complaint has been made to me by a number of parties of your using this end of Farwell drive with your automobile. I presume you may not be informed of the agreement that was made between the Automobile Association and our Association this spring, which was that all automobiles should be kept off from this end of Farwell drive from the entrance through to a point just beyond Frank Wootton's cottage, at which point a road across Mr. Woodard's ground joins the regular lake drive, and over this road access can be had by the automobiles to the remianing portion of Farwell drive. In consideration of this arrangement, the automobiles were to have the right to use the other portionsof the drive on alternative Sundays up to nine o'clock in the morning.

I think you will agree with me that it is for the best interests of both associations that the rules should be strictly observed, and I trust that there may be no further cause for complaint.

Very truly yours,

John W. Alvord

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Aug. 24, 1904.

E. M. Griffith, Esq.,

Forestry Superintendent,

City.

Dear Mr. Griffith:-

Dean Birge spoke to me night before last about the work that was being done by Professor Hancock. He says that the understanding was that the Forestry Commission should furnish a practical woodsman, who should blaze the trees or run the lines for Mr. Hancock, and that Mr. Hancock can't do any work that is of any particular value, either to the University or to the Commission, unless this is done. He says that he has spoken to you about the matter several times, but has been unable to secure or have furnished the necessary help for Mr. Hancock. I told him I would write you about the matter. It seems that the University desires to utilize, in some way, the information that may be secured by Professor Hancock. He says, further, that when President Van Hise or Professor Leith do any work of this kind, they always have the trees blazed ahead of them by practical woodsmen, and that this is the only way that efficient work of this kind can be done by the geologist.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

Aug. 24, 1904.

O. C. Simonds, Landscape Architect,
Station x, Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Simonds:-

I want to thank you very much for a copy of "Graceland Cemetery" just received. The photographs are fine. They recall my visit to the cemetery, and the great pleasure I had in looking the same through. I wonder if I could secure, by purchase, three other copies? I would like to do some missionary work with our cemetery commission, composed of three members. The ignorant manner in which our cemetary is being handled grieves me every time I make a visit to it, and I wish I could do something to get matters started along the right line.

I have not heard from you yet as to foot-bridge in Tenney Park. You will remember that you took back with you a design as drawn out by Mr. Porter from your design. I wish very much you could help us out in that matter; furnish us a design of such bridge that could be built inside of $500 -- $450 would be better. If possible I think it ought to be built so that small launches might go under the same. There is some probability of Tenney Park being enlarged by Mr. Tenney bying the remaining marsh to the south and turning most of it over as an addition to the Park. Should this be done, another lagoon would be constructed and in that event there would be waterway enough to justify, ultimately, the maintaining of some launches on the lagoons, and in that event the foot-bridges ought to be up high enough to admit passage of the launches. How-

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ever, this is a matter I should be inclined to leave wholly to your good judgment.

Please let me hear from you at an early date, stating about when we may receive your plans or suggestions.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

Aug. 24, 1904.

Mr. D. C. Cheney, Supt.
C. M. & St. P. Ry. Co.,
Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of August 22d received and contents noted.

I think I wrote you that Mr. Underwood, Asst. Gen. Mgr., wrote me, in answer to my request, that your road would commence putting in the steel bridges about Sept. 15th. That would be in ample time for us, and if it comes convenient for the railroad not to commence for a week or two later, it will be all right.

I trust you may be able to commence on the bridge next Williamson street first. This will give us a little more lee-way as to getting the dredging done between the bridges on the Portage line and the Northwestern line.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

Aug. 24, 1904.

Robert Surtees, Esq.,

Consulting Engineer, Ottawa Imp. Com.,

110 Wellington St., Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of August 22nd received. I take pleasure in sending you, under another cover, a copy of the last annual report of our Association. Should be pleased to have you look the same through, and let me know how it impresses you.

You will need to remember that our Association has been maintained wholly by voluntary contributions, and that our city is not a large one -- only about 22,000 at this time, and only about 13,000 when our work commenced twelve years ago.

You may be interested in examining the law under which we are incorporated. Hence I send you copy of an earlier report, which contains a copy of the law and of our charter.

Very truly yours,

John W. Alvord

(Dic. by O.)

Aug. 26, 1904.

Senator William F. Vilas,

City.

Dear Mr. Vilas:-

I was much surprised yesterday when Mr. Fish brought around the deed of lot 6 to have him state that the agreement was that the Madison Land & Improvement Company should be paid $150. He says that was the distinct understanding between you and him. I told him I thought he was mistaken; that I thought the $150 was inserted in the deed merely as a matter of form. He was to see you and I said I would also drop you a line to ascertain what the understanding was.

I stated that our position was that, inasmuch as their company would get more land in area than what they gave, we did not think they ought to charge the Association anything for the deed of the lot; that I was very sure that was your position.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

Aug. 27, 1904.

Dr. Frank Smith,

City.

My dear Sir:-

I notice in the speech, printed in the Democrat this morning and delivered by you before the council last night, that you make a statement to the effect that the city has expended thousands of dollars in the construction of the lock and bridges in the Yahara river improvement. This statement is not correct. The city has never spent a dollar in the construction of any lock. On the contrary, our Association not only met the entire expense of building the lock, but in doing so, constructed for the city a wall on that side of the river which took the place of an old and dilapitated wall that must, in the near future, have been replaced at the expense of the city. The other wall, toward the Hausman property, in fact fell down while the lock was being constructed, and the city was compelled to rebuild it.

I have no doubt you made the above statement in good faith, but inasmuch as you are a member of the council, and would be presumed to know whether or not the city had expended money in the construction of the lock, the statement is calculated to leave a very erroneous impression, and do harm to the work of our Association by creating a prejudice against it. I think, therefore, that you should, over your own signature, make a correction of this statement in the same paper in which the erroneous statement appears.

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Considering all that our Association has done to save the city in the Yahara river improvement, in filling streets and park lands, I submit that men ought to be careful not to misrepresent the facts. Before we get through we shall have spent not less than $12,000, raised wholly by private subscriptions, in the making of streets and park lands for the city. This is wholly outside of the question of dredging the river a sufficient depth and width to permit of the free passage of boats. Such an expenditure of money, voluntarily contributed by the citizens who make up the membership of our Association, deserves, I submit, the thanks of the common council of the city and I think you will agree with this solution.

Very truly yours,

John W. Olin
President

(Dic. by O.)

Aug. 27, 1904.

A. O. Fox, Esq.,

521 N. Henry,

City.

My dear Sir:-

After a little fixing is done by Mr. Sayle to the lower lock gate -- and I understand he will do this within a few days -- there is no reason why launches could not go down through the lock to the other lake, except for the obstruction by Mr. Nelson in the building of the new cement bridge. I expect to see Mr. Nelson again this afternoon, and urge upon him again the necessity of giving three or four feet clearance space.

I am pretty well satisfied, after a examination of the lock gates, considering their massiveness, etc., that it will be necessary, in order to have the gates opened and closed so as to give satisfaction to the public, to employ some man as an attendant to do this work. There will be times when women and young people will want to pass through the lock and persons who are strangers entirely to the method of operating it.

I do not quite feel as though our Association ought to assume the burden of employing a man especially to attend to the lock. It has occurred to me, considering the number of people who now own launches and the probable increase in such number in the near future, that they might perhaps form an organization or association, and as such meet the expense of employing an attendant. I presume we might authorize the collecting of a small toll for passing through the lock.

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I have some doubt, however, whether this would be a popular thing to do. The favor with which our drive work is received is due, I think, quite a good deal to the fact that the drives are open free of charge to the whole public, and there is something of the same reason for keeping the lock open to all free of charge.

I make the above merely by way of suggestion. I wish you would think the matter over. It is quite desirable, when the lock is opened, that it should be managed rightly from the start, so that the public will get a favorable, and not an unfavorable, impression; and even though it may be not necessary to employ an attendant permanently, it seems to me that it would be well to have such an attendant during the first month or so, at least, after the opening of the lock.

Very truly yours,

John M Olin.

(Dic. by O.)

Aug. 29, 1904.

Mr. N. J. Johnson,

1119 E. Johnson st.,

City.

My dear sir:-

I hand you herewith a proposed form of contract along the lines we discussed yesterday. Since talking with you, I have thought further about the matter, and it seems to me absolutely necessary, in order to complete the work this season, that you should run your dredge nights, and as continuously as possible, and that you should commence to do this without delay. It is absolutely necessary to the success of our work, and I think also to the success of your work here, that this work should be completed this season. Moreover, unless you run nights, you will not get out of the way, either of the city work as to its bridges, nor will you complete your excavating in time to have the St. Paul Company open its trestle bridge for you. I think the proposition which I have made to you is, everything considered, a liberal one. I estimate that you can run your dredge twenty hours, that is, two days of ten hours each, at an actual expense to you, exclusive of your own time, not to exceed $17.00. This allows for five men at $2.00 each, making $16.00, and $7.00 for each such twenty hours for coal and repairs. On this basis you would run your dredge eighty days of ten hours each, or forty days of twenty hours each, at an expense of $680. This would leave you, out of the $1300, $620. If your dredge will throw out as much as two hundred cubic yards instead of three hundred and

seventy five in ten hours, as guaranteed by you, you could throw out, during these forty days of twanty hours each, or eighty days of ten hours each, 16000 cubic yards. Making all due allowances for any difficulty as to the bridges, you ought, I think, during the forth days, to be able to throw out certainly not less than 12000 cubic yards, and at a return to you, net, of not less than $600. But as I view this matter, you ought to be willing to complete this job in the manner desired by the Association as nearly as possible and at the time desired, even though you did not make anything more than wages at $5.00 per day. Your contract as to quantity is a plain guarantee, and, as I figure the matter, you have not come up to much, if any, over one-half of that guarantee on the whole work. This is said between us and not for publication, but I think that your dredge has not thrown out to exceed 180 cubic yards per day of ten hours each, and I do not think it has thrown out that much.

You have now run about a year for us with a crew nights, and we have paid on the basis of something like twenty-two hours per day while the dredge has been running. Hence, I think it would be very reasonable for you, in order to complete this work, to run nights under the proposed contract. It is absolutely necessary for us to get the black dirt on this fall. We cannot count on working later than Nov. 15th. Everything froze up on us last year as early as that. If you complete your work Oct. 15th, it only leaves us a month within which to complete our work.

We shall be compelled to borrow money to pay you for this work,

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but I feel as though this job must in some way be completed this fall. Moreover, it is for your interest to complete this work and get at the dredging of the ~~Yahara~~ Wingra creek at as early a date as possible.

I will hand this letter to you this afternoon, with a request that you look the proposed contract and letter through and then come up to my office this evening at any time after half-past seven.

Very truly yours,

John Muir

(Dic. by O.)

(Encl.)

Aug. 29, 1904.

John E. Sullivan, Esq.,
2215 Winnebago St.,
City.

Dear Sir:-

We now hope to be ready to commence having the top dressing put on about Monday or Tuesday of next week. I thought I would send you this note so that you might be looking ahead. I wil also drop a line to Mr. Kanouse. Shall want you to use the same wagons with the same marks as before. We will commence first covering the piece of ground between Williamson street and the Northwestern's Milwaukee track; then we hope to next cover the strip between Williamson street and Lake Monona, on this side of the river. By the time this is done, we think we will have other work ready so as to keep you and Mr. Kanouse drawing steadily.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

John M Olin.

Aug. 29, 1904.

William T. Kanouse,

1936 Railroad St.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

We now hope to be ready to commence having the top dressing put on about Monday or Tuesday of next week. I thought I would send you this note so that you might be looking ahead. I will also drop a line to Mr. Sullivan. Shall want you to use the same wagons with the same marks as before. We will commence first covering the piece of ground between Williamson street and the Northwestern's Milwaukee track; then we hope to next cover the strip between Williamson street and Lake Monona, on this side of the river. By the time this is done, we think we will have other work ready so as to keep you and Mr. Sullivan drawing steadily.

Very truly yours,

John M Olin.

(Dic. by O.)

Aug. 30, 1904.

Professor W. D. Taylor,

Sterling Place,

City.

My dear Sir:-

We are exceedingly anxious to be able to open up and use the lock. I understand Mr. Sayle was out there since I spoke to you about the matter, but nothing has been done. From a statement by the foreman, it would seem as though there was something to be done by Mr. King, with reference to one of the valves. Dr. Neilson was up here yesterday and spoke of a number of little things he thought ought to be done or attended to before the work can be said to be completed. I told him to see you personally and explain the situation. I myself noticed that the ratchet wheel, or arrangement for lifting the gate, is all out of shape. I question whether it was ever just what it ought to be. However, these are matters we must leave to you and whatever you think ought to be done, in order to be in compliance with the contract, we will see is carried out, and if there is anything to be done not covered by the contract in order to put things in proper shape, please have such work done and we will foot the bill.

I dislike to bother you about this matter, but I am exceedingly anxious not only to have the lock opened for use, but when it is opened, to have it in good working order, so that it will not get a black eye. Anything you can do in this matter to get things in shape I would much appreciate.

Very truly yours,

Aug. 30, 1904.

John T. Blake, Esq.,

413 W. Mifflin,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I supposed when I spoke to you about the work on the Fauerbach property, that all of this work would be completed before this, except perhaps a space of about thirty feet next the old Williamson street bridge. Delay in your work is greatly inconveniencing the work of the Association. I would regard it as a very great personal favor if you could take hold of the job vigorously and crowd it through to completion. We cannot do our grading until this work is done and we cannot get on the top dressing along the river until the grading is done and the street macadamized. Can you not crowd the matter? It is not a large job. Please see what you can do to help out. You are not charged up with any delay prior to the time the old house was moved off, but since that house was put in place there has been no reason why your part of the work should not have been done, except as to the thirty feet spoken of, which will have to be completed later. We are under contract to get the top dirt drawn this fall from Mr. Steinley's land, otherwise we shall loose the same, and I do not know where the Association can get any other dirt for this purpose.

I have not been down to the Williamson street bridge since Sunday. Hence, you may be in there rushing the work, and this let-

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ter may not at all be necessary. I hope it is not. But if you have not already commenced the work, I trust you will do so at once and crowd it vigorously.

Very t ruly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

John W. Blair
President

. Aug. 30, 1904.

Carl J. Hausmann, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

We shall soon be getting up toward your property with the dredge, and I write to find out whether you cannot have the shed taken out of the way within the next two or three weeks, so that there will be no delay in the work.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

John W. Blair
President.

Aug. 30, 1904.

M. C. Clarke, Esq.,

City.

My dear Sir:-

I hope that you will get after Mr. Blake and crowd him to push the work on the Fauerbach property as rapidly as possible. The delay in that work, if continued much longer, will very seriously interfere with our work. We wish to commence drawing dirt from the Steinley land for top dressing on Monday of next week. We should be able, after commencing this time, to keep on continuously with that branch of the work, otherwise we shall not be able to get the dirt off. We are under contract to do this this fall, and unless we meet the conditions of the contract, we shall loose the dirt, and I do not know where we can get any other dirt for that purpose. What is here said applies also to your getting in shape the fifty foot strip along the northeast side of the river, so that the same can be covered with top soil this fall. I dislike to keep bothering you about this matter, but I am sure you will appreciate the situation and do everything in your power to help out. I have written a personal note to Blake, urging upon him the necessity of getting this work done so that we can proceed with our work. But the contract is not between our Association and Blake, and so we are not in a position, legally, to crowd the work, and can only do that through you and Mr. Thomas.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

President

Aug. 31, 1904

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Stevens,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mrs. Stevens:-

Your letter of Aug. 29th, signed by you and Amelia Stevens as executrix of the estate of B. J. Stevens, as to payment of subscription of Mr. Stevens to Yahara river improvement, duly received.

At the next meeting of the board of directors of our association, I will lay the matter referred to in your letter before the board for their consideration, and will promptly advise you as to the action taken.

Hoping this will be satisfactory, I am.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

J. Howell Clise

President.

Aug. 31, 1904.

Judge E. W. Keyes,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Mr. Keyes:-

I would come over and see you personally, except for the work on this contest case. I write you this note concerning your subscription of $100 to the Yahara river improvement. The time has come when we must either collect in those subscriptions or abandon the work. I am sure you do not wish us to do the latter, and of course you intend to pay this subscription, as you always have. Until now, it has not been necessary for us to crowd matters, but we must do so from this on or abandon the job. If you have not done so of late, I wish you would go out to the Williamson street bridge and then drive along the river toward the west, and see what we are doing. If you need any additional reasons for feeling that your subscription was well made, I think you will have them furnished by such an examination.

I would regard it as a personal favor if you could help us out on your subscription at this time. I tell you, I shall feel like throwing up my hat when this Yahara river improvement is all done. It has been a big undertaking. Had I known before I started in just how much labor it involved, I think I should not have entered upon it. And yet, it will, when completed, be worth all it has cost, and much more.

Yours very truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Aug. 31, 1904

R. A. Cowan, Esq.,

Supt. C. & N. W. Ry. Co.,

Baraboo, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I just received a telephone message from Mr. Gething, saying that you had ordered the men to stop drawing dirt to-day. I wish very much you could have called me up by phone about the matter. It will take about seven carloads more to finish up on the east side of the track, so the foreman telephones, and we have no dirt on that side at all that we can get. It will take a good deal more to finish the approach on the westerly side. I tried to reach you by phone at Baraboo, but could not get you. Could you not possibly help us out a little further; if not just now, then a little later? If you will, I will see that a notice is written up and published in the local papers here in reference to the generosity of your company in making this approach, that I am sure will please you.

The work of making this approach has been very much more than I anticipated and I feel very grateful toward you and your company for the help you have given. But now that you have done the most of it, can you not see your way to complete it? We have done everything we possibly could in the way of putting in dirt from the river, and we have none left on the easterly side of the track.

Please let me hear from you, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Aug. 31, 1904.

King & Walker Co.,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for forty-six cents to pay for your bill against Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association for repairing mower. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me.

It seems that your subscription, made to the Yahara river improvement, has not been paid in full. We shall soon be compelled to stop that work unless we can collect in the balance of the subscriptions. We cannot afford to run in debt. If you have not already done so, I wish you would go out to the Williamson street bridge, and then go up along the river, and see what we are doing, and I think you will be perfectly willing to make an extra effort to pay this subscription at this time.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

President.

Aug. 31, 1904.

Fuller & Johnson Mfg. Co.,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $1.50 to pay your bill against the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me.

Yours truly,

J. Howell Aler

President.

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Sept. 1, 1904

Broncke Bros.,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $4.50 to pay your bill against Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me.

Yours truly,

J. Howell Aler

President.

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Sept. 1, 1904

A. O. Fox, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Aug. 31st just received, with list of launch owners for the two lakes attached. Please accept thanks.

Since writing my former letter, I have perhaps changed my notions a little as to the launch owners employing a man to manage the lock this fall. What we need most of all this fall is to get enough money in some way to complete the work along the river. You will remember our talk in which you said you would undertake to raise from launch owners the amount of the National Electric subscription. It would hardly do for us to appeal to the launch owners this fall to meet the expense of attending the lock and at the same time make an additional or special subscription. Hence, it occurs to me that the association will be ahead by providing some person during the remainder of this season to attend the lock, with the understanding that we will try and get as much as possible out of the launch owners to help complete the work. If you will drop into the office some time, I will look over with you the list of launch owners and indicate to you those who have not contributed anything as yet, and talk over with you as to others who might be willing to contribute something additional.

After the close of the launch season this year, and after the launch owners have had an opportunity to use the river somewhat, then I think it would be an excellent thing for the launch owners to get together and form an association along the lines indicated in my former letter.

Please let me know what you think of my suggestion.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.) President.

Sept. 1,1904

R. A. Coman, Esq.,

Supt. C. & N. W. Ry. Co.,

Baraboo, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

I received your telegram last evening in answer to one I sent you.

Of course, we cannot ask for unreasonable things of your company. I want to know, however, whether you cannot, at some later date in the near future, help us out to the extent as indicated in my telegram to you last night on the northwesterly side of the track.

I was out at the river this morning, looking over the situation to determine what we might do to complete the work on the easterly side of the track. Now, our men are yet putting dirt into the embankment there so that we are short some for necessary grading outside of the road bed. There is some dirt thrown up on the opposite side of the river that we can get, and I have put team in there this morning, drawing dirt by wagon. We will in this way, or in some way, get the dirt to complete the approach on the easterly side of the track.

There was something done there yesterday which I didn't know anything about, and that was the putting of about a half a carload of dirt on ground beyond the line of grade of the approach. As soon as I learned of it I called up Mr. McDonald and explained the situation. It was not the amount of the dirt, but it was the principle of the thing.

But it will be necessary now for us to use a few loads of dirt on some land right near the embankment by reason of our having taken the dirt

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that should have been left for that place and put it in the road bed. But this we will replace and in fact, as I have stated, do the entire work necessary to complete the approach on the easterly side. And if you can, say some time later, help us out with about two days' haul on the westerly side, we will very much appreciate it.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

J. Russell Allen

President.

Sept. 1, 1904

Henry Kessenich, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours received, enclosing check for $14.40 in payment of bill for work done by association for E. J. Stevens' estate. Please accept thanks for same. I return the same receipted.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Sept. 1,1904

Mr. McDonald,

Road-Master C. & N. W. Ry. Co.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I was out this morning to the river to look over the situation. I find that there were only five cars loaded instead of seven. It will be necessary for us to draw in quite a good deal of dirt in order to complete the approach on the easterly side of the track to say nothing about the westerly side. Moreover, I found that the men had drawn dirt upon the roadway from the river bank so as not to leave sufficient dirt to quite complete the grading. Now we have no dirt any where within three quarters of a mile that is fit for that work. We have, however, some sand and gravel thrown up on the opposite side of the river. I have put a team in there this morning and instructed the men to draw all the surplus dirt from that side of the river and put it over on the road bed. We will keep drawing by team from that side of the river and will, in some way, get in sufficient dirt to complete the approach on the easterly side of the track. I have written Mr. Cowan, asking him, if possible, at some later date, to give us about two days' help in hauling for the westerly approach.

If the men use a small amount of the good dirt now in the embankment to help out in the grading next the track where the dirt was removed, you will understand that every pound of that will be replaced by dirt we shall get from the other side of the river, and, as stated above, we will, in some way, complete the approach on that side.

I do not know whether you remember, but we had, before your road

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commenced putting in dirt, a fill nearly four feet in depth along the roadway toward the approach on the easterly side of the river.

Of course, we thank your company very much for the help that it has given us, and I don't know how we could have completed that grading without such help. But the unlustrating was the General manager was the [illegible] [illegible], where [illegible] were raised, [illegible] [illegible]

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

J. H. W. McClure

President.

Sept. 2, 1904

King & Walker Co.,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Please accept thanks for your check of $80.00 in payment of subscription to Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Have turned the same over to Mr. Hoyt.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

J. H. W. McClure

President.

Sept. 2, 1904

M. J. Johnson, Esq.,

1119 E. Johnson St.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Sept. 1st received, enclosing bill for labor and material furnished in excavating under Sherman Avenue bridge and at head of lock, etc., amounting to $204.51. Enclosed please find warrant for the same; also find bill, which please receipt in full and return same to me, and oblige.

I want you to be sure to throw out on the Voss property all the dirt that is needed there, if possible, before you quit on that side, so that we will have that work done before the old man can make any effective objection.

I want to impress on you again the necessity of your arranging, at the very earliest date possible, to run your dredge rights.

It occurs to me that as soon as you get through on the Voss property, it would be a good think to pass through the Main street bridge, cutting your way as you go, and throw up a good embankment between Main street and the Avenue on this side, so that the same can be drying out.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

(Dec. by O.)

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Sept. 2, 1904

R. A. Cowan, Esq.,

Supt. C. & N. W. Ry. Co.,

Baraboo, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

Yours of Sept. 1st received and contents noted. I think I understand the situation and I want you to fully understand how much I appreciate the aid you have given us in this matter. While, of course, it is the duty of a railroad company, in the ordinary case, when it raises its tracks, to so change the approaches to a traveled road as to leave them in good, passable condition, I recognized, in this case, in the first place, the great amount which your company had done, (though under a statute passed, yet agreeing to the same before any statute was passed) and further recognized the fact that Water street had been relocated, which made the necessary filling somewhat greater than it would have been had the whole street remained where it was.

As stated in my former letter, I think we can, in some way, complete the work on the easterly side of the track. In the meantime, we will have excavated the river bed on the westerly side of the track and will get out all the filling we can there. If we can possibly get enough to complete the approach on that side, I should not in any event ask your company to do anything more. But if we find it impossible to get sufficient dirt, I trust you may be able, at some later date this season, to help us out to the extent as indicated in my former letter.

Yours very truly,

(Dic. by O.)

[signature]

President.

Sept. 2, 1904.

A. D. & J. V. Frederickson,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $4.00 to pay for bill for stakes for Henry Vilas Park. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me, and much oblige.

Yours truly,

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

John Olin

President.

Sept. 3, 1904.

O. C. Simonds, Esq.,

Landscape Gardener,

Station X,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Simonds:-

I have been hoping that we might hear from you before this as to foot bridge in Tenney Park. I presume you are busy, but I would like very much to get this bridge in this fall and the time is getting quite short. Please let me hear from you and oblige.

Yours truly,

John Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

Sept. 3, 1904

Welch Keyser, Esq.,

Baraboo, Wis.

Dear Sir:

Yours of Sept. 2nd received. We had to take the men off the work in Merry Vale Park for a while to do some work on the river. We hope to get them back in a week or so, and will then secure balance of logs. We will do this at the earliest date possible.

Yours truly,

(Dict. by O.)

John W. Alvin

President.

Sept. 3, 1904

H. H. Thomas, Esq.,

Baraboo, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Sept. 2nd received and contents noted. Please accept thanks for same.

While I do not think Mrs. Voss has any legal or valid claim to the strip of land contended for, yet I am anxious to avoid any further trouble, and I thank you for your friendly interposition.

Yours truly,

(Dict. by O.)

John W. Alvin

President.

Sept. 5, 1904.

John F. Icke, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

Failing to see you personally this morning, I will write you a note, calling attention to certain matters.

1. As to the Fauerbach property. As I remember, you stated the outer line of the six foot roadway would be eighteen feet toward the river from certain stakes you set. I was down there yesterday morning, and if I understand the stakes, it seems to me there is some mistake. This would not leave hardly anything of a margin next the river at the bridge. At any rate, the margin of the street next the river ought to be 103½ feet toward the river from the line of the Fauerbach property next the city. You have already set an iron stake there, and I have directed Severt, our foreman, in laying out the road that is to join the road across the Fauerbach property, to measure 103½ feet from said iron stake toward the river on a line at right angles to the Fauerbach property line. You will be down there to-morrow. When you would observe the stakes set by Severt and see whether everything is all right.

2. It seems to me that the Main street bridge is not raised sufficient to give an eight foot clearance at ordinary stage of water. Of course, I may be entirely mistaken about this. Mr. Johnson, the dredger, thinks that the bridge, when completed, will be at least six inches lower than the railroad bridge. I know that the railroad bridge does not furnish us more than an eight foot clearance. This is a very important matter. We need every inch of that eight foot clearance, and I speak of the

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matter now so as to avoid any possible mistake.

3. It also seemed to me on looking at the proposed arch for the cement bridge that there would not be an eight foot clearance under that bridge in ordinary stage of water for a width of thirty feet. I presume I am mistaken about this, but thought there would be no harm to call your attention to it now. We must have that amount of head room. To lessen it any will very much destroy the extent to which the river can be used by boats in the future.

4. We finally got old Mr. Voss quieted down and will improve the strip on his land out to the stakes set by Captain Nader. Those stakes are still there. I think you put in an iron stake along Main street. I do not find that there is any stake at the easterly end of the strip next the railway right of way. I wish very much that you could have a good substantial iron stake put in either at the place where the wooden stakes are next the railway right of way, or, if you think best, nearer the railroad track, but on that line, so that Mr. Voss can see the same now before filling is done and so that there may be no further difficulty. I wish you would leave the stake out of ground high enough so that it will still be above ground some after the ground is filled not less than two feet and a half above the present stage of water.

5. Wish you could give Johnson the level of three feet above present level of water in river at the outer edge of Water street as relocated and on the easterly side of Main street. There is a wooden stake there now indicating the line. Perhaps it would be just as well to put a permanent iron stake there at this time, leaving the same out of ground

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about three feet and a half above present stage of water. This would then settle the line at that point.

6. At the same time you put in the other stakes, as above indicated, I wish you could put in two or three iron stakes on the northeasterly side of river between railway track and Williamson street. Severt, the foreman, knows the line there. There are certain wooden stakes put in but they are not permanent. We had some points along this strip filled out into the river so that we have more than a fifty foot strip of land, and we do not wish to lose that extra land that we have made.

7. Wish also a permanent stake could be put in on the street line as relocated between railway track and Williamson street, and at the intersection of Water street, as relocated, and the street that runs down by the easterly side of the Northern Electric works. We need that line marked in order to lay out properly the traveled part of Water street as relocated.

It would be a very great accommodation to us if you, in some way, could arrange to set these stakes to-morrow morning. Severt, the foreman, will be there at that time ready to lay out the line of the traveled road on Water street as relocated, preparatory to putting on gravel.

I dislike very much to bother a person so busy as you are, but I thought it might save time to gather up these matters so that they could be done at one time, and it is really necessary that we should have these stakes set at once in order to do our work intelligently. If you need any assistance in the doing of the work, just call on one of our men there.

(Dic. by O.)

Yours truly,

President.

Sept. 5, 1904.

D. C. Cheney, Supt.,
C. M. & St. P. Ry. Co.,
Milwaukee, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

Inasmuch as the center of Water street, as relocated, crosses your track, Watertown line, at a point farther from the river as before written you, it becomes necessary to have some new plank put in between the rails at this point. We are anxious to complete the road as relocated at this point at once. Can you not have new planking put in this week? We wish to commence drawing top dressing for the park area on Monday, of next week, and it will be necessary to cross your track at this point. I have examined the location and find that you can put in new plank at this point without in any way interfering with your switch which is just to the southeast toward the city.

I hope very much that you can commence drawing gravel to do the filling at the end of the abutments and also help us a little on the approach on each side of your track where Water street will be as relocated.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

J. Lowell Allen

President.

Sept. 5, 1904

R. A. Cowan, Esq.,

Supt. C. & N. W. Ry. Co.,

Baraboo, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

Inasmuch as Water street has been relocated, it will be necessary to have some plank put in between the rails of your track, Milwaukee line, at point where the new street crosses the road. This ought to be done at once so as to enable travel to pass over the tracks at this point and also enable our teams to draw some dirt over the track at this point. We shall have the center of the traveled roadway over your track at this point located to-day, or at the latest to-morrow morning, so that your men will know just where to put the planks. I would suggest that the track be planked for a width of about twenty feet at this point, that being the width of the traveled roadway bed as we intend to make it.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Sept. 5, 1904

N. J. Johnson, Esq.,
1119 E. Johnson St.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find three warrants, aggregating $566.22. I return bill to be receipted by you and returned to me.

I have struck out, for the present, the item of $200 appropriated for scow. This is done for the reasons as indicated in my talk with you some time since. It was my understanding, and I think the understanding of all the directors, that the scow to be constructed should be a dump scow, and that the construction of the same, put in operation ready to dig out from under the bridges would cost not less than $400 to $450, and that, under the circumstances, we would assume to pay one-half of such cost, agreed upon at that time under the assumed facts to be $200. I think the association should not in any event pay any more than one-half its actual expense.

We are paying herewith for an addition of 16 days 7¼ hours for the running of your dredge between Williamson street bridge and the railway track. This should pay, according to your guaranty of throwing out an average of 375 cubic yards of dirt, for over 6,000 cubic yards. I am very certain that the entire amount of dirt thrown out by you between these two bridges would not equal 6,000 cubic yards, and, without stopping to figure it up closely, I think it has cost us well towards $2500. I think it has cost us over fifty cents a cubic yard just for the throwing of the dirt out of the channel for every cubic yard of dirt you have

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excavated between those two bridges. I recognize the fact that a part of this digging was hard and had it cost us twelve, thirteen, or even fifteen cents a cubic yard, instead of 6.6 cents per cubic yard according to your guaranty, I should not feel at all like complaining. I think all of these facts need to be remembered by you when considering the remark made the other evening that you thought the contract you recently signed was one-sided. [illegible]

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(3 Warrants)

(Enc.)

J. Russell Allen

President.

Henry Chestnut, Esq.,

Fredericton, New Brunswick,

Sept. 5, 1904.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Sept. 1st received. Under another cover, I take pleasure in sending you a copy of the last annual report of our association. Should be pleased to have you drop me a line, stating what you think of the same. Of course, there are no charges.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

Sept. 5,1904

C. F. Cooley, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $1.95 for cement for Henry Vilas Park. Please return bill receipted, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

John M. Olin

President.

Sept. 6, 1904.

Dr. R. W. Hurd,
Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

I was a good deal surprised last evening to learn from our foreman that you were dissatisfied as to the work done opposite your land and were going to claim, in effect, title to land which we have made by filling out into the river. Of course, no such claim as that could be established, but, upon reflection, I think you will see that you have no cause whatever for feeling aggrieved. We have excavated beyond the old river line on opposite side of river, and filled out land on your side. This gives more [illegible] your side. I supposed at one time that we should have some extra dirt on that side of the river. At that time, I supposed the railway company would complete the filling for the approaches to their track. This, however, they declined to do. This made it necessary for us to get dirt elsewhere to complete the filling on the easterly side of the track, and the only dirt we had that might be spared was on your side of the river. I had, however, at the time when I supposed we might have some dirt to spare, told Mr. Johnson to tell you that you could have whatever dirt we did not need, you simply paying just what it cost us to put it upon your land, not charging you anything for getting the dirt out of the river. I presume such cost would have been to you about twelve to fifteen cents per cubic yard. Now, it certainly did not cost our association less than thirty cents per cubic yard to throw this dirt out upon the bank by the dredge. It was hard digging, and the excavation of that portion of the river has cost us more, relatively, than any other portion of the river. It seemed to me a most liberal proposition on our part that we should put dirt in upon your land at a cost to you of [illegible] cents per cubic yard. Cer-

tainly this would have been quite a contribution on our part. As it turned out, however, we had no dirt to spare, and things are to be looked upon just as though that was the conclusion from the start.

It is needless for me to say that it is rather discouraging, if not disheartening, to any one who has been endeavoring as I have been for the last two years to have this improvement carried through, for adjoining lot owners to make complaints, when we are doing everything as possibly can to complete the undertaking. I have put in $460 in cash in that improvement, but that has been the least of my contribution. I could employ every minute of my time in my office, and had I done so with the time I have spent on this river improvement, I would certainly be $2,000 better off than I am to-day, not to say anything about the subscription in cash. Under these circumstances, I feel as though the people who live along the river and will be directly benefited by this improvement, ought to do everything in their power to help the matter along. I assure you the directors are doing the best they know how. The improvement is costing more than it was calculated. We shall have some $2,000 to complete it. I presume before we get through, the directors will have to sign a personal note to the bank to borrow money to complete the work.

Upon reflection, I trust that you will have no feeling, either against the work or against the association.

I will say further, that under a contract with Mr. E. F. Riley, our association has the right to take dirt to the extent of 10,000 cubic yards from the Steinle tract. It costs us in the bank 3½ cents per cubic yard. If you wish to have drawn from that place two or three hundred cubic yards,

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I will make an arrangement so that you can get the dirt without any cost xx to you. It will be merely the cost of drawing it.

I tried to see you personally last evening after seeing the foreman, but you had left and I had no means of hitching my horse, and hence I take this means of reaching you at the earliest possible date.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Sept. 7, 1904

Messrs. Harper & Winterbotham,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Your check of $50.00 received in payment of balance of subscription of $100 toward Yahara river improvement. Please accept thanks for same, I have turned same over to Mr. Hoyt.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Sept. 7, 1904

[illegible] Esq.,

Landscape Gardener,

Station X,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Sept. 6th received, enclosing sketch for cement foot bridge, Tenney Park. It is very neat indeed. But I am afraid it is beyond our means. I do not believe it could be built much, if any, short of $1,000. If it could be built say for $500, we can carry it through. I will have the man who is building the cement arch bridge across the river look at the same with an idea of giving me some estimate as to the probable cost.

I note what you say about probable visit by some parties from Chicago. I would like very much when they come to be so situated as to give them some of my time. The republican contest case has been set down for argument before the supreme court on Wednesday morning, of next week. The argument will undoubtedly consume two days. Hence, I would not be free before Friday, Sept. 16. I am quite sure I will be free on that day. This, I understand from your letter, is one day later than named. Could you not, however, plan to come Friday instead of Thursday? Please drop me a line in advance so that I will be informed just when you will be here.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Sept. 7, 1904

Mr. A. O. Fox,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

Yours of Sept. 6th just received, and contents noted.

I do not think you quite understood my last letter, or I failed to make my meaning plain.

As I remember the subscription of the Northern Electric Manufacturing Company, it was $350.00. If that is so, there would still be left due on your subscription $50.00. If, however, the subscription of the Northern Electric Company was $400, then your subscription, as well as that of the Northern Electric Company, is fully paid.

I did not mean to convey the idea that you were under any contract or legal obligation to secure from the launch owners any particular subscription or any subscription at all, but merely that you kindly promised, seeing the financial difficulties we were in, to see the launch owners and endeavor to raise as much, if possible, as would equal the subscription of the Northern Electric Company, that amount being named merely because it would make good what I had been, in good faith, counting upon as the amount of our subscriptions as reported to the annual meeting and as published in the report, [illegible] you stated you thought you could [illegible]

I have already taken up with Mr. Icke the matter of the head room at the Williamson street bridge. Have you seen the work there since the frame work has been put up for the arch? I do not myself see any particular reason why there cannot be left three or four feet head room there so as to admit of the passage of boats.

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I agree with you entirely that you ought not to see thelaunch owners as to any additional subscription until the lock is opened up. I have done and am doing everything in my power to get the lock in operation at the earliest date possible. I wish you would take the matter up with Mr. Swenson and get Mr. Swenson to get after Prof. Taylor and have him get after Mr. Sayle. They have promised to have this work done long before this date.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

John M. Clark.

President.

Sept. 8, 1904

Patrick J [illegible], Esq.,
348 W. Dayton St.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find three warrants in payment for your services for month of August. Please receipt each of the bills and return same to me in the enclosed stamped envelope.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

(3 Warrants)
(3 Encl.)

John M. Clark

President.

Sept. 4, 1904.

John T. Johnson, Esq.,
614 E. Mifflin St.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

You have now been off from the work for one week to-morrow. You have been evading me at every turn and I am not surprised at that fact. You have deceived me and lied to me outrageously. You got your last pay on Friday, of last week, by falsehood and misrepresentation. You claimed that you wanted to buy some feed for your team on the market because you could get it cheaper. You neither bought any hay nor any feed of any kind for your team. I learned this morning that the horses had nothing to eat and that the man that drives them got some hay from Andrew to feed them but had no grain. I at once ordered twenty bushels of oats for the team. Instead of using the money you got to buy feed for your team and pay your honest debts, you have been squandering the same on riotous and lascivious conduct. I learned to-day that you were drunk here in the city on Labor Day. You seem thoroughly to have gone to pieces. This too, after your protestations before me in my office last Friday of your good intentions, etc.

Now I want you to come to my office immediately upon receipt of this letter and execute to me a chattel mortgage as security on the note I signed with you at the bank. This you have agreed to do a number of times. I now insist on its being done, and that too without any delay.

How a man with a family of children such as you have can be guilty of such conduct as you are guilty of, is beyond my comprehension.

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You have deserted the work of the association just at the time you were needed the most and after you, by false statements, had got into your hands money that didn't belong to you.

I find that you have been borrowing money from the men who are working for us, $15 from Mike Conlin and $5.00 from Severt, with a promise that you would pay them when you got your money at the end of the month. Instead of doing this, you have squandered the money you got from the association in riotous and lascivious conduct. Shame on a man that will do as you have done, who is responsible for bringing up a family of children that you have brought into the world. You seem to have lost all self-respect. This may account for your evading me as you have done for the last week.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Sept. 9, 1904.

Mr. M. C. Clarke,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

I understand from Mr. Icke that the street committee decided yesterday not to permit Blake for the Fairbanks to connect that sewer with the city sewer system. This being true, I suppose the only thing for Mr. Blake to do will be to take up that sewer and put in another. I think notice ought to be served by you and Mr. Thomas at once, upon Mr. Blake, to proceed with this work. If Mr. Blake is dissatisfied with the decision and wants to take the matter before the council, he ought to do so to-night. I don't believe, however, such a move will accomplish anything. As you know, this matter has delayed us, and I trust that you will now push the matter to a head at once. If Mr. Blake declines to commence work promptly, I think you and Mr. Thomas ought to serve written notice on him that unless he proceeds to do the work at once, you will have the work done by some other contractor at his expense.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

Sept. 9, 1904.

A. O. Fox, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

Yours of Sept. 9th received.

No, there is no mistake in the books. If you will read my letter again, I think you will see that you must have read it rather hastily. I did not pretend to state in the letter the amount of the Northern Electrical subscription, but simply said that if it was only $350, there was still $50 due from you, according to your position, and that if it was $400, there was nothing due. I did not at the time remember the amount of the subscription, and did not think it necessary to stop to look the matter up, knowing that you would remember it. I have not looked at the letter since I wrote it, but I am sure that the above is what I dictated.

Some time when you are at liesure and I can get a few minutes, I want to have a little talk with you about this subscription of the Northern Electrical Company, merely for the purpose of explaining to you the reasons why I concluded that this was an additional subscription.

The new Williamson street cement bridge, with the present constructions, leaves head room of forty-two inches. This will be ample for launches to pass through. I have been after Mr. Sayle and John T. King to complete whatever is necessary to be done to the lock to permit of the passage of boats. There is no reason now why launches should not be passing through the lock within a day or two if these men will do their duty.

Yours truly,

(Dec. by O.)

[signature]

President.

Sept. 10,1904

Mr. E. O. [illegible],
[illegible], Wis.

[illegible]

Your note, with letter from Henry Knowlton, received. [illegible] information asked for is sent to him free of charge.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

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Sept. 12, 1904.

Milton Updegraff, Esq.,

Decorah, Iowa.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Sept. 10th received, and contents noted.

Under another cover, I send you a copy of the last annual report of our association and also a copy of an early report, which contains the articles of association and by-laws as well as the statute under which we are organized. The by-laws have been somewhat modified since, the principal change being that any one who subscribes as much as five dollars is admitted to full membership except on the one question of voting to change the articles of association. Should be pleased to have you send me a note, giving me your impressions of the work of our association after looking through the report.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Sept. 21, 1904

Mr. M. C. Clarke,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I had a talk with Mr. Henry Fauerbach over the phone yesterday. Unless something can be done to secure the execution of your contract with the Blake Bros., it will be necessary for the association to proceed to do this work. In that event we should be compelled to charge the expense of the work up against you and Mr. Thomas. I dislike to write any such note as this. I have done everything I could to get this work out of the way, but I am sure you will appreciate the situation when you remember that the association is under a binding contract with the Fauerbachs and that you and Mr. Thomas are under a binding contract with the association to see that this work is done. Unless it is commenced and pushed rapidly, it will not be done before frost comes.

I tried to get over and see you personally yesterday, but by reason of this case in the supreme court it was impossible for me to do so, and I have no time this morning.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

J. M. McClure

President.

Pres. Wks you have already got the [illegible] at work. If so this [illegible] I write it out of [illegible]

Sept. 14, 1904

Michael E. Foley, Esq.,

1215 W. Dayton St.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

As I understand, you are the one that is at the head of the teamsters association. I want very much to see you for a few minutes. Could you not call at my office this evening? I will be here at half past seven and you can call at any time after that. If I possibly can do so, I will come to your house some time between six and seven, and if I do that it will not be necessary for you to come to the office.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Sept. 14, 1904

John F. Loke, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Severt thinks we better try and arrange to commence drawing the dirt at Sherman Avenue bridge on Friday instead of Thursday morning.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John Clair

President.

Sept. 17, 1904

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

Dear Mr. Simonds:-

Yours of Sept. 13th was duly received right in the midst of my argument in the supreme court. I wish to thank you very much for the three copies of "Graceland Cemetery".

I trust we may be able to see you and your friends at some later date. I expect I may be in St. Louis the week commencing Sunday, Sept. 25. This would be the week, if I figure it out correctly, which you name. If I am away, I will try and arrange to have Charles N. Brown with you while here. The week following, I would probably be here, the last of the week at any rate.

I have consulted Prof. Turneaure about the cement bridge and have found his suggestions of value as to exact method of construction. He keeps precisely your form of bridge, but by some method of using steel rods cheapens the cost without injuring the strength of the construction. There is just one question I want to find out, and that is whether it is your idea that the bridge should be perfectly plain, or whether you drew the bridge in this form on account of expense. We now think we can get a bridge with a thirty-two foot span at a cost of about $350, provided it is made perfectly plain. I would like, if possible, to get an answer from you so I could have the same Monday evening. Am expecting to have a meeting of the directors that evening.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

Sept. 17, 1904

S. M. Jacobs, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Sept. 15th received and contents noted. If I received any order in your favor from Kapulka last month, I certainly overlooked the same. I cannot find any such order now. You had better get an order from him to cover both bills, to wit $16.00, and have it sent to me, and I will see what I can do toward collecting it at the end of the month. As stated, I can't very well be bothered with this sort of business, but will do what I can for you this time.

You seem to have a small bill for $1.20 for some oats purchased by Andrew Olsen with black team. That would look as though it were for our association. Please make that out on a separate bill and send it to me and I will see it is paid if it is all right, as I presume it is. I will ask Severt about the matter this afternoon.

Yours truly,

John McOlsen

President.

(Dic. by O.)

Sept. 19, 1904

C. Clarke,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I have seen Mr. Blake. He submitted to me a proposition that he said you made, that you and Mr. Thomas would pay a third, he to pay a third and the association a third, toward putting in a sewer pipe on the Fauerbach property. After talking the matter over with him, I told him that either Mr. Fauerbach or our association would assume $35.00, on condition that we were not called upon for any more. I preferred to put it this way rather than have any uncertainty as to amount. I do not feel that this is a burden for the association to assume, but I will submit the matter to the directors this evening and urge them to ratify my proposition.

Mr. Blake promised to commence that work this morning. I trust you will see that he pushes the work to completion.

And now a word as to filling river with sand. We have had considerable extra expense excavating at the lock and getting things in shape to open the lock for the use of boats. We expected to have it opened a week or ten days ago, and it would have been done had it not been for some work yet to be completed by Mr. Sayle. That will be completed, we understand, within a day or two. Now it will be exceedingly unfortunate if you are filling up the river with sand so that we cannot even temporarily use the same with launches. You will remember the talk I had with you about this matter some time ago when I urged you to commence filling at the river and let the water run back the other way, and you took the position that this was unnecessary, that you could fill up the land without filling up the river, etc. And you commenced to fill at the river's edge. It seems to

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me you would have avoided all this difficulty. Moreover, that was the [illegible] between us. Please understand that if you do not fill up the river so as to interfere with the temporary or present use of the same, and that you will do as you say, pump out the sand later this fall, we make no objection. I simply want to have you understand the situation. We are anxious to have the river used some this fall as a help to raise some additional money to enable us to complete the work. We shall fall short something like $2,000, and this has worried me a good deal. If certain parties who ought to contribute would help us out with their fair share, we would have no trouble in getting enough money to complete the work.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

Sept. 19, 1904.

Hon. George C. Sayle,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

We are to have a meeting of the directors of the association this evening at my office at 7:30. Among other things, we want to talk over a plan of opening up the lock some day this week, if possible, for boats to pass through. I wish you could appear before the meeting this evening for a few minutes and make a statement to the directors of what you think you can do before the close of the week toward having the lock in shape so that we may be able to make some intelligent arrangements.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John W. Alvord

President.

Sept. 17, 1904

C. H. Kanouse, Esq.,
1614 Williamson St.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find warrant for $2.65. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me in enclosed stamped envelope, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Doc by O.)
(Warrant)
(Inc.)

Sept 17 1904

Miller & Johnson Mfg. Co.,
Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $1.60 to pay your bill against Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill to me.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)
Inc.)

John C. Olin
Treasurer,

Sept. 19, 1904

President R. H. Jesse,

Columbia, Missouri.

Dear Sir:-

Your note of Sept. 17th has been handed by Mr. Tenney to me.

Under another cover, I send you copy of the three last annual reports of our association, and also an earlier report for the year ending April 10, 1899. The latter is sent because it contains a copy of our articles of association and by-laws and also of the statute of the state under which our association is organized. Our by-laws remain substantially the same as printed in this report, the most important change being that at the present time any one who contributes as much as $5.00 becomes a full member of the association for all purposes, except that he cannot vote to change the articles of association.

Should be pleased to get a line from you, stating your impressions of the work of our association, after you have had an opportunity to glance through the reports.

Yours truly,

(Dict. by O.)

John W. Alvis.

President.

Sept. 19, 1904

Hon. D. K. Tenney,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

I have forwarded to President R. H. Jesse the literature asked for by him in his letter to you of Sept. 17.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

J. Lowell Clair

Sept. 21, 1904

George Nelson, Esq.,
910 W. Dayton St.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I hand you herewith plans and specifications for the construction of a cement arch foot bridge across the lagoon in Tenney Park. The bridge is to be built across the lagoon at a point nearly opposite the seventh ward school house where the lagoon is narrowest. The width of the lagoon at this point, measuring on level of water line, is thirty-six feet. The bridge has a span of thirty-two feet. Hence the lagoon will be narrowed at this point four feet. The narrowing up of the lagoon will be all on the side toward the school house. The necessary filling to extend the dirt out to the foot bridge will be done by our association. The work will all have to be done from the Johnson street side in as much as we cannot have any teaming done on the park proper. Moreover, we shall expect that the material will be carried by wheel-barrow from Johnson street and put in place. We do not wish the park cut up. There will be about an eight foot space, extending from Johnson street to the lagoon, fenced off, and the work will be confined to that place, it being expected that a board or two will be laid down to protect the grass as much as possible. You can make your bid for the work upon the basis that a car load of crushed stone, not less than twenty-five cubic yards, will be drawn from the quarries around to the switch track of the Northwestern road in Fuller & Johnson's yards next East Dayton street, at an expense to you for freight of $8.00. Of course, you are to be at all other expense of furnishing the stone, loading and unload-

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ing. If you bid on the contract, it will be expected that the work will be commenced the fore part of next week and pushed to completion as rapidly as possible. An examination made of the place where the bridge is to be put shows that there is about four feet of sand on the easterly side of the lagoon and about five feet on the westerly side, when you strike on hard clay bottum. The specifications go on the theory, as I understand it, of having the foundation go down to the hard bottum. You can easily make a test yourself with an iron rod. You will find a row boat at the pump house. I wish you would look these plans over to-night and get them back to my office to-morrow morning with a sealed bid for the work. We shall submit these plans and specifications to Mr. Keachie for a bid, and when both bids are in the same will be opened and contract awarded to the lowest bidder.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Clair

President.

Sept. 22, 1904

Mr. M. C. Clarke,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Clarke:-

Your note of the 21st received. I saw Blake Monday morning, and he made the same excuse that he made to you. I have been at him again this morning. He is a bad egg, but he claims that the pipe ought to be here now and he will go to work as soon as it comes. At the same time he talks about not being bound by the contract because the work wasn't done last fall, etc. Of course, I had to tell him that he was dealing with you. I do hope that matters can be brought to a head at once, or certainly not later than next Monday.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Sept. 22, 1904

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Stevens,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mrs. Stevens:-

I laid your communication of Aug. 29th to me before the directors of the association at a meeting held on Monday evening. The directors wished that I write you, explaining fully the situation.

We raised the first year by subscription close to $21,000 for the Yahara river improvement. It developed, before we got through the first year's work, that it would take considerable more money than this to complete the improvement. Hence, by extra effort we raised, by subscription, an additional $5,000 the present year. It now turns out that this will not be sufficient to complete the work. After collecting in all subscriptions made both years, I now estimate that we shall fall short of the necessary funds to complete the work at least $2,000. The directors feel that this work should be completed, if possible, the present season. In order to do so, however, it will be necessary to borrow the additional $2,000. This can only be done by the directors giving their personal note to the bank for that amount.

This work was undertaken upon the faith of the subscriptions made. We have no other source of income. We appreciate the liberal subscription of Mr. Stevens. But the work has fallen quite heavily also upon a good many others. For example, Frank W. Hoyt has contributed $600 toward the work, $500 the first year and an additional $100 the present season. I, myself, have paid out in cash up to this time for this improvement $460. I merely mention these facts to show you as well as I can the situation. Now

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the directors desire to do everything possible to meet your wishes, but inasmuch as we shall be obliged, after collecting in all subscriptions, to give our personal notes for some $2,000, we thought that you would feel, under the circumstances, if you knew all the facts, like paying the $200 now and giving a note for the balance of $300, due at the times stated in your letter, that is $100 payable each year for three years, the notes to draw five per cent interest. These notes we could negotiate at the bank and would reduce by the amount of their face, the amount that the directors would otherwise be compelled to give their personal notes for. Of course, if this arrangement is made, the claim filed by Mr. Hoyt in the county court would at once be marked as fully paid.

Yours truly,

(Dict. by O.)

Johnwell Allen.

President.

Sept. 23, 1904

F. J. Johnson, Esq.,
1110 E. Johnson St.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I have been trying to get matters straightened out as to the abutment on Main street so as to save you any expense in the matter other than the throwing of the stone out of the river, which you were willing to do. I presume it will be necessary, however, for the association to meet one-half of the expense of reconstructing this wall. I don't feel as though we ought to do it, but am anxious to have the work pushed along in some way and without friction.

You must be sure to throw out plenty of dirt between Main street and the Milwaukee track for both sides, for when you get through there the city will put back the bridge on Main street and will not open it again. There will have to be thrown out quite a good deal of additional dirt on the Voss side I am sure. I do not think there is much more than one-half enough dirt thrown out there as yet.

I have given instructions to the men to rush the matter of getting the dirt out along the city ground between the Avenue and the St. Paul tracks, so that when the Avenue bridge is opened up there will be nothing to prevent your rushing that work both night and day. After the men have gotten out the dirt on this city ground, they will then come back and take the dirt our on this side the river between Main street and East Washington Avenue, provided that bank of dirt is dry enough, as I hope it will be. I think I shall plan to put in two gangs of teams on that pile so that by the

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time you get dug out between the East Washington Avenue bridge and the St. Paul tracks on both sides, we shall have the dirt out of the way between East Main street and East Washington Avenue on this side the river, so that you can then complete whatever additional excavating is necessary at that point. I think you had better plan to be able to work night and day after the Avenue bridge is opened up.

It seems to me you ought to have had your stone ready before this time to get dirt out from under the bridges. I expect the St. Paul Company will be commencing to put in their steel bridges pretty soon, and we need to keep out of their way so as to get the advantage of opening up the wood trestle before the steel bridge is put in.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Sept. 23, 1901

D. C. Cheney, Supt.,

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

Milwaukee, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

I had expected that before this your company would have put in the gravel next the abutments on the Watertown line across the Yahara river. Can you give me any idea when you will begin drawing gravel for that purpose? As stated before, when you do this, we want you to help us a little in furnishing some gravel for the approaches to your track.

Can you tell me about when your company will commence putting in the steel bridges? As indicated before, I hope they will put in first the bridge on the Watertown line. By the time that is done, we shall be ready to do the work with the dredge, I think, between your Portage line and the Northwestern main line. If your company could commence putting in the steel bridges about the first of October, I think everything will work out very nicely.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

John C. Hoffman, Esq.,

124 N. Charter St.,

Madison, Wis..

Sept, 23, 1904

My Dear Sir:-

I was a good deal surprised to learn from our foreman that, after I met you on Sunday, out on the drives, you went to work deliberately and tore down a lot of the wild grape vines in the ravine, on the Merrill farm, just north of the driveway, and right at the edge of the woods. I distinctly stated that the people owning that land did not wish any of the grape vines disturbed at any point on the land. These vines, however, were right in sight of the driveway. If such things as these are to be done, we must absolutely prohibit any person from gathering wild grapes or nuts, or doing anything of the kind on any of the grounds through which these drives pass.

Later in the day, I was out over the drive and found that some one had whipped one of the hickory trees badly on the drive just opposite what called Rex Magnus. My foreman said that you had hickory nuts as well grapes in your wagon. I would like to know whether you, or any one the party with you, whipped any one of the hickory trees. Of course, I would be willing to accept your statement in the matter, knowing you as I [illegible]. I will say, however, that if we detect any one hereafter whipping any the trees or any of these grounds, we shall see that the law is enforced. [illegible] think that you would do a thing of this kind at all, and espec- [illegible] I had with you. Of course, if you state that you did [illegible] it, I shall accept your statement as final. If you did it, however, [illegible] like to know the fact.

[illegible] O.)

Yours truly

John M. Olin

Sept. 23, 1904.

A. Z. Buenzli, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Sept. 22nd received and contents noted.

Our association does not own any land on Eagle Heights and we are not drawing any leaf mold for any purpose. It would be impossible for the men working for the association to turn aside from their regular work. The fact is, we are finding it very difficult to hire men enough to do the work of the association that ought to be done this fall. Should be glad to accommodate [illegible]

Yours truly,

J. W. McClure

(Dic. by O.)

Sept. 24, 1904

ge Nelson, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

ear Sir:-

I enclose herewith one copy of blue print of plan for ent arch foot bridge in Tenney Park, and also one copy of specifications. se are for your own use.

It is perhaps unnecessary for me to state that the association is eedingly anxious that this bridge should be built in the best manner ssible so that there will be no cracking or settling. Mr. Tenney, as I ted, contributes $350 toward the bridge, and Mr. Zehnter another $50.00. this bridge is a success, there will undoubtedly be quite a large num- of similar bridges constructed, sooner or later, by the association, es- ially in the improvements contemplated in Henry Vilas Park.

I hope you will get at the work at once and push it as rapidly as ssible, so as to get the work completed in time to have it dry out before eezing sets in.

Very truly yours,

ic. by O.)

President.

Sept. 24, 1904

John F. Icke, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I expect to leave the city early Monday morning to be gone perhaps a week or ten days. In my absence, I leave the matter of the proper fixing up of the lock with Prof. Taylor so far as the association is concerned. Of course, we would like to get matters fixed right at the least expense to us, and if the sheet piling, as suggested by Prof. Taylor, will do it, we should prefer that. In that event, we should expect you to put in the piling and our association pay the city what it costs. It seems there would be some difficulty in making a cement floor up as far as suggested by you. It will be necessary for us to have at all points not less than four feet of water. However, we are willing to leave the matter entirely to you and Prof. Taylor.

I wish when you come to make the approaches to the sidewalk on Sherman Avenue bridge, that you might put in some split boulders on the outer edge of the walk laid in cement of different colors. I think the walk could be made very pretty in this way and raised up to proper height without interfering but very little with the planting by the association, and that such treatment as this would be in keeping with the rest of the work around the bridge. We have some colored boulders down along the river that could be gotten with a little trouble.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

Sept. 24, 1904.

Prof. W. D Taylor,

Sterling Place,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

I expect to leave the city on Monday morning early to be gone perhaps a week or ten days. I have written Mr. Ick[illegible] that I would leave the matter of repairing the lock, so far as the association is concerned, with you. Of course, we would like to save all the expense we can, but want matters left in proper shape this time. I can't myself see why the sheet piling would not answer every purpose, as you suggest, and, if so, we want that put in.

I will say that I hope things may be in shape so that we can open up the locks promptly after my return. We would like to have a little celebration if it were possible to make satisfactory arrangements.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

Sept. 25, 1904

. C. Cheney, Esq.,

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

Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I saw the foreman on Saturday just as he was unloading the first cars of material at the abutments on the Watertown line at Yahara river. I had some talk with him about leaving some dirt for one side of the approach and also some gravel. He asked me to write to F. H. Buffmeier, roadmaster, Watertown. I thought, however, if I wrote to Mr. Buffmeier, he would refer the matter to you.

We have done nearly all of the work for a good approach on both sides of your track at this point but would like a little help. The Northwestern Company helped us about 1,000 cubic yards on the approaches to their Milwaukee line.

If your company will leave the material on the side of your track, our teams will put it in place. They are working up the river not far from this point and would remove the material immediately after being notified it was there. I leave the city to-morrow morning to be gone a week or ten days.

We do not wish any help on the westerly side of the track, excepting some gravel for the top of the road. On the easterly side of the track there is something of a hole that we would like to have you fill. The same kind of material that you are putting in at the abutments would be all right.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John McLain

President.

Sept. 25, 1904

F. J. Johnsin, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I was much surprised and disappointed that you did not take the stone out of the river at the Main street bridge as directed by me, through Mr. Sullivan, some days ago. Had that been done, the abutments would be up by this evening. I made all arrangements with Mr. Sullivan to have a man commence putting in the abutment Saturday morning, and had arranged to furnish one or two of our men as helpers, and they were all willing to work on Sunday in order to complete it. Now, if your dredge is shut up below the avenue bridge for a number of days without your being able to do anything with it, you will understand that it is your own fault.

As you know, we are exceedingly anxious to have this work crowded as much as possible, and you know that the avenue bridge cannot be opened after the Main street bridge is put in place.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

Sept. 26, 1904

Frank M. Wootton, Atty.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Under the cirsumstances, considering what our association has done and is trying to do, don't you think you could pay the $75.00 past due, $50.00 on the river and $25.00 on the drives, at this time, even though you have to borrow the money to do it? It will lessen just that amount the sum that the directors must give their personal notes for in order to complete this work. Before obligating ourselves personally in a matter of this kind, we feel that the subscriptions, both for the river and drive work, should first be paid. We have maintained the drive in good shape that leads to your cottage this summer, and it costs money to do it. The directors have put in also a good deal of their time. Of course, we must pay our bills as we go. I submit it to you whether, under the circumstances, you ought not, in some way, to get to us the $75.00 at this time. Fifty dollars of it is now past due for a year, and the time has come when we must collect in the back subscriptions, if we are to complete this work. I am unwilling to sign a note for $2,000 so long as men situated as you are have not paid their subscriptions, and I think that you will agree that I am right about this.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

Sept. 26, 1904

V. E. Peck, Esq.,

Watertown Junction, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

There is $10.00 back on your subscription to the drive work last year. We are making a desperare effort to complete the Yahara river improvement this year. To do so, will require the borrowing of $2,000, even though all subscriptions are pain in. The only way to get this money would be for the directors to give their personal note to the bank. I do not like to do this and do not feel, under the circumstances, as though I ought to be called upon to do it. However, I am willing to make something of a sacrifice in order to complete the work this year. Before giving any note, I feel that all back subscriptions ought to be paid. We dislike very much to commence any lawsuit against any person to enforce collection of subscriptions. I know that you are out of our city most of the time, but this subscription was made while you were living here. You know what our policy is in making collections. We wish to keep up the record of our association in that direction. I write to ask if you will not pay this amount to us at once. We very much need the money.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

Sept. 26,1904

Hon. George P. Miller,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

We are making a desperate effort to complete the Yahara river improvement the present season. As I now figure it, it will take some $2,000 more than the amount of the subscriptions when they are all paid. The only way of raising this $2,000 is for the directors to borrow this money on their personal note. I, for one, do not like to sign such a note. I do not feel that I ought, under the circumstances, to do so. However, I am exceedingly anxious that this work should be completed this fall, and am willing to make something of a sacrifice. Before giving any note to the bank, I feel that all back subscriptions should be paid. There remains back on your subscription last year $25.00 on the river and $10 on the drive work, making in all $35.00. I write to ask if you will not pay this amount in at this time. The time is near at hand when we must either stop the men on the work or borrow money. I dislike to do either, especially the latter, until all subscriptions are paid in.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

Sept. 26, 1904

Alford Bros.,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

We are making a desperate effort to complete the Yahara river improvement this season. In order to do so, it will be necessary to borrow something like $2,000 to complete the work, even after all subscriptions are paid in. The only way of borrowing this money is for the directors to give their personal note to the bank for that amount. For one, I dislike to do this. I am willing, however, to make something of a sacrifice in order to complete the work this season. Before giving any note, however, to the bank, we feel that all back subscriptions ought to be paid in full. I write at this time to ask whether you will not pay in your $25 subscription on the general drive work at this time, so as to help out to that extent? The payment at this time will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(dict. by p.)

John M. Olin

President.

Sept. 26,1904

J. G. Hyland, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

We are making a desperate effort to complete the Yahara river improvement this fall. In order, however, to do so, it will be necessary, as I figure it, to borrow about $2,000 after all subscriptjons made have been paid in full. The only way to borrow this money is by the directors giving their personal note to the bank. For one, I dislike to do this. I do not feel that I ought to be called upon to do it, but I am willing to make something of a sacrifice in order to complete the work. Before giving any note, however, to the bank,we feel that all back subscriptions ought to be paid. It seems that you owe $5.00 on the subscription on the river of last year and $5.00 on the work this year, making in all $10.00. Can you not psy in this amount at this time and help us out to that extent, and very much oblige?

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

Sept. 26,1904

Ernst Sommers, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:

We are making a desperate effort to complete the Yahara river improvement this fall. As I figure it, we shall lack about $2,000 to complete the work, even after all subscriptions are paid. I know of no way of getting this money except by the directors giving their personal note to the bank. For one, I dislike very much to do this. Under the circumstances, I do not feel that I ought to be called upon to do it. I have already put in $430 in cash in this improvement, besides my time, which is by far the larger item. But I am willing to make something of a sacrifice to secure the completion of this work this fall. However, I do not wish to sign a note at the bank to borrow money until after all subscriptions have been paid. According to the records, there is still unpaid on your subscription of last year of $25.00, the sum of $12.50. Can you not send this amount in at once and help us out to that extent, and very much oblige?

The improvement has been expensive, but I feel confident that when completed it will be considered by everybody that it is fully worth all that it has cost.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

Sept. 26, 1904

Dr. George Keenan,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

We are making a desperate effort to complete the Yahara river improvement this fall. After collecting in all subscriptions that have been made, there will be a shortage of about $2,000. I see no other way than to borrow that amount of money to complete the work. We can only do this by the directors giving their personal note to the bank. I do not feel, for one, that I ought to be called upon to make such an obligation. But I am willing to make something of a sacrifice in order to complete this work. According to our records, there is still due on your subscription to the Yahara river improvement for last year the sum of $7.50. I write this to ask whether you will not, at this time, pay that amount, and thus help us to that extent. I assure you that the payment at this time will be very much appreciated. We have no other source of income excepting the subscriptions, and the time is near at hand when we must either borrow money or stop the men on the work. I dislike to do either, especially before the subscriptions are all paid.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

John M Olin

President.

Sept. 26,1904

Hon. T. C. Richmond,

Williamson, W.Va.

My Dear Sir:-

We are making a desperate effort to complete the Yahara river improvement the present season. As I now figure it, it will require at least $2,000 additional to the amount subscribed. This is on the basis that all subscriptions are paid. The only way we can get that money is to borrow it on the personal note of the directors. I do not feel like giving a note for this purpose, considering all the circumstances. But I presume I shall be compelled to. But before giving such note, we feel as though all back subscriptions ought to be paid, both for the river and for the drive work. According to our records of last year, there is due on your subscription for the river improvement $25.00, and for this year $15.00, and $25.00 this year on the drive work, making in all $65.00. Could you not at this time, help us to that extent? We feel as though all subscriptions ought to be paid in before we are called up to give our personal notes to borrow money with which to complete this work. I would regard it as a personal favor if you could help us out at this time. If you have any doubt as to the merit of the work that has been done and is being done, I wish some time you would go down to the Williamson power bridge and drive along the river as far up as the dam, if you have not already done so recently.

Yours truly,

(Dict. by O.)

President.

Sept. 26, 1904

Dr. L. R. Head,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

According to the records, there is $20 back on your subscription of last year toward the completion of the Yahara river improvement. We shall soon be at a point where we have not funds with which to pay our bills. We are exceedingly anxious to complete this work this season. But to do this, will necessitate the borrowing of about $2,000. The only way to accomplish this will be for the directors to give their individual note to the bank. I, for one, dislike to do this. I don't feel as though I ought to be called upon to do it after having given time and money for this improvement and all the time that I have devoted to the work. But I am exceedingly anxious that the improvement should be completed this fall and am willing to make a good deal of a sacrifice to accomplish that end. Can you not, at this time, help us out to the extent of the balance of your subscription of $20.00? As I understand, your subscription for this year is all paid, but there is $20 remaining unpaid on your last year's subscription. Please help us at this time if you possibly can do so.

Yours truly,

Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

Sept. 26,1904

Judge H. W. Keyes,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

Can you not help us out with a payment on your subscription at this time? As stated in a former letter, in order to complete the work on the river, we need to collect in all the subscriptions for that fund as well as for the drive fund, and shall then need to raise something like $2,000, as I figure it. We can only do this by the directors giving their individual notes. I don't feel that we ought to be called on to do this at all, considering all the risk we are running, and especially not till after all the subscriptions are paid in. If we can collect in all of the subscriptions, it will relieve us to that amount the sum that we must personally obligate ourselves for in order to complete this work. We shall soon be at a point where we have to furnish cash to pay the men who are doing the work, and when that time comes we shall either have to be called to stop the work or borrow the money.

Yours truly,

(Mine by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

Oct. 4, 1904

Claus Clausen, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for one month's work in Tenney Park ending Sept. 30, 1904. Please receipt and return to me the enclosed bill.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Oct. 6, 1904

evert Aasen, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

ear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $12.00 for Gustav Stockweather, hich covers the enclosed bill of $32.00 after deducting the $20.00 already paid. Please have him receipt the enclosed bill and return same o me.

Yours truly,

John M. O'Neil
Per T.D.

Oct. 6,1904

Parkinson-Marling Lumber Co.,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $8.93 to pay your bill for lumber. Please receipt the bill and return same to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

John M. O'Neil

(Dic. by O.)

(Warrant)

Oct. 6, 1904

Dr. L. R. Head,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

Your check of $20.00 came in my absence. I have endorsed the same over to Frank Hoyt, treasurer. Please accept thanks for same.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

J. Howard Olive

President.

Oct. 6, 1904

Hon. T. C. Richmond,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

Your check of $65.00, under d te of Sept. 27, came in my absence. I have endorsed the same over to Frank W. Hoyt, treasurer. Please accept thanks for same.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

J. Howard Olive

President.

Oct. 6,1904

Mrs. F. H. King,

1540 University Ave.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mrs. King:-

Under another cover, I take pleasure in sending you a copy of the last annual report of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association, as requested.

I regret that, through some oversight, a copy of the report was not sent you before.

Prof. King being out of the city, and located at the time in Washington, I think he was not asked the present year to renew his subscription. I do not know as he would feel like continuing a member of the association under the circumstances, but if he desires to do so, either he or you can drop me a line, stating the amount that he would wish to contribute for the present year.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

J. Mc McClure

President.

Oct. 6, 1904

Adolph Kayser, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Sept. 30th received, enclosing bill for posts, wire, etc. As I remember, we have not yet used any wire, and I wish you would wait for this bill until we get this wire on the fence so as to know what we need and what we do not need. We expect to complete that work this fall, but can't tell just the date.

Yours truly,

Ernst Sommers, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Oct. 6, 1904.

My Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 28th came in my absence, enclosing check for $12.50 for balance of subscription to Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please accept thanks for same. I have turned the same over to Mr. Hoyt, treasurer.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Oct. 6, 1904

D. C. Cheney, Supt.,

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

Milwaukee, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 26th and 29th came in my absence. I regret exceedingly that I was out of the city. In yours of the 26th, you say that the roadmaster would call on me to-morrow to consult as to what I desired as to assistance in widening roadway toward one of your bridges over the river. During absence I did not see him I was out there this morning. I find that some filling has been done at the abutments, but nothing done toward making the approach across your track. I saw the man in charge of the work before I left the city for the St. Louis Fair, and explained to him what we wished done. He advised me to write to the roadmaster at Watertown, but I thought instead of doing that I would write directly to you.

It seems to me that your road could well afford, under the circumstances, to assist somewhat in making the approach across its own track. That was all that I asked to have done in the matter. The Chicago & Northwestern Road assisted to the extent of about ~~of about~~ one thousand cubic yards of dirt in making the approach to its track. What we wanted from your road was a small matter, and I am quite sure you would have no hesitancy in granting it if you knew just the exact situation. I wish you might write me a line on receipt of this, stating whether or not it is yet possible for your company to assist, as desired, in making this approach. I wonder if you are going to be out this way yourself within the next few days. If I could meet you there on the ground for just a few minutes, I could make

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very plain what we desire. As I wrote you before, we did most of the filling for the approach ourselves.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Oct. 7, 1904.

D. C. Cheney, Supt.,
C. M. & St. P. Ry. Co.,
Milwaukee, Wis,

My Dear Sir:-

Yours of Oct. 6th received and contents noted. You state that you estimate it will take one hundred flat car loads to do the filling we ask of your company. I am sure that you have over-estimated the amount of work we want to have done. If you will furnish us ten car loads of gravel and twenty-five carloads of any other kind of filling you have, I will ask nothing further from your road as to this piece of work. I am sure forty car loads of material would be ample. Any way, if they are not, you may consider that we ask nothing further. I write this so that you can submit the matter to your company, feeling that they might be willing to help to the extent above indicated, while they might not be willing to furnish one hundred car loads.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Clark

President.

Oct. 8, 1904

John T. Ickes, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Ickes:

I was out to the dam this morning. The cofferdam the city put in is left in pretty bad shape and something must be done to get some of that material out. I see the gate has been lowered so the water is running over the dam. If you will have the gate raised so as to shut the water off some time before Monday morning, or the first thing Monday morning, I will arrange with Johnson, who lives nearby there, to go into the water and throw out enough of that material so as to give us not less than ten or fifteen feet in width and a depth of three feet. But of course this cannot be done as long as the water is running through there. Please let me know some time to-day by telephone whether I can arrange with Johnson to commence the work there Monday morning.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Oct. 8,1904

Mr. M. C. Clarke,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Clarke:-

I enclose herewith a copy of the paragraph from the contract between the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association and the Fauerbach Brewing Company as to the filling of their land. It is just as I stated to you this morning.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

President.

Oct. 7,1904

Herman J. Minch, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $6.46 for your bill against Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

President.

Oct. 7, 1904

Malignus Boelmer, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $5.30 for your bill. Please receipt bill and return same to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Bid. by O.)
(Warrant)
(Enc.)

President.

Oct. 7, 1904

John D. Hayes, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $3.60 to pay your bill against Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me.

Yours truly,

(Bid. by O.)
(Warrant)
(Enc.)

President.

Oct. 7, 1904

S. M. Jacobs, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed I sent you a warrant, payable to Gustav Kapalka or bearer, for $10.00, as per his order which you sent me. This has caused me a good deal of trouble,and, as it is, I cannot get matters straightened out as they should be on our books.

I also enclose you another warrant for $1.80, with receipt for you to sign and return to me in enclosed stamped envelope. Kapalka has no more money coming to him so that I cannot make any further payment on his behalf.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(Two Warrants)

(Enc.)

President.

Gus Kapalka has just called and has been paid in full

Oct. 8, 1904

D. C. Cheney, Supt.,

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

Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 7th received. Am glad that you are coming to the city within a few days. I am busy at the law school Monday forenoon, but other than that I expect I shall be in the city all of next week.

Lest for any reason I might not see you personally, I want to suggest that your road cover the banks of your embankment extending from the abutment on the Watertown line to the highway with some reasonably good dirt so that we can sow the same with grass seed and thus make the embankment in keeping with the rest of the improvement. But I can talk this over with you much better when I see you personally.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

J. Sweet Allin

President.

Oct. 8, 1904

Mrs. F. H. King,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mrs. King:-

Your postal card of the 7th received.

The check of $10.00, sent by you on Jan. 20th last, was for the subscription made in 1903. No subscription has been made by Prof. King for the present year. Subscriptions are renewed each year, usually before the annual meeting of the association in April, and are made payable when over $5.00, one-half the 15th of April, and the other one-half the 1st of August. My recollection is that Prof. King, being out of the city this year, was not solicited to make a subscription, and that is the reason why I suggested the matter in my letter. I simply write this so that you can understand the exact situation. The subscription made in 1903, was out-paid until 1904

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John W. Olive

President.

Oct. 8, 1904

R. A. Cowan, Supt.,

C. & N. W. Ry. Co.,

Baraboo, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

There is some talk of buying an additional eighteen acres of marsh land as an enlargement to Tenney Park, the land lying southwest from the present Tenney Park. If secured, it would have to be filled from three to four feet. Suppose we should want from thirty-five to fifty thousand cubic yards of filling put in, could you give me some rough estimate of about how much per cubic yard your road could do the filling for? In case the filling were done, you could extend your switch track in the Fuller & Johnson yards to the west along ~~westerly~~ water street till you come to Johnson street, and then along Johnson street to the corner of the land to be filled. As I remember, this is a distance of about nine hundred to one thousand feet. Of course, the city would have to give your company the right to use these portions of the street and block up such portions of the streets while you are using them for this purpose. I will be much obliged if you could give me some estimate or figure for which your company might be willing to do that amount of filling for our association. What would be the estimate of filling amounted to 100,000 cubic yards.

You will be pleased to know that we shall not ask your company for any further help in grading for approach to your Milwaukee line on Water street. I will see that some appropriate resolution is passed by our board at its next meeting, thanking your company for the help it gave us at this point of our work. And have copy sent you, and also printed in local papers.

(Dic. by O.)

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

Oct. 11, 1904

evert Aasen, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

There is a matter I wish to speak to you about and forget it every time I see you, and that is a bill which I have received from aligus Boehner, amounting to $5.30. I have paid the bill. I find, however, that under date of July 6, we are charged for one whip ninety cents, and nder date of Sept. 1, less than two months thereafter, we are charged for nother whip ninety cents. We are also charged under date of Sept. 13 for halter and tie rope $1.00. I don't understand why we should be buying two hips within less than two months and why we should be charged with any new alter at this time. I presume there may be some explanation for these items, but I wish you would inquire into the matter and explain the same to me.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Oct. 17, 1904

John F. Icke, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Icke:-

I went down the river yesterday with Mr. Swenson and passed under the Williamson street bridge. Under the statute passed by the legislature, there is to be a free space thirty feet in width and eight feet in height. It looked to me, from examination of the bridge, that you have not got a space thirty feet in width with an eight foot clearance throughout the whole of the space. Indeed, it looked to me as though there was only one point, and that right in the center, where there would be an eight foot clearance. If that is so, a very great mistake has been made, which will very materially injure the whole improvement of the river. I do hope that I am mistaken in the impression I got from a hasty examination yesterday.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by C.)

John M. Olin

President.

Oct. 11, 1904

Lindsay Bros.,

Milwaukee, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Please send me four additional slush scrapers, same size as heretofore. Please give us as good and substantial ones as you have. Send bill and I will remit at once.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

Oct. 12, 1904

S. M. Jacobs, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Oct. 10th received and contents noted, which, in some respects, rather surprised me. Speaking of the six dollars you say it was no fault of yours that it was not taken from Mr. Kapolka's wages and further, "I will try to get him to pay it for you", etc.

If you mean to infer from this that I am responsible to you personally for the payment of this six dollars, you had better get that idea out of your head at the earliest date possible. In the first place, I did not owe, personally, anything to Mr. Kapolka. In the next place, I am not the collector of bad debts owing by parties who work for the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. In the next place, I informed you on the street car that the six dollar order, if you ever gave it to me, could not be found, and if you wished me to attempt to help you out as a matter of kindness to you, you must get another order. In the next place, Mr. Kapolka came into my office during my absence at the World's Fair, presented his time as given him by the foreman, and got his pay, excepting the ten dollars. You are mighty lucky, under the circumstances, that you got that. I certainly do not like at all the tone of your letter after I had been bothered as much as I had to get for you the ten dollars. Hereafter, please understand that I shall not in any way be concerned with orders on me for money that men may owe who work for the association.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

(Dic. by O.)

Oct. 14, 1904.

John S. Yoke, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Yoke:-

The man who has been cleaning out the cofferdam called me up this morning and said he wished the gate might now be lowered. Could you see that this is done some time to-day, and the earlier it can be done the better it would suit us. It might be well, before you start out, to call up the malt house to see if Mr. Johnson is still working there. If he is not, Sevart, who is working further down on the river, will help you at any time, and if you want more help please call on him to furnish it.

I want to put a note in the paper that the lock will be ready for boats to go through down as far as the outlet of the river Saturday afternoon and also part of Sunday, and before doing so wish to have the water running over the dam so as to remove the tendency of washing the dirt down in front of the lock gate.

If you can attend to this matter, I will very much appreciate it.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

Oct. 14, 1904

Crawford Harper, Atty.,
Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

I was out to the river yesterday morning and I find that nothing has been done toward removing even the one pole I spoke of. I think the pole nearly on the center of the road. It is really dangerous to public travel on that street. You promised me on Tuesday that you would call up the superintendent and have the men go out that afternoon and remove that pole. Unless this is done at once, we shall be compelled to cut the pole down in order to protect the public from some dangerous accident. We now as to the removal of the other poles: It has been a year and a half since the common council passed a resolution, ordering these poles out. It is needless for me to refer to past promises. Let us consider the past as past. What I want to know now is, when you will get these poles out. It does seem to me, Mr. Harper, that there ought not to be any further delay about this matter. I assure you that the delay has been a great annoyance to me and I have tried in every way to be patient about the matter, and to have things so managed as to leave no bad feeling any where. Can you not have this matter promptly attended to? It is interfering with the work of finishing the approaches to the Sherman Avenue bridge by reason of the pole on the westerly side of the bridge, and we want to complete our work along this part of the river this fall.

Very truly yours,

(Dict. by C.)

President.

Oct. 14, 1904.

Lindsay Bros.,

Milwaukee, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed please find warrant for $17.00 to pay for four No. 1 Haslup scrapers. Please receipt enclosed bill and return same to me, and much obliged.

Yours truly,

President.

(Dis. of Bill
Warrant
Wis.)

Oct. 14, 1904.

Palmer & Johnson Co.,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $1.88 to pay your bill for repairing tools for Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me.

Yours truly,

President

(Warrant)
(Dis.)

Oct. 15, 1904

Severt Aasen, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find a warrant, drawn payable to Nels Kittleson or bearer, for $24.62, also a bill made out to be receipted. You can sign his name to it by you and return bill, thus receipted, to me.

Yours truly,

J. Ewald Olsen

President.

(Dic. by O.)

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Oct. 15, 1904

E. B. Heath, Mngr.,

Garr, Scott & Co.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I have received yours of the 15th as to subscription to Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. I do not think you quite understand the letter I sent. This does not ask you to make any subscription, but it is simply a request that the subscription already made should be paid. According to our lists, your company subscribed $5.00 for the lower improvement and $5.00 for the general drive work, and it is merely those subscriptions that we are asking now to have paid.

Yours truly,

[illegible]

President.

(Dic. by O.)

Oct. 17, 1904

Mr. O. O. Simonds,
Landscape Gardener,
Station X,
Chicago, Ill.,

Dear Mr. Simonds:-

I had hoped that you might get up to Madison with your friend or friends the latter part of last week. We are now having some fine weather. If it continues until the latter part of this week, I wish very much you might come. I leave to-night for Appleton to try a case there Tuesday and Wednesday, but I think I shall be back here Wednesday night or Thursday morning.

I would like also, at this time, to consult you about some of the work along the river and certain other matters. Perhaps you might combine business and pleasure to a certain extent.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

Oct. 17, 1904

Capt. W. A. Thompson,

La Crosse, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I have not forgotten your visit to my office last spring. We are now getting to a point when our association will be able to talk rather definitely about having some work done in your line. I write to ascertain whether you, or your partner, could come to Madison the latter part of this week, Friday or Saturday, and look the situation over.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Oct. 17, 1904.

Corrin's Box & Lumber Co.,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Gentlemen:-

I wish you would send to me three thousand wood wrappers for trees, twenty-four inches long. I wish elm if you have such. Make out the bill against the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association and send it to me and I will remit at once. Would like to have this matter promptly attended to, since we need the wrappers in our work immediately.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

Oct. 17, 1904

Dr. Reginald Jackson,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Unless I have made some blunder, an envelope was sent to Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association, enclosing a check for $5.00, signed by you and payable to Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association, and another check, drawn payable to me for $5.00, signed by L. W. Mitchell, R. M. I do not understand just what this check means.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John W. Alvord

President.

Oct. 19, 1904.

Sivert Ansen, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I have received the enclosed bill from Fuller & Johnson Mfg. Company. I wish you would let me know about the first item, charge for work of two men twelve hours, amounting to $9.00. What was this work for and did any two men work any such length of time as this for the association, and, if so, upon what? I have not paid the bill and will not do so until after hearing from you. You can return the bill to me.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)
(Mail)

Oct. 19, 1906

Mr. [illegible],

[illegible] & N. W. Ry. Co.,

Baraboo, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Things are getting in such shape as to purchasing the balance of what is known as Thornton Marsh, adjoining Tenney Park, that I would like to get a pretty definite idea as how much per cubic yard your company could put in say from fifty to one hundred thousand cubic yards of filling to a depth of about four feet, and when you could do it, and about when (of course, you could not state this very accurately) the work could be completed. I would appreciate if you could write to me soon about the matter.

Yours truly,

(Dis. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

Oct. 20, 1904

Alfred Kroncke, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

As I told you recently, I wrote to Mr. Thompson, of La Crosse, asking him to come to Madison the latter part of this week. I have received a letter from him this morning, which I enclose herewith for you to read. After you have read the same, please be so kind as to return the same to me, and oblige.

I have written Mr. Thompson, asking him to notify me about one week in advance when he plans to come here. Before fixing a definite date, I will notify you so that you may meet him when he comes.

Yours truly,

(Dict. by O.)

(Enc.)

John W. Alvin

President

Oct. 20,1904.

Hon. D. K. Tenney,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

Yours of Oct. 19th received, enclosing check for $368.00 for construction of foot bridge in Tenney Park. On behalf of the directors of the association, I wish to thank you very much for this generous contribution. I am sure that "the children of the seventh ward school", as well as others, will very much appreciate the advantage of this foot bridge.

I will turn the check over to Mr. Hoyt, but the same will be kept as a fund for this special work.

Yours truly,

(Dec. 27. 04)

John M. Olin.

President.

Oct. 20, 1904

Capt. W. A. Thompson,

La Crosse, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Oct. 18th received and contents noted.

Please drop me a line about a week before you plan definitely to come to Madison, so that I can let you know whether I will be here at the time fixed. I think I can arrange my work so that we can get together at some date about the time you name if I have a little notice.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

John W. Alvord

President.

Oct. 21, 1904.

E. E. Heath, Mngr.,

Garr, Scott Co.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours received, written at the bottum of a letter I sent you under date of Oct. 15. It is hardly necessary, perhaps, for me to say that I am very greatly surprised at what you write. I think I was the person who obtained this subscription. Our work, and the debts we contract, are all based upon the subscriptions made. The subscription is binding in your case, as well as in any other, either against the company or against you individually. We certainly shall insist on the subscription being paid in your case the same as in any other case. If, however, you feel that the coming year you ought not to be called upon by reason of having made this subscription, we shall certainly be pleased not to ask your company to subscribe. But it is the policy of our association to enforce subscriptions when they are made, to treat all subscriptions alike, and I think, upon reflection, you will see that that is the only just and wise policy to pursue. It is not the ten dollars so much as the principle of the thing. If you had written that you could not pay the subscription this year but would pay it next year, I should regard the matter in an entirely different light. Perhaps this is what you mean by the last note written. You know me well enough in this work to appreciate that I would regret exceedingly to have your ill will, or that of your company. I trust, therefore, that you will fix this matter up in some way that will be right both to you and to us.

(Dict by C.)

Yours truly,

President.

Oct. 21, 1904

Mr. O. C. Simonds,
Landscape Gardener,
Station X,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Simonds:-

Yours of the 19th received and contents noted.

I should like very much to have Mr. Hutchinson and others come up with you, but if the trip is put off much longer, it will be too late or liable to be disagreeable weather.

Perhaps we can arrange for some day next week. Please let me know in advance as long as possible, so that I can plan accordingly.

Yours truly,

John W. Ellis.

President.

(Dic. by O.)

Fuller & Johnson Mfg. Co.,

Madison, Wis.

Oct. 26, 1904

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $2.13 for your bill as corrected. Both bills are enclosed herewith. I wish you could make out one bill for the amount, $2.13, and receipt same and send that to me instead of the two enclosed.

Yours truly,

President.

(Dic. by O.)

(Warrant)

(2 Enc.)

Oct. 25, 1904.

C. W. Bacon, Esq.,

312 N. Blair St.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Oct. 4th received and contents noted.

I will submit your suggestion to the directors of the association at their next meeting. It seems, however, that it would likely be impossible to have any manufacturing establishment constructed at any point on the park strip along the Yahara river. We have secured this park strip expressly for the purpose of keeping it clear from any and all obsertuctions, and the public would likely seriously object to the putting of any buildings upon any portion of this park area, unless it should be a public boat house, and in that event it would be put back from the river's edge some distance.

However, we will carefully consider your letter.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

J. Russell Olin.

President.

Oct. 26, 1904

Fuller & Johnson Mfg. Co.,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed find warrant for $12.54. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

(Check)

Oct. 27, 1904

Box & Lumber Co.,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Gentlemen -

What is the reason that I have not yet received the three thousand cigar wrappers which I ordered of your company under date of Oct. 21? I received your letter, stating that you had sent the order forward to Menomonie, and that is the last I have heard of the matter. Unless we can get the wrappers at once, they will not be in time to serve our purpose. Will you not telegraph to the party that is to ship them immediately upon receipt of this letter, and, at the same time, wire me results, so I will know what to depend upon?

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

Johnell Olson

President.

Oct. 28, 1904

N. J. Johnson, Esq.,

1119 E. Johnson St.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I may see you this afternoon, but in case I do not I thought I would write you a note. I am a good deal worried about your not getting through with the dredging promptly. We are having good weather now, but no one can tell how long it will last. It is absolutely essential to the success of our work that all the dredging on the river should be closed out before winter sets in, including that above the dam. Hence, I think you ought at once to arrange to run your dredge as many hours as possible. I see no reason why you cannot run the dredge both night and day now as well as you could last year. It seems to me that it would pay you from the money standpoint, as well as in other respects, to so run the dredge, even though you have to pay an extra price for two or three men at this time. You will get that back, and more too, not only by means of the dredge, but also in the better feeling of the directors of our association, occasioned by the completion of this work. Your contract calls for its completion by the 20th of October. As already stated, you were not at fault for delay until recently, but certainly, at this time, you should act in such a way as to complete the job at the earliest date possible.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John Olin

President.

Oct. 28, 1904

D. C. Cheney, Supt.,

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

Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I had hoped to meet you before this. Can your company not give our association a little more help along the lines heretofore talked about? We would like a few loads of gravel for the approaches across your Watertown track and would like if you could help us a little more with dirt for filling at this point.

New planking ought to be put in where the street, as relocated, crosses the Watertown track. Cannot these plank be put in without further delay, so that we can have teams crossing the track at this point, and thus enable us to complete our grading and filling west of your track? I will appreciate if you can see that this piece of work is attended to at once.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

J. Lovell Olin.

President.

Oct. 29, 1904

D. C. Cheney, Supt.,

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

Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Oct. 27th received. I want to thank you very much for the agreement it contains to furnish for the work of our association in the neighborhood of six hundred yards of working gravel.

If you will please say to your road master that whenever he brings any material, if he will notify our foreman on the river that the material is on hand, the teams will at once go and put the same in place after it has been thrown off from the cars. I will give instructions this afternoon to that effect.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John McClain

President.

Oct. 29, 1904

E. E. Heath, Mngr.,

Carr, Scott Co.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I meant to reply to your note of the 24th sooner. If I understand it correctly, it is that you will see that the subscriptions are paid, but prefer to let the matter go until next year. That will be entirely satisfactory.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President,

(Dic. by O.)

Nov. 2, 1904

Mrs. W. H. Dennison,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Madam:-

I enclose herewith one warrant for $8.00 to pay for two days' work for man and team, Yahara river improvement in August of this year, which bill you have already receipted.

I enclose herewith two other warrants, aggregating $244.40, and enclose the bill, which I wish you to receipt at the bottom. I have drawn two warrants for this bill, one for $224.40 and the other for $20.00. The twenty dollar warrant I have endorsed on the back payable to Frank W. Hoyt, treasurer, and wish that you would sign your name below the endorsement on the back and return that to me. This is to pay for the subscription to the work of our association by your husband, $10.00 for the year 1902, and $10.00 for the year 1903. I thought you would be willing to adjust that matter under the circumstances. Upon the endorsement of this $20.00 warrant both subscriptions made by Mr. Dennison will be marked paid. We will continue to keep your teams employed on the work as long as possible.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin.

President.

(Dic. by O.)

(3 Warrants)

(Enc.)

The foreman gave me the time of the men, amounting to 60 days & that for one team. If there should be any error, we will correct it.

J. M. O.

Nov. 4, 1904

Box & Lumber Co.,

Nicollet Island,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Gentlemen:-

I received your bill under date of Oct. 29, for three thousand tree wrappers, $24.00; also yours of the 28th, stating that the goods were shipped from Menominie on the 27th. I have inquired every day at the freight office, and nothing has yet arrived. The delay is very annoying, and I am now apprehensive that much damage will be done before I can get the wrappers around the trees. This order must have been made not less than two weeks ago. Perhaps you had better have the matter traced.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

John M. Olin

President.

The Fair,

Madison, Wis.

Nov. 2, 1904.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $6.00 to pay your bill for two pair rubber boots. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

President.

Nov. 2, 1904.

Smith & Deadman,

311 E. Main St.,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $6.00 for your bill for doctoring horse. Please return enclosed bill receipted, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

President.

Nov. 2, 1904

Kroncke Bros.,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $3.75 for three shovels. Please receipt enclosed bill and return same to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

President.

Nov. 5, 1904.

S. L. Sheldon, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

The enclosed agreement, which I have just secured from Mr. Tenney, explains itself, and now the question is whether it can be carried out. As you know, I am exceedingly anxious to secure the land for park purposes. But Mr. Tenney thinks it should be secured for $8,000. Do you think that Mrs. Thornton would be willing to accept that amount in cash? Or would she be willing to sell, say at $8500, and then donate to our association $500 toward the $3500 that would have to be raised to complete the purchase on the basis of $8500? In that event, her name would receive the credit for the gift in our reports and I would also see that an appropriate resolution was passed by the directors and duly published, thanking her and her daughter for their generosity in the matter. I am quite sure Mrs. Thornton is much interested in Madison and in the work of our association. As you know, I have no selfish interest in this plan to secure this land for park purposes. I myself will contribute toward the $3500 not less than $100, and I would make it more had I not already given so much both in time and money toward the Yahara river improvement.

I trust that Mrs. Thornton will not object to the proposed reservation of the strip of 132 feet in width off from the southwesterly side of the tract. I think such reservation is necessary, and for these reasons. In the first place, the Steinle and Harbert tracts fronting East Johnson render it impossible to make what we should of the park without securing these tracts. But they are both owned by men who would be very unreasonable

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to deal with in case we wanted to purchase the land outright. Unless we get these tracts, there would be a row of houses, fronting Johnson street, backing up against the park. This would be very objectionable as you pass along Johnson street and also as you view the rear ends of these houses from the park. It is a principal, well recognized in laying out public parks, to have their outer boundaries on a street if possible.

One of the above objections applies equally all along the whole of the southwesterly line of the Thornton tract. As you know, there is a row of short lots all along here, fronting Baldwin street and backing up against the Thornton tract. These lots are owned largely by laboring people. The rear ends of such property do not constitute a very good park boundary.

As I figure the Steinle and Harbort tracts, there is just a trifle under one acre in both of them. There would be just about four acres in the 132 feet. Hence, if there is nineteen and one-half acres in the Thornton tract and the plan now suggested should go through, there would be left to be added to the park sixteen and one-half acres, or as much land as there now is in the whole of the park. That is the park area would be doubled.

Moreover, the cutting off of this 132 foot strip would not in any way interfere with the proper improvement of the park, which, in my judgment, is to construct another lagoon which should follow in the main the present swale or old river bed, and would, part of the way, come near the road or street provided for in Mr. Tenney's proposition. This plan of securing the Harbort and Steinle tracts would immensely improve the part of the park at the Johnson street end.

We shall have parties at once see Mr. Harbort and Steinle and ascertain upon what terms they would be willing to exchange if the plan suggested goes through. We think we can bring them to time upon a reasonable basis.

I think Mrs. Thornton has shown a very fair and liberal spirit in this whole matter, but I presume she may have got, through Mr. Stevens, an idea that this land was more valuable than it really is for building purposes. You know Mr. Stevens was somewhat queer as to real estate values any way. Moreover, at that time he and others supposed that the city would adopt the plan of lowering the water line in the marshes by pumping, and thus avoid largely the great expense of filling. But the council, after considering the plan, rejected it and adopted the filling plan.

My own idea of the value of this land for building purposes has changed upon reflection and investigation. When you asked me some time since its value, I answered frankly and honestly, as I then saw things, that it was worth about $500 per acre. But since then, as you may know, Mr. Tenney, myself and some others have tried to interest parties in a plan that contemplated devoting something like three quarters of this tract to building purposes by improving and filling the same. We were unable, however, to get anybody to put money into the venture. I made quite a careful investigation as to cost of filling and of improving streets, etc., and the enclosed figures, made as the result of such investigation, are not, I think, much, if any, out of the way. Mrs. Thornton may naturally think that

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my change of mind is accounted for by my interest in the park. Well, we are all apt to be influenced in our judgments by our interests. At the same time, I have tried to look at this whole matter fairly and from all sides, and I can only say now that did I own the land myself, I should accept $8,000 in cash to-day rather than hold it for an investment with a view of receiving an increased price without improving, or with a view of improving it at some time in the future for building purposes. You see it is one thing to fill this land sufficient for a park by constructing lagoons and getting the filling in that way, and quite another to fill it by drawing in dirt from the outside to a proper depth for building purposes. The fact is this land is worth much more for park purposes than it is for any other purpose.

Now, if Mrs. Thornton could see her way to accept $8,000 in cash, or $8,500, and make a donation of $500, receiving due credit therefor, I am quite sure that the plan as suggested in the proposition by Mr. Tenney can be carried out. This still leaves $3,000 to be raised by private subscription. There are not many peple living in this immediate vicinity of much wealth or property; and while the securing and improving this land for park purposes will add greatly to the value of their homes, they are not people, as a rule, who can give, no matter how much the improvement may benefit them. Then, our people have during the past year been called upon so much to contribute to this line of work, and other things, that it will be difficult at this time to raise a large additional amount. However, I think we can, in some way, get $3,000, but am fearful about raising more. Of course, I wish Mr. Tenney could see it to be his pleasure, if not duty, to give the whole purchase price. But you can't compel a man to give, and I find it better in this work to keep men good natured and get what help you can. As you know, it has only been after a good deal of work on my part that I have got Mr. Tenney to come up from $2500 to $5,000. As I view it, it is better to avail ourselves of this $5,000 now, rather than decline it. It is better to keep Mr. Tenney good natured. In a few years, he may give another $5,000 toward the improvement of the park.

Pardon this long letter. My great interest in securing this land for park purposes is its only excuse. I wanted to lay all the facts before you with the hope that in some way the land may be secured.

You will observe that the agreement of Mr. Tenney gives to February 1, 1905, to close out the deal. I think, however, it could be closed out before this. Mr. Tenney is a very prompt man in paying whatever he agrees to pay. I think that he will be willing to pay the $5,000 just as soon as we can arrange for the balance of the purchase price, and we will commence at once, upon hearing from Mrs. Thornton, to secure subscriptions, and as soon as the amount is subscribed, could arrange, I think, to either pay all, or the $5,000, and the balance on or before Feb. 1, 1905. In the meantime, you could have a deed prepared and executed, and left with you in escrow to be delivered on payment of full purchase price.

You can say to Mrs. Thornton that if she can conclude to let the land go at $8,000, or $8,500, with a gift of $500, I will personally see to it that the land is purchased and paid for for the uses and purposes as stated in Mr. Tenney's proposition. I make this statement so that Mrs.

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Thornton may feel certain as to what would be done. Of course, this statement is made with the limitation that we can deal with Harbort and Steinle. This we shall know in a few days. I have but little, if any, doubt that we can do this, because we can satisfy both of these men, I think, that the exchange will be to their advantage, because of the securing and improving the other land for park purposes.

Will you please communicate at once with Mrs. Thornton, and let me know her conclusions?

It might be well for you to send to her a copy of our last annual report, and I hand you herewith a copy for that purpose.

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

Very truly yours,

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

President.

Nov. 5, 1904

J. A. Steinle, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

I wish you would call at my office on Monday afternoon sometime between two and five o'clock, preferably about two o'clock. There is a matter I wish to talk over with you concerning your property that faces East Johnson street and adjoins Tenney Park. I am to leave the city early Wednesday morning, and this is a matter I would like to see you about before I go.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

Johnson Olin

Nov. 5, 1904

State Journal Printing Co.,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

I return herewith bill for $2.75 made out against me personally. Please make out a new bill against Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association and send to me, and I will remit.

Yours truly,

Johnson Olin

(Enc.)

President.

Nov. 7, 1904

Messrs. A. D. & J. V. Frickson,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $1.98 to pay your bill against Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

President.

Messrs. A. D. & J. V. F

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Yours truly,

President.

William Herbert, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

Nov. 8, 1904

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed I hand you duplicate copy of contract signed this day by you and wife and the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)
(Enc.)

President.

Joseph A. Steinle, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

Nov. 8, 1904

My Dear Sir:-

Enclosed I hand you duplicate copies of contract signed this day by you and wife and by Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)
(Enc.)

President.

May 4, 1904

State Journal Printing Co.,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $3.75 to pay your bill against Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt enclosed bill and return same to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

J. Howell Clark

President.

Nov. 12, 1904

Fuller & Johnson Mfg. Co.,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $.95 to pay your bill against Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt enclosed bill and return same to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

John W. Olin

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Nov. 12, 1904.

Cantwell Printing Co.,
Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $11.50 for your bill against Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Warrant)
(Enc.)

Nov. 14, 1904

Prof. F. E. Turneaure,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

I think the plat of the Thornton tract had better be modified somewhat. As drawn, I think it is a little misleading. I think I am responsible for this. The "present boundary line of park" is thirty-three feet farther to the southwest, and the present boundary line of the Thornton tract is thrity-three feet farther to the northeast. I think it would be better to run one line straight through, as roughly indicated by me in lead pencil, making this the dividing line between the present park area and proposed increased park area, and then leave out both the dotted lines to the northeast of the map.

Then I would like to have the sixty foot street laid out in front of the one hundred and thirty-two foot strip that is marked off into lots, and mark the strip "Marston [illegible]". If you will have these changes made and then have a few blue prints made, I will be glad to see that the expense for the work is promptly paid for. I should also want to have returned the original map left with you.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

John M. Olin

President.

When the map & blue prints are ready, let me know by phone and I will send [illegible].

Henry Kessenich, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Nov. 14, 1904

Dear Sir:

I wonder if you could not get for us in some way, at this time, the five hundred dollar subscription by Mr. B. J. Stevens. If Mrs. Stevens is intending to pay it now, it would be a great accommodation to us to get it, for the reason that we are just about out of funds and have a large indebtedness yet to pay this fall, and unless we can collect in some funds must borrow on the personal note of the directors. I wish you would take the matter up as soon as you can and see if you cannot help us out.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John W. Olin.

President.

Nov. 16, 1904.

Capt. W. A. Thompson,

La Crosse, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Nov. 15th received and contents noted.

I am always engaged Monday forenoon at the law school. Hence, if you should come down Monday, I could not give you any attention until the afternoon. If, after receiving this, you should prefer to come Saturday, of this week, I could arrange matters to be with you early in the morning. Please write me your wishes in the matter. It would be better I think, if you could do so, to come Saturday. I think we could get through in the forenoon so that you could take the train leaving here about one o'clock.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Nov. 16, 1904.

The Mother Reginald, O. S. D.,

St. Clara Female College,

Edgewood,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Madame:

I wrote to Mr. Fish concerning the change in street and I got from him a letter which I herewith enclose.

I would suggest that you ask the aldermen from the tenth ward, Mr. Buell and Mr. Rowley, to call at your place and talk matters over with them with a view of securing the change desired. If there is anything that I can do to help in the matter, please feel free to call upon me.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

[signature]

President.

Nov. 16, 1904

Julius C. Zehnter, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

Yours of Nov. 15th received, enclosing check for $50.00 toward the construction of foot bridge in Tehnby Park, While you state that no receipt is required, I wanted to send you a note, thanking you very much on behalf of the directors and of the whole association for your liberal contribution.

I trust that in a few days the timbers will all be removed from the bridge and proper filling done at each end. It will then be, I think, a very pretty foot bridge.

Yours truly,

J. Howell Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

Nov. 17, 1904

Hon. W. D. Curtis,

Mayor of the City of Madison,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed herewith and attached hereto will be found a letter written to me under date of Nov. 9 by Magnus Swenson, one of the directors of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association, and also a letter under date of Nov. 7, written to me by Mr. C. F. Cooley.

These letters show that the cement arch bridge over Williamson street is so constructed as not to furnish, at an ordinary stage of water, a clearance of over seven feet for a width of twenty feet.

Section 2, of chapter 30, of the laws of 1903, is as follows:

"It shall be the duty of said city of Madison, on or before the first day of May, 1904, to so change, rebuild and reconstruct all bridges shown of said city and now spanning said Yahara river, as to raise or elevate the same so that there shall be left between the bottom structure of said bridges, when so reconstructed, and the surface of the ordinary stage of water in said river a space of at least eight feet, and so that there shall be left a lateral space or width of the stream under the said bridges of at least thirty feet."

Before the bill which became said chapter 30 was introduced into the legislature, a copy of the same was submitted to the common council and was also submitted to the representatives of the two railway companies interested, and an agreement was reached both by the city and by the common council as to all the terms and provisions of the proposed law.

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Before said bill was prepared, the whole matter of the necessary height or clearance to be secured was thoroughly canvassed by and among parties having that matter in charge, and it was determined that a clearance of not less than eight feet was absolutely demanded in order to make the improvement of the river what it should be. All subscriptions to the Yahara river improvement fund were made upon the representation and upon the condition that there should be this clearance of eight feet throughout a width of not less than thirty feet.

By reason of the mistake made in the construction of the cement bridge on Williamson street, the necessary eight foot clearance required by the law has been cut down at least a foot,- in fact more than this when you come to consider the width of thirty feet required by the statute. One only realizes the great damage that has been done by this mistake when he remembers that it takes one foot off from the height of all boats that may wish to navigate from one lake to the other, and when it is remembered that the plan was and is to connect, not only lakes Mendota and Monona, but ultimately the whole chain of lakes. While it is too much, at this time, to ask the city to tear out this bridge and build a bridge as the law requires, I predict that the time will come when the city will deem such an act a good investment.

In justice to the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association, it should be stated that it is in no way responsible for this mistake. I personally stated to the city engineer before any of the cement arch had been constructed and immediately after the wooden frame work was up, that it seemed to me that the bridge was not as high as it ought to be. His reply

was that I was mistaken, that the river was high, and I said nothing further, assuming naturally that he was correct.

In order that the facts might be correctly presented to you, I took the pains to make inquiry as to the relative height of lake Monona and the water in the Yahara river at the time the measurements were made by Mr. Swenson. You will see by Mr. Cooley's letter that the water on that day was very low both in the lake and in the river. My impression of the subject is in accordance exactly with the statement of Mr. Cooley.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by C.)
(2 Enc.)

President Madison Park Improvement Drive Association.

Nov. 17, 1904.

Hon. John C. Prien,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Before the next meeting of the common council, I wish you would make an examination, if you have not already done so, of the work that has been done by the Yahara River Improvement Association along the Yahara river. It is now expected that some statement may be made to the common council at the next meeting concerning this work, and I am anxious that all members of the council should be fully informed of what has been done before that meeting.

Yours truly,

John W. Olin

President.

Nov. 17, 1914

Mr. O. D. Branienburg,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Branienburg:-

You likely noticed a report in the Journal last night as to purchasing additional land for Tenney Park. I gave this news item to the Journal so as to sort of keep matters even with the papers. The next thing of this kind I will give to your paper.

I write this note to ask whether you could not write an editorial concerning the matter for the Sunday morning issue of your paper. You can do that better than any other person I know of. An editorial of that kind just now would help to raise the necessary $2500 by private subscription. I know you are very much interested in securing the land and appreciate very much what a beautiful park can be made when this added portion is included in the present park.

Very truly yours,

(Dict. by C.)

John M. Olin

President.

Nov. 17, 1904

Frederick K. Conover, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Conover:-

As you are undoubtedly aware, it is the plan of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association to connect lakes Monona and Wingra by a waterway, by excavating, widening and deepening what is known as Wingra Creek, so as to furnish a depth of not less than four feet of water at all times and have a width of channel of not less than thirty feet from bank to bank. With this purpose in view, the association secured contracts last winter and spring from most of the owners of land adjoining this creek. These contracts will, when the improvement is completed, give title to the association to a strip of land four rods in width along either side of the creek measuring from the present center line thereof. Our association has not, thus far, paid any money for any of these contracts. The plan is to make, in time, a beautiful waterway between the two lakes. The land not included in the waterway on either side thereof will be, in time, planted in an appropriate way and after some design prepared by a landscape architect.

The Pleasure Park Company, as I understand, owns a piece of land in the town of Madison adjoining Wingra Creek and extending from the mouth of said creek southerly to the public highway. I write you to ascertain whether this company would be willing to grant to our association for park purposes a strip of land four rods in width measuring from the center of the creek and extending from the mouth of the creek to the highway, such land to be held by our association in trust for the people of Madison for

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park purposes, the deed not to be made until improvement should be completed, but a contract to be entered into now

If your company should decline to grant this request, then we would ask that it enter into a written contract, granting to our association the right to deepen and widen Wingra Creek, as above indicated, along and through the land so owned by the Pleasure Park Company, and granting the perpetual use of said stream after it is improved as and for a public waterway; and in the same conveyance or contract agree that in case the Pleasure Park Company should ever sell or dispose of its land, that it would, in such event, before making such sale or disposition, convey to our association, without the paying of any consideration therefor, said four rod strip of land to be held by the association for park purposes the same as the other land it is securing along either side of said creek.

Should be pleased to have the Pleasure Park Company give our association a definite answer at as early a date as possible, since we wish to get matters in shape to commence excavating that portion of the cree some time during the coming winter or early spring.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

Nov. 18, 1904.

Hon. George B. Burrows,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

The filling is now completed for the street along the two blocks owned by you adjoining Water street, and Mr. Icke, city engineer, has measured the number of cubic yards, and I enclose herewith his letter to me under date of Nov. 18. According to his measurement, you are to pay for 2362 cubic yards, and the price agreed upon was thirty cents per cubic yard. This amounts to $708.60. Will you be so kind as to send me a check for that amount? We have paid the men for the work and are just about out of funds and must soon resort to borrowing on the personal note of the directors in order to fully complete the Yahara river improvement. If you have not already done so, I wish you would go down to the river and examine the work that has been done. You will observe that we have graveled the road, excepting the piece near Williamson street. The St. Paul Company is to furnish us ten carloads of gravel yet, and this will be put on some time later this fall.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by JMO
(Enc.)

John F. Icke, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Nov. 18, 1904

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Nov. 18 received, enclosing measurement of filling for which Senator Burrows is to pay. Please accept thanks for same.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

Nov. 19, 1904.

Severt Austen, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $20.26 in favor of J. J. Clausen. Please have him sign receipt and get same back to me at as early a date as possible.

Yours truly,

J. Sewell Allen,
President.

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

Nov. 28, 1904

C. H. Monroe, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $2.20. to pay your bill against Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt enclosed bill and return same to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

J. Sewell Allen

(Warrant)
(Enc.)

Nov. 18, 1904

Thomas J. Marston, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith a form of contract, which I have prepared, that I would like to have you and Mrs. Marston sign so as to secure for the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association the four rod strip of ground for a driveway and for park purposes along the bank or shore of lake Wingra, as talked between us last spring at the time Senator Vilas, Mr. Jones, you, Mr. Nelson and myself were together. Please look the same through and then if you will be so kind as to call at the office some time with Mrs. Marston and execute and acknowledge the same, I will be very much obliged. I have tried to prepare the contract so as to comply, in all respects, with the talk we had. Of course, after the improvement is made, we can have an accurate survey made of the strip of ground to be conveyed, and the deed can then be drawn accurately according to such survey. This contract, however, is definite enough as a preliminary contract.

I have another copy of the proposed contract so that when you execute the one I hand you, you can have hanied to you a correct copy of the same, so that you can know definitely just what its terms are.

If you should call when I am out of the office, my partner will attend to the matter.

We are trying to get things in shape now so as to enter into contracts for doing dreiging, etc., as a part of the improvement of the Henry Vilas Park.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)
(Enc.)

Pres. Asst.

Nov. 18, 1904

Leonard W. Gay, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith to you twelve copies of proposed agreement with parties for two hundred foot strip of land extending from foot of Warren street through to outlet of lake Wingra at bridge on Fish Hatchery road.

Inasmuch as we must be thanking about making contracts soon with parties for flooding lake Wingra, I hope you may be able to secure the signing of these contracts at as early a date as possible.

It may be that some of the parties that you will have to make some modification. I have drawn the contract in a pretty general way. You can explain to the different owners that we do not intend to lower lake Wingra and that there will be put in a lock at some point above the outlet of the creek so that the owners of the land between the present lake Wingra bank and this two hundred foot strip will have an opportunity to drain this land by reason of about a four foot fall at the lock; that is, they will have furnished to them a drainage of some four feet.

As I remember, I turned over to you a proposed contract with the trustees of the Dane County Fair Association. I would like to have the trustees sign that contract and then later, if necessary, as I think it will be, we could get the Dane County Society to ratify their action. Could you take this matter up at the same time you take up the other matters? I want to assure you that I appreciate very much all you have done so far in getting these land concessions, and I will see that you have proper credit

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given in our next annual report.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

(12 Enc.)

John M. Olin

President.

The Contract already signed by Sen. Vilas covers I suppose part of this note, but since this is merely a just claim deal the Contract calls for he will no object; if he does not want to trouble Mrs. Vilas to sign, just omit her signature and it will be all right.

J. M. O.

You can also state to all that the description on the Contract is drawn from a survey made by Mr. [illegible] Smith when the ice was on last winter. And that he [illegible] the and drew on the map you have the note as then indicated from this [illegible] [illegible] copies of this contract; should you need [illegible]

Nov. 18, 1904

Frank M. Wootton, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed I hand you proposed contract as to strip of land off from lot twenty-six, Wood Lawn plat, four rods in width, along such portion of said lot twenty-six as adjoins Murphy's Creek. This contract as drawn is the same as has been signed by nearly all of the owners of land adjoining or through which Murphy's Creek runs. We have secured, in this way, an eight rod strip of ground four rods on either side of the center line of said creek as it now exists, our plan being to excavate a channel or waterway which will be about twenty-five or thirty feet wide from bank to bank. This will leave us some fifty feet on either side of the waterway for park purposes. The plan is to make of this, in time, a beautiful waterway between these two lakes. The adjoining land obtained for park purposes can be treated in a very inexpensive way by simply leveling off the dirt thrown out and then later planting with such trees and shrubs as grow native in that kind of soil.

I trust that you can see your way to granting the concession asked for in the proposed contract.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin.

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

President.

There is copy of the proposed contract here at office. When you [illegible] I will complete copy and send same [illegible] you can have contract for inspection [illegible]

Nov. 19, 1904

John F. Icke, Esq.,

City Engineer,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

Some time since, it was reported to me that Mr. Bernard had been down to measure the height of the new cement bridge above the water and had found it was below the required height. You will remember my talk with you about this matter before any concrete was put into the arch, and also my correspondence after the arch was up. I thought, from the reply you made, that I must have been mistaken and did not make any measurement myself.

After it was reported that Mr. Bernard had made measurements, and had found the bridge too low, I thought the facts ought to be definitely ascertained, and I requested Mr. Swenson, one of our directors, to make careful measurements of all of the different bridges across the river. This he did on Saturday, Nov. 5. He wrote to me the result of such measurement under date of Nov. 9. I enclose herewith a copy of his letter to me under that date.

I also took the precaution to make inquiries as to the then level of the water in Lake Monona and I received, under date of Nov. 7, a letter from Mr. Cooley, on that matter, a copy of which I enclose herewith.

I send you these facts in order that you may have ample opportunity to investigate and verify the measurements made.

It is needless for me to state what a great damage this mistake is. You certainly will appreciate it as well as I would.

(Dict. by O.)

Nov. 19,1904

M. S. Dudgeon, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Dudgeon:-

Inasmuch as I must leave the city on Monday evening, and shall be engaged all day Monday, I thought I would prepare a form of contract, such as we would like to have Mrs. McCormick sign, and hand it to you. The description is somewhat awkward, and yet I think it is clear. You see it goes on the theory of leaving sixty feet for the river channel and then giving to us a strip one hundred and twenty-five feet wide, and that we agree, out of that strip, to make a roadway that can be used by Mrs. McCormick.

Hope you will see Mrs. McCormick as soon as possible and try and get matters adjusted, and then report same to me. I expect to get back to the city on Thursday morning and want very much to have this matter in shape to report to the council Friday evening.

Yours truly,

John McC[illegible]

President.

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

Nov. 19, 1904.

Charles Nelson, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith a form of contract, which I have prepared, that I would like to have you and Mrs. Nelson sign so as to secure for the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association the four rod strip of ground for a driveway and for park purposes along the bank or shore of lake Wingra, as talked between us last spring at the time Senator Vilas, Mr. Jones, you, Mr. Marston and myself were together. Please look the same through and then if you will be so kind as to call at the office some time with Mrs. Nelson and execute and acknowledge the same, I will be very much obliged. I have tried to prepare the contract so as to comply, in all respects, with the talk we had. Of course, after the improvement is made, we can have an accurate survey made of the strip of ground to be conveyed, and the deed can then be drawn accurately according to such survey. This contract, however, is definite enough as a preliminary contract.

I have another copy of the proposed contract so that when you execute the one I mail you, you can have handed to you a correct copy of the same, so that you can know definitely just what its terms are.

If you should call when I am out of the office, my partner will attend to the matter.

We are trying to get things in shape now so as to enter into contracts for doing dredging, etc., as a part of the improvement of the Henry Vilas Park.

(Dic. by O.A.)
(Enc.)

Yours truly,

President.

Nov. 19, 1904

M. S. Duigeon, Atty.,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir.-

I write you concerning the movement now on foot to adjust matters at the outlet of the Yahara river into lake Monona so as to get a proper depth of water for navigation and also a park strip along the bank of the river.

As representing the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association, I proposed to Miss McCormick that if they would quit claim to our association, in trust for the city, any interest that they might have in a strip of ground 126 feet in width, measuring from the southwesterly line of the Yahara river as now improved, said line to be projected to the dock line, said 126 foot strip to extend out to the dock line, our association would fill in the same and would make a public park and roadway along the southwesterly side of the strip which the McCormicks would have the right to use for the benefit of their property that would front the same, and that our association would also pay to them $100. This proposition to pay $100 came about in this way: I learned that the McCormicks felt hurt somewhat because they had been compelled to pay the full amount of the sewer tax assessed against them while Mr. Boelen and Mr. Fox had been allowed a reduction. My first idea was to simply pay to the McCormicks what would give to them a pro rata amount or share in such reduction. Upon examination, I learned that their sewer tax amounted, as I now remember, to $217.00. A pro rata reduction, would not amount, at the most, to more than thirty or forty dollars. But in order to present the matter to the McCormicks in a liberal

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way, I finally said to George Sullivan, street superintendent, that he might say to them that we would pay an even $100. Now, at the time I made this proposition on behalf of the association to the McCormicks, I was laboring under a misapprehension as to the rights of the city to a portion of the shore line near the outlet of the Yahara river. After examining pretty carefully the legal rights of the different parties, I concluded that the city would have all the area of land it wanted without negotiating with the McCormicks. From the survey made by Mr. Icke, city engineer, I am informed that after allowing sixty feet in width for the channel of the river, the city would be entitled to 106 feet of the dock line and to 122 feet of the shore line just this side of the outlet of the Yahara river. Inasmuch as this shore line runs at an angle, of course it would not give to the city a width there of 122 feet, but I should think it would give to the city not less than 106 feet. Hence, without negotiating with the McCormicks, the city, as I understand the law, would have the right, after setting aside sixty feet for the channel of the river, to fill out in a southwesterly direction along the whole of the channel of the river, a distance of 106 feet. This would still leave to the McCormicks, as I understand the measurement, of the dock line 248 feet. We could widen the mouth of the river say twenty-five feet so as to give a width of sixty plus twenty-five, or eighty-five feet, and still have a width for park at the dock line of eighty-one feet, and the strip would be wider, as you went from the dock line back toward the lake shore line, being at that point say about 106 feet. On this basis of making the improvement, we should be relieved from filling

any land for a roadway. This is the view our association would now prefer to make the improvement and thereby avoid any obligations to fill outside of the strip as above indicated, and also would paving the $100 referred to.

However, while I do not feel that our association is under any legal obligation in the matter, still, inasmuch as we made this proposition to the McCormicks, if they desire to accept the same and will enter into a contract before the next meeting of the council, agreeing to quit claim to our association any interest they may have in the 125 foot strip, and also any interest they may have to the bed or channel of the Yahara river out to the dock line, our association will still adhere to the proposition I made. Of course, this proposition would have to be approved by the board of directors, but I think, without doubt, they would approve the same.

Please take the matter up with Mrs. McCormick and daughter at once and let me know their conclusion.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Nov. 19, 1904

Mrs. William H. Dennison,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Madam:-

Enclosed you will find a warrant for $139.50, which pays for work up to and including the 16th day of November, 1904. 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. 20,1904

F. W. Hoyt, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed I hand you check for $5.00 to pay for subscription of F. W. Curtis to work of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association for the year 1904.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

(Check)

President.

Nov. 20, 1904.

Coffin's Box & Lumber Co.,

Nicollet Island,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Gentlemen:-

Through an oversight, the bill for three thousand wood wrappers for trees was not paid as early as it should have been. We finally got the wrappers, but the freight on them was, it seems to me, very high, something over $5.50.

Enclosed you will find a warrant for $24.00. We pay all of our bills in this way. Will you be so kind as to receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me, and much oblige?

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

J. Howell Olin

President.

Nov. 21, 1904

Editor Wisconsin Botschafter,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

You undoubtedly noticed the account in the State Journal on Wednesday evening last as to securing an addition to Tenney Park. It would help the work of our association if you could, in your issue of this week, call attention to this gift and the securing of this land for park purposes for the city. It would help our association if in the notice you not only speak of the generosity of Mr. Tenney, but that you call attention, in some appropriate way, to the large amount of gifts in property and money which the city has been receiving the last year or two through the efforts of our association. Of course, I do not wish it to appear in anything you say, that it is said at my request.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

Nov. 21, 1904

G. J. Corscot, Esq.,

Chairman Finance Committee,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

I write you concerning the amount that I think ought to be put into the budget for next year for park purposes. I notice that in the budget as proposed there is put down only $800.00. This, as I take it, is $500 for maintaining Tenney Park, and $300 for maintaining Orton Park. This leaves nothing for maintaining Yahara river parkway. This parkway, when completed, will embrace something like ten acres. As is well known, it is not the policy of our association to raise money to maintain parks within the city limits after such parks have once been secured. Our association was organized primarily to do work outside of the city. Before we are through, however, with the Yahara river improvement, our association will have spent not less than $28,000; and we ask that there be put into the budget next year for maintaining this parkway at least $500.00. This would make the appropriation for maintaining parks $1300 instead of $800, or $100 only in excess of the amount included in the budget last year for park purposes. I am very sure that when the common council come to understand the situation they will not object to this increase. The burden of completing the Yahara river improvement is all that our association can now stand.

There is one other matter that I wish to call attention to. In accepting the gifts of land from Judge Carpenter and Burr W. Jones for park and playground purposes adjoining East Washington Avenue, it was agreed by the city that the city would fill and put in shape by planting, etc., these

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two pieces of ground, so that each of them would be ready for use for park and playground purposes by the close of the year 1904. This has not been done as yet for either of these tracts. I personally saw Judge Carpenter a short time ago and got from him a concession of another year, although he disliked to grant it, stating at the time that he would like to see the piece of ground in use while "he was still on earth." It seems to me that something ought to be included in the budget for filling these two pieces of ground before the close of another year, that the city may not lose the gifts made, and may keep faith with the contract made with the donors.

Moreover, it seems to me the city ought to make some provision also for filling and putting in shape the land it purchased in the fourth ward on Wilson street, and that leased from the Illinois Central Company, and also that portion leased from the Illinois Central Company known as bog hollow, for park and playground purposes. The only way for the city to get returns for the money expended in purchasing these lands is to put them in shape at the earliest date possible, so that the children and people of the city may be getting benefit from them.

Permit me to say here, that according to statistics collected by men skilled in the business, a city of 20,000 inhabitants, taking this country as a whole, should pay for maintaining parks not less than $12,000 per year.

I write you instead of seeing you further personally because I must leave the city Monday evening and may not be able to be back in time to be present at the meeting of the council on Friday evening (although I now hope

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to be in the city at that time).

I shall send a copy of this letter to Mayor Curtis.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

Nov. 21, 1904

Hon. W. D. Curtis,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter which I have sent Mr. Corscot, as chairman of the finance committee.

At the same time I wish to call your attention to what has been done, or rather has not been done, toward securing the whole of the land on the vacant lake shore lying southwesterly of Mr. Stendall's house on Spaight street. As I remember, there was set aside of the $35,000 raised by issuing bonds, the sum of $8500 for obtaining title to this strip of ground. I also understand the title has been obtained by the city to all of the strip with the exception of either three or four lots in the center thereof, in which Mr. Powers claims to have an interest. It is now something like a year and a half since the common council passed a resolution, directing that condemnation proceedings be commenced to obtain title to this land. As I remember, two separate suits were commenced by the former city attorney, but were dismissed by reason of some error in the proceeding. I do not know what, if anything, has been done by the present city attorney toward starting proceedings to acquire title to this land.

The people living in this part of the city are exceedingly anxious to have the whole of this strip secured for park purposes. Persons living in that vicinity have already subscribed something like $1100 toward improving the land, and Mr. Bagley, one of our directors, thinks he can raise enough additional money for this purpose to make at least $2,000.

I call your attention to this matter to see if something cannot be

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done speedily toward obtaining for the city whatever right or title, if any, Mr. Powers may have in these three or four lots, practically all of which that lies outside of the limits of the street, constituted originally a part of the bed of lake Monona, and so far as they constituted such bed, no individual could acquire any legal title thereto.

Very truly yours,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.-

Nov. 21, 1904

H. Mulberger, Esq.,

311 Washington St.,

Watertown, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 15th was duly received.

As stated to Mrs. Woodard over the phone Saturday, I will try and run down to Watertown some time at as early a date as possible. However, I am so tied up now that I cannot very well name any particular date.

Yours truly,

(Dict. by O.)

John M. Olin

President

Nov. 21, 1904

Robert Mitchell, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I received a check some time ago, dated Oct. 15, made payable to me, for $5.00, signed, as it seems to me, "L. W. Mitchell" and "R. M." after it. I was in doubt what this was intended for, but have concluded it was for subscription of Robert Mitchell $5.00 to Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. I have so treated it and turned it over to Mr. Hoyt, and marked Robert Mitchell's subscription paid. If there is any error about this, please let me know. If you have received any further dunning letter since you sent the check, this note will explain the reason.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

Nov. 21,1904

E. W. Curtis, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

You subscribed five dollars to the work of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association in work. You have quite a bill against us for photographs of the little boy, and undoubtedly will receive some further orders. I want to have you give me credit of $5.00 on that bill and I will send to-day a check to Frank W. Hoyt for $5.00, so that you may consider your subscription paid. Hope this will be satisfactory. We are in much need of funds and are trying to collect in all the money possible before borrowing money on the personal note of the directors.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

Nov. 23, 1904

[illegible] Corspot, Esq.,

[illegible] Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith a proposed form of agreement as to the triangular piece of ground owned by you lying at the south corner of the Thornton tract in this city. I hope the same may meet your approval. Of course, it is necessary to secure this piece in order to carry out the proposed plan of getting the Thornton marsh for park purposes. I have drawn the proposed agreement in duplicate so that you can retain one copy. If the agreement, as drawn, is satisfactory, will you be so kind as to have it executed and get one copy of it back to me? I should like very much if this could be done before Friday evening, so that I could report to the common council that we had secured all the necessary contracts.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

Dic. by O.)

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Nov. 25, 1904

Hon. George F. Merrow,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:

On the 14th day of November, I sent you the measurements by Mr. Ioke, city engineer, showing amount of filling to be calculated by you according to contract with our association. I have not received any reply to the note sent. I presume you may have been out of the city, or may not have been to your office. The only reason I write again at this time is that we must pay our men at the end of this month and have not got the money on hand to meet all of our obligations, and it is absolutely necessary to collect in some money before pay day or the directors will be compelled to borrow money on their individual notes. I think you will agree with me that considering all the work we are doing without compensation, we ought not to be called upon to borrow money on our own notes until after the amount is paid which is due the association. Hence, I trust you will remit to us a check at this time for the amount due.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John W. Olive

President.

Nov. 25, 1904

Hon. George B. Burrows,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

On the 18th day of November, I sent you the measurements by Mr. Icke, city engineer, showing amount of filling to be paid for by you according to contract with our association. I have not received any reply to the note sent. I presume you may have been out of the city, or may not have been to your office. The only reason I write again at this time is that we must pay our men at the end of this month and have not got the money on hand to meet all of our obligations, and it is absolutely necessary to collect in some money before pay day or the directors will be compelled to borrow money on their individual notes. I think you will agree with me that, considering all the work we are doing without compensation, we ought not to be called upon to borrow money on our own notes until after the amount is paid which is due the association. Hence, I trust you will remit to us a check at this time for the amount due.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Nov. 25, 1904

Prof. W. D. Taylor,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

You will remember that we had some work done last winter by Mr. G. W. Garvens, testing the bottom of lake Monona Bay. He made a record of his measurements in a little book and also sketched out the same on the map, as I remember. I had supposed that this book and map were left with me, but I cannot find them any where. I have been hunting wherever I could think the papers might possibly be and failed to find them.

I would like to get in communication with Mr. Garvens and see if he can give me any information on the subject. I thought you would likely know his present address.

Very truly yours,

John [illegible]

President.

(Dic. by C.)

Nov. 26, 1904

Hon. W. D. Curtis,

Mayor of the City of Madison,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Mr. E. F. Riley subscribed in all for the Yahara river improvement in the year 1902, the sum of $1,000. $250.00 of this amount was subscribed unconditionally and has been paid. The other $750.00 was subscribed on condition that the city would, before the expiration of the present year, cause to be constructed either a steel or cement bridge across the Yahara river on Johnson street.

This is to notify you that in case the city will erect such bridge on Johnson street before the close of the present year, the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association will pay to the city for the purpose of aiding it in constructing such bridge the sum of $750.00, it being understood by said association that the city may, if it sees fit so to do, use the steel or iron work in the old Williamson street bridge, provided the bridge be so constructed as to give not less than an eight foot clearance when the water is at an ordinary stage in the Yahara river.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Nov. 28, 1904

Hon. Hallie Steenslupt,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Nov. 26th just received and contents noted.

I understand thoroughly the situation and you may trust me not to do or say anything that will be contrary to your wishes. All I desired in the matter was if agreeable to you, that the communication might reach the council tomorrow evening.

With kindest regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

(Dic. by C.)

John W. Alvord

President.

Nov. 29, 1904

Ralph W. Jackman, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith option of James McCann, Mrs. Margaret Whelan and of Mrs. Lizzie McCann.

You will observe that if you can close the deal with James McCann, we would then have control of all of the lake shore beginning with the northwesterly side of lot twenty-one and running around to Mondna street. This would still leave us to acquire the lake shore back of lots 22, 23 and 24, and also to acquire the ownership of lot 32. If James McCann wants to sell, I think it a good business proposition to buy outright his property, even though you paid $2500 for it, but I hope it may be got for about $2,000. Then I should try next to get the lot and a half owned by his sister. Then I think you might arrange with Mr. Whelan or Mrs. Whelan to get all of their lake shore outside say by the northwesterly line of lot 32. Then my idea would be to run the street across lot 32 on somewhat of a curve perhaps around on the margin of the lake so as to accommodate the land that would be left fronting it. But the thing to do first is to close out in some way with James McCann, and then his sister, and then the Whelans. We shall likely have to look to the city to put up the money to buy lot 32, and if we got all of the rest arranged for I think this can be done. I must look to you to close this matter out and can only say that the sooner its done the better.

I have seen the alderman, Mr. Kroncke, this morning, and told him something about the scheme, and asked him if he could raise $2,000 out in

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that section provided $2,000 additional was secured from other sources, and he said he thought he could do it; at least, he would work mighty hard to that end.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin,

President.

(Dic. by O.)

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Nov. 29, 1904

O. C. Simonds, Esq.,

Landscape Gardener,

Station X,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Simonds:-

Yours of Nov. 28th just received. I had made up my mind to write to you to-day about the same matter to which you refer. I will have our foreman make an examination of the ice on the low ground at the Henry Vilas Park to-morrow, if possible, and send you results.

Would like to have you write and state just what you would like to have done, if anything, by way of preparing for your work when you come here. As I remember the matter, you will, at this time, drive stakes in at various points indicating pretty definitely the line of the lagoons. I suppose these stakes ought to be large enough and long enough to remain permanently in place until the excavating is done. Could you indicate to me something as to the size of the stakes and number you think necessary?

There may be some question about being able to excavate for the lagoons just as you have indicated on your map. At some places the lagoons would leave the shore line nearly four hundred feet wide. Now the question arises, how are we going to get this material out of such a wide place without a good deal of increased expense? I take it that the top of all of this portion that is to be converted into lagoons must be taken off by a dipper dredge. I do not think any suction or centrifical pump would handle it. If, however, it must be taken off by a dipper dredge, then I can't see, as yet, any way that this can be done without either handling some of

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the material two or three times, or loading it on to a scow and carrying it out into the lake.

There is another matter I wish to speak about. At the time we made the arrangement with the Sisters for right of way across their land, we agreed to furnish them a proposed plan of improving the lake shore opposite their property. Now, the design you sent simply goes up to our southwesterly line. Could you not prepare another map, being the same one you have already prepared, but add thereto a design for the Sisters' property? I would like on many accounts, aside from the fact that we have agreed to do this, to furnish them with such map. Am glad, however, to have a map just as you have prepared it, which suits the improvement of their land.

You will be pleased to know, if you have not already learned, that Mr. Tenney has come forward with an additional $5,000, and that we have made an arrangement by which we will secure all of the remaining Thornton marsh lying southwesterly of the present Tenney Park. It will add, after taking out or the row of lots on the southwesterly side, not less than sixteen and one-half acres to the present park area; in fact, it will more than double the area of the park that lies easterly of Sherman Avenue. Of course, before this is improved, we shall have a design for the same prepared by you. The improvement will have to be deferred perhaps three or four years on account of other work. You will, I think, advise the construction of another lagoon. Then we can connect all of the lagoons with the river by a cement arch bridge over Water street where the lagoon now empties into the river, and thus connect the whole of Tenney Park with both lakes.

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You will also be interested in learning that Halle Steensland, one of our directors, has offered to donate to the city $8,000 to construct a cement arch bridge across the Yahara river on East Johnson street, and he will add another $2,000 if necessary. Our directors are to select the architect or engineer to prepare the design for the bridge and the design must be approved by our directors, and the bridge must be constructed by the city according to this design.

I have also secured a promise of another $8,000 to be used in improving Third Lake Bay. The city will have another $8,000, and there will be raised an additional $2,000 by privaye subscription, making some $18,000. The plan is to fill out into the lake some 350 feet and make a park of some fifteen, sixteen or seventeen acres. It will give to the city about one-half mile of lake shore and parkway at this point. We expect private owners to carry the filling around to South Madison with a boulevard next the lake. This plan is not yet a certainty, but I think, without much doubt, it will go through. If it does, we shall have you make a design for the proposed park this winter while the ice is on and just as soon as we secure the necessary riparian rights, which we hope to do in the near future. It is possible that we may be able to get matters arranged so that you can do this work at the same time that you put in the stakes for lagoons in Henry Vilas Park.

I had a conference last night with Mr. Johnson, the dredger, with reference to making a contract with him for the dredging and filling in Henry Vilas Park. He is going to consider the matter and let me know later. If any suggestions occur to you that might be helpful to our directors in

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making this contract, I wish you would make the same. One difficulty that occurs to me is the making of any survey of such a strip of land that will enable the association to enter into a contract for filling at so much a cubic yard, the ground being such, especially in places, that the filling will undoubtedly settle more or less. Have you ever had any experience in filling land such as this by contract at so much per cubic yard measured in the bank?

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

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Nov. 29, 1904

Mr. Frederick K. Conover,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Nov. 26th received, and contents noted. Please accept thanks for same.

Upon hearing from you further, as indicated in your letter, I will try and put in shape a form of contract expressing the terms as agreed upon.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

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President.

Nov. 29, 1904

Hon. E. M. Bradford,
Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

You are right in supposing that the proper method to pursue to vacate the street in which the sisters are interested, is by a proceeding in the circuit court. That is the proceeding which has been taken of late in two or three cases. It is a simple matter, and any one who is interested make it to the court, and the court can act upon it without the consent of other land owners. That is the proceeding we intend to have instituted in the near future to secure the vacation of all of the streets lying within the limits of Henry Villas Park.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Nov. 30, 1904

K. J. Johnson, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

I suggested to one of the Riley boys last evening the matter of putting in a wooden bridge instead of the old steel bridge on East Johnson street. They are entirely agreeable to anything that the association wants, but they stated that one thing they had in mind was that the street car company might run its track out across this bridge and that if this was done, it would need the steel bridge to sustain the weight. I thought I would submit the matter to you to see whether the wood bridge you had in mind would be strong enough to permit of its use for street car purposes. Please drop me a line on that matter. If it would not be strong enough for that purpose, then I think we must drop the matter. But if it would be strong enough for that purpose, then I would like to have you send me a written statement as to what you would put in a bridge for, say sixteen feet wide, and also what you would put in one for as wide as the old Williamson street bridge with sidewalk on either side.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

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President.

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Nov. 30, 1904

F. W. Ailis, Esq.,
Monona Farm,
Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 29th received, enclosing check for $100.00. You state: "I guess you will have to let me down to $100 this year." According to the subscription made, this check pays all except $75.00. I would like to have the following understanding with you. Of course, I regard your subscription of $100 just the same as though you had signed your name, for you authorized me to put your name down for that amount and did so, and made a report of that fact to the association. But I recognize the fact that you have been very liberal in your contributions toward the work and I do not wish to have any feeling on your part. Now, it will be necessary for us to raise, as I stated to you when I met you on the bridge a few days since, another $2,000 to complete entirely the Yahara river improvement. This we must raise by some additional subscriptions, let us understand that we do not ask you for any further contribution in that matter and that you will, say some time before the annual meeting in April next, pay the other $75.00. We are now planning to have the dredge into the mouth of the river and complete the improvement there some time before spring, so that as soon as the weather is suitable for boating, we have the channel all dredged out.

I hope the above arrangement may be entirely satisfactory to you.

Yours truly

John M. Olin

President.

M.S. by O.A.

Dec. 1, 1904

Fuller & Johnson Mfg. Co.,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for thirty-five cents to pay your bill against Madison Park & Pleasure Driving Association. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

John W. Klein

President.

(Warrant)
(Enc.)

John D. Hayes, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dec. 1, 1904

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find warrant for $3.20 to pay for shoeing horses for association. Please receipt enclosed bill and return same to me.

Yours truly,

John W. Klein

President.

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

Dec. 1, 1904

August Halberslaben, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Nov. 30th received and contents noted. Enclosed you will find warrant for $5.00 for your services in putting out fire. We are very glad to pay any such bill, but I am exceedingly sorry to hear of the fire. I had heard nothing of it. I have notified Charlie Brown and asked him if he would not go out that way on his wheel. Next time you are in town, please call up and see me.

Such a fire as this is the most discouraging thing about our wholework. The idea that some miserable lout should go in there with his gun and destroy what it will take years of time to replace, is something pretty difficult to have any patience with.

I wish you could give us the names of parties hunting any where on those grounds. I would try and see that an example was made of some one of them. - Do you know who set the fire, and just how it was done? would like to find out all & can about it.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(Warrant)

John W. Olin.

President.

Dec. 2, 1904

Claus Clausen, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find warrant for $50.00 to pay for services for month of November in Tenney Park. Please sign enclosed receipt and return same to me in enclosed stamped envelope.

I think the time of year has come when we had better close up work in Tenney Park, if you have not already done so. All tools, etc., should be put in shape for the winter. I wish also you would keep your eye out a little for any damage that may be done by boys on the lagoons skating or anything of that kind.- See that the mower is taken apart and put under cover. Make out a list of all tools belonging to the park and send same to me and state whether they are [illegible]

Yours truly,

J. Howell Olin,

President.

(Dic. by O.)

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Dec. 4, 1906.

O. C. Simonds, Esq.,

Landscape Gardener,

Station Y,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Simonds:-

We would like to have you come up on Monday, or this week, to stake out the lagoons in Humboldt Park. I have arranged that if you can come on that day to have Mr. Swenson here to assist you in the work. I wrote to find out what preparations you needed as to stakes. I have not heard from you. I shall be gone myself all of this week in all probability. But Mr. Brown and Mr. Swenson will be here to attend to matters. I will also arrange to have a couple of men with proper teams. I thought it would be well to get stakes perhaps 2 x 2 and ten or twelve feet long. Some of them perhaps could be cut in two. I think it would be well also to have Mr. Johnson, the dredger, with you. He is thinking of taking the contract. I leave the city Monday noon. I would like to hear from you if possible, before going. I may send you a telegram. If not, will you send me a telegram immediately upon receipt of this letter?

Mr. Steensland expects to go to Chicago on Wednesday or Thursday, of this week, and look over, with Mr. Swenson, some cement bridges in the parks there, and I have suggested that they get you, if possible, to go with them. We want to get a nice design for the bridge that Mr. Steensland is going to construct across the river on the avenue. I feel that you either ought to design that bridge or be called in consultation with reference to the matter. I wish you would arrange to act in the way that

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You thank best, everything considered.

Yours truly,

(Dis. by C.)

John W. Olin.

President.

It would be well if you could bring with you an & true copy or two of your design for Henry V. Parks. Think you must modify well the lunch road so foot-yourself sheet. Anhearing from you I will try and arrange for different persons to be with you at the parks. But I shall need to hear or sometime before or as early as 12 tomorrow.

Yrs J. W. C.

Dec. 4, 1904

Mr. O. C. Simonds,

Landscape Architect,

Station X,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Simonds:-

Yours of Dec. 3rd just received from the office after having mailed mine to you and sent the telegram.

I am much interested in what you say. The idea of pumping out the water and excavating the lagoons by teams had not occurred to me. I fear, however, this would be more expensive than doing the work by means of a dipper dredge and sand pump or suction pump combined.

My idea is that it would be a good thing for you to plan to spend at least a day here on the ground and have Johnson, the dredger, present, as well as certain other parties representing the association. Our plan was to have a careful survey made immediately after you set the stakes, so as to get the surface of the ground accurately, and then after the filling is done we would have another survey made, and in that way determine how much excavation or material had been put in. Of course, in that event, the parts used for lagoons would be omitted in making the second survey, as no material would be placed there, but on the contrary removed.

I believe that it would be a good plan to stake out now definitely under your direction the general line of the lagoons, and also the general line of the outer roadway. In staking the latter, it might be well, judging from a remark of Mr. Volmeen, to have the roadway just inside the outer edge of the marsh sufficient distance to use the outer edge of the marsh or bog as a means of holding the banks up that may be excavated for the road-

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way. That material is very loose and we might have some difficulty, were it not mixed with the bog along the outer edge, to have it stay in place long enough to dry sufficiently to make a proper road bed.

As to the Sisters' property, I do not think they will wish to give our association title to this property, and it is perhaps best to have a proper park or boundary line between their property and ours. However, if improved, I think it can be arranged so as not to be used after it is improved for pasturage purposes, but for park purposes, and I should prepare the plan on that theory. Do not think there will be any difficulty in securing a right to extend the outer roadway along the outer edge of their marsh property and connect same at some point with the road on the high ground.

What our association desires to do is to make some definite contract with Johnson, or some other dredger, so that we will know, before we commence the work, about what we are to pay for it.

I think we had better postpone the work on Monona Lake Bay until some later date. I hope very much, however, that you can arrange to come up Friday, and that I may receive a telegram to that effect before to-morrow noon.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

Dec. 5, 1904

Hon. Halle Steenaland,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Steenlmad:-

Mr. O. O. Simonds, landscape architect, will be in Madison Friday morning, of this week, and will spend the day, or so much as is necessary, in looking over proposed improvement of Henry Vilas Park. I want him, while here, to look over with you the proposed East Washington Avenue improvement at the Yahara river. Mr. Swenson has arranged to spend the day with him, and I have asked Charles N. Brown to do likewise. I hope you can also be with him that day. I shall also drop a line to Mr. Fox. I should like to be with him myself, but must be out of the city trying cases at Baraboo.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

William Kanouse, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dec. 5, 1904

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find two warrants for yourself and John Sullivan, one for $209.50 for drawing top dressing for Lake River improvement, and one for $81.00 for drawing top dressing for Tenney Park. Please receipt both bills and return same to me in enclosed stamped envelope.

(Warrants)

(3 Enc.)

Yours truly

John M. Olin,

Dist.

Mrs. William Denison,

Madison, Wis.

Dec. 5, 1904

Dear Madam:-

Enclosed find warrant for $49.40 for work of man and team to and including Nov. 26, 1904. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me in enclosed stamped envelope, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

(2 Enc.)

John M. Olin,

Dec. 3, 1904.

A. H. Kayser, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose you one warrant for $109.48 for posts for Henry Vilas Park, and another for $55.24 for Yahara river improvement. I had hoped you would make out a bill for the posts according to the contract. The difference was not a large amount, and, considering the lumber that our association has purchased from you this year, it would have been better, I think, all around, had you gone strictly according to the contract. Personally, I have no objection to paying the bill as rendered, but if it should ever become public that you received a contract for furnishing the posts on a competitive bid with others, and that later the price was changed because it turned out you had not figured correctly, then you will readily see that our association would be very much blamed, especially since it has turned out that we have purchased nearly all our lumber this year from you, and the amount is greater than our entire purchases for a number of years back. You can let the matter stand, however, as it is. You have been a liberal contributor to the work of the association, and of course we all appreciate that, and I know you will understand that my only interest in the matter is from the standpoint of the public.

Please receipt the enclosed bills and return same to me and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(2 Warrants)

(2 Enc.)

President.

Dec. 5, 1904

Capt. W. A. Thompson,

La Crosse, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I should have written you before, but the only reason why I have not done so is that I have not yet succeeded in finding the record of the measurement and tests made by the engineer in Lake Monona Bay last spring. I have finally gotten his address and have written him to-day. However, the prospects seem very bright for going ahead with this work. Since I saw you I have secured a conditional promise of $8,000 from one or two leading citizens to be put into the improvement of this Bay. Within a short time, we will know if the conditions of this gift can be met - and I think, without much doubt, they can be - and we shall then be in readiness to have you make such tests as you desire preliminary to entering into a contract for the work. I write in great haste because I must take the train within a few minutes.

Yours truly,

(Dict. by O.)

John M. Olin.

President.

Dec. 5, 1904

G. W. Garvens, Esq.,

Corner 11th and Market Sts.,

Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Sir:-

You will remember that you did some work making tests and measurements for our association in Lake Monona Bay last spring. For some unaccountable reason, I cannot find any trace of the book in which you kept the records. This is a pretty serious matter, and I hope, in some way, you can give us the desired measurements or record of the same. Please write me at once, and very much oblige.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by G.)

Dec. 5, 1904

Senator William F. Vilas,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Vilas:-

Mr. C. C. Simonds is to spend Friday, of this week, in the city, staking out the proposed lagoons for Henry Vilas Park. Some of our directors will be with him during the day. I must necessarily be absent from the city this week. I thought perhaps you might be out that way that day and could look the matter over with Mr. Simonds on the ground, and for this reason I send you this notice.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dict by OH)

Dec 5, 1904

Magnus Swenson, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Mr. Swenson:-

I have made all arrangements that I possibly could as to work on Friday of this week in Henry Vilas Park. I have ordered the stakes left at the foot of Warren street and have also asked to have two of our men there to assist in the work, and have also asked Johnson, the dredger, to be there, and of the directors, Mr. Brown, Mr. Fox and Mr. Greenland. I trust that Mr. Simonds can, while here, consider with Mr. Greenland the proposed bridge across the Yahara river on the Avenue.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Enc. by O.)

Dec. 5, 1904.

Doyon & Rayne Lumber Co.,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen.-

I wish you would deliver at the foot of Warren street, in Henry Vilas Park, not later than some time Wednesday, of this week, 150 pieces, one-half of them to be 2 x 1, and the other one-half to be 2 x 2, and one-half of each lot to be ten feet long and the other one-half to be fourteen feet long. The bill should be made out against our association and you should indicate that it is for Henry Vilas Park. These stakes are to be used on Thursday and Friday, of this week, and it is absolutely necessary that they should be on hand.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by G.)

Dec. 5, 1904

M. J. Johnson, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Mr. O. C. Simonds, our landscape architect, is to be in Madison on Friday morning, of this week, and will spend Friday looking over and staking out the proposed lagoons in Henry Vilas Park. Magnus Swenson, one of our directors, will be with him, and perhaps some others. I wish you would arrange to spend the day with him on the work so as to come to some conclusion as to how this work can best be done. I shall leave the city to-day noon and shall be gone, I presume, all the week.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

Dec. 5, 1904

Charles N. Brown, Esq.,

Madison, Miss.

Dear Sir:-

Mr. Simonds is to be here Friday morning, of this week, to look over the Henry Vaiden matter. I shall be out of the city. I wish you could arrange to spend the day, or as much of it as you can, with him. I expect Mr. Swenson will be with him. It would be well, I think, the same day, to have him look over East Washington Avenue at the Yalobusha river with reference to the new bridge. Think it would be well to arrange so that the mayor, and perhaps chairman of the street committee, could be there at the same time, and perhaps engineer Icke. Will leave this all to you. I waiting in Memphis. Must take the train for Baraboo within half an hour.

Yours truly,

(Dict. by C.)

John M[illegible]

President.

Dec. 5, 1904

Severt Aasen, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

On Friday morning, of this week, Mr. O. C. Simonds will be here to stake out the lagoons in Henry Vilas Park. I want you and one other man to be there to assist. You better have an ax and a saw and also your testing rods along, whatever is necessary to cut through the ice and get the stakes in. I have ordered stakes to be left at the foot of Wilson street for the purpose. Please be sure and be on hand at the hour set, ready to assist, with one other man.

Yours truly,

John [illegible]

President.

(Dic. by O.)

Mr. A. O. Fox,

Madison, Wis.

Dec. 5, 1904

Dear Sir:-

Mr. O. C. Simonds, landscape architect, is to spend Friday of this week in the city, looking over the proposed improvement of Henry Vilas Park. He will stake out the line of the lagoons. Mr. Magnus Swenson has agreed to spend the day with him, and I have asked Charles N. Brown and Mr. Steensland to be with him, if possible. I wish you also could be there. I must be out of the city, and hence cannot be present myself.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Enc. by O.)

Dec. 5, 1904

Patrick Griffin, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $42.18 for work for Association to and including Nov. 28, 1904. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me in enclosed stamped envelope.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

(Warrant)

(2 Enc.)

Dec. 5, 1904

Fred Ruels, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:- Enclosed find warrant for $1.00 to pay your bill against Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt the enclosed bill here and return same to me in enclosed stamped envelope.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin
Pres't.

(Warrant)

(2 Enc.)

Dec. 6, 1904

Prof. G. S. Smith,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir- [illegible] send copy of description of Wingra Park right of way.

Yours truly,

[illegible]
President.

(Enc.)

Dec. 5, 1904.

F. W. Allis, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Dec. 2nd received and contents noted.

There has been considerable loose talk about the Williamson street bridge. That bridge is a foot lower than it ought to be, but there is no question but what it is sufficiently high to admit of the passage of any and all launches of every description now on the lake or that, in all reasonable probability, may be put on to the lakes. There is at least a clearance of seven feet in height for a width of twenty feet, and, as I understand it, this will admit of the passage of the launch with the highest canopy or top on it now on the lakes.

You are all mistaken in the idea that you will not be able to get through to Fourth Lake. The only obstacle now is the low water at the outlet of the river. That we shall have dredged out by early spring at the latest, so that by the time the weather is suitable for rowing or boating on the lakes, you will have no trouble, I am sure, in passing from your place up into Fourth Lake.

I am glad to write this so as to remove any wrong impression you may have about the improvement. It has taken longer than we first calculated, but the fact is we have worked as rapidly as we possibly could, and so far as our association is concerned, everything is coming out better than we anticipated.

I am sure that by early spring we will have a depth of not less than six feet of water throughout the entire length of the Yahara river between the two lakes.

Yours truly,

John M. O'Neill

(Dic. by O.)

Dec. 12, 1904

O. C. Simonds, Esq.,

Landscape Architect,

Station X,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Simonds:

I leave for Chicago at 1:45 this evening to be there to-morrow taking a deposition, and expect to return to Janesville either Tuesday night or Wednesday morning. I shall stop at the Great Northern Hotel. I thought perhaps we might in some way take lunch together. There are a number of things that I would like to talk over with you. I shall undoubtedly be at the Great Northern about half past twelve o'clock.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

Dec. 12, 1904

N. J. Johnson, Esq.,
1119 E. Johnson St.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

There has been done and is now being done a large amount of dredging in Juneau and Monroe counties. One of the commissioners is Mr. I. C. Baldwin and he has just been at my office. He lives at Necedah, Wisconsin. They are now doing dredging near New Lisbon, Wis., but this dredging will be completed within about ten days. From what he says, I think it would be a good thing if you could go up there and look over their appliances. He very kindly volunteered that he would be glad to meet you at New Lisbon at any time and go with you and show you the operations. You could drop him a line, addressed to him at Necedah, stating when you would meet him at New Lisbon. I wish very much you could do this. They are having dirt thrown out there by a dipper dredge at eight cents a cubic yard where the ditch is thirty feet wide. He also gave some interesting statements as to the kind of dredges and the method they have of moving them and also of operating them. I told him I would write you and suggest that you go and see him.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

Dec. 18, 1904

G. W. Garvens, Esq.,

Corner 11th & Market Sts.,

Des Moines, Iowa.

My Dear Sir:-

Yours of Dec. 7th received and contents noted.

We have hunted every where to find the book in which you made a record of the measurements and what you found in Lake Monona Bay, but we have not been able, so far, to discover anything. It is too bad, because it really renders useless all the work that was done last winter, and we now need that work. It is the book that I want to get. The maps we could get along without.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

Dec. 13, 1904

John F. Icke, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I do not wish to trouble you, but we have hunted every where for the book in which G. W. Garvens kept a record of his measurements and tests in Lake Monona Bay and have been unable, as yet, to find it. I thought it possible that this book might have been left with you at a time when some figuring was done by you to determine the number of cubic yards of filling necessary. Could you run through your books to see whether, by any possibility, the book may be with you?

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Dec. 12, 1904.

Mahoney & Klein,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:- Please make out and send me bill for paint purchased for our association, putting in "For Henry Vilas Park."

Yours truly,

(Dict. by O.)

President.

Dec. 13, 1904.

Hon. N. P. Van Slyke,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Van Slyke:-

Yours of Dec. 9th came in my absence from the city, enclosing check for $25.00 for the work of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please accept thanks for the same. I have endorsed the same over to Mr. Hoyt, and the same will be placed to your credit.

Undoubtedly the road built under your supervision will stand as a lesson to not only the town of Madison, but other towns, as against cheap road making. But I am glad to have that mud hole removed, even if it is not done in as permanent a way as we might wish.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.J

President.

Dec. 13, 1904

Capt. W. A. Thompson,

La Crosse, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Dec. 6th came in my absence at Baraboo trying cases, and I must leave for Chicago this evening to be gone most, if not all, of this week.

We have been as yet unable to find the record of the tests made by the engineer last winter. I am afraid we shall not recover them. I have written again to the man who did the work.

As soon as we get matters in shape, so that we can feel certain that that work will go ahead along the lines of a contract, I will notify you. When that you then would come down and look the ground over and make such tests as would satisfy you, and see if we could not enter into a contract for the work.

I also wrote you concerning the work in what is known as Henry Vilas Park. We would like to have you look at that work also with a view of having you submit a proposition pr price at which you would do the work. We have on hand for the dredging $8,000. Senator Vilas stated the other day that if another $25,000 could be secured, he would give $10,000. I think we may, a little later, induce the city to issue bonds for $15,000. In that event, we would have on hand something like $33,000 for that work. We would like somebody to enter into a contract who would have the energy, ability, push and capital to carry it through, and to do it at what might be considered a fair, reasonable profit. Part of this land is of a clay bottom and would have to be dredged where the lagoons are. Of course,

where the lagoons are not to be constructed, the filling could all be done by pumping. Hence, you see it is a piece of work that will require the combination of both dredging and pumping, as I think also the work in the bay may require. I may meet Mr. Simonds, our landscape architect, in Chicago to-morrow. If so, I think I will suggest that he send to your address at La Crosse a copy of his map showing proposed improvement of the marsh portion of Mason Valley Farm. Mr. Johnson here has been figuring on the work, but I am afraid that he is not equipped and will not be equipped for doing the work on any large scale. He is a nice honest fellow, but I don't think quite up to snuff in that kind of work. Of course, this is stated confidentially.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Mrs. M. O.)

Dec. 14, 1904

Ralph W. Jackman, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

My Dear Mr. Jackman:-

I must leave the city again for Chicago and shall be gone the rest of this week. I did not get back until Saturday evening. I hope you have been doing some good work toward getting the riparian rights or property bordering on the Monona Bay. That is a matter that ought to be hurried as much as possible. The same is true with reference to Mr. Richmond's part in the matter. I will try and see you immediately upon my return, and I hope you will have matters all coopered by the time I get back on Saturday.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by C.)

Dec. 13, 1904

Central Nursery Co.,
Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Gentlemen:-

Yours of Dec. 6th received and contents noted. I presume some one sent you my name because of my work in connection with the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Under another cover, I send you a copy of our last annual report.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

(Dic. by O.)

Dec. 14, 1901

Prof. L. S. Smith,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

If you have not already done so, I hope you will, at the earliest date possible, set the stakes for the Canadian border line of the two hundred foot strip extending from foot of Warren street down to outlet of Rogers Creek. I meant to see you about this matter but was compelled to leave the city before being able to do so.

Stakes were left at the foot of Warren street for this work and ought to be used before somebody steals them. Of course, if you have done this work, this letter is for no purpose.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

John M. Olin

President.

Dec. 13, 1904

Albert Kelsey, Esq.,
931 Chestnut St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My Dear Sir:-

Yours of Dec. 9th received and contents noted. I shall be pleased to lay your communication before the directors of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association at its next meeting and will write you their wishes in the matter. Under another cover, I send you a copy of the last report of our association. Should be pleased to have you look the same through and let me know what you think of the work we have done here, almost wholly, as you see, through private subscription and contributions, although we are now getting some help from the city.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

John M. Olin
President.

Dec. 14, 1904

Prof. W. D. Taylor,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

We want to arrange to have a proper survey of the marsh part of the land for Henry Vilas Park made at the earliest date possible. I intended to see you, but must leave the city and will not get back until Saturday evening. I wish you would have the matter in mind and select some parties who are competent to do this work, and I will see you on my return and talk matters over with you more fully.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dict. by O.)

Dec 18, 1904

Mautz Bros.,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find two warrants to pay for your bill under date of Nov. 30, which came in my absence. Will you be so kind as to make out two separate bills, one for each item, and return them to me receipted, and much oblige? I return the bill you sent.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

(2 Warrants)

(Enc.)

Dec. 14, 1904

Charles G. Riley, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Dec. 8th came in my absence at Baraboo attending court. I did not get back until Saturday evening and must take the train again for Chicago and shall be there and at Janesville the rest of the week. Just as soon as I can get a meeting of the directors, I will do so, and have them take formal action in regard to the bridge. There is no doubt but what the plan will be carried out as suggested in your letter.

In the meantime, I wish you would see what can be done toward getting the present iron bridge out so that the dredge can get down the river some time before spring.

Yours truly,

(Dict. by O.J.

John M. Olin

President.

Dec. 14, 1904.

Evert Aasen, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I must rely on you to get all the tools in shape for winter and put away. They really ought to be put in shape so that everything will be in readiness when you need them in the spring.

Please also look after the stakes that we sent out to Wingra Park.

Please get the receipts back as soon as possible.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dict. by O.)

Dec. 14, 1904

Thomas Conlin, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $13.00 to pay for use of one horse on drives. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me in enclosed stamped envelope, and much oblige.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Dec. 14, 1904

William Hausmann, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Mr. Patrick Griffin informs me that he furnished from the nursery belonging to the association, for you, two elms, 2 catalpa, 2 mountain ash, 2 white birch, 2 blue spruce and 1 pine, making in all eleven trees. I think the eleven trees ought to be worth $2.50. If that is agreeable to you, you can draw a check for that amount, payable to Frank W. Hoyt, and send it to me, and I will see that it is turned over to him as so much paid to the association for the trees.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

John M. Olin

President.

Dec. 14, 1904

Fuller & Johnson Mfg. Co.,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for seventy-five cents to pay for repairing plow for association. Please receipt and return to me the enclosed bill.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

(Warrant)
(Enc.)

Dec. 14, 1904.

William Renouse, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $50.00, payable to yourself and John Sullivan, for balance due for hauling top dressing. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me in enclosed stamped envelope, and oblige.

(Warrant)
(2 Enc.)

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

Dec. 19, 1904

Prof. L. S. Smith,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sirs-

Enclosed find warrant for $9.00 to pay your bill for surveying done in Henry Vilas Park. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

President.

(Warrant)
Inc.)

Dec. 19, 1904

O. C. Simonds, Esq.,

Station X,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Simonds:-

I saw Prof. Taylor last night. He will have a young engineer sketch in the driveway as laid out across the Sisters' property at once. I will then forward same to you. You must have a large map from which you drew the plan for the improvement of the park. This shows the elevation of the land owned by the Sisters.

I will also have this engineer sketch in the accurate width of marsh land opposite Sisters' land.

Am now expecting to have a meeting of the directors of our association on Friday evening, of this week. Should like very much if you could get to me in time for that meeting your sketches for proposed bridge across the river on East Washington Avenue.

I wish also you could send to Capt. W. A. Thompson, of La Crosse, a blue print copy of your plan for the improvement of Henry Vilas Park. Mr. Thompson is oneof the men that we are thinking of negotiating with for the doing of the dredging and filling. I will write to him, stating that I have suggested that you send him such copy. The design as first prepared by you will be definite enough so far as he is concerned.

If you could make the changes we talked over in the plan for the park and get to me before Firday evening a blue print copy after such changes are made, I would like it. Of course, you could do this before you get the survey as to right of way across Sisters' property. If, however, this getting to me such a corrected map would involve any very great

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amount of work on your part, you need not do it.

(Dic. by O.)

Yours truly,

J. Howell Olive.

President.

Since dictating above Mr. Steinstaul [illegible] in. He seems "stuck" on the 3 arch bridge [illegible] he may be able to convert him, you had better [illegible] prepare sketches both for singer and [illegible] for the 3 arches. Steinstaul seems in a hurry [illegible] plan settled on - 190 to James [illegible] again this evening [illegible] will return [illegible] - [illegible] you had better write me a pretty full [illegible] your ideas as to the kind of bridge [illegible] have here. So we can use this report as the meeting.

J. M. O.

Dec. 19, 1904

Charles G. Riley, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

Your note of Dec. 17th just received on my return to t
office. I must again leave the city for Janesville this evening, but ho
get back Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning. I am in hopes to have a
meeting of the directors on Friday evening, of this week, and we will th
take care of the bridge matter.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Dec. 19, 1904

Capt. W. A. Thompson,

La Crosse, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Dec. 14th came in my absence at Janesville trying a lawsuit. I have written to Mr. O. C. Simonds, our landscape gardener, to-day, asking him to forward to you a blue print copy of the plan for the improvement of Henry Vilas Park. This will show the lagoons and give you a general idea of the way the work would have to be done. We will have made a topographical survey in the near future. In fact, I think that will be commenced within a day or two.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

J. Lowell Olin

President.

Dec. 19, 1904.

Leonard W. Gay, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

I learn from Prof. Smith that the last distance stated in the description of right of way for speedway, etc., on page two, should be 2,000 feet instead of 200 feet. Of course, the description as written would carry through to the bridge in any event, but so far as parties have not yet signed, you could have the description changed, substituting 2000 for 200 feet.

Prof. Smith tells me that he has had stakes set along the outer line of the two hundred foot strip. Hence, parties can now see just where the line would run.

I hope that you may be able to close this matter out in the near future. I realize that it is a good deal of a job and that it is something that takes time, but we soon want to make a contract for the dredging and we want to have all these agreements signed before the contract is made.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Dec. 19, 1904

Albert Kelsey, Architect,
937 Chestnut St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My Dear Sir:-

Please accept my thanks for your very kind letter of Dec. 17th. I found it on my return to the office. I am in hopes to get our directors together on Friday evening, of this week, and will then lay the matter of your communication before them.

I was very much interested and pleased to learn that you are a grandson of Ex-Governor C. C. Washburn. He is one of the best men that ever served this state. Had it not been for small politicians, the state of Wisconsin would now own the beautiful land that belongs to the Sisters

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Dec. 19, 1904.

Magnus Swenson, Esq.,

934 Monadnock Block,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Swenson:-

I am trying to arrange for a meeting of the directors at my office on Friday evening, of this week. You had left the city before I called up your house and hence I send this note to you at Chicago. Do you think you could be present at a meeting on that evening? I am in hopes before that evening, to have some sketches from Mr. Simonds as to cement bridge. Mr. Steensland is getting quite uneasy to have something done.

I met Mr. Simonds on Tuesday last in Chicago and talked over with him the whole matter. I have written him again to-day, asking that he get his sketches around so that we could have them by Friday evening.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John D. Rea

President.

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Dec. 20, 1904

Prof. L. S. Smith,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $9.00 for surveying Henry Vilas Park, which, through an oversight, was not enclosed with the letter sent you yesterday.

Yours truly,

John M Olin

President.

(Warrant)

Dec. 28, 1904

O. C. Simonds, Esq.,

Station K,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Simonds:-

I have received letter, written for you by Mr. Bu-cu, as to sketches of bridge, etc. I find, however, that the sketches have not come and the post office says that there is no certainty that they will come within the next day or two, unless they were sent as first class matter, and I suppose they were not.

Hence, we will have to call our meeting off for this week and will have to try and arrange for a meeting next week.

I do not know if you have done so as yet, but if you have not, I wish you would have measured out pretty accurately the proportionate amount of land and water in the ground of Henry Vilas Park, so that we can have those facts before us when we have our meeting.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

Mr. C. C. Simonds,
Station X,
Chicago, Ill.

Dec. 24, 1904

Dear Mr. Simonds:-

I have just received sketches of bridge, etc. I have looked them through and personally I like them very much, but I don't believe that Mr. Steenland will be satisfied with them. He will want something that shows more "ornamentation", as he expresses it, and it seems to me that the bridge as shown, especially the one arch bridge, is too plain. I see your idea, however, to cover the bridge up largely by foliage, but Mr. Steenland, I am sure, will want to have something a little different. Now inasmuch as our meeting goes over until some day next week, it has occurred to me that perhaps you could find time to send us another sketch using the same ground plan but with some more ornamentation. In order to give you an idea of Mr. Steenland's taste, I send you, under another cover, a little sketch of a bridge with spindle work which he seems to like. I do not myself care for the spindle work. I enclose herewith also a sketch of bridge to be constructed of rock faced stone which would suit Mr. Steenland very well, provided a bridge of this style could be constructed across the Kankakee river. But of course our abutments could not be dotted up by abutments as this bridge is. Please return to me with the sketch of the New Glaire bridge and the other sketch.

If you could get something back to me by about Wednesday or Thursday, I would like it very much.

I like the ground plan as you have worked it out very much.

Dislike to bother you so much about this matter, but the fact is we have got a pretty difficult proposition on our hands, namely the getting of something that will be artistic and at the same time satisfy Mr. Steenland. He seems to be stuck on a three arch bridge. I would like, when you sent your new sketches, to have a letter from you personally, giving your reasons why you prefer one plan ofer another, or, which is the same thing, stating the merits of each design.

Yours truly,

(Dict. by O.)

(Enc.)

John M. Olin

President.

Patrick Griffin, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

Dec. 24, 1904

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $5.00 for twenty-seven hours work in Henry Vilas Park. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

John M. Olin

President.

Dec. 24, 1904

O. C. Simonds, Esq.,

Landscape Architect,

Station X,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Simonds:-

I forgot to tell you that we have acquired a little extra land in Henry Vilas Park. Please turn to your design opposite "Van Buren street." You will observe that the present line of the park is in the center of that street. We have acquired not only the rest of that street but sixty feet more toward the east. If not too much work, wish you would indicate that fact in any other blue print design you make. I presume you would add this to the little triangular piece of planting you have. I see you have marked there pin oaks and wild roses. We have a nice lot of young pin oaks in nursery and would like to set these out at this place next spring.

Some time when you are not too busy, send me an estimate of the quantity of pines and spruces you think we had better plant in the block just south of Jackson street, between Grant street and Van Buren street. I have the green and blue Colorado spruce. Would you advise planting these alone and how would you plant the pine with reference to the spruce, mixed in among the spruce or in front of spruce or at back?

I like the modifications made in the sketch and I think as modified it will be well to have run off for our use say from six to nine additional copies. I will then destroy the first copy sent out so as not to get matters mixed. I hope to get you soon the survey for right of way across Sisters' property and then would like, at as early a date as possi-

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bre, a map showing a design that will include the proposed improvement on Sisters' property as well as that part belonging to Henry Vilas Park proper.

I would like also to have some fine etching made, if that is the proper term to use, of this design of hours which will show the road across Sisters' property and proposed improvement in front thereof as well as Henry Vilas Park. I would like to get something that we could have printed in our paper here and something that might be incorporated also in our next annual report. You would know the scale to be used.

I think I suggested in former letter that I would like the measurement of land and water in Henry Vilas Park in time, if possible, for the meeting of our directors next week.

Yours truly,

John W. Olin

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Dec. 26, 1904.

McClellan Dodge, Esq.,

City Engineer,

New Claire, Wis,

My Dear Mr. Dodge:-

Your favor of the 24th, enclosing sketch for cement arch bridge for East Washington Avenue across Eau Claire River, received. I wish very much to thank you for the same. I will see that no improper use is made of the same. There are many things about this sketch that I like and I think it may please Mr. Steensland upon the whole. The difficulty with Mr. Steensland - and this is expressed confidentially - is to get something that will be in good taste without too much fancy bread work about it. He wants something, as he expresses it, "substantial and yet ornamental." Well, it is a question as to what is ornamental, and you know how people differ in that respect.

We expect to have a meeting of our directors next Friday evening, if possible. We intended to have it last Friday evening, but our plans or sketches were not ready. I think it would aid you or I sent you a ground plan prepared by Mr. Simonds, our landscape architect. He has sent us two sketches, one for a three arch bridge and one for a one arch bridge. In the latter case, the walks are on either side of the arch next the water. Mr. Steensland seems to be stuck on the three arch bridge. I think Mr. Simonds prefers the one arch bridge. I send you one of Mr. Simonds plans, the three arch bridge, in order that you may see the foundation plan or ground work. He has prepared a design for the improvement of the whole avenue, which we hope to have the council adopt. This ground plan will show you

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how he proposes to have the walks constructed in connection with the bridge. It shows also width of bridge and span. I think the bridge itself is too plain and I don't like the round holes in the top or railing part. I like, however, the curves and the general arrangement of the banks, apprpaches and walks. I wish you would prepare another sketch, using the one I send you from Mr. Simonds as the foundation plan. This shows the landscape architect's ideas. You need have no hesitation about availing yourself of any idea you may find in this sketch for the reason that Mr. Simonds is merely co-operating with our directors to help us out. You will understand that I am in no way authorized to pledge the association to pay for the work. I presume if your design was accepted the association would pay you something, not a large amount, and would, at the same time, express publicly their appreciation for your work and thank you for the same. As you know, I have no other interest than to get something that will be most suitable for the place and will best serve the public.

Please understand further that all we are trying to do from the outside is to get a proper sketch or design for the bridge. The plans and specifications will then be drawn by Mr. Ickis, city engineer. This is in order to save expense and is in accordance with the proposition of Mr. Stevensland. I don't know whether he has made this plain to you or not in his correspondence.

Just as soon as you are through with Mr. Simonds' sketch, please return it to me, and please get to me, if possible, a reversed sketch by you so that I will have the same here on Friday morning, of this week. I

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think it would be well for you to send a ground plan showing width of bridge, roadway and walks, and how you treat the same. It occurs to me that the ends or approaches of the bridge as designed by you should be modified so as to have less cement work and rely more upon effect from the planting as is suggested by Mr. Simonds. I make this by way of suggestion so that you can have the same in mind in revising your sketch. On the plan of a three arch bridge, the width of forty feet is about right. In fact, I think the width and length of the bridge, as planned by Mr. Simonds, are about right. However, it seems to me that there ought to be some railing or some division of some kind between the roadway proper and the cement walk on the bridge. I merely suggest this to you.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Dep: 24, 1904

Stephenson & Studeman,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $3.30 for your bill against Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

Dec. 24, 1904

Madison & Klein,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $18.65 to pay your bill for paint for posts for Henry Villas Park. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Enc. by O.)
(Warrant)

President.

O. C. Simonds, Esq.,

Landscape Architect,

Station X,

Chicago, Ill.

Dec. 27, 1904

Dear Mr. Simonds:-

Pardon me for writing you so many letters. In a talk I had with Senator Vilas the other day, a suggestion was made as to the proper improvement or treatment of the springs along the margin of the hard land next the bog in Henry Vilas Park. You may remember that there are a large number of fine springs on the part owned by the Sisters. There are also a number in the Henry Vilas Park proper. I am going to have the engineer locate definitely on the map the more important of these different springs, so that when you come to redraw the map, and especially to make the design for the Sisters' property, you can sketch in the springs and indicate a method of treating them. Senator Vilas suggests that it would be a very fine thing to have a number of these springs walled in by cement work so as to raise the water in the springs somewhat higher than the water in the lake, and then have a narrow opening run from the lagoon up to the springs so that any one using a boat in the lagoons could avail himself of the springs.

I will send you the necessary measurements at the same time I send you the maps showing the right of way across the Sisters' property sketched in as heretofore suggested.

Yours truly,

President.

O. C.

Dec. 27, 1904

Capt. W. A. Thompson,

La Crosse, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

We are having a survey made of the surface of the ground to be filled in Henry Vilas Park. The survey is being made under the supervision of Prof. W. D. Taylor, of the University, a practical railroad engineer, the man who had been assistant to the tax commission in assessing the railroads in the state. There is being used in making the survey a board about four inches and a half square. This is pushed down so as to give, as nearly as possible, the natural surface. I suppose this work will all be completed within a week. Our association would like to have you make tests of the soil in that portion of the park to be filled, and make us a proposition for doing the whole work. We are now trying to arrange to raise, in some way, sufficient funds to complete the park, and we have strong hopes of being able to do it. We figure that it will likely take two years to do the work. You, however, may be able to do it in less time. We expect that the lagoons will be excavated to a depth of about eight feet. We are having stakes set that will indicate the line and shape of all of the lagoons. From tests we have made, part of this bog or marsh which is to be improved is, after getting down four or five feet, underlaid with clay. If that is so, the excavation for the lagoons may have to be done largely by means of the dredge. It occurs to me that any one doing this work would likely have to be equipped with both a dredge and pumping apparatus. I think this may also be true of the proposed work in Lake Monona Bay. Mr. Simonds, I understand, has forwarded to you a copy of his plan for the

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improvement of Henry Vilas Park. Judging from the appearance of the map, I
Capt. W.
should say that about one-half of the fifty acres to be improved will be
included in the lagoons, leaving twenty-five acres to be filled. Could you
My Dear
examine the soil and make our association a proposition perhaps in two ways.
One proposition to be the amount at which you would do the work per cubic
to be
yard of filling on the land not included in the lagoons. I estimate that the
vision
will take on an average a fill of about five feet in order to leave the park
eer, the
after the work is completed, at an average height above the water of from
railro
two and one-half to three feet. The other proposition might be the sum
about
at which you would do the whole work according to the design, you to leave
the top or surface of the ground to be filled at a certain height, say two
and one-half or three feet above the level of the water at an ordinary
stage in the lake, a definite point or bench mark to be agreed upon between
you and the association. If we could get a lump proposition on this kind,
it might be better for all parties. We would know in advance just the amount
of money we would have to raise.

I think you could make the tests for the Lake Monona Bay improve-
ment at the same time you make the other tests, and thus avoid the neces-
ty of your making two trips for this purpose. If you could have a man some
down at once, he could go over with the man who has been making the survey
and see just how it has been done.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Dec. 29, 1904

John D. Hayes, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

On Dec. 1st I sent you warrent for $3.20 for your bill against Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association and asked you to return receipted bill. I cannot find your receipted bill among the receipts. Will you kindly send receipt and oblige?

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

Dec.29, 1904

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

Dear Mr. Simonds:-

Yours of Dec. 28th just received with enclosures. Could you send me a blue print sketch of the single arch bridge after the general plan of the sketch you sent for the three arch bridge? Or would [illegible] same as the 3 arch of 20 [illegible]

Your bill will be brought before the directors at its next meeting. We may hold a meeting to-morrow evening, but we may not get matters in shape by that time. The bill will be paid as soon as we can have a meeting.

Will this bill cover the additional design for the Sisters' property or will that be extra, and, if so, can you give me some idea about how much it will be?

I don't quite understand the figures in your letter of Dec. 27th. You say there are "in lagoons and lily pond 18-1/5 acres; in the islands 21½ acres." You then state that the balance of the park contains a little over forty acres, so that the total area is between seventy-four and seventy-five acres.

Now, according to measurement by the engineers, there are only twenty-five acres in the up or high ground and there are fifty acres in the marsh. These two make the seventy-five acres. But you have in the lagoons and the islands only about forty acres. Where do the other ten acres come in and what portion of them is in the form of islands and what portion in the form of water? I may be stupid about this, but I can't quite make out

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just how your figures leave matters. Is it your idea that there are only 21½ acres to be filled or has there been a mistake made here of ten acres so that there will be 31½ acres to be filled? You can see that this would make a very decided difference in our figuring as to cost of making the park.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

J. A. Steinle, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dec. 30, 1904

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find check for $500, signed by E. F. Riley, payable to my order as "president", and by me endorsed over to you, check being dated Dec. 28, 1904, drawn on the First National Bank. This is in payment for dirt, as per contract between you and Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please sign the enclosed receipt and return same to me.

(Dic. by O.)

(Check)

(Enc.)

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

Prof. Edward Kremers,

320 Jackson St.,

Madison, Wis.

Dec. 30, 1904

Dear Mr. Kremers:-

I cannot get you by phone and hence write. There is an engineer making survey of Henry Vilas Park-the low portion. We want to have him locate by accurate measurement the more important springs opposite the Sisters' property and also opposite Wingra Park plat property. You know, as I remember, just where the spring or springs are located. Will you be so kind, after getting this letter, as to go and point out to Mr. Larson where the springs are, and then he will make the measurements so that they can be located by Mr. Simonds on his design for the park? Hope you can do this to-morrow forenoon, if possible.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M Olin

President.

With 7 m cards see Engineer Tomorrow - Laboratory, if possible. John O.

Dec. 30, 1904

Clarence W. Larson, Esq.,
913 University Ave.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

There is to be a meeting of the directors of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association Saturday evening, of this week, at my office, at eight o'clock. It might be well if you could be present at this meeting for a few minutes and state the results of your work thus far. Have you yet measured the quantity of land covered by the lagoons and the quantity outside of the lagoons that will have to be filled? Pf. Do. please be ready to state conclusions tomorrow evening.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

Dec. 30, 1904

Prof. F. E. Turneaure,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Turneaure,-

Would you some time without putting yourself to too much trouble look over the cement foot bridge in Tenney Park and see whether you think the same has been constructed according to plans and specifications? I understand that the lower or under part of the bridge shows very badly the marks of boards and knots so that it really looks as though it were constructed of wood. If so, what can be done to remove this appearance?

We have the money to pay Mr. Nelson but I think we should retain whatever may be necessary to put the bridge in proper shape and also to secure the cleaning out of the lagoon next spring, under the bridge. The falling in of the first bridge left a lot of concrete and iron rods in such position as to seriously obstruct navigation of the lagoons by boats and launches. Wish you would indicate what sum it would be proper to retain by the association as security for the doing of the above work by Mr. Nelson.

Also send us a bill for your services in the matter.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Dec. 10, 1904

T. J. Marston, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

On the 18th day of November, 1904, I wrote you, enclosing proposed contract for right of way along the edge of Lake Wingra. I have heard nothing from you since. I do not quite understand this. Charles Salmon and wife came in promptly and signed the agreement on their part, which was in all respects the same as the agreement which I drew up for you to sign. Is there any reason why the proposed agreement should not be signed?

Yours truly,

President.

(Dic. by O.)

Jan. 2, 1905.

G. C. Simonds, Esq.,

Landscape Architect,

Station X,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Simonds:-

Enclosed I send you warrant for $250 for preparing designs for Henry Vilas Park. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me.

Yours of the 31st received, enclosing map showing measurements of land and water in Henry Vilas Park.

The engineer that has been making the survey, makes the measurement quite different. He makes the land thirty acres and the water twenty acres and a half. I don't know just wherein the difference comes between the two measurements. I do not see as you have allowed anything for filling land between the lagoons and the hard land at any point. If I understand the map correctly, there must be quite a little area there to be filled and perhaps this is what makes the difference between the two measurements. Did your man get at the measurement of the lagoons by simply deducting the quantity of land as measured from the 50.5 acres?

The engineer here who is doing the work says that the blue print map which you furnished is not correct. He says that there is a shortage in the map between Edgewood Avenue and Grant street of just an inch so that when he came to lay out the lagoons he found that, according to measurements, it would run the lagoons up on to the hard ground toward the eastern side, or Warren street. He thought perhaps the difference might be accounted

for by shrinkage of the blue print paper. He says that the tracing which I furnished him, which is the same tracing which was sent to you for preparation of map or design, is accurate, and that there is this difference between the map as prepared and the tracing.

You state on the map that the main land is 24.45 acres and that there is in the wading pool 55/100 acres. Do I understand that the wading pool is included in the 24.45 acres or is that in addition to the 24.45 acres?

I hope that the engineer will be ready to furnish me to-night the map with the driveway across the Sisters' property sketched in.

I think when you come to prepare the map for the Sisters' property, it would be well to mark that proposed park as "Edgewood Park."

Yours truly,

John M Olin

President.

(D.C. by Q.)
(Warrant)
(Enc.)

Jan. 9, 1905.

N. J. Johnson, Esq.,
119 E. Johnson St.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

The matter of your completing the work on the Yahara river came up before the directors on Saturday evening. I write to state, that there is a good deal of dissatisfaction on account of the slow way in which that work has gone, and the fact that you are now doing nothing and apparently is standing waiting until spring before doing anything. The directors will be very averse to awarding any further contract to you unless something is done speedily toward completing the present contract. I was out by the river the other day, and found that it was entirely open, and there is no reason whatever why all of the excavating between the Northwestern tracks and Sherman Avenue bridge, including the digging out under the railway bridges and the Sherman Avenue bridge, should not be done at once. After that is done, what you ought to do is to take down your dredge and move down to the mouth of the river and complete the work there. I realize that this involves taking down your dredge and putting it up again. But it is a good deal better that you should do this than that you should remain idle all this winter and spring before doing anything at the mouth of the river. Unless the mouth of the river is put in shape on or before the first of April, it will give our whole work a very black eye. Moreover, you can afford to keep your machinery running rather than let it lie idle. You certainly can make something doing the work at the mouth of the river rather than wait until next spring or next summer. Moreover, we are anxious to have the work start

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on the Wingra Creek, and if you wait before doing anything until the ice is out of the lake next spring, you will not get the work out of the way so as to do anything on Wingra Creek before the middle of the summer.

Now, we wish you to organize your forces so as to keep at the work every day you possibly can work from now on. As I remember the contract, there was some 2500 cubic yards to be thrown out on the Hausmann side between the railway tracks and the Sherman Avenue bridge. Unless you can get a move on this river work, at once, we shall be greatly hampered in raising funds for our ~~next~~ present year's work. I think you will appreciate the importance of doing something at once, and I trust there will be no further time lost.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

If you should complete work at mouth of river, before another was [illegible] abandoned for work, you could [illegible] right over to Wingra Creek and commence work there and there to the go up abandoned. In any event we want the work to go ahead at once and pushed to completion.

Jan. 2, 1905

Mr. George B. Ferry, Architect,

Milwaukee, Wis.

My Dear Mr. Ferry:-

Some time since, one of our citizens, and a director of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association, offered to give to the city $2,000 for the construction of a cement arch bridge across the Yahara river, the design for such bridge to be approved of by the directors of our association, and the bridge to be built by the city in accordance with such design. Now the difficulty that confronts us is to get some appropriate design that will suit the donor, Mr. Steensland. He wants, as he expresses it, a bridge that is "substantial but ornamental" with the emphasis on the word ornamental. The trouble is with his ideas as to what is ornamental. He seems to be strongly in favor of some spindle work, or what might be called "ginger bread" work for the railing to the bridge. The other directors are trying, in every way possible, to get Mr. Steensland around to the acceptance of something that we think would be appropriate for the place.

I do not know whether you are familiar with the location of the avenue in question. It extends from the east side of the capitol park eastward across the river, the length of the avenue being two and one quarter miles and its width 132 feet. Mr. Simonds, the landscape architect from Chicago, who has planned the work of our association thus far, has made a design for the improvement of the whole of this avenue. His plan is in brief as follows: There is to be a sidewalk on each side of the avenue six feet wide, then a grass plat on each side eleven feet wide, then a roadway on each side twenty-four feet wide, with a parkway between these two roadways

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fifty feet in width. Since, however, the tracks of the St. Paul and Northwestern roads cross this avenue a short distance southwesterly of the Kinnickinnic river, the plan, as you approach the tracks, brings the two roads together into one, and that road is to pass under the tracks in a subway, and then cross the river over the proposed bridge, and after getting a short distance beyond the river, the road divides again into two.

At my suggestion, Mr. Simonds has prepared a simple sketch of a bridge at this point. I enclose, under another cover, a copy of this sketch. I send it for the reason especially that it gives the ground plan showing the approaches to the bridge and their treatment. You will observe that as you near the bridge, the sidewalks come in toward the roadway and cross the bridge. There is also to be, as you will observe, a pathway along either side of the river bank. This pathway passes under the railway bridges that cross the river, and also is to pass under the bridge in question.

Now, Mr. Steeneland is not at all pleased with the plain design of the proposed bridge of Mr. Simonds. The idea of Mr. Simonds is to get the effect largely by means of planting, and, in time, covering up part of the bridge. It occurs to me that something might be done to relieve the plainness of this design of Mr. Simonds, and, at the same time, not be in any way objectionable, but add rather to the beauty of the bridge.

Under the law, we are required to have a free space of eight feet in height between the water and any obstruction above, for a width of thirty feet. You will observe that this height and width are provided for in the sketch of Mr. Simonds. It occurs to me, however, that it might be well to make the waterway forty feet instead of thirty-eight feet and the width

of the walks on either side say seven or eight feet instead of six feet. This would make a somewhat longer arch but I think not so long as to be objectionable. You will observe that the sketch of the bridge as made curves on top. One object of this is to enable us to get upon the bridge using the ends of the bridge as a part of the approach. It is necessary to keep each end of the bridge down as low as we can, for at the best there must be quite a climb to get upon the bridge by reason of the location and level of the streets on each side of the river, which are located only about one hundred feet distant from the river's edge.

I don't know how familiar you are with the work that our association has been trying to do here at Madison, wholly through voluntary subscriptions. I thought you might be interested in glancing through our last annual report, which I send you under another cover.

There will be some five bridges to be constructed across this river, and our association is desirous of having them all constructed of cement or stone, rather than of steel. If we can get a handsome bridge on this avenue, we hope it will serve as a guide for the other bridges.

After securing an acceptable design for the bridge, the plans and specifications will be prepared by the city engineer.

We are to have a meeting of the directors of our association on Saturday evening, of this week, to consider further the design for this bridge, and I would like very much if you could prepare a sketch or design in time to have it reach me as early as Saturday morning, of this week.

You may make out your bill for services against the association.

I will very much appreciate whatever you may be able to do for

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our association in this matter.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

Jobwell Olin

President.

Jan. 3, 1903.

Edward F. Pahnack, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $8.37 to pay your bill for quarry screenings for Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Jan. 3, 1905.

Prof. F. E. Turneaure,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Turneaure:-

Yours of Jan. 2nd received.

On behalf of the association, I wish to thank you for your aid generously contributed toward the construction of the concrete bridge in Tenney Park.

Enclosed please find warrant for $5.00 for student's services. Please receipt enclosed bill and return same to me, and very much oblige.

As soon as I receive a line from you, after you have examined the bridge, I will write to Mr. Nelson and remit to him the amount you think we had better pay him upon the contract at this time.

Yours truly,

John M. Nelson

President.

Dic. by G.T.
(Warrant)
(Enc.)

Jan. 3, 1905

M. Lyons, Esq.,
101 N. Canal St.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $2.30 to pay your bill against Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me.

Yours truly,

John M. Nelson

(Warrant)

Jan. 3, 1906

O. C. Simonds, Esq.,

Landscape Architect,

Station X,

Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Mr. Simonds:-

There was one statement in your letter of the 31st which I omitted to call attention to in mine of yesterday. It is this: "The spruces I should advise planting on the slopes facing lake Wingra."

As you likely will remember, there is no slope toward lake Wingra where you have indicated any planting of evergreens or planting of any kind at this part of the park. You will remember the ridge covered with oaks, with a slope toward lake Wingra and also to the north, back to the park line, between Grant and Van Buren streets. It is on this slope to the north that you have indicated planting of pines and spruces.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Jan. 3, 1905.

W. M. Tootton, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

In accordance with our previous talks, the association will pay you ten per cent for securing subscriptions to complete the purchase of that is known as the Thornton marsh tract, you to secure subscriptions amounting to not less than $2250, and to secure, if possible, subscriptions amounting to $3,000. The $500 that is to be subscribed by Mrs. Thornton and her daughter is not to be considered as a part of the subscriptions to be obtained by you. It is expected that the subscriptions will be secured on or before Feb. 1, next.

It is further expected that in securing the subscriptions you will confine your work to parties having some special interest in the securing of this addition to Tenney Park. This latter provision is necessary, so as not to encroach upon subscriptions for the general work of the association the present year.

I enclose herewith blank subscription contracts that can be used by you in the work.

It is understood that you may call to your aid in this work any assistance that you can secure, but that the association will be under no financial obligation, excepting to you.

Very truly yours,

John M. Olin,

President.

(Dic. by O.)

(Encls.)

Jan. 3, 1905.

Carl J. Hausmann, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find warrant for $35.00 to pay for shed purchased by the association. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me.

At the same time, you might send a check for the $25.00 due for work done by the association above dam as per agreement, and I will see that the same is credited in the report as an additional subscription to the Yahara river improvement.

Yours truly,

Lowell Olin

President.

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

T. C. Richmond, Esq., Jan. 4, 1905.

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Richmond:-

I rapped at your door before leaving the office today, but you were gone. I wanted to tell you that Capt. W. A. Thompson and Mr. Clark arrived here this morning from La Crosse. They will first look over the ground in Henry Vilas Park. As I informed you last week, it will be very desirable to have them look over the proposed improvement in Monona Lake Bay while they are here. I don't know what you have as yet done looking forward to securing this improvement. I am not going to keep pestering you about the matter. I feel as though I had been guilty of this somewhat already. I think it is now some six weeks or more since I first informed you that there was a chance of securing an additional $5,000 in aid toward making this end of the improvement, provided the improvement could be carried around the lake to South Madison, or substantially so. I also, at that time, told you that if anything was done there would need to be quick action for the reason that the men who were to do the dredging would have to know at an early date what might be relied upon, so that they could get their machinery upon the ground and put in shape, a large portion of which they have to construct here. It is a large undertaking, and, in order to have this work done to advantage, it must be done in a large way and under a contract with men who can afford to work reasonably because they secure a good, large contract. It is an improvement which I very much dislike to see fall through. But it will not take care of itself. Some work must be done by those who are immediately interested. I cannot do any

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more than I have done. Perhaps you have taken this matter up with Mr. Jackman and have settled one way or the other what you can do. If you have not done so, can you act in the matter promptly and reach some definite conclusion?

Mr. Jackman and I have been doing a good deal of work trying to secure the riparian rights at this end of the bay, and I have arranged with Dr. Gill to put in this evening meeting the parties interested at one of their houses. Mr. Jackman will tell you the talk we had this morning along this line.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

John M. Olivier

President.

[illegible] and Mr. Clark are stopping at [illegible] on our outer quail this [illegible], [illegible] complete this work here [illegible] [illegible] undoubtedly see them this evening [illegible] to do so. J. M. O.

Jan. 4, 1905

Sewert Aasen, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I have just received the enclosed bill from Mr. Boehmer. After you have looked it through, please return it to me. According to my recollection, this makes three whips which we have purchased this season at ninety cents each. I may be mistaken, but it seems to me it also makes three pair of blankets. Was the last pair purchased because of winter so as to get heavier and more comfortable blankets? If so, of course it is all right. I send you this bill merely to have you look after matters and see whether everything is all right. Please return it to me so that I can attend to paying the same, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Smith

President.

Jan. 5, 1905

A. C. Hoppman, Esq.,

City Attorney,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Hoppman:-

It will soon be two years since the common council of the city passed a resolution directing condemnation proceedings to be started to acquire any title or interest that Mr. Powers might have in certain lots along Spaight street in the sixth ward. Title to these lots should have been acquired long before this. You will remember that this is a matter I had a talk with you about immediately after your appointment.

I write on behalf of the directors of our association to ascertain what, if anything, has been done toward acquiring, for the city, title to these lots for park purposes. Shall be pleased if you can give me the desired information.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

J. Ewell Olson

President.

Jan. 5, 1905.

Harlow S. Ott, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Jan. 4th just received and contents noted.

The mayor is incorrect in stating that the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association have as yet any control over the land or trees referred to in your letter. He undoubtedly made the statement in entire good faith. We hope, however, some day to get control.

I agree with you fully as to the desirability of cutting out the willow trees in the place referred to, but, as you will see, inasmuch as we have no control over the matter, I have no authority to do anything. The plan we have in mind is this: As soon as the city gets title to those lots - and it should have done so long before this - we will have Mr. Simonds, our landscape architect, prepare a design for the improvement of the land and the making of a park. I am very sure that Mr. Simonds will not favor the planting or keeping of anything at this point that will obstruct the view along the roadway or from the houses opposite.

You can show this letter to the mayor and anything that he directs done in the matter, of course will be entirely satisfactory to us.

I think you will conclude, after reading my letter, that you made a little mistake in the last statement: "I am not going to give another cent for improvement until these willow trees are cut down." We all have to exercise a good deal of patience in matters of this kind. If I had not done so, I am sure I should have got through with this work long before now. Just be a little patient about the matter and I am sure everything will

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come out just as you and just as we all desire it.

I have spoken to the mayor two or three times about proceedings being instituted to condemn any interest that Powers may have in any of these lots. I think he has been after the city attorney, but don't think the city attorney has done anything. I will either write or speak to the mayor again about the matter this forenoon.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Jan. 5, 1905

Hon. W. D. Curtis, Mayor,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Curtis:-

I wonder what, if anything, the city attorney has done toward securing, by condemnation proceedings, title to the lots claimed to be owned by Powers along Spaight street in the sixth ward. He may have started some proceedings, but I have not heard of it if he has, and I thought I would drop you a line concerning the matter.

(Dic. by O.)

Yours truly,

President.

Jan. 5, 1905

Sumner & Morris,
Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:

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

Yours truly,

(Warrant)
(Enc.)

President.

Jan. 5, 1905

William Haak, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $42.10 to pay for your bill against Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me, and oblige.

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

Yours truly,

President

Jan. 6, 1905

Henry Kessenich, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

I certainly expected that the subscription due from the B. J. Stevens estate would be paid before this time. I write now to see whether we cannot have that paid before the close of this week. If Mrs. Stevens does not wish to pay the cash, we will take her note, drawing six per cent interest, the amount we would have to pay in case of borrowing from the bank. We will further agree to negotiate the note at any bank which she may select.

We have got to a point in our work when we must collect the amounts subscribed that are long past due. I don't think it right to myself or to the association that I should be called upon to sign my personal note to pay the debts of the association as long as these subscriptions are outstanding. We certainly have been patient and have tried in every way to manage matters so as not to offend. Hence, I hope very much that the money will be paid within the time suggested.

Very truly yours,

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(Dict. by O.)

President.

Jan. 6, 1905.

Senator William F. Vilas,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Vilas:-

We have run up against a snag in connection with the improvement of Henry Vilas Park. Capt. Thompson and Mr. Clark, of La Crosse, have been here two or three days making careful examination of same (the park) and have concluded that it is impracticable, if not impossible, to fill out as far as the plan of Mr. Simonds contemplates, on account of the material being so soft and of such great depth. I had a conference with them at my house last evening. I called up Mr. Simonds, landscape architect, by long distance phone, and arranged to have him here to-morrow morning. He will spend to-morrow, Saturday, with Mr. Thompson and Mr. Clark on the ground. I have called a meeting of our directors for to-morrow evening at 7:30 at my office, at which meeting Mr. Simonds and also Capt. Thompson and Mr. Clark will be present. Would it be possible for you to be at the meeting? If down town to-morrow, please drop in at the office a few minutes, or call me up, and I will come over to the bank if you prefer.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

Jan. 6, 1905

George B. Ferry, Architect,

Milwaukee, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

Yours of Jan. 5th just received with sketches for cement arch bridge.

I like the sketches very much, and fully agree with you that the one which provides for the stone would be preferable. I fear, however, that such a bridge might be too expensive for the donor.

I want to thank you very much on behalf of our directors, and of the whole association for your very generous help in this matter.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

Johnson Allen.

President.

Jan. 6, 1905.

Hon. S. L. Sheldon,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Sheldon:-

I have been trying to-day to reach you in some way. I want to get the names of Mrs. and Miss Thornton, just how they write their first names, and also their present place of residence. I have prepared the deed with the exception of inserting the names of the grantors, and I wish to get it to you not later than to-morrow some time, with request that you will forward it to them for execution. Will you call upon receipt of this letter, or call me up by phone, and very much oblige?

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Allen

President.

Jan. 6, 1905

Hon. S. L. Sheldon,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Sheldon:-

Enclosed I hand you form of deed for Mrs. and Miss Thornton to sign. When you forward it to them, please ask them to go before some notary public and sign the same and have two witnesses witness the same, and then have the notary public fill in the blanks left for dates and the date when his commission expires, and have him make an impression of his seal in the left hand corner of the deed.

We expect to have the money ready by the first of February.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

John M. Olin

President.

Jan. 7, 1905

Doyon & Rayne Lumber Co.,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $7.48 for your bill for lumber for stakes for Henry Vilas Park. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

John M. Olin

President.

Jan. 7, 1905.

Henry Kessenich, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

Yours of Jan. 6th received, enclosing check for $500 in full payment of subscription of the late B. J. Stevens to the Yahara river improvement fund. Enclosed I send you receipt, as requested.

I wish to thank you personally, and also Mrs. Stevens, for getting this check to us at this time.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)
(Enc.)

President.

Jan. 7, 1905.

Maligus Boehmer, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $5.35 to pay for your bill under date of Dec. 31, 1904. Please receipt enclosed bill and return same to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

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

President.

Jan. 9, 19 5

Henry F. Whelan, Esq.,
[illegible] Monona St.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I write you concerning the matter we have had several talks about, and wish to put to you in writing just what as the best that can possibly be done on either the theory of a sale or the keeping of your land and your joining in with others so as to secure the improvement.

In order to give to you the very most possible, I think we can arrange matters so as to have you merely give to the city all that lies outside of a distance of 310 feet from the northerly line of your land. This runs the [illegible] thirteen feet further than we talked yesterday. I make this suggestion in order to enable you to get in as many lots as possible. With 310, you could put in six lots of forty feet each facing the new street or court to be made, and could then use the remaining seventy feet upon which to construct the dwellings with a lot of thirty-four feet each facing the lake, and on the theory that the front of the houses would be back from the roadway along the lake not less than ten feet. This would give sixty feet in length to build upon for these two lots. There would have to be a roadway or court constructed between your lot and a half and that of Mrs. Minnie McCann. This should be a macadam road of sixteen feet in width and then a curb and sidewalk combined on each side four feet in width. It would not be necessary to have any gutter. This would make just twenty-four feet. Then there ought to be a building line established on each lot, which should be at least thirteen feet back from the sidewalk. This

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would give us an open space of fifty feet between the houses. At the upper end of it, that is the northerly end, there would have to be a turn-around made so that teams could turn around and go back toward the lake. After taking out these fifty feet, you would have left for building purposes on your side seventy-four feet, which is ample for a house, and would have a grass plat in front of each house of thirteen feet in width before you came to the sidewalk. This is just the way Mr. Raymer and I constructed a street opposite Ladies' or Charbourne Hall from Park street through to the alley through what used to be Prof. Sterling's property. You can look over that and see how it looks. There is a building line established there of thirteen feet back from the sidewalk.

I have got from Mr. Quin to-day an estimate of how much it would cost to construct such sixteen foot roadway and a four foot sidewalk on each side, per running foot. He tells me that the cost would be about $2.00 per running foot. One-half of this would fall to Mrs. Whelan, who, I understand, owns the land, or $310.00. Figuring your land would be nineteen rods long (the six feet is just a little less than that) and six rods wide, there would be 114 square rods, or multiply this by 30¼, and you get 3448 square yards. Hence, it would take 3448 cubic yards of filling to fill your land three feet deep. I think, to be safe, you ought to figure on filling it four feet deep. This would make the total filling which you would have to pay for 4588 cubic yards, which, at ten cents a cubic yard, would amount to $458.80. Hence, the construction of the roadway and the filling of the land would cost you $768.80.

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If you decide to keep your land, there would have to be a binding agreement made between Mrs. Whelan and Dr. Gill, or his assigns, that the land should be improved as above indicated, and she or you would pay for what it cost to so improve your part, Dr. Gill, or his assigns, at the same time agreeing that he or they should improve the adjoining land to be purchased from Mrs. Lizzie McCann, in the same manner, and to pay whatever such improvement cost. Of course, such an agreement would be conditioned upon the whole improvement being made, the city to fill out and park the lake in front as we have already talked.

The above puts the case in the most advantageous light possible to you on the theory that you retain your land, and this is what we very much prefer you should do.

If, however, you decide that you do not wish to join in with us in such an improvement as above indicated, but prefer to sell your lot and a half or ninety-nine feet, then we will agree to pay the sum of $1500 for the same, you to give an option that we may have until the 30th of April, 1905, within which to make the purchase, we to provide in the option, however, that if at any time before that date you secure a purchaser for cash for as much as $1500, then we shall, upon being notified of such offer, either at once pay you the $1500 or surrender the option. This you see would put matters in such shape that you would not lose the chance of selling. We must have such an option in order to get certain things done by the city before paying out the money.

The above is the very best that we can do. It is very nearly twice as much as we are to pay Mrs. Lizzie McCann. We can get her lot

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and a half for $800. Certainly, if hers is only worth $800, yours is not worth over $1500. I think you would not, for a moment, question this statement. We would only agree to pay you this large sum for this lot and a half because we feel that it may be necessary to do so in order to secure the improvement. If we had to pay for the other land at any such rate as this, we certainly could not, for a moment, think of carrying the improvement through.

I write you in order that you may consider the matter and let me know on or before Wednesday evening what conclusion you come to. If you determine to accept neither proposition, then we want to consider the whole matter off and go no further. There is no need of our spending money to make surveys of the bottom of the lake and in other directions, unless we can know at this time whether there is any reasonable probability of the improvement going through. It now rests, I think, with you and James J. McCann, whether the improvement shall be made or not. I shall write a letter to Mr. McCann, at the same time stating just what we are willing to pay him.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Jan. 9, 1905.

James L. McCann, Esq.,
132 Monona St.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

On condition that the whole improvement goes through as we have heretofore talked, Mr. Gill, or his assigns, will pay you for lot 19 and all land back of that and lots 15 and 16, Marten's Addition, the sum of $2360.67. This is deducting from the price you gave us last year or $2800 the average value of the six lots which we purchased from your brother, five lots on the lake shore, and lot 19 fronting Monona street, you to give us an option to make the purchase at the above figures on or before April 30, 1905, with a provision, however, if you secure a purchaser for cash for this amount at any time before that date, we, upon being notified of such fact, will then either pay you the cash or will surrender the option. This is so that you would not be prevented from making a sale. I will say that since seeing you last, we have secured an option from Mrs. Lizzie McCann on her lot and a half for $800, she giving us until April 30 to exercise our option. There will be also another provision in your option to the effect that when we come to make the improvement, you shall have the right to remove the house without paying anything therefor, but until the land is improved, the house is to belong to Dr. Gill, or his assigns.

The above proposition is the very best we will make and it rests with you to determine whether you will enter into the above arrangement.

We want an answer by Wednesday evening of this week.

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I have written very fully concerning the matter to Mr. Whelan.

Yours truly,

(Enc. No.)

President.

Charles D. Kiley, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

Jan. 10, 1905.

Dear Sir:-

I inclose herewith copy of letter which I have just sent to Mayor Curtis.

This is in accordance with your two letters to me, one under date of Dec. 8, and the other under date of Dec. 17. I trust the matter is satisfactory to you.

Yours truly,

(Enc. by e.)
(Inc.)

President.

Jan. 20, 1905.

Mr. George B. Ferry, Architect,

Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I write you again concerning design for bridge across Yahara river. Your sketches will be the means, I think, of bringing Mr. Swensland around to accept a proper design. We had a meeting of our directors on Saturday evening and he expressed himself as entirely satisfied with the form of the arch, in the stone bridge sketch, and also would prefer to have stone if bridge does not cost too much. We are now figuring on having the Indiana Bedford stone. Mr. Swenson, one of our directors, has made a rough drawing according to scale, which I send you under another cover, and also includes the ground plan of Mr. Simonds. The latter, I think, you will not need, but I thought I would send it along.

If I adhere to the plan of having walks under the bridge on either side, the arch will have to be raised not less than five feet above the water line at each end. This makes the floor of the bridge at either end twelve feet above the water line. I think this is so high that we cannot adopt that plan, and that we will be compelled, ultimately, to abandon the idea of having walks under the bridge. You will observe by the sketch of Mr. Swenson that two lines are indicated for water level, one making the Abutments ten feet and the other twelve feet above the water. I think the ten foot line is perhaps as high as we could go. If we adopt that line then we should be compelled to omit the walks. In that event, you might think best to change somewhat the form of the arch at either end. If we adopt the plan of having the walks, then we do not see how the form of the

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arch can be changed very much. Mr. Swenson tells me it is substantially your arch.

What I would like to have you do is this: Prepare an elevation and also a floor plan and cross section on both theories, that is one preserving the walks, say ten feet in width on either side, and the other omitting the walks, in the latter case the water to come out to the ends of the arch. In either case we must have a space thirty feet wide and eight feet high above the water in the center.

You will observe by the sketch that there is a line of stone just above the road line which projects out somewhat. This is to meet the suggestion of Mr. Steensland. If you think, however, it ought to be omitted, we wish you would omit it, but give us, in a letter to me, your reasons for doing so; also indicate, either in letter or on design, extent of projection of coping and of the lower projection if used, and sketch in the form or shape of coping, whether perfectly square, or rounded, or beveled on top. You will observe the projections at A and B are only about two feet. I should judge from the sketch you sent, that these projections, in that sketch were considerably greater. Mr. Steensland knew the projections, but he thought they were too wide and would be quite expensive by reason of the foundation. I merely call attention to this.

Then I wish you would indicate how you would divide the sidewalk line from the roadway proper, whether by a simple rise in the sidewalk above the roadway, and, if so, to what extent, or whether there should be some railing or other more substantial division between the two.

The abutments, as you will observe, are planned ten feet in width and would be about forty feet long. Would these, in your judgment, be suf-

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ficiently strong to carry any weight that might probably cross the bridge? The span, you will observe, is sixty feet. This is about as long as we could make it at this point. The whole bridge will be eighty feet in length. You will observe also that there is a slight crown to the bridge, and that this continues in the roadway to the ends of the bridge. This is in order to bring the roadway down to a point where we can meet it properly with the approach.

We would like also to have you suggest in your letter to us the proper method of lighting this bridge. Would you advise having any arrangements whereby there might be some lights on top of the bridge? If so, indicate the places and character of the standard for the light.

The bridge, I presume, would look better if we could use rock face stone, but I suppose that would be considerably more expensive. We thought the smooth Bedford stone would look well. In case we used that stone, would you advise using the same kind as was used here in the library, or would you use what is known as the blue Bedford stone?

Considering the length of the bridge, what is your opinion as to the width suggested of twenty-four feet with a sidewalk on each side of six feet being an appropriate width to look well?

I will gladly myself pay you for your services in this matter, We are exceedingly anxious, for many reasons, to get an appropriate bridge constructed at this point, and, in order to do so, I feel that we must turn over to the city engineer a design definite enough to be a pretty plain direction or guide to him as to just what to do.

We expect to have a meeting of our directors again on Saturday

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evening of this week, and if you could get the plans back to me some time between now, I would very much appreciate it.

Very truly yours,

(Dict. by C.)

President.

Jan. 9, 1905

Hon. W. D. Curtis, Mayor,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

At a meeting of the directors of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association held on Saturday evening, Jan. 7, a resolution was adopted that the association would pay to the city of Madison toward putting in place a bridge on East Johnson street, across the Yahara river, the sum of $750, such payment to be made immediately upon the completion of the bridge.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

President

Jan. 10, 1905.

T. C. Richmond, Atty.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Richmond:-

As I briefly stated to you yesterday, the association, through me, has arranged to have a survey made of the lake Monona Bay, beginning at this end of the triangle and going around as far as Beyler's. This work is being done by James Gilman, who was recommended to us by Prof. Taylor. He is the young man who superintended the construction of the lock under Prof. Taylor's direction. Prof. Taylor regards him as thoroughly competent. I have arranged for his pay at $3.00 per day. Then we furnish two of our men as helpers, to cut holes in the ice, stick stakes, etc. Mr. Gilman has, however, only about ten days that he can put in on this work. I think the work might perhaps all be completed within that time, and it is possible that by urging Mr. Gilman, he might be induced to remain some longer if necessary.

Now the question is whether you and the people interested with you on that side of the bay want to join in at this time and have the necessary survey made. It can only be made while the ice is on. It ought to be made at once. Before being made, certain things ought to be determined upon by the lot owners. One is the length of the lots along the highway and of the second tier of lots. Beginning at Mr. Beyler's and running toward your place, I think it would be best and most economical to plan to have the lots which face the present public roadway one hundred and twenty feet and those facing the water the same length, with a street in front of the latter sixty-six feet wide. I think this arrangement would be the most economical and satisfactory to all parties. One year ago, Mr. Fay told me

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that Mr. Boyler said, that he did not want to sell his lake shore front, he would join in with the others and make the improvement, paying what it actually cost. Frank Wootton is talking about purchasing the lots just beyond Mr. Boyler's. The survey ought to be made in such a way that each lot, or each tract of land, could be measured by itself so that each one would know just what to pay for the filling. I think it would be wise to have the survey include all of the shore, that is the Hoyer and Vermont land, as well as the rest. This would involve some little extra expense, but it would put you in a position to deal with these parties, and the extra expense would be trifling. Moreover, if they finally come into the arrangement, they could be made to pay their pro rata share of this expense.

Opposite your property, you ought at once to set home stakes indicating the line of the fill. I would suggest that when you come to do this, you get our foreman, Severt, to assist in setting the stakes, and that you have in mind the securing of a curve so as to make a beautiful boulevard along this portion and not have a perfectly straight or stiff line. He is as good a man as I know for the doing of that kind of work.

I write you thus for the reason that if anything is done, it must be done at once.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

Jehiwell Olin

President.

Jan. 10, 1905.

A. V. Gay, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Gay:-

We have had the Henry Vilas Park marsh or bog examined by some men from La Crosse and they have determined that we must change our plan, that some of the land we intended to fill cannot be filled by reason of the softness of the ground. They also say that the lane that has been heretofore staked out for the driveway and speedway by Prof. Smith is an impractical line. I think they are right. We must throw that line nearer this shore. I am having a new survey made, which includes the survey of the bottom of the ground as well as the top, and as soon as that is done will send you the new description. I write you now for the reason that it would not be well to get the contracts I sent you signed. We will have to substitute others. We may have some trouble in carrying out this plan, but it is absolutely necessary to change the line in order to get the work done at all.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

Jan. 11, 1905

Judge E. W. Keyes,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Mr. Keyes:-

I know you will not think I am writing to bother you, but the fact is that we have reached a point now when the directors of the association must either borrow money on their individual note to pay the obligations of the association, or we must collect in the balance due on subscriptions. There remains due on your subscription to the Yahara river improvement, made for the year 1903, $50.00. Can you not send me a check for that amount at this time? I will regard it as a great personal favor to me if you can do so. We are going to turn over to some attorney the back subscriptions, but I don't want to turn over, and am not going to do so, your subscription.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John [illegible]

President,

Jan. 11, 1905.

C. A. Allyn, Esq.,
1105 E. Johnson St.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

According to our lists, there remains unpaid on your subscription $5.00 for the general work of the association for the year 1904, and $10.00 on your subscription for the Yahara river improvement for the year 1903, making $15.00. We must either collect in the balance due on these subscriptions or the directors must give their personal note to raise money to pay the obligations of the association. I think you will agree with me that we ought not to be called upon to do this. Unless the remaining subscriptions are paid at once, we shall turn the same over to an attorney to collect. We dislike to have any suit brought to enforce collection, and it is on this account that I write you again a personal letter, asking whether you cannot either make the payment at this time or state some good reason why we should borrow the money on our note instead of your paying the subscriptions. Will you please give this matter your prompt attention?

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dict. by O.)

Jan. 11, 1905.

Dr. John G. D. Mack,

Madison, Wis.

Mr. Mack:-

On looking over our list of subscribers to the work of the association, I find that there is unpaid your subscription of $5.00 for the Yahara river improvement made for the year 1904, and $5.00 for the general work of the association for the year 1903. You have done some work for the association each year at the annual meeting and you may have some bill against the association. If so, we shall be very glad to pay it. We are trying now to collect balance due to meet some of our obligations. Could you send me a check for $10.00 and, at the same time, send me a statement of the amount, if any, the association owes you, and I will, at once, send to you a warrant for the amount the association owes you, if any. This is the way we always do when the association owes any party and such party at the same time owes the association, in order to keep our accounts correct.

I have been intending to write you for some time about the map of the four lakes which you made for the World's Fair and of which you kindly sent me a blue print. I think, however, you made a number of changes later that the blue print I have does not contain. It has occurreed to me that it would be an excellent thing to have a zinc etching made of this map so that we might have the map printed as a part of our next annual report, provided it was agreeable to you. I wish you would consider the matter and let me know your views, and much oblige.

(Dic. by O.)

Yours truly,

John M. Olin
President.

Hon. W. O. Curtis, Mayor,

Madison, Wis.

Jan. 17, 1905.

Dear Mr. Curtis:-

I have just received a letter from the city attorney, Mr. Koppman. I see from this that nothing yet has been done toward starting the condemnation proceedings on the Powers lots. I find, however, that it is not necessary to publish because Mr. Powers resides in the city, but it will be necessary to give ten days notice before starting proceedings in the county court.

I want to suggest to you confidentially that this is a matter of considerable importance to the city. The proceeding involves some very nice legal questions, and it is my opinion that, if handled properly, the city would stand a good chance of showing that Mr. Powers was not entitled to any compensation. Of course, I have not looked this question up very carefully, but enough to make me think it is a matter of very great importance to the city.

(Dic. by C.)

Yours truly,

John M. Olin.

President.

Jan. 12, 1905

George R. Fleming, Esq.,

Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Sir:

Yours of Jan. 11th received, enclosing drawings for proposed bridge over Kinnickinnic river. I must take the train at one o'clock and have only had a few minutes to look over the drawings. There is one point especially that I want to call attention to and that is the height of the ends of the abutments above the water line. As I figure it, assuming the arch to be about sixty-eight feet, the height of the roadway at such point at the ends is eleven feet. The present bridge over the river is a span of fifty-two feet, and the height of the floor of the bridge above the water is ten feet. This, we feel, is about as high as we could have the floor of the bridge at this point by reason of the approaches to the bridge that are controlled by the roadways along the side of the river. Your plans, I think, would call for not less than an extra two feet of filling.

Is there any way in which the ends of the abutments could be brought down somewhat?

I like very much indeed the arch and the plans as drawn.

You will get this letter to-morrow morning, and can, I hope, return the sketch to me so I will get the same Saturday morning.

I can see it would be a nice thing to have the walk under the bridge and should very much desire to have the bridge constructed in this way if the city will do so.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

(Enc.)

Jan. 12, 1905

George B. Ferry, Architect,

[illegible] Wis.

Dear Sir:

Yours of Jan. 11th received, enclosing drawings for proposed bridge over Yahara river. I must take the train at one o'clock and have only had a few minutes to look over the drawings. There is one thing especially that I [illegible] call attention to and that is the height of the ends of the abutments above the water line. As I figure it, assuming the arch to [illegible] sixty-eight feet, the height of the roadway at [illegible] at [illegible] eleven feet. The present bridge over the river [illegible] the height of the floor of the bridge above the water is [illegible] feet. This, we fell, is about as high as we could have the floor of the bridge at this point by reason of the approaches to the bridge that are controlled by the roadways along the side of the river. Your plans, I think, would call for not less than an extra two feet of filling.

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I can see it would be a nice thing to have the walk under the [illegible] should very much desire to have the bridge constructed in this way if it is possible to do so.

Yours truly,

President.

Dr. by O.I

(Enc.)

Jan. 12, 1895

James [redacted], Esq.,

115 Langdon St.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

In making the plat of the piece of ground we are proposing to buy on lake Monona Bay, I wish you would run the plat out so as to include Monona street, but do nothing more as to that part of the plat that we do not buy, and indicate proper location, at least approximately, of lot number 19 fronting on Monona street.

Am very desirous that you should push this work as rapidly as possible. When you get the plat of that piece of ground, I would like to have you call and see me some evening. I would like to talk matters over with you before the plat is completed.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin.

President.

(Dic. by O.)

Jan. 12, 1905

Mr. O. C. Simonds,

Landscape Architect,

Station X,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Simonds:-

I very much fear that we shall be compelled to abandon the plan of having the walk along the margin of the river pass under the Stevenson bridge. To do this is going to require an elevation at the ends of the bridge of at least two feet more than we have been counting on as the highest possible point.

I would like your opinion as to whether you regard it as absolutely necessary to have the walks pass under the bridge. It has not been our intention to do this, except as to the railway bridges.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John W. Alvord

President.

Jan. 12, 1905

Capt. W. A. Thompson,

La Crosse, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I walked, on Sunday last, over the route between the ice house and the outlet of Wingra Creek and decided, without any hesitation, to throw the proposed speedway and canal nearer the shore or bank even farther than we talked. In doing this, I am quite sure we can get a pretty solid foundation all the way through.

The cold and blustering weather we have had has delayed matters some, but I think Larson will be all through by Saturday, of this week. I saw him last evening and impressed upon him the need of hurrying the work. We have secured the services of another engineer, a graduate of the University of one or two years standing, to make the necessary survey of the Monona Lake Bay. He was with us on Sunday and has been working with Mr. Larson, assisting in Henry Vilas Park work in front of Sisters' property so as to see just how that work has been done.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

Jan. 11, 1905.

George Nelson, Esq.,
1117 W. Johnson St.,
Madison, W.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith a warrant for $318.00 to apply on contract for construction of cement arch foot bridge in Tenney Park. This leaves unpaid on the contract price $100.

Upon getting a certificate or statement from Prof. Turneaure that the bridge has been fully completed according to contract, we will pay the balance of the contract price, with the understanding, however, that before this is paid, the channel under the bridge must be cleaned out so as to leave, under the central portion of the bridge, a depth of not less than four and one-half feet of water unobstructed and for a width of not less then twenty feet.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin,

President.

(Dis. by O.)
(Warrant)
(Enc.)

Please sign & return receipt and oblige. J.M.O.

Jan. 14, 1905

Mr. George B. Ferry, Architect,

Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Sir:

In pursuance of our talk just had over the phone, I will arrange for a meeting of our directors for Monday at about two o'clock or quarter before two. I am at the law school in the forenoon until twelve. I should be pleased to take lunch with you at Cronin's Restaurant on Main street just off from the park. If you will come directly from the train to that place, I will meet you there. After lunch, I will plan to have my team drive you down to the river and will arrange to have Mr. Steensland go with us. We can go down and back inside of half an hour.

Am very glad that you can come our Monday instead of Tuesday, for the reason that one of our directors, whom I am very anxious to have present at the meeting, must be in Chicago on Tuesday but can be here Monday.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Jan. 14, 1905

Mr. O. C. Simonds,
Landscape Architect,
Station X,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir, Simonds:-

I received back this morning from you themap containing figures of Mr. Larson and also Capt. Thompson, and also the original tracing map. It was agreed between us when you were here that you should send this map containing figures to Capt. Thompson so that there might be no delay in his getting the same. I have forwarded the same to him this morning.

I was a good deal disappointed, on opening the package, not to find enclosed a new design for the park. I don't know as you fully appreciate the necessity, on our part, of having this design ready at once, so as to enable us to get a bid on the same. If we are to get a favorable bid from Thompson and Clark on this matter, it is necessary to do so within the immediate future. I got a letter from Capt. Thompson this morning along this line. Hence, I trust that you will get to us at once the new design. No doubt you have some good reasons why you could not get it to us earlier.

I have had further correspondence with Mr. Ferry concerning bridge and he has made a sketch of the side elevation and cross section. He is coming out to Madison next Tuesday and I am going to try and arrange a meeting between him and the directors.

I was somewhat surprised that he prefers our native stone to the Bedford stone. In one of his letters to me he writes as follows:

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"As I see it, the bridge to secure the best results should be a circumstance of the conditions of the landscape, the same as the trees and the stream; nature did not provide a crossing, and so it has been necessary to render her that assistance. If this assumption is a correct one, it will naturally follow that it should have the appearance of strength and ruggedness, together with a graceful outline, and be free from architectural and decorative accessories.

As stated in a previous letter, the form of the arch springing directly from the banks with the one center radius for the bottom line of the arch gives the best outline. The stream I have kept at thirty-eight feet in length and reduced the paths to five feet. Drawing it at the other proportions - thirty feet to the stream and ten feet to paths - was not to me satisfactory in appearance. The distance from the inside of the path to the spring of the arch from the bank would look well if filled with foliage that grows readily in the shade; such as, ferns and the like; and the free use of shrubbery as indicated in the perspective sent you, will help cover the abutments to the improvement of their appearance.

As to the material, I should personally far prefer to use the local stone to the Bedford. The stone used for the older buildings of the University, and such as we used in the extension of Main Hall, is local, and would be the most economical and look the best if rock face, pitching it off from the angles about 1". It is also better in color for the place. I would have no belts, bands or coping; just set the rubble-wall in Portland cement.

As to the stones of the arch; they should run about as shown. The

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beauty of arches of this character lies in the irregularity in width of the separate stones, but in all cases they should be narrower than they are high, as you will see they have been shown."

I copy the above because I thought it was right along the line that would suit you. The only difficulty with the sketch as thus prepared is that I am afraid we cannot make the approaches to the bridge. It raises the abutments at the ends about two feet above what we have been calculating for. That is, in order to construct the bridge after this design, it would be necessary to raise the road that crosses the avenue this side of the river, that is the road that runs along the southwesterly side of the river bank and about one hundred feet from the bridge, some two feet above what we had planned for. So far as the avenue itself is concerned, there would be no difficulty in doing this. It would involve, however, sloping this road thus running along the river back each way for some distance from the avenue and would involve a good deal more filling. What I would like to get your opinion on is whether you would consider such rise in the road thus crossing the avenue at this point objectionable. You will remember that as the road is now constructed, it decends, after crossing the main line of the Northwestern track and the St. Paul track lying adjoining, down to a point about one-half way between such tracks and the avenue on the ~~northwesterly side of the avenue~~, and then runs practically level from such point across the avenue through the next two blocks, crossing Main street, and does not begin to rise again until you come to the embankment of the Northwestern line going to Milwaukee. If I can secure one of our city maps, I will enclose the same to you so that you will see a little better the

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situation. I don't know as there would be anything specially objectionable in having this rise of two feet on the avenue, but I would like to get your opinion on that question.

According to this sketch of Mr. Ferry, as I gifure it, the arch must be nearly sixty-eight feet in length and that the whole bridge is about ~~eight~~ 92 feet long. It may be that I can get some one to make a copy of this sketch in time to enclose it herewith, and if I can, I will do so. If I do, I wish you would write me a lettee so that I will have it by Tuesday morning, giving your ideas of the proposed bridge, such a letter as I might read to the board of directors and as would have an influence in inducing Mr. Steensland to a proper conclusion.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

President.

Since writing above Mr. Ferry has left [illegible] he will be out Monday instead of Tuesday. So will not attempt to send you his sketch now. What is the steepest grade you can have on the approach with bridge?

J. M. O.

Jan. 14, 1905.

Mr. O. C. Simonds,

Landscape Architect,

Station X,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Simonds:-

This afternoon's mail has brought the new design for Henry Vilas Park. Was very glad to receive it. I think it looks very well indeed. It does not, however, seem to stand out so clearly on the paper as your other design did. Is this because you used blue paper? If so, before we get through, could you make us some on the other paper? I want to get up something that will strike the common council as favorably as possible. I suppose we ought to have Mr. Larson take this new design and set the stakes for the lagoon and outer margins and cut out the other stakes set. I will take to him this evening one copy of the design and also the map you returned, upon which he will sketch in the roadway across the Sisters' property, and then I will return that map to you so that you can prepare the sketch or design for the proposed improvement of the Sisters' property and show how it will connect with Henry Vilas Park.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.J.

President.

Jan. 16, 1905

Mr. S. L. Shelton,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Shelton:-

Am pleased to learn that the deed from Mrs. Thornton and her daughter is here. We will try and make arrangement to pay for the land on or about Feb. 1st next.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

Jan. 18, 1905.

Capt. W. A. Thompson,

La Crosse, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I presume you have received from Mr. Simonds new design for Henry Vilas Park. I am crowding Mr. Larson as much as possible to get all data to you at the earliest date possible upon which to give us a proposition. I now hope that everything will be ready to send to you by the end of this week. At the same time, we are rushing things on the lake Monona Bay so as to get that in shape. Two surveyors are making soundings to-day with two helpers. That is a good deal simpler job than the Henry Vilas Park work.

I want to get your advice concerning the connection between the lake proper and Wingra Creek where it passes under the Fish Hatchery bridge, that is the proposed canal, driveway and speedway. You will remember that we planned to have here two hundred feet in width of ground. As relocated, the ground will be good and firm throughout the entire length with the exception of a few rods at the start. I do not think it would take more, at the most, than four feet of filling, on an average, on this land, to make a good roadway after allowing for settling. There is practically no water on the ground through which the proposed line as now laid out goes. But we shall have some difficulty and may be compelled to resort to condemnation proceedings to get this line just where we want it. This has led me to consider whether we could not adopt some plan by which the width would be cut down say to one hundred and fifty feet. Suppose we had one hundred and fifty feet and you should cut the waterway through the center of it, allowing fifty feet for that with a roadway on either side of fifty fe

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one for the pleasure driveway proper and the other for the speedway. If this were done, then we should have to rely on getting the filling for the fifty feet on either side out of the central fifty feet that is excavated. This would involve excavating this center strip say eight feet in depth in order to give fifty feet in width on either side and it would involve doing the work, I presume, by dredging instead of pumping. Inasmuch, however, as this is all covered with bog and in some places pretty good sod on which hay was cut last year, the question has arisen whether this method of treatment might not be the more economical. If you adopted the other plan it would have to be a combination of dredge work and pumping, the dredge cutting out a channel first for the waterway and then another channel to make an embankment so as to hold the material pumped. I would like to get your judgment on the proper method of doing the work. If we adopt the method here suggested of cutting the channel through the center, then we should throw the speedway on the outer side toward the marsh and the driveway proper on the inside toward the bank. Is there any method of doing the work by excavating by which you could place the material dredged so as to leave it substantially even over the fifty foot strip to be filled on either side? I have understood in a general way that by use of appliance called the "orange peel" this could be done. You, however, would know all about it.

I write you as above for the reason that I want to get this matter in shape so that you can make a proposition to us that will save us as much money as possible by reason of our having the work done on the most economi-

cal basis. Moreover, if we had the driveway on either side of the canal or waterway, we could then, by judicious planting, hide or plant out of sight anything that might be objectionable along the waterway or the roadways, and if the speedway were put on the outer side toward the marsh it would be so situated as never to be crossed by any team or driving, because there never would be any street out in that marsh.

Another thought has occurred to me, in connection with throwing this proposed canal, driveway and speedway nearer the bank: It will be near enough the bank so that people who live on this high bank could afford some time to have the space between the driveway and the bank filled up by pumping and thus make pretty good land for building purposes out to the driveway.

Should be pleased to hear from you concerning this matter at as early a date as possible.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

Jan. 18, 1905

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

Dear Mr. Simonds:-

Your letter of the 16th was duly received. I think what you say as to coping for Steensland bridge is correct.

The objection Mr. Ferry makes to the eliptical form of an arch is that such arch is suitable for formal treatment but would not be as good for such a location as this where we wish to secure natural effects.

We have not yet determined anything definitely, but I hope we may be able to do so in the near future. I have spent so much time on this matter of the bridge that I can't afford to do much more and will give up and let Mr. Steensland have his own way. Mr. Ferry is going to try and modify his last sketch some so far as he can do so in accordance with what he considers good taste an order to meet Mr. Steensland's views as much as possible within those limits.

I expect to go to Chicago to-morrow morning and to be there Thursday and Friday on business.

Under another cover, I send you the cloth map containing location of right of way across Sisters' property, and also send you another map which was prepared by you, showing the measurements in front of the Sisters' property. The yellowish line drawn indicates the judgment of the engineer as to how far out the filling could be made. I was much surprised to see how soon we get into soft material opposite this property.

I trust you will get the designs back to us at the earliest date possible.

Mr. Larson and another surveyor are out this morning to make a survey of the lake Monona Bay and I hope to have that crowded so as to get a map to you in a few days that will furnish the basis of sketching out a plan for a proposed park there. You see we must bring both of these plans before the common council at the same time in order to carry either of them through.

Would it not be well for you to indicate along the line of the lagoons the treatment of the springs such as I have already heretofore called attention to, by which the springs should be walled in by cement or otherwise, so as to raise the water above the level of the lagoons and thus furnish a place for drinking water? When you write, please indicate how deep you think the water should be in the lagoons and what the slope of the banks should be. I wish also you would indicate to us any other things that occur to you that ought to be covered in any contract made between the association and the contractor for the doing of this work. You may have certain ideas as to the method of the filling that ought to be incorporated in the contract.

Yours truly,

(Dec. by O. L.

John M. Nash

President.

Jan. 18, 1905

Mr. George B. Ferry,

Milwaukee, Wis,

Dear Sir:-

It may turn out that we shall be unable to secure a stone-faced bridge of any kind, by reason of the expense. In that event, we should be thrown back upon the cement bridge? It has occurred to me that it would be well if you could have your engineer make an elevation, cross section, etc., of what you would consider the most suitable form or style of a cement bridge, keeping in mind Mr. Steensland's peculiar ideas as much as you can consistently at all with good taste. With this in view, I enclose herewith the perspective sketch you sent of a cement bridge. You might return it when you forward the other drawings. It will be in sufficient time if the sketches or drawings get to me by Saturday morning of this week. I now hope to have a meeting of the directors on Monday evening, of next week, to settle matters one way or the other.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.J
Elec.)

John M. Olin

President.

Jan. 18, 1905.

B. A. Cowan, Supt.,
C. & N. W. Ry. Co.,
Baraboo, Wis.

Dear Mr. Cowan:-

Lest you might overlook the matter I spoke about yesterday, I thought I would send you a note asking you to send me by return mail the name of the person or firm that gets out the stone at Ableman, I will at once write to them about the matter.

Could you, at the same time, give me some idea of how much the freight would be on this stone from Ableman to this city? Perhaps your road could help us a little on giving us a low rate on the stone for this purpose, without being charged by the Governor with having violated the law as to rebates.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

Jan. 18, 1905

Grant Thomas, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Thomas:-

Could you and Mr. Clarke attend a meeting of the board of directors on Monday evening next at 7:30 o'clock provided I can get the directors together at that time? I expect to leave the city tomorrow morning to be gone Thursday and Friday and would like to find a reply from you upon my return to the office Saturday morning.

Should also be pleased to have you call at the office some time Saturday so that I might talk matters over with you somewhat. I trust that you will be able to attend such meeting. We have to have our meetings either on Saturday evening or Monday evening, in order to secure the attendance of Mr. Swenson, who has business in Chicago.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

Jan. 21, 1906

William Gall, Esq.,

Ablemans, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I understand from Mr. R. A. Cowan that you have a stone quarry at Albemans. There is to be constructed here across the Yahara river a bridge this summer, and we are thinking of having it faced in a stone laid rock face, and there has been a suggestion made that the stone from your quarry might be suitable. I would like to get from you an idea or estimate of the cost of this stone per cubic foot both at your quarry and also laid down at Madison. Inasmuch as we have a meeting of our directors on Monday of next week to consider the matter of this bridge, I desire very much that you get to me an answer in time to lay it before that meeting. Would suggest that it might be a good thing for you to make a pretty low proposition, for there are some five or six bridges of this kind to be built here in the near future, and if this one were built of your stone it might lead to the construction of the other bridges out of the same stone.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

I can't state amount of stone needed, but it would be not less than 2 200 cu. [illegible] and likely more when lined in place.

Jan. 21, 1905

A. Salisbury, Esq.,

Menomonie, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Jan. 19th received. Under another cover, I send you copies of report of our association for 1903 and 1904, as requested by you, and also an earlier report for the year 1899, for the reason that the latter contains a copy of the law under which we are organized and also of our articles of incorporation and by-laws.

Yours truly,

J. Russell Allen

President.

(Inc. by O.)

Jan. 22, 1905.

Capt. W. A. Thompson,
La Crosse, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

I spent an hour or two yesterday with Mr. Larson going over his work. I hoped that we could send everything to you to-day that you would need in making a bid or proposition. Upon consultation, I decided to have him modify somewhat the line of the proposed drive and speedway at the ends, not very much. He will make the necessary survey for that this afternoon and I hope to-morrow to send you everything you need.

I thank you for the suggestions made in yours of the 20th. I do not think, however, that it would be desirable to make two canals. One of them would be useless and might be filled with stagnant water. Moreover, the parallel running land adjoining would claim considerable damage. After a good deal of thought, I have decided, subject to the approval of the board, upon the following scheme: We will get a strip of land 125 feet in width. We will make a driveway out of the northerly thirty feet of this 125 feet. Next to this driveway we will, for the present, cut a canal or waterway thirty feet wide on top and so as to have six feet of water in the central portion, using the material from this thirty foot cut to fill the thirty foot driveway. four feet We will omit, for the present, the plan of constructing the speedway. This is in order to cut our expense down for the present. We want to get things in shape so that we can get a contract within our resources. My idea is that by the time we get the park made and the canal cut and driveway made, the men who are interested in having a speedway will club together and raise the necessary funds with which to construct the speedway, thus relieving our appropriation. The speedway could be constructed

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by simply widening the waterway and this could be done at any time while your machinery was there in the lake. We feel that we do enough for the speedway people if we acquire title to the land necessary for its construction.

I expect to get to the office this afternoon the map that has been made for the improvement of lake Monona Bay, and to send the same to Mr. Simonds to have him make a design for that park. I very much hope to get the design back to Madison and a copy of it to you with all other necessary information, so as to enable you to make a proposition or bid on that part of the work by the last of this week. The soundings have all been made and I am promised the completion of the map this afternoon.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John W. Olin

President.

Jan. 23, 1905.

Mr. George B. Ferry,

Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I am sure you must be quite tired of the Steensland bridge matter, but I venture to trouble you some more because it now seems as though Mr. Steensland has been converted, and quite thoroughly, to the idea of not having a formal bridge at this place, and seems very well pleased with the last sketch you made. There are certain things, however, that I would like to have you do, or have done by your draftsman or engineer.

1. Wish you would indicate the changes as suggested by your last sketch, upon the elevation plan "A", which I herewith return for that purpose. Wish you would make a sketch of the coping and also indicate the extent of projection of band of stone between top of arch and top of bridge or railing. Mr. Steensland thinks your suggestion in the center of the bridge for lighting "somewhat too ornamental". The feeling of our directors is that it might be better to omit entirely this change. Could you not have at this point a somewhat plainer arrangement, merely a larger stone rising a short distance above the coping that would serve as a resting place upon which to put a standard for lighting?

2. Wish you would have an elevation and longitudinal and cross section similar to plan "A", for a cement bridge. I return your perspective sketch of the proposed cement bridge. Mr. Steensland would want the ends of the abutments of this bridge to stand up above the rest of the bridge the same as you have indicated for the stone bridge. The reason why we wish this elevation and longitudinal and cross section for a cement arch

bridge is that it may turn out that we shall be compelled to take cement instead of stone on account of the price, and we would like to get bids for both kinds of a bridge at the same time. I hope very much, however, that the bridge will be built of stone.

3. Mr. Steensland has about made up his mind, greatly to my surprise, to have used the Madison local stone. He says he likes it better than the Baraboo or Ableman stone. We are in hopes now that he will, within a few days, decide to accept the Madison stone. I myself much prefer it to the Ableman stone, and I am quite sure you do. But Mr. Steensland has this afternoon made a new suggestion, and that is to use brick instead of stone. I at once told him that I thought brick would not be suitable for this purpose or this place, but he has the idea that it would be just the thing for "natural" effect and thinks that the brick made of sand and lime by heating and chemical process, such as is being used in the new chemical laboratory now being constructed by the University, just about the color of the Bedford stone, would make a nice bridge. He wanted me to submit the matter to you for your opinion. I wish you would write me a letter that I can show to him on the matter, giving your reasons why the brick would not be suitable for the place.

If you can send me the sketches as above suggested, I think we shall be able then to decide at once as to the style of bridge and material to be used. We will, immediately upon receiving the drawings from you, call a meeting for that purpose.

You will pardon me for calling for the above sketches or drawings. I feel that we must turn over something very definite to the city engineer

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or we shall lose largely the benefit of your services.

At the same time you return the sketches, you can send me your bill for services up to date. I hope I shall not be obliged to trouble you further with this small matter, and I want to express to you my sincere thanks for your great help to us.

Very truly yours,

John M. Olsen

(Dic. by O.)

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Jan. 24, 1905.

Capt. W. A. Thompson,

La Crosse, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I have just sent to Mr. Simonis a map for the improvement of Lake Monona Bay and have written him urging, if possible, that he get the design made and maps back to me by Saturday morning, of this week. As soon as I get them I will forward same to you. We then ought to be in shape to get a proposition from you for each of the proposed improvements. Inasmuch as we must bring both matters before the council at the same time, we can do nothing in that direction until we get a design for the Monona Bay improvement.

We now hope very much to be able to carry out both schemes.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John [illegible]

President.

Jan. 24, 1905

I. C. Baldwin, Esq.,

Neceddh, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I would appreciate it as a personal favor to me if you could drop me a line, stating the price you have been paying for doing ditching work for the Little Yellow Drainage District. As I remember your talk, you were getting some of the work done as low as eight cents a cubic yard. We must, as a part of some of our work, cut a canal thirty feet wide on top and so as to give six feet of depth of water for a distance of about four thousand feet. The material is marsh or bog with sand bottom after getting down two or three feet. The material would have to be thrown on one side of the canal so as to make a roadway about thirty feet wide. Then we have some lagoons to make running for a distance of nearly half a mile where the dirt will be thrown both ways and the excavation will be so as to give about six feet of water in the center of the lagoon.

I would like to get from you a statement of what you are paying for this kind of work so as to furnish us some guide.

Wish also you would give me the name and address of the party who is doing your work. A prompt answer will very much oblige me.

Yours truly,

John M. Clair

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Jan. 24, 1905

John F. Icke, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:--

We are having plans made for parking lake Monona Bay, trying to carry out the plan or scheme of one year ago, to extend the parking around to the St. Paul track. In order to make a proper contract for the filling, we ought to know the present height of water in bay, as to how it compares with ordinary stage of water. Will you be so kind as to ascertain for the directors of the association the height of the water, and let me know, and very much oblige?

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

Jan. 24, 1905.

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

Dear Mr. Simonds:-

Under another cover, I send you this morning a map prepared by engineer for parking lake Monona Bay. You have one of the city maps so that you can see a little better how the streets fit in with the map sent. You will observe two sets of figures on the map. The smaller one indicates depth of water and the larger figure in each case indicates depth from surface of water down to solid bottom. The part which is proposed to be improved now lies between the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway track on the east and the intersection of Washington Avenue and Park street on the west. I have had the engineer sketch in in lead pencil what may be called the feasible or workable line out to which filling can be done. He tells me that there is within this line west of the railway track, in round numbers, twenty acres. I think the line will have to be modified some toward the west end where the strip is so wide. You will remember that just to the southwest of Washington Avenue, at the end of the city's ownership, commences the land of private owners. Now I think in laying out the park you will likely have to modify the line between the points that I have marked with a cross in lead pencil and also by the letters A and B, one at the edge of the map to the left and the other you will observe about four hundred feet out from the shore. It would not do to carry the park fill out between these points so far because it would leave

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a bad place next to Mr. Beyler's property adjoining Washington Avenue on the southwest. You will remember that the plan is to run a boulevard around the bay to South Madison, and the driveway in the park should fit in to that boulevard. In order to give you a little guide in the matter, the fill out from the public road toward the lake, in order to constitute this boulevard, would be in the neighborhood of three hundred feet measuring from the public street line. Of course, we might fill some farther out just at the point where the city's ownership stops so as to make a better union of the road with the boulevard around to South Madison. The lead pencil cross to the left is out from the street say about three hundred feet. If necessary to get the proper line, you could bring this point out farther into the lake some fifty or seventy-five, or, if necessary, one hundred feet. We will plan or count on filling the street which is projected, as you will observe, by a checked line. It may be, however, the right of the city to turn this street when filled out so as to be about at right angles with the present shore line. I do not think this is very important, however, for you to consider. The engineer makes out that it will take about 160,000 cubic yards of filling for the portion west of the Milwaukee tracks. This goes on the theory of filling two and one-half feet at the outer edge, three and one-half feet at the Avenue and along the remainder of the present shore line about three feet. Do you think two and one-half feet fill, after same is settled above present water line, would be sufficient? How much of a fall ought there to be from the roadway out to the edge of the fill or park? Would like your ideas about this so that we can determine pretty definitely just how many cubic yards it is going to take to complete the work.

You will observe the heavy dark line on the outer edge. This is supposed to indicate the bank, and all figures outside of this line indicate height of bank above present lake level and all figures inside that line indicate depth of water at present time. You will observe an inside line which comes out toward the lake quite a distance in the central portion of the western part of the proposed park. The ground between that line and the outer line is practically level and about even with the surface of the water at the present time.

You will observe that there is a new street laid out fifty feet in width extending from Main street along the unplatted portion of ground and then around to Mound street. This we expect the city to fill, and that the city will own all ground outside of this street, and that the park will extend up to Main street, then along Main street to Washington Avenue, and then along Washington Avenue to the intersection of that Avenue with Park street.

While we do not propose, at the present time, to improve the portion of the lake lying to the east of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul track, we think it better for you in making your design to include this portion also, so that it will show up to the common council. The plan is to have an over-head crossing on Bassett street and to fill out this triangle to about the point you see indicated by the lead pencil line. We here expect to make a fill out into deeper water than the rest of the proposed improvement, but at the edge of the opening, which I have marked C, around to a point where I have marked D, the fill cannot very well be brought out

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very much farther on account of the decided depth of water at this point. We wish, if possible, to leave the fill in such shape that there will be no nuisance at this point by reason of stagnant water, etc.

After you determine where the outer edge of the park line should come, then I wish you to ink that line on the map I send you. I would like to have you then make us a number of blue prints, positive, of this map, just as you find it, after you have thus put on this line.

If it is possible for you to do so, I wish you would make a design for this park so that I may receive the same Saturday morning, of this week. We are to have a meeting of our directors on Saturday evening. Moreover, we must get a bid not only on the Henry Vilas Park improvement, but also on Lake Monona improvement before we can go the council. Until we can get these bids or propositions, our plan of work is at a stand-still. Hence, I will appreciate very much if you will turn aside, if possible, other work, so as to give this work preference.

I regret that we are compelled to make the park strip so narrow opposite the point of ground that projects farthest into the lake, but the bottom is such as to make it absolutely necessary to do so, I fear.

Of course, you are at liberty to modify the outer line of the park, keeping in mind, however, that there is probably already some more ground included within the lines of the lead pencil mark than we have money to fill, unless we can get a more favorable bid on this work than has been thus far indicated.

Hope you will get to me some map showing design of improvement opposited the Sisters' property. But the thing we are most anxious about just

now is the projected design for this Monona park.

Yours truly,

(Enc. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

Jan. 25, 1905.

Charles Larson, Esq.,
913 University Ave.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I hand you herewith another blue print copy of map of lake Wingra and also the original cloth map. I wish you would have the proposed drive and speedway laid out according to the new survey on both maps. I can then send the blue print copy to Capt. Thompson. I wish you would have the line of the speedway on the cloth map erased and the new route inserted, and then I wish you would have made for me, at my expense, about a dozen blue print copies. If you could have them made "positive"" it would suit me better, but if you cannot do this, make the ordinary blue print map.

I would like, if possible, for you to have everything ready for me to submit the whole matter to Mr. Thompson by to-morrow. I would like a statement from you, addressed to me as president of the association, giving the number of acres of land in the proposed park and the number of acres of water in the lagoon, the number of cubic yards of filling that it would take provided it were all filled up to the height heretofore talked about, the number of cubic yards it would take leaving out the area of the lagoons, on the theory that the filling is on an average five feet deep in each case, and a statement as to how far such fill will leave the top of the ground above the level of the water in lake Wingra on the theory that you allow a foot for settling. In this statement give your bench mark and state plainly, so we will all understand, just where the top of the ground would be after filled and settled with reference to this bench mark. We need this informa-

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tion so as to be able to submit things properly to Capt. Thompson and so as to incorporate proper terms in the contract.

[illegible] It is going to be necessary for us to have an accurate survey of the proposed speedway so that we may later, in case of condemnation proceedings, be able to describe by metes and bounds the land we wish to take. We shall also need to ascertain the ownership of the lands through which the speedway goes. This we can have done later through the aid of Mr. Gay. We want, however, the line of this land for drive, waterway and speedway staked out on both sides so that the owners can see before they sign any agreement just where the strip comes. If you have thestakes set on one side of the strip to be taken, I think our man Severt could stake out the other side without any difficulty, excepting the portion next the ice house. There is a ~~portion~~ space where you will likely have to put in the stakes on each side and will have to furnish us a description different from the other description, which latter will be simply for a strip 125 feet throughout.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin.

President.

Or want to get this description as soon as possible so as to have contracts signed by land owners.

John O.

Jan. 25, 1906.

Mr. George B. Ferry, Architect,

Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I intended to state to you this morning that I had called a meeting of the directors for Saturday evening, of this week. I would like very much to get plans back in time for that meeting, inasmuch as the meeting is called largely for the purpose of acting upon that matter.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

John W. Olin

President.

Jan. 26, 1905

Lewis Flisram, Esq.,

Care Madison Hotel,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Wish you would call up at the office some time this week. Would like to talk with you about the work for the coming season.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John W. Olin

President.

Jan. 26, 1905.

Thomas Clausen, Esq.,
Madison Station,
Dane Co., Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I write to find out whether you would like the same position you had last year for the association and on the same terms. If so, I should be pleased to have you work for us. Please let me know, and oblige.

Yours truly,

Theodore Klein

President.

(Dic. by O.L.

Jan. 26, 1905

Claus Clausen, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I write to find out whether you want the same position you have had the last number of years in Tenney Park and at the same wages as you had last year. Please let me know, for I want to make plans for the work for the present year.

Yours truly,

Theodore Klein

President.

(Dic. by O.)

Jan. 26, 1905.

A. O. Fox, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Fox:-

You will remember our talks about your trying to get some aid in making the necessary improvements at the mouth of the river from the boat-men. I know how busy you have been. Were it not for the fact that I feel that the work of our association is in rather a critical condition just now, I would not write you at this time. I hope and believe that by some special or extra effort being made in the next month or six weeks, we can get matters in good shape. It is, as I view it, the turning point in the work of the association. If we can get the help we want from the city, and can raise the extra funds necessary this spring to complete the Yahara river and cut the waterway between Lake Monona and Lake Wingra, our work, after this year, will be easier. But we do need all the help we can get just now from every source.

Again, I think something ought to be done in the near future toward organizing the launch owners into an association for the purpose of managing and meeting the expense of an attendant at the lock. I have been after Johnson, the dredger, to hurry up his work so that the river will be in shape for navigation as soon as spring opens. I have been relying upon you to attend to these two matters, namely the raising of whatever money you can toward improving the mouth of the river and the organization of the boat-men into some association for the purpose of looking after the lock.

Please remember the meeting of the directors to be held on Saturday evening, of this week, at my office. There are a number of important

matters to come up at this meeting and it is very desirable to have all members of the board present.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

June 27, 1895

Prof. W. D. Taylor,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Taylor?-

Could you get to me in some way, so that I could have the same by to-morrow evening, another copy of the profile map between lake Monona and lake Wingra?

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Jan. 27, 1905.

W. J. Johnson, Esq.,

1119 E. Johnson St.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Inasmuch as we have had to modify very materially the proposed plan of improving Henry Vilas Park, it will be necessary for you to re-examine the present plan and make us another proposition. You had better call upon Mr. Charles Larson and go over with him the work he has done. He can give you all the information that is necessary upon which to base a bid. We would like to have you look the matter over and give us a bid of a lump sum, at which you would be willing to do the work of improving Henry Vilas Park and leave the ground, when completed, a certain height above the level of the water, and also a lump sum as to how much you would want for cutting the canal along one side of the proposed speed and drive-way. Mr. Larson can explain this all to you in detail.

Yours very truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

Jan. 27, 1905

Capt. W. A. Thompson,

La Crosse, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Jan. 26th received. I enclose herewith the following:

1. Certain soundings taken by Mr. Larson as suggested by your Mr. Clark.

2. Communication from Mr. Larson to me, showing estimate of quantity of land in Henry Vilas Park, quantity of land covered by lagoons, and amount of filling necessary to fill the park up to a certain height.

3. Copy of a communication to me by Prof. Taylor, which explains itself.

I send you, under another cover, a blue print map of lake Wingra with the proposed driveway, canal and speedway relocated.

Also a profile map of the Wingra creek from lake Monona through to Lake Wingra, and also a surface map covering the stream showing bridges, &c.

Taking up the last matter first, will say that Mr. Johnson, the dredger here, made us a lump proposition to excavate this channel from lake Monona through to the point marked "1 M.", which is about 600 feet beyond the bridge where speedway ends, for $3,000, on the basis that the bottom of the channel was to be twenty-feet wide. This we considered at the time a low proposition for this branch of the work. I am inclined to think that we can get along with a channel that shall be fifteen feet wide on the bottom, that this will be wide enough to accommodate the boats and

launches. I think, however, that the excavation ought to be one foot deeper than Prof. Taylor has figured, so as to get five feet of water instead of four feet of water. I wish you would make your figures for the work on this basis as well as on the basis of four feet, and on the basis that the bottom of the canal shall be fifteen feet wide.

Judging from our experience in work here, I think both you and Prof. Taylor figure on a more decided slope than is necessary, but you are engineers and I am not. I do know, however, that we have not found any such slope necessary in our work either along the Yahara river or in Tenney Park. You see in none of these places is there any decided wash of the banks. Prof. Taylor's fear that the foundation may not be sufficiently strong for the depth of the excavation needed, is without any founiation in fact I think. You will observe that the ground at the end of the proposed speedway is firm, and I know that between that point and the lake you have taken soundings as well as Mr. Johnson and that there is no trouble about the firmness of the bank any where between those two points. It is our plan to put the lock in say 100 feet or so west of the bridge that is near the end of the drive and speedway sketch. Prof. Taylor's suggestion of putting the lock lower down is not feasible for several reasons. One is that there is a fall between this point and lake Wingra of some two feet and would necessitate another lock. Another reason is that this method would not furnish any opportunity of draining any of the adjoining land above the point proposed by him for the lock.

Prof. Taylor tells me that both maps, the profile map and the

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surface map, have been compared with great care and been verified in every detail. This work was done a year ago under his supervision by two engineer students who prepared a thesis on this subject, and Prof. Taylor tells me that the figures and map can be absolutely relied upon.

As to the ground over which the drive and speedway has been relocated, Mr. Larson tells me that he does not think there will be any difficulty at all in doing the work. He has been careful to call your attention to two places where he had to go a little deeper to get good bottom. But he tells me that he did not think there would be any difficulty in your doing the work at these two places. You will observe that there is very little difference in the level between the beginning and the ending of the proposed speedway and canal track. According to his estimate, you will observe that there will be enough material coming out of the excavation for the waterway to fill the driveway.

I think upon the receipt of these maps and this letter you will have all of the facts necessary upon which to give us a proposition for doing the work. As to the Henry Vilas Park, we should want a lump sum proposition for completing the work according to the design of Mr. Simonis, leaving the height of the ground above the water as indicated in Mr. Larson's letter when the work is completed.

As to the work of cutting the canal from the Henry Vilas Park to the end of the proposed speedway, we should wish the proposition to be made on the basis that the canal is to be excavated so as to be twelve feet at the bottom with water six feet deep, and the material thus obtained thrown out upon the north side and left reasonably smooth for a roadway

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which would be about twenty-five feet wide on top allowing for slope on the sides.

As to the work of cutting the canal from the outlet of Wingra Creek into lake Monona up to the end of the speedway, we should want a proposition on the theory that the canal is to be fifteen feet wide at the bottom and the excavation deep enough to give five feet of water, the material to be thrown out on either side of the canal way, and also a proposition on the theory that water is four feet deep,

You can make us a proposition of a lump sum for the whole work, if you see fit to do so, and then also a proposition for the three branches of the work separately.

Of course, as you know, our funds are limited. The undertaking is a large one for our association. We are very anxious to carry it through. We trust that you will feel that it will be to your advantage, broadly considered, to give us what would be considered at least a reasonable, if not a low, bid. If this work goes through succesafully, there is a large amount of other work that will follow as rapidly as you can do it, not only on and around this lake, but at other places connected with our chain of lakes.

I have, since you were here, been corresponding with one of the drainage commissioners of one of our drainage districts, including several thousand acres in Juneau county, and I find that they have been cutting canals or waterways for drainage purposes there this summer, just about the same width and depth as the one proposed along the speedway, as low as eight cents a cubic yard.

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The plans for the improvement of Lake Monona Bay will not get back from Mr. Simonds until some time to-morrow. After we get them, we shall have to have some work done by the engineer here so that we shall be unable to send them to you before about the middle of next week, perhaps Tuesday or Wednesday. It will be necessary for you to make us a proposition on the two branches of work separately, in any event, but if, when you come to consider the lake Monona Bay work you feel that you could make your bid come lower on condition that you do both branches of work, we should be pleased to have you put your bids or propositions in that alternative way.

In doing the work of cutting the canal from lake Monona up to the bridge at the outlet of Wingra Lake, we should expect, of course, to secure the right to remove and elevate the bridges, excepting, of course, the stone culvert on the main line of the Northwestern Railway track. We would expect, however, you to co-operate with your machinery in ramping the bridges and in getting them back in place. I think we can make some reasonable adjustment as to any matter of detail like this.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

(3 Enc.)

John M. Olin

President.

Jan. 28, 1905

Mr. Holden,

913 University Ave.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I hand you herewith original tracing which you made, and also a blue print copy of same, prepared by Mr. Simonds, and also a blue print copy of Mr. Simonds' sketch or design for the proposed improvement of the park. I wish you would now determine for our association, at once, the following facts:

1. The number of acres of ground in the proposed park as laid out by Mr. Simonds southwest of the Chicag, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway tracks

2. The number of cubic yards of filling it would take to fill the same on the theory that the filling was four feet deep on the outer edge of the park and sloped down on an even slope three feet on the water's edge

In making this estimate, you will allow for whatever settling you think there would be by reason of the bottom being soft or not firm, and in your statement to me specify how much you have allowed for such settling. Under this head, you will include the fifty foot roadway proposed to be laid out along the unplatted piece of ground and also the two lots on Main street, being 31 and 32, which the city will own. If you have not got the necessary data for making this figuring, you can get it from the map which I have, but I think you already have the data.

3. The number of acres of ground in the proposed park lying east of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway tracks.

4. The number of cubic yards of earth that it would take to fill

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this portion of the proposed park figured on the same theory as above, four feet at the outer edge and three feet on the water's edge, and allowing for shrinkage or settling, if any, by reason of soft ground.

5. The number of cubic yards of filling it would take to fill the portion of ground that is to be purchased and replatted as shown in map prepared by Mr. Gilman, on theory that all of said land should be raised to a height of four and one-half feet above the present level of the lake.

In making your report to me, please explain what you use as the datum or permanent point from which you measure. I want such a report from you as will be a guide to our association in entering into a contract with some one to do the filling.

It would be a very great accommodation to me if you could get this report to me before the meeting of our directors this evening at 7:30.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

Jan. 28, 1905

O. C. Simonds, Esq.,

Landscape Architect,

Station X,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Simonds:-

Thank you very much for getting to me design for proposed park in lake Monona Bay. I will submit the same to the directors this evening. I like the general plan very much. I think, however, it ought to be modified in one or two respects. There should be no connection across Bedford street. You would have to cross the tracks of both the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul and the Illinois Central Railway Company. It is to obviate this crossing of tracks that we propose the overhead crossing on Bassett street. The railroads will be glad to get these grade crossings out of the way and undoubtedly will put in one overhead crossing, or contribute largely toward doing so, providing you leave out the crossing in connection with Bedford street.

The only other suggestion I have to make is as to the roadway after turning the point that comes nearest to the lake. It seems to me that instead of having the roadway follow along next to the present public highway, it would be more satisfactory to have this roadway skirt the edge of the water somewhat after the same plan that you have for the portion of the proposed improvement east of the Chicag, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway tracks. Unless you can see some strong reason why this matter modification shall not be made, I for one feel very strongly like having it made. If made, then you might think it best to have a connection with the

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outer road from Main street down. I do not think that would be objectionable.

Would you need to have me return the original tracing or any of the maps you sent to have this change made? If so, will you telegraph to that effect immediately upon receipt of this letter? Of course, this change will not make any difference or delay matters any as to getting bids for the work, but I would like to have the map in the shape we expect to make the improvement as nearly as possible for the benefit of the common council.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

Jan. 28, 1905

Charles Larson, Esq.,

915 University Ave.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I would like very much to secure at once, if possible, a description of the strip of land 125 feet wide for driveway, etc. We must incorporate that in the proposed contract to convey and cannot do anything until we get it.

(Dic. by O.)

Yours truly

Jan. 29, 1903

Capt. W. A. Thompson,
La Crosse, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

I send you, under another cover, a blue print copy of the survey map of a portion of lake Monona Bay. The blue print was made by Mr. Simonds in Chicago from the original cloth tracing map which I have.

I also send you a copy of the design prepared by Mr. Simonds for the improvement of the lake shore, marked, for convenience, A. Referring to map A, you will observe that the heavy outer line indicates the bank, that all figures outside of that line indicate heights above the present level of the water, and that all figures inside that line indicate depths of water. The measurements have been made with reference to a bench mark, one of the stones in the foundation of the culvert or opening in the bridge of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Company. It is only that portion of the map that lies to the west and southwest of the railway track that we now are dealing with. The other portion to the east, in what is known as the triangle, we must improve at a later date and under another contract. You will notice on map A a fifty foot street laid out partly on land and partly in the water, running from Main street easterly and then around to Monona street. Now the plan is to have the city be filling up to and including this street. They will also do the filling in the little odd shaped piece of ground fronting on Main street, being a little over an ordinary lot, 66 by 132 feet, which I have marked, for plainness, by the letter C, on map A. I have run a lead pencil line, as you will observe, over the blue print line so as to show you the outlines of

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s tract of land to be purchased by private parties and filled at their expense, but at the same time, and as a part of the improvement, for convenience, I have marked the whole of this tract by the letter D. There is in this tract, according to measurement by the engineer, 4.35 acres. The filling of this tract is to be paid for not by the city, but by private owners. In making your figures, you will figure on filling for the city all lying to the west and southwest of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul track, exclusive of what is marked by the letter D. Main street extends along to Washington Avenue along the lead pencil line that I have marked E, that is the center line of st. The filling is to come up to the southerly edge of this street and continue along the southerly edge of East Washington Avenue. This has all been improved by the city and this avenue has been filled out to full width. We have decided to have the land filled so it will be three feet at the outer or water's edge and then slope back on a rising grade of about one foot in 250 to 300 feet, but not more than one foot where the park is widest. The engineer who has done the measurements has handed me a figure as to the total number of cubic yards it would take to fill all of the city's part, as above indicated, on the theory that the fill is left three feet on the edge next water, and four feet on the other edge. This is something more than is necessary, since there need not be that amount of slope where the park strip is narrow. He figures, including the proposed new street, and allowing six inches for settling of bottom all over the proposed park area, (which he states to me he considers an ample allowance) that it would take 189,600 cubic yards. He also figures that it would take to fill the part marked D 25,140 cubic yards.

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Now the fact is, we have only got for the city's work $16,000 in cash. I hope that you may be able to make us a lump proposition for this portion of the work at not to exceed $16,000. If you will do that, I shall be entirely willing that you should put in the filling for the part marked D at a lump sum of $2600. That is figured on the basis of raising the surface of that land so that when filling is done it will be four and one-half feet above the present level of the water in the lake, the measurement being made from the same bench mark.

As indicating to you the hope we have if this work goes through that the improvement of the rest of the bay will follow speedily, I want to say, confidentially, that Mr. Brittingham was in this morning and looked over Mr. Simonis' plan and asked me how much it would take to improve the part in what is known as the triangle to the east of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway track. I told him, according to the measurement of the engineer, there was between eight and nine acres of ground in this portion and according to his measurement it would take about 36,000 cubic yards, and that the total cost of the improvement, including the making of roadways, would run up to about $9,000. He at once indicated to me that without any doubt he would be willing to pay one-half the cost of that improvement whenever the city was ready to take hold of it.

We have not, as yet, been able to get things ready to enter into a contract for that portion of the bay going around to South Madison, but a survey is now being made of that portion and I have not any doubt but what that we will be ready to contract with you for that part or the work by

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fore you are ready to do it.

I have written to Mr. Simonds, suggesting one change in his plan for the park, and that is to have the road which runs down from Bassett street and crosses under the railroad track to continue along near the outer edge of the park strip through to West Washington Avenue instead of having it follow along the present public highway. I think such change would look better and would make it easier for doing the filling, and I no doubt that change will be made.

I trust the plans will get to you to-morrow morning so that you can take them with you to St. Paul. I shall expect, unless you hear from me to the contrary, that you will be done here Thursday morning of this week, ready to make a proposition for doing both pieces of work.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John Ill Olin

President.

Jan. 28, 1905.

F. M. Wootton, Atty.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Wootton:-

I have been thinking a good deal about the talk we have had as to raising the money for purchasing the land for addition to Tenney Park. I have come to the conclusion that it would be unwise for us to collect from a few persons relatively a large amount of money and then stop. I am thoroughly satisfied that the best course for us to pursue at the present is not to attempt to raise this money, and to notify those who have contributed of our purpose.

At a meeting of our board last evening, we passed a resolution, authorizing the borrowing of the $3,000. We had a proposition from two of the directors to buy the fifteen lots that the association would have and pay for the same $3,000 in cash, but we determined that this would be unwise; that it would be better to hold the lots and pay six per cent interest for a few years until we get around to improving the park, and then sell the lots for something nearly what they are worth.

I write you because I am going out of the city to be gone two or three days. Will see you personally upon my return.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Jan. 12, 1900.

Senator William F. Vilas,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Vilas:-

I enclose herewith a list of names whom I thought it might be well to invite to your house. The list is rather a long one and you, of course, will be at liberty to omit any names you desire. There will be, I presume, a number who will be unable to attend, as is always the case. I would like to have you make a special effort to extend an invitation to the four aldermen named, A. G. Kroncke, Joseph C. Schubert, Frank S. Smith and John C. Prien. There is a special reason for this. I would also like to have present the Bauerbach boys and Carl Hausmann. If it would suit your convenience, I think one week from Monday evening, Feb. 5, would be the best time to hold the meeting. We now expect to be ready to have a meeting of the common council on the following evening, Tuesday evening, of that week.

I go to Baraboo Tuesday morning to try a case there, but expect to be back some time Wednesday or Thursday morning.

I now expect that Capt. Thompson from La Crosse will be here Thursday morning, of this week, prepared to give us a bid or proposition for improving the whole of Henry Vilas Park. If you are in the city on that day, I would like very much to be able to consult you about the proposed contract.

Very truly yours,

Roswell Miller

President.

(Dic. by Q.)

(Enc.)

Jan. 30, 1905

O. C. Simonds, Esq.,

Landscape Architect,

Station X,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Simonds:-

I wonder if you could get to me, without too much trouble and expense, a colored map such as you have already sent for the improvement of both Henry Vilas Park and Lake Monona Bay. I want these to pin up in the common council chamber so that people can go there and see the maps. I want to get them just as soon as possible. We are planning now to have a meeting of the common council on Tuesday evening, of next week. We expect to get bids on the work on Thursday, of this week.

You might also send a couple of additional blue print copies of the design for Monona Bay Park.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

Jan. 30, 1905.

M. J. Johnson, Esq.,
1119 E. Johnson St.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

We have had maps prepared for the proposed lake Monona Bay park improvement and we would like to have you make us a bid on that work at the same time you do our the work on the Henry Vilas Park. You had better call at Mr. Larson's house and see Mr. Holden, who did the surveying for the lake Monona Bay work. I have, however, the maps at my office. These maps show just what must be done. What we would like to get is a bid for how much you would be willing to do the work for, dig sand and leave the filling in the lake Monona Bay three feet high at the outer edge next the water and four feet high at the bank, and in doing this we allow that the fill would shrink six inches. We would like to have your bid in not later than Saturday, of this week, on both branches of the work inasmuch as we are trying now to bring the matter before the common council on Tuesday evening, of this week. Mr. Larson can tell you all about how the bid should be made for Henry Vilas Park. I have maps at my office which will show just the way that work must be done. I leave this city myself to-morrow morning for Baraboo to be gone two or three days.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

Pres.

Jan. 31, 1905.

Edward M. Fuller, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Fuller:-

I tried to find you Saturday, but learned that you were out of the city and might not be back for a week or ten days.

At a meeting of our directors Saturday evening, a resolution was adopted, favoring the asking of the legislature to grant to our association the same power that villages and cities have as to condemning lands. We have now got to a point in our work where it is absolutely necessary to have this power. We cannot, we find, complete the improvement of the Henry Vilas park without it.

You will remember that I once stated to you that whenever we determined to ask the legislature for this power, I would inform you of that fact. Hence, in pursuance of that promise, I herewith enclose a copy of the proposed bill that we wish to have introduced.

I never myself could understand why you should in any way fear the giving of this power to our association by the legislature. We certainly could not exercise it except in a very few cases, and then only where the damage which we would have to pay would be small. As for ever going through along your lake shore, such a thought has never entered the mind of any member of the association. Hence, I trust that you will not oppose the proposed legislation. I should be very glad to talk the matter over with you personally as soon as you return, and explain to you just why it is that we must have this power at this time, or our work will be blocked. I am quite sure that I could satisfy you in a very few minutes so that if you

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were a member of the legislature you would vote for the proposed law yourself.

Very truly yours,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

Feb. 1, 1905

Leonard W. Gay, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Gay:-

I enclose herewith a new form of agreement for parties to sign for driveway and canal or waterway from foot of Warren street through to Fish Hatchery bridge. Stakes have already been set, indicating the southerly line of this strip, and we can easily have stakes set indicating the northerly line. I also enclose a blue print copy of map showing an accurate location of this proposed driveway and waterway. The plan is to cut the waterway, for the present, thirty feet at the bottom, giving six feet of water, and to throw the dirt out toward the northerly bank so as to make a driveway on that side of the waterway about thirty feet wide. Later it is proposed to widen the waterway, throwing the drive out on the southerly side and making another drive or speedway on the southerly side. We find, on measuring, that there is very little fall between Warren street and the outlet at Fish Hatchery bridge, not more than sufficient to admit of proper flow of water. The plan is to put in a lock some where about 75 or 100 feet westerly of the Fish Hatchery bridge. There will be a fall here in the water of not less than four feet and this will give opportunity of drainage into the waterway below the lock. It occurs to me that in talking with the men from whom you desire to get contracts, it would be well to emphasize the fact that as the roadway is now laid out it will be entirely feasible for them, particularly Mr. Keyes, to fill out to the line of the road or driveway and thereby make building lots of that portion of their land. This would be, it seems to me, of very decided advantage to

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these people, and that they ought to sign the agreement without any question whatever.

If they do not sign the agreement, we shall proceed to condemn the land and assess benefits against the adjoining land. A bill will be introduced in the legislature, and I think without doubt be passed, giving to our association this power.

It is necessary that we should get these contracts signed at as early a date as possible. I regret the delay we have had, but ever since I ascertained the difficulty, I have hurried matters just as much as possible.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(Encls.)

John M. Olson

President.

Feb. 2, 1905.

Mr. A. J. Earling,

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

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Earling:-

I write you about a matter that was under consideration between your road and our association for some time about one year ago, and that is the raising of your Prairie du Chene track as it crosses the Wingra or Murphy's Creek, extending from Wingra Lake through to Lake Monona. You are familiar, undoubtedly, with this matter. The last letter which I received from your company concerning this matter was written by Mr. W. J. Underwood, Assistant General Manager, under date of April 29, 1904. That letter stated that the matter was under investigation, but that he could not complete the estimates in order to give a reply by May 2, 1904, but would make reply as soon as he could possibly be able. No final reply, however, was ever received.

The time has now arrived when we wish to enter into a contract for this improvement. The total cost of the improvement to our association will be about $20,000. Senator Vilas gave $10,000 last year for the purchase of the twenty-five acres of land and offers to give another $10,000 this spring toward improving it. Our association has raised, or will have raised before the annual meeting, for the improvement, an additional $5,000, and the city of Madison, we expect, will appropriate $15,000, making in all $30,000.

What we ask of the railway companies has been, I think, fully stated in previous letters, and also orally by me to you. We cannot connect

these two lakes, or secure the park, without deepening and widening this stream between the two lakes and securing a free space between the water and the bridge above of eight feet. The Northwestern Company has agreed with our association to change its track and bridges so as to give us this space. So far as our work is concerned, a bridge thereafter will give a

We now expect to bring this matter before the common council on Monday evening, of next week, and shall then ask the council to appropriate $15,000 toward the improvement. We would like to be able to state to the council, at that time, that your company will make such change in the Prairie du Chene track as will enable the improvement to be made. While we should like to have the track changed sometime the present season, it is not absolutely necessary that this should be done. If the change could be made any time before the 1st of October or November, of next year, it would be entirely satisfactory.

In order that you may understand a little better what we are trying to do, I send you, under another cover, some blue print maps. The large one, marked A, shows a design of the park as it will be when completed, consisting of between forty-eight and forty-nine acres. We are to make between thirty-three and thirty-four acres of land additional to the twenty-five purchased by Senator Vilas, by filling out to clear water and deepening the lake. This map is on a scale of one inch to one hundred feet. The blue print map marked B, shows the proposed canal and driveway which is to extend from the foot of Warren street down to the outlet of Wingra or Murphy's Creek. This map is on a scale of three hundred feet to the inch.

The map marked C is a map showing the lay of the country, bridges, etc., from lake Monona up to lake Wingra, extending some distance beyond

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what is called the bridge across the Fish Hatchery road.

This map marked D is a profile map of the same territory.

These last two maps were prepared last year under the supervision of Prof. W. D. Taylor. He tells me they are both very accruately prepared. Two of the young men in the engineering department, who assisted him in the work, prepared a thesis, using this work as the basis, and he tells me that all of the measurement, levels, etc., were very carefully verified so that he is sure that the maps are accurate.

You need not return any of these maps to me. I do not know that they will be of any service to you, but thought they might assist somewhat in getting before you what we are trying to do.

Now, I hope very much that you will give us a favorable answer. We cannot do this work of connecting these two lakes without your co-operation. While this lake is not a large one, it is one of the most picturesque of all of our lakes. It is our purpose, before we get through, to beautify the whole shore of the lake and to have a drive extend around the whole of it, which will be some six or seven miles in length. We have the right of way practically secured already for the whole drive.

It is needless for me to repeat to you, not only what I sincerely feel, but what I have expressed to you more than once, the appreciation of our association for what both your road and the Northwestern have done for us in this work. I trust and believe that in the end your road will not be the loser in dollars and cents. It is the aim of our association and of our city, ultimately to connect all five of these lakes by a waterway that will extend as far as Stoughton, and we already have the promise from a

number of men at Janesville that if we get through as far as Stoughton, they will improve that portion of the Yahara river between Stoughton and its outlet into the Rock river, so that boats could then go from Janesville clear through to Madison. Your road especially runs along or near all of these lakes. When this improvement is completed, I do not think there will be any place, certainly in the northwest, that will present so many attractions for summer homes and cottages as this lake region. Please do not say no to our request at this tume and thus, perhaps, defeat our plan for this complete or ultimate improvement, but try and send me a favorable answer so that I can read the same to the common council on Monday next.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Feb. 2, 1905.

Mr. Albert Kelsey,

931 Chestnut St.,

Philadelphia, Pa.

My Dear Sir:-

You may think I have neglected your letter of Dec. 17th. The fact is I have not been in a position to write anything definite at an earlier date.

We are to have our annual meeting on Tuesday, April 18. At this meeting, we have combined, heretofore, the feature of a banquet with that of the regular meeting, the latter commencing at eight o'clock and the banquet at 6:30. We have had, heretofore, in connection with the report of the president, a number of toasts, and an exhibit of some pictures of our work through lantern slides. At the meeting of the directors Monday evening I laid before them your communications, and I was instructed to write you and suggest that an arrangement might be made by which you should deliver an address at this meeting. The idea would be to have your address published as a part of our proceedings. It would in this way be given quite a wide circulation.

I wish you would write me whether you could be here at that time and upon what terms. Our association, as you know, is maintained wholly by private subscription and we would not have any large amount of money to spend for an address. If we can arrange for your being here, we should try to advertise your coming in such a way as to secure a good attendance. Our legislature will be in session, and we would make it a point to invite to this banquet and meeting a number of the leading men from each house.

I would try to give you, in advance, any information that might be of any assistance to you in presenting your address to our association.

Please let me hear from you at as early a date as possible, and very much oblige.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Feb. 2, 1905

Parkinson-Starling Lumber Co.,
Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed please find warrant for $11.25 to pay for four and one-half thousand standard shingles. Please receipt enclosed bill and return same to me, and oblige.

(Dic. by O.)
(Warrant)

Yours truly,

President.

Feb. 3, 1905

Miss Jessie Upfield,

1023 South 1st St.,

Evansville, Indiana.

Dear Miss Upfield:-

Yours of Feb. 1st received and contents noted.

Under another cover, I send you some copies of the annual report of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association, one of which gives the law under which it is organized and also a copy of its charter and bylaws.

Hoping they may be of some aid to you, I am.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

J. Howell Klein

President.

Feb. 4, 1905.

N. J. Johnson, Esq.,
1119 E. Johnson St.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith a form of proposition which I wish you would submit so that I will get the same some time Monday. You, of course, will fill in the blanks. But this proposition embraces a form of contract that we wish to make with whatever party is given the work. It has been prepared by our directors after considerable care and consultation, and has been submitted to Senator Vilas and Prof. W. D. Taylor.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by OI)

(Enc.)

John M. Olin

President.

Feb. 6, 1905.

Richard F. Taylor, Esq.,

City Assessor,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

I wish you would do me the favor to send me the total amount of the assessed valuation for the year 1904 of all that portion of the city of Madison lying south and southwesterly of the following described land: Commencing on the St. Paul Railway track, Prairie du Chien division, just east of the foot of Monona street, and running along the line of the St. Paul track until you come to Mills street, and then along the Illinois Central track to the city limits, and then following the city limits around to the edge of lake Wingra at the foot of Edgewood Avenue.

You are familiar with the proposed improvement of Henry Vilas Park and Lake Monona Bay, having looked over with me the designs prepared by Mr. Simonds for both of these improvements. On the supposition that these improvements are both completed as shown by said designs, I wish you would give me a conservative estimate as to how much the land included within the above description would be increased in its assessed valuation, say at the end of the second year after both of said improvements are completed, meaning by the word "completed" that the planting as suggested by Mr. Simonds shall have been done in both of said parks and the roadways and paths constructed.

You will very greatly oblige me if you can furnish the above information and give me the opinion asked, so that I can have the same on or before the Wednesday evening, of this week.

Very truly yours,

Feb. 8, 1905

Mr. O. C. Simonds,

Landscape Architect,

Fuchs Ave.,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Simonds:-

We would like to get, at once, made for us a zinc etching, if that is the proper term for it, of the design of Henry Vilas park and also of the lake Monona bay park. We would like to have such cut made as would enable us ultimately to use the same to print from for our annual report. It would likely have to be made in such shape as to be printed separately and then pasted in. Lest you may not have handy a copy of our report, I send one under another cover. The immediate use we wish to make of these etchings is to have maps of these two proposed improvements printed in the local newspapers as an aid to raising subscriptions for our work this spring. For this reason, I am anxious to get the maps here to be used at the very earliest date possible. Can you attend to this matter for us, putting the work in the hands of some competent person there in Chicago and have the etchings sent to us as soon as possible with bills for same? I presume it is unnecessary for us to send you any copy of the maps, since you must have a copy there.

We are to come before our council to-night to ask $20,000 and in these two projects. We hope to be successful. Will let you know later. Have secured what we think a very reasonable proposition from the Bay Dredging Company for the doing of both branches of the work. It comes less than ten cents a cubic yard for the whole work, on the basis of about

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$4,000 less.

(Dic. by O.)

Yours truly,

J. Howell Clair

President.

Feb. 8, 1905

Mr. A. J. Earling,

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

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Earling:-

I received word from your assistant the other day to the effect that you were absent in Cuba and would not be back until the 15th of this month.

The time for introducing bills in the legislature expires on the 10th of this month. It is necessary, in order to carry through the improvement contemplated between lakes Monona and Wingra, to have three highway bridges, located in the town of Madison, raised to the proper height. The only way our association can get this done by the town of Madison is to get a bill passed by the legislature. It would help us to get such a bill through, to include in it the railway companies. I did not, however, wish to have any such bill introduced until it had first been submitted to you. I met here at Madison yesterday your brother and also Mr. Gardner, general manager of the Northwestern. I explained to both of them the situation; that I would prepare a bill and have it introduced and would send a copy of it both to you and to Mr. Gardner. I enclose herewith such copy. You will observe that I have included the Northwestern road as well as your road, although the Northwestern has already agreed to do what we have asked.

I suggested to Mr. Gardner that upon getting a copy of the proposed bill, I wished he would write me a letter, stating, in effect, that

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his road had no objection to the passage of the bill, and I would like to have you write, on behalf of your road, a similar letter. If I can get such letters, I think I can use them to some benefit before the judiciary committee of the senate, to which committee this bill will be referred, and to which committee I used a good opportunity yesterday to say something favorable to the bill and the [illegible]. This committee comprises thirteen of the senators.

I will see that no action is taken on the bill until after your return from Cuba.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

J. Howell Olin

President.

Please let me hear from you as soon as you return, and oblige. J. H. O.

Feb. 8, 1905.

Mr. W. A. Gardner,

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

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Gardner:-

As promised you yesterday, I enclose herewith copy of bill as to raising bridges over Wingra Creek between lakes Wingra and Monona. I have arranged with Senator Hudnall to introduce the bill, have handed a copy of the same to Mr. Harris, representing the St. Paul road, and will hand one to your representative as soon as I can see him, and will also send copy to President Earling.

As I stated to you yesterday, this bill does not require anything in addition to what your road has already very generously promised. If you or Mr. Hughitt, could drop me a line, within the next week or so, to the effect that you have no opposition to the passage of the bill, I will try and make some good use of it before the judiciary committee in the Senate, to which committee the bill will be referred. As you may know, this committee comprises thirteen of the senators.

Yours truly,

(Dic. By C.)

(Enc.)

President.

Feb. 9, 1905

Hon. W. H. Lansing,

1236 Spaight St.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Lansing:-

I wish very much that you could be at the council meeting to-morrow, Friday, evening. If you will order a closed carriage to take you there and back, I will be very glad to pay the expense. The matter of voting on the question of giving aid to help the completion of Henry Vilas Park and Monona bay improvements will come up for decison. I would like very much to have the unanimous vote of the council on the matter. It would be a good thing, I think, if the aldermen from your ward could vote in favor of the resolution. The city and our association has, the last few years, as you know, been doing a good deal in your part of the city. We feel it would be a gracious thing for the aldermen in your section to now favor the doing of something in the south and southwestern part of the city. I am some fearful as to how Mr. Maisch may vote. Could you not make it a point to see him before the meeting and talk the situation over?

There is quite a full statement of the situation in the morning Democrat. I wish you could have been present at the meeting last night, but if you can come up to-morrow night and vote, I will regard it as a personal favor.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

J. M. Olin

President.

Feb. 9, 1905

N. J. Johnson, Esq.,

1119 E. Johnson St.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I received your communication of Feb. 5th, declining to make any bid on the two improvements of Henry Vilas Park and park in Lake Monona bay. Of course, personally, I should have been glad to have you get this work, but I think you will agree with me that it was necessary, under the circumstances, to know very definitely in advance just how much the work would cost, and I think you will also agree that we have a pretty favorable contract.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin,

President.

If the Contract is let to the Lacrosse people [illegible] you not arrange with them to do the dredging [illegible] Orch ~~Cub~~ culvert over [illegible] Creek? [illegible] get your present dredge in there without [illegible] and could do that work after completing [illegible] work.

J. M. O.

Feb. 9, 1905

E. L. Sheldon, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Sheldon:-

Your letter of the 8th received. You are right in what you say. I am to blame for the delay. I have the check of Mr. Tenney here for $5,000 and the rest of the money I can get just as soon as I can get the papers drawn up. I have ordered an abstract of title and will try and get everything ready within a few days.

Just how shall we arrange about the $500 subscription of Mrs. Thornton and her daughter? The purchase price, of course, is $8,500, and we wish to pay $8,000 and give credit in our report for the generous gift of Mrs. Thornton and her daughter of $500, and at the same time will see that Water street is named Thornton Avenue according to our previous talk and understanding. Is this plan satisfactory?

Yours truly,

(Dict. by D.)

President.

Feb. 9, 1905

Capt. W. A. Thompson,

La Crosse, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

The matter of the Henry Vilas Park and lake Monona bay improvements were brought before the council last night. I presented a pretty full statement of the situation. A number of the members came to the meeting, evidently with their minds made up to vote against the aid, but I believe they all of them changed their mind before the close of the meeting. A resolution was introduced, which I drew up, and the matter was referred to the judiciary committee with definite instructions to report to the council at its regular meeting to-morrow night. I expect the matter will be favorably acted upon at that time.

Since you were here, I get a letter from I. C. Baldwin, in answer to one that I wrote him for information, a copy of which I herewith enclose. I am rather surprised at the low figures given in this letter. I shall say nothing about the figures here given, except to you, but would be pleased if you could write me a personal letter, explaining how dredging can be done as indicated in this letter for the prices stated. I send you, under another cover, a copy of the morning Democrat.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

John M. Olin

President.

Will notify you at once [illegible]

Feb. 9, 1905.

F. D. Winkley, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Please accept thanks for your subscription of $25.00 toward completion of Yahara river improvement.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Feb. 9, 1905

I. C. Baldwin, Esq.,

Mauston, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I want to thank you very much for your very kind and explicit letter of Feb. 6. It gave me exactly the information that I wished.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

E. F. Riley, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

Feb. 9, 1905

Dear Mr. Riley:-

I wish to thank you very much for your liberal subscription of $100 to our association this year, as well as your kind words of appreciation.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Feb. 10, 1905

Dr. A. A. Dye,
Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 19th received, pledging $100 for work to our association the present season. Please accept thanks for your generous contribution.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Feb 11. 1907

Capt W. A. Thompson
La Crosse Wis.

My dear Sir: Yours of Feb. 10, 1907, under another cover, I send you by this morning's Democrat. You will see that Council voted to accept our proposition and issue bonds by a unanimous vote. Quite a victory. This insures contract for me and you can act accordingly. Johnson will want to do some work for you same time like cutting the water way up Bridge Creek to Stone arch Cutout.

Am glad your Co. gets contract, and hope the work will prove profitable, and that our relations in the doing of it will be pleasant — as they so doubt will.

Yours truly

J. Howell Olin.

Feb. 13, 1905.

Doyon & Rayne Lumber Co.,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $18.48 to pay your bill for lumber against Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Feb.14, 1905.

Hon. L. S. Hanks,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Mr. Hanks:

The enclosed postal card and circulars explain themselves. Indeed it is unnecessary to enclose these circulars so far as you are concerned, for you understand the situation fully. You will observe that the officers of our association have pledged $1100.00 toward the $5,000.00 extra amount to be raised. We do this, at this time, at some sacrifice to some of us, and wholly because, being more familiar with the present situation than any other equal number of men could be, we have felt willing to pledge this amount in order to help the association over the present rather critical period.

If, however, we can raise this extra $5,000.00 this year, our work will be in by far the best shape it has ever been in; the help that the city has pledged will make possible the two large improvements which you are familiar with.

I have thought, under all the circumstances, that you might feel willing at this time to help toward the extra $5,000.00 to the amount of $100.00. Please fill in such sum as you feel under all the circumstances, it would be just or right for you to give, and return the postal to me, and very much oblige. It would be of assistance to us if we could get a reasonably prompt answer.

L.S.H.....2.

Thanking you for all that you have heretofore done toward the work that this association has been trying to carry out, and trusting that you will take no offense at the suggestion here made, I am,

Very truly yours,

(Enclosure).

Feb.14, 1905.

Hon. Frederick S. Giddings,
952 E. Gorham St.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Giddings;

The enclosed postal card and circulars explain themselves. I write you, in addition, this personal letter. You will observe from the circular that the officers of our association, seven in number, pledged $1100.00 towards raising the extra $5,000.00 needed by our association this year for its work, and that in addition thereto each of us gave the regular $25.00 for the general work. Now we do this, feeling that we are doing a good deal more than our share, and merely because the work of our association is in somewhat of a critical condition. We must complete the Yahara River Improvement this year, as stated in the circular letter. We have already spent about $27,000 , raised wholly by private subscriptions for this improvement, and it will cost the additional $3500.00 to fully complete it. You have given towards this improvement, heretofore, $50.00. I write now to make a personal appeal to you to help us what you can at this time. Including my $200.00 subscription this year, this makes for me in all $600.00 for this improvement alone. Your neighbor, Dr. Dye, has given us in all $400.00, I write now to ask you whether you cannot be one of those to give $200.00 this year. Of course it is not for me to say how much any one should contribute toward this work, All I can do is to lay the needs of the work before the people, and they

must act as they think best. I will say, however, that such a contribution from you at this time, would be exceedingly appreciated by all of those who have the burden of this work to carry.

I have left the amount blank to be filled in for this work on the postal card. After considering the matter, fully, please put in such sum as you feel that you can afford to give, making the sum payable at any time during the season that may suit you best. What we want to know is how much we can rely upon as pledged for the work, before the spring opens.

A prompt answer will very much oblige,

Yours very truly,

John Wells Clark

(Enclosures).

Feb.14, 1905.

Messrs. Phillip and Henry Fauerbach,
Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:

The enclosed postal card and circulars explain themselves. I write you, in addition thereto, a personal letter. You will observe that our officers have pledged $1100.00 toward the extra $5,000.00 for the work this year. This is not because we feel this to be our fair share toward this amount. Quite otherwise. We do this, after consultation, because we feel that this is a critical time in the work of the association, and that we would make something of a sacrifice in order to bridge over the difficulty.

I am writing a personal letter to a number of parties making an appeal to them for certain sums of money towards this extra $5,000,00. You stated in your letter to me under date of Feb.17, 1904, in answer to my request for a subscription of $200.00 towards the work, as follows:

" In as much as the final payment is not required until August 1st, as stated on your postal card, we think that your association would be very willing to wait until that time before asking for an extra subscription, when it is hoped that the contract will then be fully carried out. Then I think this company, if called upon for an extra subscription of say $200.00, will be willing to give this amount and even more."

Later I wrote you, asking whether you would have any objection

to my putting your name down on the subscription list for the $200.00, and writing opposite the subscription " as per your letter". You answered under date of Feb.25, as follows: " Replying to your favor of the 24th inst, would say that I would have no objections to your doing as stated in your letter." As stated in the circulars, we must raise not less than $2500.00 in addition to what we raised the two former years to fully complete this work. Part of this is occasioned by the fact that we must pay to Clark & Thomas $1380.00 in addition to the contract of $3880.00 made with them. The $1380.00, is the cost of making the improvements on your land as called for by the contract between you and our association, exclusive of the cost of the filling done by Clark & Thomas. All that Clark & Thomas get out of the contract for all work done by them below Williamson street bridge, including all filling, and including the conveyance of a 50 foot strip of land on one side of the river out as far as the dock line, will be $1,000.00. So you see it has been a losing game for them even after we have paid $1380.00, which under the strict construction of the contract we would not perhaps have been required to pay.

I write to ask whether your company will not add $300.00 to the $200 suggested in your letter quoted above, making the total subscription $500.00? Of course we counted on the $200.00 last year, feeling that the work would be fully completed last year, and

that $300.00 went into our statement of the amounts subscribed last year. However, if you add an additional $300.00, the whole subscription would go together in one lump sum, so far as appearing in our reports.

The Hausmann company gave us $225.00 last year, and have pledged $200.00 more this year. I have paid or pledged in all for this improvement $660.00, and Frank Hoyt $700.00. Neither he nor I have one cent's worth of interest financially by the reason of ownership of any property along this river, but we are both exceedingly interested in having the improvement completed. And I know you gentlemen are also much interested, and want to see the work completed. Cannot you see your way , at this time, to help us to the extent of the amount suggested? I have left the place blank for the filling in of the amount for the extra subscription. Please put in such sums as you feel is just under all the circumstances, and return the postal to me, and very much oblige. It would be of assistance in the getting of other subscriptions, if you could give the matter prompt consideration.

Yours very truly,

(Enclosures).

Feb.14, 1905.

Hon. L. S. Hanks,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Mr. Hanks:

As I understand the matter, you act for the Lucius Fairchild estate, so far at least as their interest in the Monona Land Company is concerned, and it is with reference to this land company that I write you this letter.

This company owns, as I am informed, something like two miles of lake shore of Lake Monona, as finely situated land, if not the finest, that there is around the lake, and excepting the general contribution made by Mr. B. J. Stevens, toward the Yahara improvement, not a dollar has been subscribed or paid towards that improvement by any one interested in the lake shore owned by this company. Now I think any one will concede that the Yahara River improvement, resulting in the connection of lakes Mendota and Monona, will add materially to the value of this lake shore property. Moreover, we are now to make another improvement by connecting Lake Monona with Lake Wingra, thus adding a water way of some 3-1/8 miles in length between these two lakes, and giving all persons living on lake Monona rapid access to lake Wingra through this water way. It occurs to me that this company , as a company, ought, at this time, to do something toward the raising of this extra $5,000.00 needed by our association for its work this year.

L.S.H.....2.

It should be here remembered that this extra $5000.00 is to be used exclusively to complete the Yahara River improvement, and to assist in making possible the connection of lakes Monona and Wingra. That is, the whole amount will be expended in improvements in which the owners of the Monona Lake Land Company are interested.

I thought I would lay the matter before you, and see whether you could not , as representing the interests of Mrs. Fairchild, recommend that something be given by this company, at this time, towards this extra $5000.00.

Yours very truly,

J. Howell Olson

Feb. 14,1905

Frank M. Wootton, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dr. Mr. Wootton:-

I herewith return to you the contract which you and Mrs. Wootton kindly executed and a new form of contract containing a corrected description of the land, which I wish you would have executed at the early a date as you can and return to me, and very much oblige.

Regret very much that you were not feeling well yesterday. We adjourned until to-night at half past seven o'clock.

Yours truly,

J. Howell Olson

President.

(Dictated by O.)
(Typed by C.)

Feb. 14, 1905

John Dohm, Esq.,
1202 Mound St.,
City.

Dear Sir:-

You will find enclosed a postal card and two circular letters which explain themselves. In addition to these, I write you a personal letter, suggesting that the improvement in Henry Vilas Park, as we propose to make it, will very greatly improve the access which you will have to your building for ice purposes. You can see a plan of the proposed improvement at the City Hall. Wish you would step in and examine the same. You will observe from that that all of the bog out in front of your property, that is not converted into a park, will be cleaned out, and under the contract, there must be a depth of not less than eight feet of clear water. I thought, under the circumstances, you would be willing to help this year to the amount of $5.00 for the general work and $[illegible].00 for the extra work. You will see that we must raise an additional $1500 for the Henry Vilas Park improvement the present season, and I am making a special effort to get certain persons to help out in this matter.

Please sign the enclosed postal for such sum as you feel, under the circumstances, you can give. You will observe that some of us are making a good deal of a sacrifice this year in order to carry through the two proposed improvements.

(Dic. by B.)
(3 Enc.)

Yours truly,

[signature]

President.

Feb, 14, 1903

Deming Fitch, Esq.,
731 State St.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

You are familiar with what is proposed by the Henry Vilas Park improvement. The enclosed circulars and postal card explain themselves. I thought in addition, that I would write you a personal letter. We must raise this year an extra $1500 toward this improvement. This is in addition to the $30,000 now in sight for this work. In order to benefit especially the property lying along the creek between the main line of the Northwestern road and the bridge on the Fish Hatchery road, it will be necessary for us to excavate to a depth of some seven and one-half feet at the upper end of this strip. We propose to put in a lock either just above or just below the bridge on the Fish Hatchery road. By this method of doing the work, the water line below the Fish Hatchery road will be lowered some four feet. This will furnish ample drainage for the land along either side of Wingra Creek below this bridge on the Fish Hatchery road. I thought, under the circumstances, you would be willing to help toward this portion of the improvement to the extent, say, of $50.00, the amount inserted in the postal card. I wish you would consider the matter and help as much as you feel that you possibly can under the circumstances. You will observe from the circular that some of us are making a sacrifice this year in order to carry through these two improvements.

Very truly yours,

(Dict. by D.)

President.

Feb. 14, 1905

George P. Gifford, Esq.,
Proprietor Avenue Hotel,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Gifford,-

The enclosed circulars and postal card explain themselves. You are somewhat familiar with the nature of the work of our association. We must raise this year for our work $20,000, $15,000 for the regular work and $5,000 for the extra work. You likely have observed what has appeared in the papers of late of the two proposed new improvements. The full membership fee in our association is $25.00, and I would like to have you join us on that basis. I have not inserted anything in the blank for the extra $5,000 this year. I do not know your situation financially, and therefore am not able to judge what you could afford to do, and do not wish to suggest more than I feel is right under the circumstances. We would like first to have you join us as a member at $25.00. If, after that, you feel that you can insert anything more for the extra $5,000, of course we should be pleased to have you do so.

You will observe from the circular that some of us are making somewhat of a sacrifice this year in order to carry the improvements through.

(Dic. by O.)
(3 Enc.)

Very truly yours,

Jehiel Clark

President.

Feb. 14, 1905

Harker Bros.,

118 N. Hancock St.,

City.

Gentlemen :-

The enclosed circulars and postal card explain themselves. Under another cover, I send you a copy of our last annual report. You are familiar somewhat with the work that our association is doing in the city. We should be pleased if you could help the work this year to the amount suggested in the postal card.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

(S Enc.)

Johnell Olive

President.

Feb. 14, 1905

F. C. Elliot & Co.,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen :-

Enclosed find warrant for $18.50 to pay for postal cards. Please receipt and return to me the enclosed bill.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Johnell Olive

Feb. 14, 1905

Dr. Hobbins, Esq.,
423 N. Carroll St.,
City.

Dear Mr. Hobbins:-

The enclosed circulars and postal card explain themselves. I write in addition a personal letter. You will remember the talk we had one year ago about your doing something for our work. The year past without your helping us. Undoubtedly you had some good reason. But we need your help very badly. I trust that you can contribute the amount suggested on the postal card. Some of us, as you will observe, are sacrificing considerable this year in order to complete this Yahara river parkway and waterway. Moreover, you will not forget the addition that we have secured this year to Tenney Park. When that is improved, as it will be within a few years, it will make the part of the city where your property is about as desirable a portion as can be found for residence purposes. I trust that you can sign the postal card without change, and very much oblige.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)
(3 Encl.)

Feb.14, 1905.

Prof. Edward T. Owen,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Prof. Owen:

The enclosed postal card and circulars explain themselves. I have not filled in any amount for the extra work of the Association this year. I hope, however, that in some way you may feel like helping us some at this time, which I regard as rather a critical time in the history of the work of the Association. We shall not be able to raise this extra $5,000, absolutely needed for our work this year, unless we can get a large portion of it from comparatively few subscribers. The officers of our Association have pledged as you will observe, $1100 towards the $5000, not because we feel that is our fair share, for it is far in excess of that, but merely because we know, perhaps as no other equal number of persons do, the real needs of the Association, and have been willing to make something of a sacrifice at this time in order to help out. Could you not join us for this time?

Very sincerely yours,

John W. Ellis

Feb. 14, 1905.

Col. A. H. Hollister,
923 Cedar Avenue,
Long Beach, Cal.

My Dear Mr. Hollister:

The enclosed circular letters and postal card explain themselves. Under another cover I also send you two copies of the Madison Demo crat. These will show you what we have been doing of late, and what we are trying to do.

The night before the special meeting of the council, Senator Vilas asked about fifty of our citizens to his house, and the whole situation of our work was talked over. I think the meeting left a very good impression.

We are under the necessity this year of raising an extra $5,000 for our work, in order to complete fully the Yahara River improvement, and to do our part of the work necessary to secure Henry Vilas Park improvement. The only way in which we can raise this extra $5000 this year, is to get pretty liberal subscriptions from comparatively small number of persons, and then get what we can from the men who give usually from $5 to $10 each. You will observe that the officers of our association have pledged towards this $5,000, $1100 in addition to this, each one of our officers gives the regular $25.00 per year. Now we pledged this amount this year, not beduse we felt that this is our fair share,

for we know it is far in excess of it, but simply because we realize, as no other other equal number of men, the necessity of making something of a sacrifice in order to help our association over what may be termed the critical period. If we can raise this extra amount this year, and if these two improvements go through as they are now sure of the aid of the city, our work will then be in by far the best condition it has ever been in.

Under the circumstances I wish to suggest that you help us this year on this extra $5,000 to the amount of $100.00. I trust you will not take any offense at this suggestion. I know your great interest as well as liberality in this line of work. Few of our citizens have stood by it any better or as well as you, or have appreciated it as much as you.

A prompt answer will be very much appreciated.

I trust you are having a good rest and a royal good time. I, myself, am planning to get off the last of April, or the first of May, with Mrs. Olin, for a trip across the water for four months. I shall be exceedingly driven with this extra work, and my regular work in getting things ready to go.

We shall have, in a day or two, a zinc etching of both Henry Vilas Park and the Brittingham Park, and from these maps will be printed in our daily papers; and I will try and see that a copy of the same is forwarded to you.

Very truly yours,

Feb. 14, 1905

Mr. Albert Kelsey,

931 Chestnut St.,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Feb. 10th received and contents noted.

We should like very much to make some arrangement by which you could be at the annual meeting of our association, but our association is maintained wholly by private subscriptions, as I wrote you before. The meeting is one at which we could make no charge whatever for admission. It would not be a large meeting. You could count on any number from one hundred up to two hundred persons being present, not less than the smaller number and not apt to be larger than the greater number. But the number would include all of those more especially interested in this line of work, and would constitute an intelligent and appreciative audience. We thought, perhaps, that if you were going to be in this section of the country, we might make some arrangement with you for stopping off here and giving an address at our meeting, and we should hope that the address, if given, might be published as a part of the proceedings of the meeting, and thereby given not only circulation among our citizens here, but wherever the report might be sent.

Could you not put your meeting here on a little different plane than is usual with you? We should appreciate it very much if you felt able to do so. Of course, we have no claim on you to donate your services to us, but we have to be very careful as to how we expend money raised by contributions running down as low as $3.00. As illustrating

this feeling, I will state that so far I have never charged up against the association a cent for personal expenses, although I presume I have made as many as from fifteen to twenty special trips to Chicago at different times during the last ten years to meet different officers of the railway companies to consider certain branches of our work.

Would you be willing, everything considered, to give an address or talk on condition that we meet your expenses, these expenses, however, not to exceed $50.00? Please let me hear from you at once, since if we cannot secure you for the evening, we must plan for other speakers along the line heretofore pursued by us.

Very truly yours,

President.

(Dict. by D.)

Feb. 15, 1905

[illegible] Engraving Co.,

[illegible] South Canal St.,

Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:-

The etchings for Henry Vilas Park and park in lake Monona bay received. The work seems to be very well done. Please made out a bill against the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association and send same to me and I will see that it is paid for at once.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

Lowell Olin,

President.

Feb. 15, 1905

J. H. Palmer, Esq.,

City.

My Dear Sir:-

Yours of Feb. 14th received, enclosing check for $100, made payable to my order, to help complete the Yahara river improvement. I want, on behalf of the association to tahnk you very much for this generous contribution. It is doubly appreciated, coming as it does unsolicited.

I will hold the check until Mr. Hoyt's return and will then endorse it over to him.

Yours truly,

Johnell Olin.

President.

(Dic. by O.)

Feb. 16, 1905

Hobart Johnson & Bros.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

The enclosed postal card and circulars explain themselves.

Your Mr. Hobart Johnson was present at the meeting at Senator Wilas' house, and understand the situation as to our work the present season. In addition to the circulars, I thought I would write you a personal letter. You will observe by one of the enclosed circulars that the officers of our association have pledged $1100 toward raising the extra $5,000 absolutely needed for the work this year. Now we have done this, not because we thought this our fair share, but merely because we knew perhaps better than any other equal number of men the situation of the work and the need of sacrificing something in order to carry the work over what we regard as rather a critical period in its history. It has occurred to me that all of your interests might be willing to put down $200 for this extra work the present season, in addition to the subscription for the general work. You will remember that last year you dropped out from any subscription for the general work. I had a talk about the matter with your Mr. Hobart Johnson. I trust that you will come back this year the same as you subscribed the year before last, that is $50 to represent all of your interests, including that of your mother. I have inserted that amount in the blank left in the postal card but have inserted no amount in the blank for the extra work.

With the $200 pledged this year, this makes in all $650 for the Yakima river improvement that I have subscribed. Frank Hoyt will have

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paid $700. Neither of us have any other interest in this improvement than that of citizens interested in the welfare of the city.

It will be very much appreciated by me, as well as by all of the officers of our association, at this time, if you can help us with the amount suggested. Of course, it is a matter that must be left entirely to you to do as you feel that you can afford under all of the circumstances. Will you be so kind as to insert the amount that you are willing to give and return the postal card to me, and much oblige?

Yours truly,

Johnwell Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.V.
(3 Enc.)

Feb. 16, 1905

Charles Nelson, Esq.,
Town of Madison,
City.

Dear Mr. Nelson:-

You undoubtedly have seen what has appeared of late in the papers concerning the completion of the Henry Vilas Park improvement as well as the securing of Brittingham Park in Monona bay. It has taken an immense amount of work on the part of a few to get these matters up to this point.

It is necessary for us to raise for our work this year an extra $5,000, as is explained in the enclosed circulars. Not less than $1000 of this amount must be used toward the Henry Vilas Park improvement. It has occurred to me, in view of the fact that there has been an additional $30,000 pledged toward the work of this improvement this year, including the $15,000 from the city, that you would be willing to help toward raising the necessary $1500 this year, to the amount of not less than $100. I feel that you can afford to do this by reason of the benefit of the improvement to your property that fronts the park. Of course, I remember that you put down last year $200, and this extra $100 would make your contribution $300.

I trust also that you will come in for the general work of our association to the amount of $25.00. Don't you feel that you can do as here suggested, even if you put the matter on the ground solely of a business investment? Our plan, as you know, is to get a drive connecting the Mineral Point road with the drive going across the Waters'

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property. We shall not get that this year, but I am sure it will now come in the near future, and with it will also come a drive around the whole of lake Wingra.

Will you please sign the enclosed postal and return same to me at as early a date as possible, and very much oblige?

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)
(3 Enc.)

President.

Feb. 16, 1905

Sinsika Bros.,
715 W. Main,
City.

Gentlemen:-

The enclosed postal card and circulars explain themselves. You undoubtedly are aware that it is now proposed to make a park in the bay of lake Monona, which is near your place of residence, as I understand, and business. In order to carry through this improvement and the Henry Vilas Park improvement, we must raise not less than $5,000, which, together with the $5,000 we must raise for the general work of the association, makes $10,000. It has occurred to quite a large committee of the association that you would be willing to contribute to the amount of $5.00 for the general work and to the amount of $25.00 for the extra work. In order to carry this bay improvement and the Henry Vilas Park improvement through, and get the appropriation of some $19,500 from the city, it became necessary for our association to pledge the sum of $5,000 to be raised this year and in the year 1906 and 1907 for these improvements. We must raise this year of this amount $1500, and you may consider that your $25.00 goes toward this $1500. You have not been with our work heretofore, but I trust that you will come in now. In order that you may understand a little better what we are trying to do, I send you, under another cover, a copy of our last annual report. Should be pleased to have you look the same through.

Hope you can sign the postal card and return the same to me promptly, and much oblige,

Yours truly, John M. Olin
President.

(Dic. by O.)
(3 Enc.)

Feb. 16, 1905

Yawkey-Crowley Lumber Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

The enclosed circulars and postal card explain themselves. The work of our association is sustained wholly by private subscriptions. That you may understand how generally the people subscribe, I enclose, under another cover, a copy of our last annual report. This does not include the subscriptions for last year. These will appear in the report published about the 1st of May. Your predecessor, Mr. Kayser, has always been a liberal contributor to our work. We have a full membership fee of $25.00 for the general work of the association. We wish your company would come in on that list. Then we wish that your company would feel like giving $25.00 toward the extra amount that we must raise this year of $5,000. These amounts I have inserted in the enclosed postal card and hope that you may feel like signing the same and return same to me, and very much oblige.

Very truly yours,

(Dict. by O.)

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President.

Feb. 16, 1905

H. Ratcliff, Esq.,

City.

Dear Mr. Ratcliff:-

I write you a personal letter in addition to the enclosed circulars. In order to make possible the two improvements, the Henry Vilas Park improvement and the Monona bay improvement, it became necessary for our association to pledge toward the Henry Vilas Park improvement the sum of $5,000, which, with the $10,000 contributed by Mr. Vilas and the $15,000 from the city, makes a fund of $30,000. Now it is necessary for us to raise this year of this $5,000 pledged not less than $1500, besides an extra $3500 for the Yahara river improvement. We have put these two matters together, making the $5,000. It has occurred to me that your interests (just how many persons are interested, I do not know, in the Back Bay improvement) would be willing to contribute toward this extra $5,000 this year the sum of $100. If you have not already seen the maps showing the design of the two parks, I wish you would take the trouble to step into the city hall, council chamber, where you will find copies of each of the maps. You will observe also how near to your property will come the driveway, waterway and speedway as it is now planned.

I trust you may feel, after considering the matter, like helping us out to the extent above indicated. I put it on the ground of an investment, for I am sure when these two improvements are made, your property will be very largely increased in value. You will, in a way, be lying right between the two improvements.

feel like signing the postal card as sug-
-ested and return the same to me promptly, I am.

Very truly yours,

President.

(Dic. by O.)
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Feb. 16, 1905.

George P. Gifford, Esq.,
City.

My Dear Mr. Gifford:- Please accept my thanks for your generous con-
tribution to the work of our association and also for your very kind
letter.

I am glad to say that I hear very good reports as to your hotel.
I wish you the best of success.

Yours truly,

President.

(Dic. by O.)

Feb. 16, 1904

Jackson Reuter, Esq.,

City.

Dear Mr. Reuter:-

I write you a personal letter in addition to the enclosed circulars. I meant to have a talk with you before the meeting the other evening, but it was not convenient to do so. You will observe by the circulars that some of us are making something of a sacrifice this year in order to bridge over what we consider rather a critical period in the work of our association. It has occurred to me that you might strain a point, perhaps, this year, and give toward the extra $2,000, in addition to your regular $10.00, the sum of $50.00. I have left this amount blank in the postal card I send you, hoping, however, that you may feel like filling it in at that sum. You will readily see that some of the officers have been contributing much more than their fair share, and they do it this year simply because they feel that it is necessary to make something of a sacrifice in order to carry the work through.

Thanking you for your liberal contributions heretofore, and for your contribution of time as well, I am.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

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Johnson.

President.

Feb. 16, 1905

Wayne Ramsay, Esq.,

City.

Dear Mr. Ramsay:-

The enclosed postal card and circulars explain themselves. I wish in addition to write you a personal letter, instead of troubling you by a personal call.

Thus far, according to our records, you have not contributed toward the Yahara river improvement. We have already expended on that improvement something like $27,000, and it is necessary to spend another $3500 in order to fully complete it. By reason of this fact and the carrying out of the two improvements of Henry Vilas Park and Brittingham Park, it became absolutely necessary for our association, this year, to raise an extra $5,000 for our work.

The Monona Land Company, if I am rightly informed as to the name, owns something like two miles of very fine lake shore on lake Monona. I feel that the connecting of the two lakes Monona and Mendota, will be of decided benefit to this property. Moreover, we are now proposing to connect lake Monona and lake Wingra by a waterway of about two and one-fifth miles in length. This, I feel, will also be of decided benefit to the same property. Now, up to the present time, none of the parties interested in the Monona Land Company has contributed anything toward the Yahara river improvement, except the contribution of Mr. B. J. Stevens of $500 two years ago.

Now I realize that you have been during the last year put to large expense by reason of sickness and have had lots of trouble, and I do not

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wish now to unnecessarily trouble or annoy you. I feel, however, that it would be but just, from a business standpoint, for you, at this time, to help some in raising this much needed $5,000. Looking at the matter as a purely business investment, you certainly will concede that these two improvements will add very much more in dollars and cents to the value of your interests in this property than any sum of money we ask you to contribute. I would like to have you at this time help us on this extra work to the amount of $100.00. In some way, I feel that after fully considering the matter, you would not wish, under all the circumstances, not to do something toward this large expenditure. With the amount I have pledged this year, it makes $660 that I have given. Frank W. Hoyt has given in all $700, Magnus Swenson has given $1200, etc. Now these parties have no interest whatever in this improvement other than the general interest of a citizen in the welfare of Madison.

Hoping that you may feel like helping us to the amount suggested, and that you can fill in that sum in the postal card, I am.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

(3 Enc.)

President.

Feb. 16, 1905.

Capt. W. A. Thompson,

La Crosse, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Feb. 15th just received and contents noted.

I have been intending to write out the contract and will do so some time this week so as to have it submitted to the directors of our association at a meeting that I now expect to have held on Saturday, of this week. If not held on Saturday, it will undoubtedly be held on Monday evening. After they have approved of the contract in form, I will at once send it to you for your inspection and the signature of your company.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

J. [illegible]

President.

Feb. 17, 1905

J. Kind Engraving Co.,

195-207 Canal St.,

Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:- Enclosed please find warrant for $5.10 to pay for your bill for making two line engravings of diagrams. Will you be so kind as to receipt the enclosed bill and return the same to me, and much oblige?

The enclosed warrant will be cashed the same as a draft. We pay all our bills in this way.

Yours truly. [illegible]

President

Feb. 17, 1905

N. J. Johnson, Esq.,

1119 E. Johnson St.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Now that the weather has moderated, I trust that you will do everything in your power to push the matter of dredging the river, including the outlet into the lake, as rapidly as possible. You had better also examine the height of the water in lake Mendota and see whether or not the running of the water out of the lake ought not to be checked somewhat so as to afford sufficient depth of water to enable you to get the dredge up beyond the dam. We must get this dredging all done along this river not later certainly than the 1st of May.

Yours truly,

John W. Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

Feb. 17, 1905

Prof. John G. D. Mack,

City.

My Dear Sir:-

Yours of Feb. 15 received, enclosing check for $10.00. Please accept thanks for same.

I note what you say about the map of the four lakes. I would like very much if that could be gotten in shale so that we could have the benefit of having it published in our annual report. You will have observed, perhaps, in the papers, that we have secured sinc etchings of the proposed Henry Vilas Park and also Brittingham Park, and we propose to put these into the annual report. A good map of the four lakes such as you got up, would, I feel, be of great aid in ultomately securing a waterway clear through to Stoughton, and perhaps to Janesville. We should be entirely willing to pay you for your trouble in connection with the map. You certainly can make out a bill equal to the check you sent, and we should be pleased to equal your subscription in that way.

Yours truly,

[redacted]

President

(Dec. by C.)

Feb. 17, 1905.

Simon Bros.,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

The enclosed postal card and circulars explain themselves. I write further a personal letter, thinking that your interests under the above name would be willing, at this time, to come in under the $25.00 list for the general work of the association. We are trying to make good this list and, if possible, increase the number somewhat. You will observe that some of us are making something of a sacrifice this year in order to raise the extra $5,000 needed for our work, and that the officers of the association have alone subscribed $1100 toward this work, besides each contributing $25.00 for the general work. Now we do this not because we feel that this is our fair share, but simply because we feel it necessary, at this time, to make these subscriptions in order to help the association over rather a critical time in the history of its work. I trust you may be able to sign the postal card, giving us $25.00 for the general work and $10.00 for the extra work.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

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President.

Feb. 17, 1905

Hon. A. M. Stondall,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

The enclosed postal card and circular letters explain themselves. You will observe that we must raise this year for extra work not less than $5,000. We must get this amount from a comparatively small number of the entire membership of the association. You will observe that the officers have subscribed alone $1100 toward this extra $5,000, besides each contributing $25.00 toward the general work. We do this, not because we feel it is our fair share, but merely to help the association over what may be regarded as a critical period in the history of its work. I thought that perhaps, under the circumstances, you might be willing to help to the amount of $50 toward this extra $5,000. Please sign and return the postal card for such sum as you feel, under all the circumstances, you can give at this time.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

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John W. Olin

President.

Feb. 18, 1905.

George L. Storer, Esq.,

City.

Dear Mr. Storer:-

The enclosed postal card and circular letters explain themselves. You will observe that we must raise this year an extra $5,000 to complete the Yahara river improvement and to do the work toward securing the waterway beteen lakes Monona and Wingra. You will observe further that some of have been making something of a sacrifice in order to help the association over what may be considered somewhat of a critical period in the history of its work. The officers of the association alone have pledged $1100 toward this extra $5,000, not because we feel that this is our fair share, but because we feel it necessary at this time to do it. It has occurred to me that you would be willing, at this time, to help on this extra $5,000 to the amount of $50.00. We must, of necessity, get this extra $5,000 from a comparatively small number of the total membership of our association, for in a great majority of cases the regular subscription is about all that the subscribers can afford to pay. Hoping that you may feel able to help in the amount suggested, and thanking you for your generous aid to the work of the association in the past, I am.

Very truly yours,

(Dict. by O.)

(3 Enc.)

President.

Feb. 17, 1905

Hon. George C. Sayle,

City.

My Dear Sir:-

The enclosed postal card and circulars explain themselves. I write this personal letter to explain a little further the situation. As you will see, it is going to take something like $1,000 to fix up the mouth or outlet of the river. We intend to see every party who owns a boat or launch on the lakes and ask him to make a special contribution this year for this branch of the work. In case of those who have already been members with us, we have thought it best to ask them to make such additional subscription as they thought they could as a part of their general subscription, and thus not call on them twice. You gave us last year, $5.00 for the general work and $15.00 on the river. I thought perhaps you might be willing to strain a point this year and make your contribution $25.00 for the extra work. You will observe that the officers of the association have pledged $1100 toward the $5,000, not because they feel that this is their fair share, but because they feel it is necessary to help the association at this time over what may be considered a critical period in the history of its work. Please sign the enclosed postal for such an amount as you feel you can give and return same to me, and very much oblige.

Yours truly,

J. Howell Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

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Feb. 17, 1905.

Louis Sumner, Esq.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

The enclosed postal card and circulars explain themselves. You will see that we must raise for our work this year an extra $5,000. Part of this is occasioned by reason of the carrying through of the Henry Vilas Park improvement and the Brittingham Park improvement. This latter improvement, as well as the former, will, we feel, very much benefit property located near either of the parks. I understand you own some property near what will be Brittingham Park. Under the circumstances, the committee feel that you might be willing to pay this year $15.00 toward the necessary $5,000, and that you might be willing to pay $10.00 toward the general work. Most of those owning automobiles last year contributed $25.00 each. I shall send a separate postal card to your father, suggesting that he give $5.00 toward the general work and $5.00 toward the extra work. Will you be so kind as to consider the matter and make such subscription as you feel, under all the circumstances, would be just? You will observe that the officers of the association have pledged $1100 toward the extra $5,000 in addition to $25 00 for each on the general work. We do this, not because we feel it is our fair share, but merely because we feel the necessity of making something of a sacrifice at this time in order to bridge over what may be considered a critical period in the history of the work of the association.

(Dic. by O.)

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Yours truly,

President.

Feb. 17, 1905.

Henry Schroeder, Esq.,

Town of Blooming Grove,

City.

Dear Sir:-

The enclosed postal card and circular letters explain themselves. You will observe that we are now planning to connect the lake you are on with lake Wingra by a waterway some two and one-half miles in length, and that it is necessary for us to raise this year to complete the Yahara river improvement and the Henry Vilas Park improvement an extra $5,000. You have always given toward the general work of the association $5.00 a year. It was thought by a large committee the other evening that if you were written to about the matter you would be willing to subscribe $25.00 toward the extra $5,000 that we must raise this year. I have inserted these amounts respectively on the enclosed postal card. I trust that you may feel like helping us in the amounts named. Some of us, in order to help out at this time, are making something of a sacrifice, the directors alone contributing $1100 toward the needed extra $5,000, not because we feel it our fair share, but simply because we feel it necessary at this time to help the association over what may be considered a critical point in the history of its work.

Very truly yours,

(Dict. by O.)

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President.

Feb. 18, 1905.

A. E. Small, Esq.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

The enclosed postal card and circular letters explain themselves. I write in addition a personal letter in order to call your attention to one feature of the work. It will cost something like $1,000 to put the mouth of the Yahara river in shape for use by boats and launches, and we must raise in all not less than $5,000 extra this year to complete the Yahara river improvement and to help out to the amount of about $1500 the other waterway between lakes Monona and Wingra. We are making a special appeal to all those who own launches. Where they are not already contributors to our association, they will be will be seen especially to make a special contribution to assist in doing the work at the mouth of the river. At a meeting of a large committee the other evening, it was suggested that you might perhaps feel this year like helping toward the extra amount of $5,000 needed, in the sum of $15.00, and I have included that amount in the postal card. I hope very much that you may feel like helping to that extent. Please sign the card for such sum as you feel you can contribute and return same to me, and very much oblige.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(3 Enc.)

President.

Feb. 18, 1905

A. O. Fox, Esq.,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Fox:- Enclosed I send you redraft of subscription blank for special subscription by boat men.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by (.)
(Enc.)

President.

Feb. 18, 1905

Prof. W. A. Henry,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Henry:-

Please accept thanks for your check for $50.00 [illegible] of the association this year. I know that you always give your full share toward this work, and always do it very willingly.

Again thanking you, I am.

Very truly yours,

Dic. by O.)

President.

Feb. 20, 1905.

J. F. Icke, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed I hand you form of proposed contract between the La Crosse Dredging Company and the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. This form has been approved by our directors and has been forwarded to La Crosse to be signed by the officers of the company there.

It was a part of the resolution adopted by our directoes, however, that before the contract was delivered, the measurements establishing the datum plane in each case, and all measurements recited in the proposed contract with reference to this datum plane, should be verified by you as engineer of the city. We felt that inasmuch as the city had appropriated a large sum of money for these two improvements, this verification should be made by its engineer.

Will you take up the matter with the enginaers who did the surveying and do whatever is necessary to fully satisfy yourself as to whether the figures or measurements stated in the proposed contract are as they should be to secure the filling of the two proposed parks to the necessary or desired height? I think the measurements are all just as they have been given to us by the engineers, but this is a matter I think of such importance that it ought to be verified by the officer of the city who is asked, among others, to approve the form of the contract.

I trust that you may be able to do this promptly, since the people at La Crosse desire to have the contract executed at as early a date as possible.

Yours truly,

Feb. 20, 1905

Capt. W. A. Thomspon,

La Crosse, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

Enclosed I hand you two copies of proposed contract between the La Crosse Dredging Company and the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. I think it follows very closely the written proposition made, and hope it is acceptable in form.

It has been approved of in form by our directors. We are required, however, before the contract is delivered, to have the city engineer verify the measurements made, establishing the datum plane. I will have this done by the engineer in connection with the two young men who did the actual surveying. Will you be so kind as to have both copies of the proposed contract signed and then return both to me, when Mr. Brown and I will sign them and then have both copies approved by the officers of the city, as required by the resolution adopted,

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

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President.

Feb 20, 1905

Thomas E. Hill, Esq.,
350 Dearborn St.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

A letter of yours under date of Feb. 2, addressed to "Superintendent, Capitol Park", was handed to me.

Under another cover, I send you copies of each of the three last annual reports of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association, and also a copy of an earlier report showing the law under which we are organized and our constitution and by-laws.

You will observe the cuts in the three reports. These are all from photographs taken by our secretary, Charles N. Brown. He has also a large number of other photographs. I will turn the letter you wrote over to him, stating that I have answered it and suggesting that you write directly to him as to the photographs. You might be able to tell from an examination of the cuts what, if any, of these photographs you would best like to have.

I would like to have you look through with some little care the reports I send you, for I think our association is somewhat unique.

I will try and remember to have a copy of our report for this year, which will be out about the 1st of May, sent to you.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Feb. 20, 1905

George Curtis, Jr.,

City.

My Dear Sir:- Yours of the 18th received, enclosing check for $20.00 for the work of our association this year, just double what we asked you to give. This I regard as very generous on your part and the contribution is much appreciated.

(Dic. by O.)

Yours truly,

Johnnell Olin

President.

Feb. 20, 1905.

Prof. George Wagner,

15 W. Gorham St.,

City.

My Dear Sir:- Please accept thanks for your generous contribution of $10.00 for the work of the association. The check will be turned over to Mr. Hoyt.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

Johnnell Olin

President.

Feb. 20,1905.

Hon. L. S. Hanks,

Madison, Wis

Dear Mr. Hanks,

Yours received, enclosing check for $125.00, subscription for work of the association the present year. Please accept thanks for your generous contribution. I have endorsed the check over to Frank W. Hoyt, but the same will not be presented for payment until some time later.

(Dic. by O.)

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

Feb. 20, 1905

Theo [illegible] Furth, Esq.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Feb. 18th received and contents noted.

Certainly, I will see that your subscription postal card is cut down, as you request, to $5.00 on the Yahara river improvement, leaving [illegible] at $10.00. Am pleased that you called my attention to the matter.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

Feb. 21, 1905

Mr. F. S. Giddings,
952 E. Gorham,
City.

My Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 15th was duly received.

While I regret that you do not feel you can afford, at this time, to aid in raising the extra $5,000, I am not at all unmindful of the fact that you have, from all I know, always been a very generous giver to all worthy objects, and I know from what you say in your letter that you have the best of reasons for not doing any more than you state you can do at this time.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by C.)

Feb. 23, 1905

Brown Bros.,
Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed please find warrant for $3.00 in payment of your bill under date of Feb. 20. The bill, however, is not properly made out. Please make out a bill against the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association, Henry Vilas Park improvement, and receipt same and return same to me and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

(Warrant)

President.

Feb. 20, 1905.

Herman Pfund, Atty.,
City.

My Dear Mr. Pfund:-

I received your postal, in the form of a letter, addressed to Mr. Hoyt, declining to give toward the work of the association any additional amount this season. I write this letter, not at all because of your declining to subscribe, but merely because I think you do not put your declination upon the right ground.

1. As to your special subscription to the Henry Vilas Park improvement, I regard that purely and simply from the standpoint of an investment. I think you will agree with me, that the lots which you hold and on account of which you made that subscription, have already been increased in value more than three times the amount subscribed by you, and that by the time the improvement is completed under the contract about to be entered into with the Dredging Company, the value of your lots will be at least double what they were at the time you made the subscription. I think this is a very conservative statement. Hence, I regard your subscription, as well as that of all others in Wingra Park toward this improvement last year, in the nature of an investment, and so far as I was concerned, this subscription was put wholly on that ground at that time.

2. In order to make complete that improvement, and within a time much earlier than was contemplated at the time you made your subscription, it was necessary to secure large aid both from the city and from individuals. The city has pledged $15,000, Senator Vilas $10,000, and

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our association was compelled to pledge an additional $5,000, making in all $20,000. Of this $5,000, we must raise this year not less than $1500. In other words, of the extra $5,000 to be raised this year, $1500 must go on the Henry Vilas Park improvement. I am giving toward that $1500, a little over $60.00 the present year, the balance of my $200 subscription going on the Yahara river improvement. Other subscriptions are made on the same basis. That is, parties who do not own any land in Wingra Park are straining a point to raise the necessary funds to meet the conditions imposed upon the association by the city in order to secure this improvement, and the same thing must be done by our association for the two succeeding years; that is, we must raise $3500 in the two years 1906 and 1907.

Now, I have written the above, not at all because of your declining to subscribe. That is a matter that must be left with each individual to do just as he pleases. But I wanted you to look at the matter from a little different standpoint.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by C.)

J. Jewell Clise

President.

Feb. 20, 1905

Pr. F. C. Sharp,
27 Mendota Court,
City.

My Dear Mr. Sharp:- It was not necessary for you to take the trouble to write me to assure me that you always do your full share toward any matter of public interest. I recognize the fact that there are reasons which not only make it proper, but necessary, to decline to give for certain things at certain times.

(Dic. by O.)

Yours truly,
President.

Feb. 21, 1905

Prof. R. G. Munro,
City.

Dear Mr. Munro:- The $5.00 subscription on the extra $5,000 will fall due June 1. The other subscription of $10.00 falls due, one-half April 15, and the other one-half August 1. Our treasurer, Mr. Hoyt, will send out notices.

Thanking you on behalf of the association for the subscription, I am.

(Dic. by O.)

Very truly yours
President.

Feb. 22, 1905.

Charles Allyn, Esq.,
Care Fuller & Johnson Mfg. Co.,
City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 21st received, enclosing check for $15.00 on subscriptions, which I have turned over to Frank W. Hoyt. Please accept thanks for same.

(Dic. by C.)

Yours truly,

President.

Mr. F. W. Oakley,
City.

Feb. 23, 1905

Dear Mr. Oakley:-

I want to thank you personally for your generous subscription for the work of the association this year, and especially for the hearty way in which you make it. It is the appreciation of men like yourself of the work that is being done that has encouraged me to continue in it as long as I have.

(Dic. by C.)

Very truly yours,

President.

Feb. 23, 1905

George L. Storer, Esq.,

City.

My Dear Sir:-

Yours of Feb. 22nd received, and contents noted.

Your subscription of $10.00 for the general work of the association and $25.00 for the extra work is entirely satisfactory. The amount that any one gives is a matter that must be left entirely with him. Because he contributed less than the amount suggested, it must not be inferred for a moment that the contribution actually given is not all that it should be. We, in sending out the postal cards, try and do the best we can. In some cases we get the amounts too high; in other cases, we find that people raised the amounts asked. For example, this morning I received a postal card in which the party gives $200 when we only asked him to contribute $50.00. In other cases, of course, the amounts are cut down. So far as I am concerned, I wish to conduct this work in such a manner that no one will feel that he must give more than he feels he can reasonably afford.

It is unnecessary for me to send you any other postal card. I will keep your letter as evidence of your subscription.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

Harold Clark.

President.

Feb. 23, 1905

Charles Bernard, Esq.,
[illegible] E. Gorham St.,
City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Feb. 21st received and contents noted.

There is no probability that the city bridge will be changed at
on es. I trust that some time in the future, some liberal patron of the
city will donate from four to six thousand dollars for the purpose of
having the upper portion of the structure of this bridge torn out and
another bridge put in properly.

I take it from your letter that you do not intend to make use of
the waterway connecting the two lakes with any of your boats or launches,
If this be so, I do not care to urge you to contribute anything toward
the extra amount necessary to complete the Yahara river improvement. But
if you are intending to use the waterway for the use of any of your
boats or launches, then I should expect certainly that you would do
all that was asked in the postal card toward the completing of this work.

But, as stated above, I take it from your letter that you do not
intend to have any of your boats or launches pass through the lock.

Very truly yours,

(Dict. b W.O.)

President.

Feb. 28, 1905.

George M. Joachim, Esq.,
368 W. Wilson,
City.

Dear Mr. Joachim:-

I see you have added $5.00 to the amount we asked of you for the work of our association this year. I think it very liberal of you and appreciate the subscription, but I thought in making out the list we ought not to ask it of you.

(Dic. by O.)

Yours truly,
President.

Feb. 23, 1905

Prof. S. M. Babcock,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Feb. 22 received, enclosing check for $15.00 for work of the association. Please accept thanks for same. I will see that the same is turned over to Mr. Hoyt.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by D.)

President.

Hon. P. L. Spooner,

Feb. 23,1905

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Spooner:-

I want to personally thank you very much for your very generous contribution toward the work of the association this year, giving us $150 more than asked for. Such surprises are not very common, although we have had a number in smaller amounts.

Again thanking you, I am.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs. W O.)

President.

Feb. 24, 1905

John T. King, Esq.,

Prest. Dane County Agricultural Society,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. King:-

I have redrawn the proposed agreement between our association and your society, along lines that I think are fair and just between the parties. You know my position from the talk I had over the phone yesterday. Your society does not desire to cast upon our association the burden of permanently draining and maintaining drains for all the adjoining marsh. So long as your society has the right to cross the strip of land that it is to convey at any place it sees fit, and lay drains and maintain same for drainage purposes, that, it seems to me, is all that should be asked. I return herewith your proposed agreements. I should like to hear from you promptly.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(4 Enc.)

President.

Feb. 24, 1905

Walter M. Smith, Librarian,
University of Wisconsin,
City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Feb. 29 was duly received, and contents noted.

I never want any one to subscribe to the work of our association when to do so would be a hardship to him or unjust to him in any way. Hence, do not think I write this letter because you did not make a subscription.

I would, however, like to have the people owning property in Wingra Park understand just the situation of things. I regard the subscription made last year by the people owning property there in the nature of an investment. I do not think I over-estimate when I say that already the property located there has been increased in value as much or more than the subscriptions made in any particular case or cases, and when the improvement, now contemplated is completed, such property will be at least doubled in value.

But to secure the $15,000 aid from the city this year on that one improvement, it became necessary for our association to pledge $5,000 additional. Now we must raise of this $5,000 not less than $1500 the present year. This constitutes a part of the extra $5,000 to be raised. I am giving this year toward this $1500 for the Henry Vilas Park something like $60.00 out of my $200 subscription, although I do not own a foot of property in that section of the city. The same is true of all people who are contributing this year toward raising the extra $5,000.

Of course, we are also contributing our regular subscription to the general work of the association.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

Russell Sage

President.

Feb. 24, 1905

Albert Kelsey, Architect,
931 Chestnut St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My Dear Sir:-

Yours of Feb. 17 received and contents noted.

While our association would like exceedingly to have you appear at its annual meeting, and deliver an address, I do not feel, under the circumstances, that we can meet the requirements of your letter of Feb. 17 of guaranteeing $100. I had hoped that perhaps you might be coming this way and we could make some arrangement that would at least not leave you out of pocket.

Trusting that some time in the future we may be able to arrange for a lecture from you, and regretting our inability to do so at this time, I am,

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

Feb. 24, 1905.

Charles F. Lamb, Esq.,
City.

Dear Mr. Lamb:-

I have redrawn the proposed substitute to bill No. 633 and enclose a copy thereof herewith.

You will observe that as redrawn the power to condemn, under this act, is limited to lands outside the city limits. I do not think this law ought to seek to take away or modify the power which cities now have to secure parks within the city limits. As now drawn, the bill could in no way affect your interests. I hope that all parties interested may agree upon the proposed substitute.

Yours truly,

(Sec. by C.)
(Encl.)

President.

Feb. 24, 1905

Senator Hudnall,
Senate Chamber,
City.

Dear Mr. Hudnall:-

I enclose herewith draft of a proposed substitute of Senate Bill No. 63 S. It is in the form, substantially, of a bill as drawn by Mr. Charles F. Lamb. I redrew the one he prepared, modifying it somewhat, and have sent to him a copy of the proposed substitute enclosed herewith.

You will observe that as the bill is redrawn it gives to the city, instead of to our association, the power to condemn, and confines the bill in this respect to the condemnation of land outside city limits.

As drawn, I think it removes all of the various objections which have been raised, and at the same time gives power to do what we find absolutely necessary should be done in certain cases.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)
(Enc.)

Feb. 25, 1905

Capt. W. A. Thompson,

La Crosse, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

Yours of Feb. 24 received, containing the contract with some modifications suggested.

I shall have the first page rewritten, and will incorporate therein the suggestions substantially as made by you.

It is all right and much better that the contract should be left perfectly plain, no matter whether the work is done under my supervision or that of some other person. It was perfectly right, of course, for you to make the suggestions.

I think we shall get the contract back to you within three or four days. I hope to do so by Tuesday, of nest week.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

Feb. 25, 1905

Capt. W. A. Thompson,

La Crosse, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

Upon reflection, I have decided to return to you the two copies of proposed contract with the first page rewritten. It does not seem to me that it is necessary to change the second page. One copy is left a little indictinct, and if you think it is necessary you can rewrite over that portion of the words in ink. If the contract be in a form that you approve of, will you be so kind as to sign both copies and return same to me, and then we will execute them here and have city approve of same and get one copy back to you? This method will save time, I think.

I have just come from rather an interesting meeting. A bill was introduced in the legislature, requiring the town of Madison and the railway companies to raise bridges over Wingra Creek. The town objected and called a meeting of the taxpayers, which was held this afternoon. I think there must have been from one hundred to one hundred and fifty present. Many of them were strongly opposed at the outset. I was called upon to make a statement, and the meeting ended in passing, by unanimous vote, a resolution favoring the passage of the bill. So that is another difficulty out of the way.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

(2 Enc.)

J. Russell Clark

President.

Sept. 25, 1905

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

Dear Mr. Earling:

I had expected to hear from you by this time as to the bill introduced in the legislature for raising bridges. Could you not drop me a line concerning that matter?

The town of Madison, which is required by the bill to raise three of its highway bridges, called a meeting for this afternoon for the purpose of opposing the bill. I appeared before the meeting and made a statement as to the propposed improvement, and the meeting ended in passing a resolution by unanimous vote, favoring the passage of the bill.

I would like very much if your road could drop me a line, suggesting at least that you have no opposition to the passage of the bill.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

Stewell Allen
President.

Feb. 25, 1905

Mr. W. A. Gardner,
Genl. Mngr. C. & N. W. Ry. Co.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Gardner:

I had expected to get a line before this either from you or from Mr. Hughitt, to the effect that your road had no opposition to the bill requiring the raising of your bridges over Winnebago Creek, a copy of which I sent you some time since.

The town of Madison, as you will see by the bill, is required to raise three of its highway bridges. The town had a meeting this afternoon, called for the purpose of opposing the bill, and attended by almost every tax-payer of the town. I made a statement of the proposed improvement and the meeting ended in a resolution being adopted unanimously favoring the passage of the bill.

Now I would like to get a similar statement from both your road and the St. Paul road.

Yours truly,

(Enc. by C.)

Lucius Allen
President.

Feb. 27, 1905

Mr. N. J. Johnson,

1119 E. Johnson St.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I rode out to the Sherman Avenue bridge yesterday. I think you have thrown out along opposite the Hausmann buildings rather more dirt than can be used to advantage. The bank should be cut back more near the bridge and the dirt piled up against the stone. I do not think that the river bank can be extended out so far as this point. I guess you will remember the line as I indicated it to you once or twice last fall.

I was surprised to see how shallow the water is on the further side of the stream at a point where the temporary bridge crosses the river and for some distance west of that bridge. It looks as though that stream will have to be dredged out there for a distance above the bridge. I regret this because it would involve destroying part of the work we have already done by piling up sand on our top dressing. I wish you would examine and report to me what you think ought to be done.

I hope you will rush the work now all you possibly can.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

Feb. 27, 1905.

Prof. W. D. Cairns,
710 Madison St.,
City.

Dear Mr. Cairns:-

Yours of the 25th received, and contents noted.

Of course, you understand that I did not know anything about any personal promise made to you as to subscription for Vilas Park or as to "disagreeable noisy features of it", etc. I look upon the subscriptions made last year for Henry Vilas Park in the nature of an investment, and I think I am very conservative when I say that the improvement which will now be completed much sooner than was contemplated, will add very much more to the value of the property than the amount subscribed. At the same time, I recognize the fact that it is not always easy for one to give, even though such gift might be in the nature of an investment.

I do not know what you refer to by "noisy and disagreeable features of the park." I cannot now see that there will be any noisy or disagreeable features connected with the park.

Yours truly.

(Dic. by C.)

President.

Feb. 28, 1905.

Mr. Grant Thomas,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Thomas:-

I thought I would drop you a line as to the work of securing subscriptions, so that if any question came up between us and the board of directors, you would have evidence of just what our agreement was.

As I understand our talk, you are to take the subscription lists and see substantially all the parties on the list that have not already responded, and you are to have ten per cent on the amount of subscriptions secured, exclusive of A. H. Hollister, the Browns, Johnson Bros., and Fauerbachs, no matter through whose effort or personal solicitation the subscription is secured. I think, however, there ought to be this understanding, that where parties send in their subscription by postal card without any further solicitation, that you would not ask commission upon those subscriptions, unless you had personally seen them before they sent in their card, in which case of course you ought to be paid.

I would suggest that in securing the subscriptions, you be quite careful not to get the subscription of some fellow who is not worth anything and would simply be dead timber in our lists. I do not mention this from any fear that you would do so on account of your commission- not for a moment- but merely because we like to have our records show up as well as possible. Hoyt especially dislikes to have the names of people on the list from whom he cannot collect the subscription.

Now I appreciate, as no other person perhaps does, the amount of

work you have ahead of you. But the only way to manage that work, is to give yourself up to it for the time being. If you should put in all of time for the next two weeks or two weeks and a half, during every day and as much of the evening as you can spare to advantage, you would not have more than sufficient time to cover the field. You will, however, receive fair compensation for this work, provided you can make the work persistent and continuous. I will do everything I can to help you in it and if I can possibly secure a day or so off, will do so, and you shall have the benefit of it. I will also do anything I can with reference to the University end of the list.

I ought to add that A. C. Fox was to try and raise a special fund from some of the boat men for the improvement of the mouth of the Yahara river. Inasmuch as the better and larger number of these names are already on our general list, I don't think he will raise a very large fund outside of this list, and perhaps none at all. He certainly has not accomplished much so far.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

Feb. 28, 1905

Mr. A. O. Fox,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Fox:-

I am relying upon you to see Frank and Fred Brown. I enclose herewith two postal cards so that you can have the same with you when you see them. I would suggest that you try first to get each of them to put down $25.00 for the general work of the association with the understanding that we shall expect that they will keep in the association from year to year as long as we keep up that work. Then I would like to have you get whatever additional sum you can from each of them or both of them combined on the extra work.

I am relying entirely upon you to see about organizing the boat men so as to provide some way to look after the lock, and also entirely upon you as to any special subscription you may raise for the improvement of the mouth of the river. It is perhaps worth while considering whether this had not better be abandoned and you concentrate your efforts in securing the organization of the boat men so as to meet the expense of providing an attendant at the lock. In this event, we of course should try and get subscriptions from all of the boat men for our general work and extra work.

For certain reasons, I would like to have you see the Browns at as early a date as possible.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by C.)

(2 Enc.)

President.

Feb. 28, 1905

Mr. Magnus Swenson,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Swenson:-

I have arranged with Mr. Fox to see the Browns. This will relieve you of what I consider rather an unpleasant piece of work.

I would like to have you, however, have a talk with Carl Johnson, and Hobart too if he is here, if you think best to talk with [illegible], to see if you cannot secure from them a subscription for the extra work of not less than $200. They have sent in their subscription to the general drive work for $50.00 for all of their families, including their mother. Hence, you need say nothing to them about that part of the work. I enclose herewith an extra postal card so that you can have the same handy at the time of your interview.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

(Enc.)

John M. Clair

President.

Feb. 20, 1905

Mr, John F. Ioke,

Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

We would like to have the stakes set at the mouth of the Yahara river, showing the extent to which we can fill out on this side for park purposes, all in accordance with the resolution, as I remember, that was passed by the common council, and in accordance with your previous survey, etc. This ought to be done while the ice is on.

Would it not also be well now to make the survey so as to establish the dock line on Lake Monona buy according to the map of Mr. Simonds and according to stakes set, as I understand they have been, by the engineer? This work could be done now while the ice is on.

I hope to get a letter from you to-day or to-morrow as to datum plane, etc., and measurements by engineers as to Henry Vilas Park and Brittingham Park, heretofore referred to.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

F. M. Crowley, Esq.,

Cafe Yawkey-Crowley Lumber Co.,

Madison, Wis.

Feb. 28, 1905

Dear Sir:

I return herewith the order which you made in favor of Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association for 200 posts. This is in pursuance of the talk I had with you the other day.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

President.

Feb. 28, 1905

C. M. Larsen, Esq.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $95.52. I should have sent this to you yesterday. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(Warrant)

Enc.)

President.

Feb. 28, 1905

Mr. Magnus Swenson,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Swenson.

As you know, we are making a desperate effort to try and raise an extra $5,000 this year, most of which we must use in completing Yahara River improvement, It has occurred to me, that Carl Johnson and his brothers might, if the matter were properly presented to them, be willing to help toward that $5,000 to the amount of $200, which, as you know, is the amount that four of the directors have each agreed to give. I wrote a letter to Hobart Johnson, concerning the matter, but I guess that he left the city before the latter was mailed. If a favorable opportunity presents itself, I wish you might talk the matter over with Mr. Carl Johnson some time, explaining to him the situation of our work, and see whether he and his brothers might not feel like helping us at this time in the amount suggested.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Feb. 28,1905

Hon. W. M. Bashford,

City.

My Dear Sir:-

C. F. Lamb brought to me last week a proposed substitute to 63 S, and I redrafted it, modifying it slightly but not much, and sent Mr Lamb a copy of it. He tells me that he submitted the matter to you and that you apparently had no objection to it. The bill as redrawn gives the power to condemn to the common council of the city and not to the directors of the association organized under chapter 55 of the laws of 1899.

I trust that the bill as redrawn, removes practically all of the objections that have been raised.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

Feb. 28, 1905

Hon. T. C. Richmond,

City.

Dear Mr. Richmond:-

Charlie Lamb presented to me last Friday a proposed substitute to 63 S. I redrafted the proposed substitute, changing it somewhat, the only material changes I remember being that I make the law apply simply to land outside of the city limits. I enclose herewith a copy of such proposed substitute.

It seems to me that this substitute, in the form it is drawn, ought to remove, or does remove, practically all of the objections that have been raised to No. 63 S.

We are anxious to have that law enacted as speedily as possible and would like to know if you have any objection to it in its present proposed form.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

(Enc.)

President.

Mr. N. J. Johnson,

119 E. Johnson St.,

City.

Feb. 28, 1905

Dear Sir:-

Your letter received. Unless I should happen to see you, I think you had better call some time and I will talk over with you the matter of the dredging. I hardly think you are right in your theory as to the material being washed back into the river last spring.

(Dic. by O.)

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

March 1, 1905

Grimm's Book Bindery,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $3.20 to pay your bill for mounting maps. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

March 1, 1905

Mr. B. K. Meyer,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Meyer:-

Yours of the 25th received, enclosing check for $20.00, payable to Frank W. Hoyt. Your letter states that $5.00 of this is for "general work" and $15.00 for "Wingra Park Improvement" (Henry Vilas Park).

I cannot quite make out from this statement whether this $15.00 is to apply on subscription made by you last year to Henry Vilas Park improvement, or whether it is to go toward the raising of the $1500 extra which we must raise this year for that improvement. I rather infer, however, that you mean the former. Could you drop me a line on this one point, and I will hold check until hearing from you again?

Yours truly,

John Nolen

President.

(Dict. by O.)

March 1,1905

Mr. James Conklin,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Conklin:

Mr. Grant Thomas informed me last evening that you and your brother had decided not to contribute anything for the work of the association this year. I thought, perhaps, that he had made a mistake, or rather that he did not quite understand you. Did you mean not to keep up your regular subscription of $25.00 for the general drive work of the association? You have been with the association, as I remember, for this amount, ever since its organization. I would dislike very much to have you drop out. Of course, whether or not any one gives toward this work is to be left entirely to him. I thought, however, that, upon reflection, your interests would be willing to keep with the work as you have done heretofore, omitting, however, any extra subscription for the extra $5,000. It is not the $25.00 that I care so much about, as it is to have interests such as you and your brother represent, drop out entirely from this work. It would indicate to me, that the work ought to be stopped.

If you will keep with the association at the regular subscription of $25.00, I will see that that amount is traded out during the present season. You need not put this in as a condition of your subscription. If you make the subscription, make it as usual. I will then drop a line to our foreman, explaining the understanding, and will instruct him during this season to see to it that not less than this amount is traded out with your firm.

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Your brother William was at the meeting at Senator Vilas' house and understands well the situation of our work just at this time,

Hoping that you will conclude to remain with the association as you have heretofore done, and as your father before you did, the $25.00 to represent all of your interests, I am.

Very truly yours,

(Dict. by C.)

(Enc.)

President.

March 1, 1905

Mr. John P. Iske,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Feb. 28 received, and contents noted,

The letter covers exactly the points we desired to have covered as to measurements in connection with proposed contract with the La Crosse Dredging Company referred to in my previous letter to you.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

March 1, 1905

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

Dear Mr. Earling:-

I have just been informed over the telephone by Mr. Burton Hanson that you desire to have me send you a copy of the bill that was introduced in the legislature requiring the railroad companies and the town of Madison to elevate certain bridges across Wingra Creek. I told him I sent you a copy of the bill before it was introduced on Feb. 6, 1905. I presume, however, that in some way this letter may have been mislaid, and out of over-precaution, I enclose herewith another copy of the bill.

Very truly yours,

President.

March 1,1905

Mr. O. D. Brandenburg,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Brandenburg:-

I enclose herewith some clippings that are sent out by the American Civic Association, thinking that you might make use of some of them from time to time in the issues of the Democrat. Such publications serve to keep before the public the improtance of the general movement in this country of civic improvement.

Very truly yours,

(Dict. by O.)

(Enc.)

March 1, 1905

Gen. George B. Bryant,

Supt. of Public Property,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 28th received, and contents noted.

Please accept thanks for your subscriptions made on the conditions therein contained,

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

March 1,1905

Prof. John G. D. Mack,

Engineering Bldg.,

City.

Dear Mr. Mack:-

I received your kind letter of the 21st, and also have the map of the four lakes region, which you kindly sent.

I wish some time you could drop into the office and talk matters over. There are some changes and additions that might be made, I think, without much trouble. I think for one thing that the Golf Club grounds ought to be sketched in.

I note what you say about naming the different drives. They have been named, most of them, but no posts have been erected as suggested by you.

Wish you could drop in some time and look the whole matter over with me. You can call me up by phone in advance to see whether I am in, so as not to make a call for nothing.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

March 1, 1905

Dr. Philip R. Hoy,
Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

Yours of Feb. 28 received, and contents noted.

Nothing has been said to the directors of our association about automobiles on the drives the present season. In the absence of anything being said, I presume the regulations of last year would continue. You will find these in the printed report. Lest you may have mislaid your copy, I send you another.

I have heard, however, that there is some combination among the automobile people this year, by which they intend to refuse to give anything toward the support of the drives and that they intend to keep off from the same. Another report I have heard is that they would like to have it arranged so that automobiles might be on the drives week days up to eight o'clock and Sundays up to nine o'clock, and keep off of the drives at all other times. If such a proposition as this comes before the directors, of course we will consider it. I wish you would drop me a line, stating what you would think about such an arrangement as that and as to whether you would consider it better than the arrangement of last year. I would appreciate a line from you, giving my your opinion on the matter.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

John [illegible]

President.

March 1,1905.

Prof. W. B. Cairns,
720 Madison St.,
Madison, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

Yours of Feb. 28 received and contents noted.

If Dr. Kremers, or any other person, in getting subscriptions for the improvement of Henry Vilas Park, got them on any such conditions named in your letter, then it was without any authority from any of our association. It was understood that the $10,000 must be raised last year as a condition of securing the park, and this money was to be raised without any conditions attached thereto.

I do not think, however, that the plan for improving the park will bring, by reason of any play ground feature, any detriment to the adjoining property, but quite the reverse.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

March 2, 1905.

Mr. A. O. Fox,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Fox:- Yours of March 1 received, and contents noted. I will see that the reports are sent to Judge Fillius, as you request.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

Hon. David Stephens,
City.

March 2,1905

Dear Mr. Stephens:-

I enclose herewith a copy of the written report made to me, of Prof. William D. Taylor, as to cost of construction of bridges across Wingra Creek, in the town of Madison. I have the original on file.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)
(Enc.)

March 4, 1905.

Capt. W. A. Thompson,

La Crosse, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I return herewith the two contracts with the first two pages as written by you taken out and two other pages substituted in their places, being in just the form that they were in when I returned contracts to you. Of course, I have no objection to recopying the second page because there was an interlineation on it, but for some reason Mr. Clark does not wish to have contained in the contract the idea that the fill in Henry Vilas Park shall be so left that the water shall run off either into the lagoons or into the water of the lake, notwithstanding there is expressly incorporated in the proposition of the dredging company a provision that the material, as to grade, may be changed in case Mr. O. C. Simonds approves of same. Now, it seems to me that this is all that ought to be asked. The contract as drawn by me first, was modified so far, I think, as your company was entitled to ask to have it modified, and we wish to have the contract embody the idea above expressed. I think, upon reflection, you will agree with me that we are right in this. There is nothing in the contract in this respect that was not in the written proposition, and we modified the written contract as suggested by you so far as could be done and still keep the meaning of the proposition.

I trust that you will see the fairness of our position about this matter. I should not think much about it, had not the contract been modified the second time by Mr. Clark so as to leave out expressly this

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idea that we wish to have incorporated in it, and if incorporated in it with the limitation as to Mr. Simonds, can do no harm certainly to your company, for I understood that you were entirely willing to leave that matter to Mr. Simonds.

I also return the bonds. In the shape they are in, I am very certain that neither the city officials nor our directors would approve of the same. The sureties should justify, as is customary in such cases, in double the amount of the bond. Moreover, the justification should state that they own the amount stated in the affidavit in property within the limits of the state of Wisconsin, over and above all debts and liabilities and over and above all property exempt by law from execution.

I note further that the sureties are all members of the La Crosse Dredging Company. We think there ought to be one or two other surety or sureties outside of the company, that will justify in the amount of $15,000, provided members of the company remain on the bond and justify in the amount of $15,000. In case any member of the company signs the bond as surety, then the justification or affidavit by him should state that he owns the amount of property stated in the justification, located within the state of Wisconsin, and exclusive of any and all interest that he owns in the La Crosse Dredging Company. You will at once see the reasonableness of this provision. Moreover, two of the members of your company do not reside in Wisconsin. I feel that we should have the bond signed by sureties who reside within the state of Wisconsin, and have the

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Justification double the amount of the bond, but I will recommend the approval of the bond signed by the present three sureties justifying in the amounts named, provided it is stated that each have the property stated located in Wisconsin, and that the same is owned by them in addition to and exclusive of any property or interest they have in the La Crosse Dredging Company, provided there are one or two other sureties to the bond living in Wisconsin who will justify in an additional amount of $15,000.

I write thus before submitting the matter to the common council or to our board of directors, for the reason that I should dislike very much to have the bond turned down by the council or the directors. You will appreciate the fact that the city is turning over to our association some $20,000, and is deeply interested therefore in seeing that everything is done in the right way, and that our directors are representing the public not only in handling of the city's funds, but in the handling of a considerably larger amount donated by citizens.

Inasmuch as you and Mr. Clark are intending to be here Tuesday, I thought that you could get additional sureties at La Crosse before coming, and then bring bond and contracts with you. While you are here on Tuesday, I should like to have you, with the assistance of the city engineer and proper helpers, make tests opposite a proposed park in the six ward, bordering lake Monona, to see whether or not the bottom of the lake is such that you could adopt the pumping process for filling the park. Our plan then is to have a design made of this park by Mr. Simonds. If you can adopt the pumping process, there is not much doubt

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But what you will have an opportunity to do quite a job of work here.

I have written in great haste, since I must go to court this morning and am anxious that these papers should get started out on the noon train.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dict. by O.)
(4 enc.)

March 4, 1905

Karstens & Schmitz,

City.

Gentlemen:-

I understand from Grant Thomas that you decline to subscribe for the work of the park association this year on the ground of the automobiles. Now, I am not writing this letter to find any fault, but quite the reverse. We are placed rather between the devil and the deep sea. Apparently all of the automobile men, or practically all of them, have agreed among themselves this year that they will boycot the association. I infer this from the fact that they have practically made no subscriptions as yet, and have given out that they do not intend to do so. This may solve the difficulty. The reason I write to you just now is; that I would like to have you send me a note, stating the reasons why you do not feel like contributing. I would like to get both sides of this controversy. Do I understand that you object to the automobiles being on the drives as they were last year, and under the regulations of last year? Please write me concerning the matter, and very much oblige.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by P.)

President.

March 4,1905

Mr. A. E. Proudfit,

City.

Dear Mr. Proudfit:-

I think, through some oversight, no postal card was sent to you for the work of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. I enclose herewith a card, together with a couple of circulars, which explain themselves. I also wish to say a word in addition to the circulars.

You will observe from them that it is absolutely necessary for us to raise this year for our work an additional $5,000. You will also notice that in order to do this the officers of our association have pledged $1100 of this $5,000. We do this, not because we believe it is our fair share, but in order to help the association over what we think is a critical period in its work. We feel that if we can raise this amount this year, we shall be out of the woods, and that we can, for the next several years at least, get along by asking the people to contribute simply their regular or usual subscription. Those who have contributed thus far $100 and over for the extra work of the association are as follows: William F. Vilas, $500; J. M. Olin, $200; E. F. Riley, $100; W. R. Bagley, $100; Halle Steensland, $200; J. H. Palmer, $100; Magnus Swenson, $200; A. O. Fox, $100; Hausmann Brewing Co., $200; Madison Gas & Electric Co., $100; L. S. Hanks, $100, and P. L. Spooner, $200.

I thought perhaps you and your brother might be willing to strain a point this year by giving $100 toward this extra work. But, of course, this is a matter that must be left entirely to you. Whatever you

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give on it will be appreciated.

Thanking you for your generous assistance toward this work in the past, I am.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)
(3 Enc.)

President.

March 4, 1905

Messrs. Esser & Dowling,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Grant Thomas informs me that you have informed him that you returned the postal card to me with your subscription for the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. I wish to say that no such card has ever been received. I enclose another, the same as the one first sent out. Of course, if you sign the same, your subscription will not be entered twice.

(Dic. by O.)
(Enc.)

Yours truly,

President

March 4,1905

Mr. B. B. Clarke,

City.

Dear Mr. Clarke:-

I have been intending for a long time to write you a letter and should have done so before. You wrote a pretty severe letter, I thought, to Frank Hoyt, about the subscription made toward the Yahara river improvement of $25.00 by your son. Now, I did not secure that subscription, and know nothing about the circumstances under which it was obtained. You know, however, what our rule has been as to trying to collect all subscriptions made. You know also that I know that you have always been a very liberal contributor. I was going to make to you this proposition: That you pay that $25.00, and then we will refrain from calling upon you for anything else the present season. I notice from Mr. Thomas' report that you have put down $10.00 for this extra work. You have always been with us for $25.00. If you accept the suggestion here made, I will see that the $10.00 which you have put down for this year are crossed off. I am sure you will understand the motive or spirit that prompts this letter.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

March 4, 1905

Mr. Andrew Kentzler,

City.

Dear Mr. Kentzler:-

I understand from Mr. Thomas that you have declined to renew your subscription of $25.00 this year. Now, I hope that you will not take this position. I don't think that you can afford to do it. I don't mean this in any offensive sense. I will concede all that you say about present financial conditions so far as your business is concerned. But I think you ought to look upon this subscription the same as you look upon money that you pay out for oats, or for a harness, or for a buggy, in your business, and I don't think that you can afford to say to the people of Madison that they should expend $5,000 a year toward maintaining the drives when these drives contribute to your work so materially, directly in dollars and cents. You ought, I think, to very willingly put down the $25.00, and then you ought to see to it that that $25.00 is paid just as promptly, if not more so, as you would pay a bill for oats, or for a harness, or for a buggy. Now am I not right about this? The maintaining of these drives is peculiarly to the interest of the livery stable men, and yet, there is one leading livery firm in this city that has not given anything toward these drives for years, notwithstanding that firm has used these drives as much as any firm in the city. This fact will be made public sooner or later, and I want to be in a position to say that every other livery firm in the city has done its fair share toward maintaining this work.

I hope you will reconsider your decision and remain with the asso-

ciation, and that you will also at once pay up the $25.00 due last year, which you agreed to pay on the 1st of October last fall.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

March 4,1905

Dr. E. J. Hart,
City.

Dear Sir:-

Grant Thomas informs me that you have informed him that you returned the postal card to me with your subscription for the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. I wish to say that no such card has ever been received, I enclose another, the same as the one first sent out. Of course, if you sign the same, your subscription will not be entered twice.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)
(Enc.)

President.

March 4, 1905

Mr. Frank W. Hoyt,

City.

Dear Sir:- Mr. Hoyt

I took advantage of your absence and put you down for $25.00 on the regular drive work and $100 on the extra $5,000. I wanted to drop you this line so you would get it about the time you got back. Then I want to see you personally about the matter and explain the situation, reasons, etc., and then you will do just as you see fit about the matter, of course.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

March 4,1905

Mr. Frank M. Wootton,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Grant Thomas informs me that you have informed him that you returned the postal card to me with your subscription for the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. I wish to say that no such card has ever been received. I enclose another, the same as the one first sent out. Of course, if you sign the same, your subscription will not be entered twice.

(Dic. by O.)

Yours truly,

March 4, 1905

Mr. James E. Moseley,

City.

Dear Mr. Moseley:-

I am informed by Mr. Thomas that you and your son Harry sent me, in answer to postal card sent out, not only the postal card but also a check for the subscription. I write this to say that no postal card and no check has been received by me from either you or your son. I write this so as to inform you at the earliest date possible of the situation at this end of the line. Will you please investigate the matter and see whether there is not some mistake? I enclose herewith two other postal cards, the same as those originally sent out.

Yours truly,

Johnson Olive

(Dic. by G.)

(2 Enc.)

March 4, 1905.

State Journal Printing Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $4.26 to pay your bill against Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association for printing circulars. Please receipt and return to me the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

Johnson Olive

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

March 4, 1905.

Prof. W. B. Cairns,

710 Madison St.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of March 2 received. Perhaps there is no need of replying to the same. However, I thought I would say that if there were any such conditions attached to gifts for Henry Vilas Park, then they were without authority, and would serve to defeat the whole gift of Senator Vilas, for the reason that his gift is conditioned absolutely upon there being raised not less than $10,000 last year for the improvement of that park, without any condition or limitation whatever.

As to whether or not the park, as laid out, will harm your property from a financial standpoint, can easily be determined: You gave an option on these lots at one time for park purposes at a certain sum. If you will write me a note, saying that you will take, in cash, for these lots, the amount of those options, with interest on the same since that time at six per cent, adding all taxes paid since and interest on amount at six per cent, and then state the amount of your subscription to the park, and will say that you are willing to take for these lots today the sum thus reached, I will agree to secure for you a purchaser for the same within ten days, who will pay in full all of your subscriptions. This, I think, is a very good test of whether or not the park, as a whole will injure your property. I know that I can get well toward double the price at which you agreed to sell these lots, even at the present time. If so, it does seem to me that there is not much occasion for raising

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the objection that the putting in of a small wading pool for children of from three or four up to five, six or seven years, surrounded by beautiful planting, etc., will be of very much detriment to property fronting that park. You cannot have a pick, and if it wt have [illegible] usually goes with it, and the inhabitants should be [illegible] hole.

Very truly yours,

(Dis. by C.)

J. Lewis McClain

President.

March 4, 1935

Mr. R. V. Holden,
City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $27.30 to pay your bill against Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association for surveying Brittingham Park. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

J. Lewis McClain

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

March 4, 1905

Democrat Printing Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $6.50 for your bill against Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association for printing circulars. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me, and oblige.

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Yours truly,

J. Lowell Clark

March 4, 1905.

Mr. Henry T. Leglet,

Care Wis. Free Library Commission,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Please accept thanks for your check for $5.00 for general work of Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association. The same will be turned over to A. F. Hoyt, the treasurer.

(Rec. by C. F.

Yours truly,

President.

March 4, 1905

Dr. R. W. Hurd,
City.

Dear Sir:-

Mr. Grant Thomas informed me yesterday, that you stated to him as a reason for not subscribing to the work of the association, that I treated you very unfairly last year by asking you to pay thirty-five cents a cubic yard for some filling that was thrown out of the river. I cannot but think that Mr. Thomas did not remember accurately just what you said. The whole facts of the matter are fully and clearly stated in my letter under date of Sept. 6, 1904. As you know, I never asked you to pay any such sum. All I ever asked was that after we had been to the expense of getting the dirt out of the river- an expense of about thirty cents per cubic yard - that you would merely meet the actual expense of the men in taking the dirt back from the edge of the river and putting it upon your land, estimated, in my letter to you, to cost from twelve to fifteen cents per cubic yard. Moreover, as was stated in that letter, as matters turned out, there was not a pound of dirt to spare. I did, however, in a friendly way, suggest to you that if you desired to have some dirt drawn from the Steinle Hill, I thought I could arrange to get the dirt for you without any cost for the dirt, merely as an accommodation.

If you made any such statement as indicated above to Mr. Thomas, then I think you can do nothing less than to see Mr. Thomas and correct the statement you made, for it certainly does not state the facts. Of course, in all I have written, I am relying wholly upon the report to

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me by Mr. Thomas.

It is your province to decline to give toward the work of the association, no matter how much such work may benefit you, but I dislike to have your refusal to give put upon the ground that I have done, or sought to do, an injustice to you. Such is not the fact, as you must know when you consider all the circumstances, and they were all carefully stated to you in the letter of Sept. 6, of last year. Moreover this is as usual.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by J.)

President.

March 6, 1905

Mr. O. C. Simonds,

Landscape Architect,

Buena Ave.,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Simonds:-

Yours of March 4 just received, and contents noted.

I thought I would write you a line confidentially as to charges as stated in your letter. Of course, we regret the necessary extra service on Henry Vilas Park, but I know that you are not to blame for that. Under the circumstances, I would like to suggest that you omit, for the time being at least, the charge of $50.00 for work on Washington Avenue bridge, etc. One reason I do this is that Mr. Berry has done quite a large amount of work on that bridge, and it is his work that has been accepted, and he makes no charge for his services. But the more important reason is, that later this year we shall want you to make a design for planting both banks of the river, extending from one lake to the other, and I would rather you would incorporate your charge in your bill for that work at that time. I don't want our directors to conclude that we are spending too much money for the services of a landscape gardener. They would stand a charge of this kind in connection with the whole work much better than this separate item just now.

As to the other two items, if it did not make any difference to you particularly, it would help us some if you could wait until just after April 18, the date of our annual meeting. There would then go into our annual report for landscape work on Henry Vilas Park the $250.00, and the

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other $125.00 would not appear until the next year, and I should prefer this division of the expense.

I have written plainly, feeling that I could do so under the circumstances. If my suggestions meet your approval, I would suggest that you make out now two separate bills, one for the balance due for services on Henry Vilas Park and the other for services on "Brittingham Park", and send them to me, and I will see that they are paid immediately after the annual meeting. If you adopt this course, I will say nothing about the charge of $50.00 on the Yahara river matter, and we will understand that you can consider that in connection with the work you will do next fall.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

P. S. Should like to get one extra colored map of both Brittingham Park (Morona Bay Park) and Henry Vilas Park. The one of Vilas Park I wish to present to the Sisters, and the other I want for our own use. Will you be so kind as to have them prepared and sent me?

You are quire familiar with the planting that has been done along the two drives. It seemed to me last year, that something would have to be done the present spring toward thinning out the trees in certain places. I don't know just what would be the best course to pursue. I expect to leave Madison the latter part of April and cannot give the matter personal attention in any event. Moreover, I don't feel quite competent to do this. Another point is that we have really no place for the trees that we might

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take out. It occurred to me that perhaps you might have some one in your employ that we could get for a day or two to go over the grounds and indicate the trees that should be thinned out. I think, however, I should prefer to pay you for one day's services as soon as spring opens, and have you go over both drives and put in stakes along side of each tree that you think ought to be removed. By using horse and buggy, I think you could cover both drives in one day. What do you think of the plan?

J. M. O.

(Dict. by O.)

March 6, 1905.

Petrie, Herrington & Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

I have received your postal card subscribing $30.00, $15 to each branch of the work of the association this year. Mr. Thomas told me that your Mr Herrington did not wish to subscribe this year until he knew what regulations were going to be enforced as to automobiles. This is the reason why I write. I think I stated to Mr. Herrington over the phone that no request had been made to our directors by the automobile people asking for any change in the regulations of last year. It would seem from the returns thus far, and also from certain other things that I have heard, that the automobile people were pretty generally declining to give this year. At the same time, we are losing subscriptions from others because we have allowed the automobiles on the drives at all. Hence, you see we are rather between the devil and the deep sea. Last year those owning automobiles, as a rule, subscribed very liberally, because they said they wished to make up, in part, what the association would lose by others declining to subscribe on account of the action we took. We feel that the automobile people ought to do either one thing or the other. If they conclude that they will not subscribe, then we ought to know that fact, so that we can act accordingly.

I do not see how the regulations of last year could now be changed so as to give to the automobile people any further rights than they had last year, for the reason that we have been getting our subscriptions for this year under the representation that matters would remain as they were. Had

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the automobile people desired any change, they ought to have brought the matter up either last fall or early this winter, so that we could have acted on the matter and announced our action to the public, so that everybody would understand, in advance of making their subscription, just what could be relied upon. I believe you will thoroughly agree with me in this.

Under the circumstances, I do not think you ought to make any subscription on the assumption that any further privileges will be granted to the automobile people this year, and if, after receiving this, you think that you do not wish to subscribe, please let me know.

I would prefer if you could change your subscription so as to put $5.00 of it on the general work of the association and the other $5.00 on the extra work. This would be keeping your subscription as heretofore and will be keeping the amount the same as you have named. I enclose another postal card so that you can make the change if you have no objection to doing so.

This whole matter of automobiles on the drives has been the most puzzling and difficult proposition that has ever come up, and has caused the directors more worry and difficulty than any other matter. We tried last year to meet the automobile people fairly, and we thought we did so, and I never heard that there was any complaint from them until within the last few days. So you see you're taken by surprise.

Very truly yours,

Dic. by O.)

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John D. Rockefeller

President.

March 7, 1905

Hon. David Stephens,
Chairman Town of Madison,
City.

Dear Mr. Stephens:-

I enclose herewith a bill, duly sworn to by me, for the amount of money paid out for labor and material for repairing the so-called Isom hill road in the year 1904. You will see that we did not expend nearly all the money that was set aside for that work last year. The truth is, we had so much work to do, that we could not get around to the proper repairing of this road.

That road will have to have considerable work done upon it the present spring in order to keep it in proper repair. Hence, I trust that you will see to it that we have set aside for that work this year, the amount of money that we expected last year, which, as I remember, was about $80.00. That will be sufficient, I think, to make the necessary repairs. At any rate, we will not ask the town to pay us anything more than we actually expend. We will have the men get at that work this year at as early a date as possible.

Will you be so kind as to see to it that a warrant is sent to me for the amount of the bill, payable to the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association, and very much oblige?

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)
(Enc.)

John W. Alvis

March 7, 1905.

Capt. W. A. Thompson,

La Crosse, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 6th just received, and contents noted. Thanks for same.

I had arranged to have you do some work testing on lake Monona opposite the proposed park in sixth ward. I note what you say about not being able to come. As soon as you can after receipt of this letter, please let me know definitely just when you will be here, naming the hour of day, if possible, and I will then arrange to have the city engineer and helpers ready to do this work. It would not take over an hour or two, at the most, and it might result in your ultimately getting a contract of considerable amount.

Yours truly,

(Tdc, by O.)

President.

March 7, 1906.

Hon. N. B. Van Slyke,

City.

Dear Mr. Van Slyke:-

I have been intending for some time to come over and see you personally, about the new capitol matter, but have been unable to as yet on account of my engagements in court. I may be able to do so within the next day or two at some time between nine and ten o'clock in the morning. I know you are very much interested in that matter, and there are some things I would like to talk over with you.

However, write this letter, however, for another matter. The enclosed circulars explain themselves. But I wish to add a word in a personal way, and I am sure you will take what I say in the spirit in which I say it. As you will observe, we are trying to raise this year an extra $5,000 for the completion of some work that we must do. I appreciate as fully, and more so than any other person, the objection that can be made for calling for this extra amount this year, and certainly we should not have done so, had it been possible to avoid it. Partly on this account, and because we feel that we are now at a turning point in the work of our association, the officers of the association have strained a point and have subscribed toward this extra $5,000, $1100, not because we feel that this is our fair share, but simply to help out over the present difficulty.

Now, by the time we get through with the Yakima river improvement, we shall have spent of money raised by private subscription not less than $30,000. So far, it has not seemed best to you to subscribe anything for this special work. I think this has been largely because you felt, at

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first at least, that this was an improvement for the benefit almost wholly of those who use boats or launches. But the fact is, that more than one-half of the expense of this improvement is by reason of the securing and making some ten acres or more of park area along the river. The improvement has gone far enough now to show somewhat the great benefit it will be when completed. You saw enough of this last summer, I think, to form a just conclusion in the matter.

I thought that, under the circumstances, you might be willing to help toward the completion of this work this year to the extent of $[illegible]. Those who have given $100, or over, thus far, are as follows: William F. Vilas, $500; John M. Olin, $200; E. F. Riley, $100; W. R. Begley, $100; Halle Steenland, $100; J. H. Palmer, $100; Magnus Swenson, $100; A. G. [illegible], $200; Hausmann Brewing Co., $200; Madison Gas & Electric Co., $100; L. S. [illegible], $100, and P. L. Spooner, $200.

Of course, what any one gives, or whether he gives at all, is a matter resting wholly with him, and no offense is ever taken by me because a man declines absolutely to give. I want that most distinctly understood. If you decline to give anything, it will not in the least lessen my regard for you or change my opinion as to your worth as a citizen. In a work of this kind, no one can afford to be offended because others do not do as he might wish.

Whatever you give, if anything, toward the extra work, will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(3 Enc.)
(Dict. by G.)

President.

March 7, 1905

Frank M. Wootton, Atty.,
City.

Dear Mr. Wootton:-

You will remember, perhaps, that I at one time had some talk with you as to a letter I received from John F. Woodard, to the effect that he did not want any planting done along the three rod road through his place. I think you stated that you thought he would be willing to do the right thing if the matter was explained to him. Now, it so happens that we have not so very much planting to do this spring, and I want to make to you a suggestion: If you will see Mr. Woodard, and get his consent to having Mr. Simonds go over the whole of this road and indicate just what planting should be done, our association will put in all of the trees and shrubs that we can gather around here this spring, and if any are to be bought, we will put those in either next fall or one year from this spring. We will also make it a point to improve that road this spring so as to make of it at least a good dirt road, with proper drainage, etc. The reason why I am especially anxious to have this planting done this spring is that there are quite a large number of good sized trees that we can take out along Farwell drive, where they are too thick, and use them for planting across Woodard's land. You can also say to Mr. Woodard that we will have Mr. Simonds make some suggestion to him as to the proper planting so as to make a proper entrance to his own grounds. Mrs. Woodard once wrote me about this matter.

By proper planting, that bit of road could be made very beautiful, and I think would be to the decided advantage, ultimately, of Mr. Woodard.

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Under our contract with Mr. Woodard, which is in writing, we could have a right, as I take it, to do this planting, but of course we do not wish to run counter to the wishes and feelings of the men through whose land our drives pass.

Will you be so kind as to talk the matter over with Mr. Woodard and let me know at as early a date as possible what he is willing to have done? He could accompany Mr. Simonds at the time the work is laid out, and I think there would be no difficulty in agreeing upon a practical and satisfactory plan.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

March 7, 1906.

Hon. Edgar M. Wagner,

City.

Dear Mr. Wagner:

A substitute to 68 S either has been or will be introduced by Senator Hudnall and reporter, I think, by their judiciary committee, favorably. I enclose herewith a copy of the same, so that you may peruse it now the proposed bill. You will observe that it does not give to our association any power to condemn, but simply vests that power in the city, and that the bill, as drawn, relates purely to matters outside the city limits, leaving the law just as it is so far as condemning land for park purposes is concerned within the city limits.

We shall depend upon you in the assembly to look after the bill there. Of course, if you desire some one to come before the committee, I shall be pleased to do so. I am engaged, however, in a long trial in the U. S. Court that will probably last two days or two weeks longer, but am free each day from nine to ten, from five to six, and at any time in the evening.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by J.V.)

(Enc.)

President.

March 7, 1905.

Hon. Ernest N. Warner,
City.

Dear Mr. Warner:-

A substitute to 63 S either has been or will be introduced by Senator Hudnall and reporter, I think, by their judiciary committee, favorably. I enclose herewith a copy of the same, so that you may have with you now the proposed bill. You will observe that it does not give to our association any power to condemn, but simply vests that power in the city, and that the bill, as drawn, relates purely to matters outside the city limits, leaving the law just as it is so far as condemning lands for park purposes is concerned within the city limits.

We shall depend upon you in the assembly to look after the bill when it gets there. Of course, if you desire some one to come before the committee, I shall be pleased to do so. I am engaged, however, in a long trial in the U. S. Court that will probably last ten days or two weeks longer, but am free each day from nine to ten, from five to six, and at any time in the evening.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)
(Encl.)

President.

March 7, 1906

Hon. William R. Bagley.

City.

Dear Mr. Bagley:-

A substitute to SS 8 has been drawn and will be introduced, if it has not been already, in the senate, and I think passed. I enclose herewith a copy of the same. You will observe that, as redrawn, the bill vests the power of condemning lands in the common council instead of our association, and is confined, in its operations, to work outside the city limits, leaving the law just as it is within the city.

I think as drawn, the substitute removes practically all of the objections that have been raised to the proposed legislation. Mr. Lamb would like to have it drawn so as to in some way affect his lot which is located some where within the city limits, but as to this I object. Inasmuch as we do not seek to in any way affect Mr. Lamb's lot, I cannot see how he can ask us to urge legislation with reference to that matter.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

(Enc.)

President.

March 7, 1905.

Mr. Edward M. Fuller,
City.

Dear Mr. Fuller:-

A substitute to No. 63 S, which was the bill I sent you, has been or will be introduced in the senate, and I enclose herewith a copy of the same. It is, in the main, in the same form that Mr. C. F. Lamb proposed. You will observe that under it our directors or association have no power to condemn, but merely the common council.

I trust that the bill, as redrawn, removes nearly all, if not all, of the objections that have been made, and that it may meet your approval. I dislike very much to urge or favor anything that goes counter, in any way, to the wishes of prominent members of the association. Certainly, under the bill as redrawn, you personally need have no apprehension that anything would ever be done that would in any way injure you.

Yours truly,

Dic. by C.F.
Enc.)

President.

March 8, 1905

Mr. John T. King,

City.

Dear Mr. King:-

I have been expecting that before this the contract for the right of way across the Agricultural Society's lands would be completed. As you remember, I suggested that you and Mr. Terwilliger and the district attorney meet me some morning, say about 8:30. I think we could get matters straightened out without much difficulty if we could get together. I am expecting Mr. Thompson down here the latter part of this week, and we must know definitely before that time what is going to be done, since we do not wish to enter into any contract in writing for the dredging until we know what arrangement can be made with your society. Will you not please take this matter up with Mr. Terwilliger at once, and very much oblige?

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

March 8, 1905

Mrs. D. O. Hibbard,
1535 W. 6th St.,
Racine, Wis.

Dear Madam:-

Yours of the 6th received. I dislike to say that I cannot accept the kind invitation extended by your club. But I do not see how it will be possible for me to do so. I am planning to leave Madison about April 27 for four months, the annual meeting of our association is on April 18, and I shall be in court almost continuously from now until the time I leave.

I was much interested in the article in the paper you sent me. I have had a number of talks with Senator Johnson, from your city, who is much interested, I judge, in the movement for securing some parks in your city.

Regretting that I cannot, at this time, comply with your request, I am.

Sincerely yours,

John R. Commons

President.

(Dic. by O.)

March 8, 1905

Mr. A. E. Proudfit,

City.

My Dear Sir:-

Please accept thanks for your subscription of $50.00 to the work of the association the present year.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

March 11, 1905

Mr. James E. Moseley,

City.

Dear Mr Moseley,-

I discovered, through Mr. Hoyt, that you had sent check to him. Hence, my letter to you was wholly unnecessary. I wrote it because of what Mr. Thomas said, fearing that in some way check had got mislaid or lost in the mail.

Yours very truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

March 11, 1905

Mr. L. E. Stevens,

City.

Dear Mr. Stevens:-

Yours of March 8th received, subscribing $10 for the general work of the association. I think, under the circumstances, this is all you ought to do. I appreciate what you say in your letter and want you to feel that I feel that you have done just as you ought to under the circumstances.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

March 11, 1905.

Mr. Clinton Rogers Woodruff,
First Vice-President American Civic Asso.,
North American Bldg.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Yours of March 9th received, asking me to send you a brief account of the work of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association.

I am so busy that I cannot now write anything in any condensed form. I have thought best to send you a copy of the last three annual reports of the association and also a copy of two issues of the Madison Democrat, which will show something of what we are trying to do the present year. Our annual meeting comes on April 18, and I will see that a copy of our annual report is sent you.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M Olin

President.

March 11, 1905

Messrs. Petrie, Herrington & Co.,
City.

Gentlemen:-

Yours of Dec. 8th was duly received and would have been answered sooner had it not been for my being tied up in court until this afternoon.

There is one part of your letter that calls specially for an answer I am glad you spoke about the matter, because I want you to understand just the facts. They are these: It was first agreed with the automobile people last year, that the drives should not be open to automobiles on either Saturday or Sunday. They did not ask this. After the agreement had been reached and regulations made, allowing two half days to the automobiles on each of the drives during the week, a proposition was made the automobile people to our directors that if we would allow the automobiles on the drives on alternate Sundays, that is on one drive one Sunday and on the other drive the next, the automobile people would agree to keep off from this end of Farwell Drive. We accepted the proposition made, and this is the reason why this end of that drive was closed to the automobile people.

I think there are some special reasons that appeal pretty strongly to some of the directors as to keeping automobiles off from that portion of that drive. It is the only outlet that Mr. Marshall has for his children to school. He did not fear his own horses so far as the automobiles were concerned, but feared that there might be a runaway of some other team which might prove very dangerous to his children. Then there were a number of

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people owning cottages on the bluffs, having small children going back and forth between the city and these cottages, and then there were the people going to the golf grounds, women, etc. For these reasons, it was thought best on both sides to make the above arrangement, and it was made as above stated. You can see from the above just how the matter came about.

There was one part of my letter which you did not reply to, and that is whether you would be willing to keep in on the $25.00 list for the general work of the association, with $5.00 subscription for the extra work.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

March 11, 1905.

Mr. O. C. Simonds,

Beuna Ave.,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Simonds:-

Yours of March 8th received and contents noted. Please accept thanks for same. Of course, you will not misunderstand me. I have always regarded your work as very reasonable for our association and have felt that you have been willing, at all times, to do everything you could for us, and have tried to help us perhaps in a way you do not generally, and partly because you know how we raise all or most of our money, and I have always appreciated very much what you have done for us.

I should like, if we could let the matter of taking out trees go another year, but thought that perhaps it would be better to take them out this spring. If your judgment is that we could let them go until another year, I would very much prefer to let the matter pass until then.

Will see that the two bills sent by you are paid immediately after the date of our annual meeting.

We have a meeting of our directors this evening. It may be determined to ask you to come here to make a design, at this time, before the ice goes out, for the proposed park on Sapight street, in the sixth ward. You will remember the city has been acquiring title to most of the block at this point with a view of filling out and making a small park.

Yours truly,

(Dictated by O.)

John M. Olin

March 13, 1905.

Prof. Edward T. Owen,

City.

Dear Mr. Owen:-

You will remember our talk some time ago about your investing $1,000 in connection with a number of others, the total amount to be raised being $7,000, to purchase certain land adjoining the proposed Brittingham Park. I do not know as you promised absolutely at our invesview to put the money in, unless you were assured that Frank W. Hoyt was going to take charge of the corporation. He is to be one of the company and puts in $1,000. The option on the land expires April 30th. It is necessary to get everything in shape before that date. A small corporation will have to be organized. Can I count on you putting in $1,000? In order to secure this park in the bay, it is absolutely necessary that we should raise sufficient funds to buy this land. I am still short $2,000 of the needed amount, but hope I may be able to secure that within the next week or so.

Will you please drop me a line, stating what you are willing to do, and very much oblige?

Sincerely yours,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

March 13, 1905

Mr. Jackson Reuter,

City.

My Dear Mr. Reuter:-

You will remember the talk I had with you about investing $1,000 to secure necessary lands to make possible the park in lake Monona bay. I am still short about $2,000. The options on the land expire the 30th of April. Before that date, it will be necessary to organize a corporation and get ready to close out the deal. I hope very much that you can put in $1,000. I certainly feel that you will get your principal and interest back, and I think there is a very good chance of at least doubling your money.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

March 13, 1905.

Hon. Burr W. Jones,

City.

Dear Mr. Jones:-

You will remember the talk I had about your investing some money to purchase some land bordering on lake Monona bay. I explained fully to you the situation, and, as I remember your reply, it was that you preferred not to put in more than $500, but might possibly put in $1,000 if we could not get the necessary funds without your doing so. Can I count on you putting in the $500? Am not sure yet whether I can get the necessary $7,000 without asking you to put in $1,000, but I am trying to bring that around. The options expire April 30th. As soon as I get the necessary $7,000 pledged, I will see to having a small corporation organized. Will you be so kind as to drop me a line, stating what you can do in the matter, and much oblige?

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. O'Neill

President.

March 13, 1905.

Mother Reginald, O. S. D.,
St. Clara Female College,
Edgewood,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Madam:-

As you will remember, it was promised in the agreement between St. Clara College and the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association, that when we secured a design for the improvement of Henry Vilas, we would, at the same time, furnish a design to the St. Clara College, showing how the marsh ground in front of your property might be improved. I send you today, under another cover, such design. The colored design is the one that has been adopted. The other design is the one that was first made by our landscape architect, but after he made it, it was discovered that a portion of the marsh or bog included in the design, especially toward the eastern end, was so soft, or rather you had to go down so deep before reaching firm bottom, as to make it impracticable to fill it for park purposes. Hence, we had to have a new design made.

An examination disclosed that a similar condition existed opposite your property. That is, if you pass out beyond a line as shown by the colored map, you go down from twelve to sixteen feet through the soft mire or mud before you strike bottom, and the men who are to do the dredging say that it would be impracticable to fill out farther than indicated by the colored map. I think there have been some stakes set along here, showing the proposed line to which fill could be made.

We take pleasure in sending you the design. I send you a copy of

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the first design, since that shows the outline of the low or marshy ground opposite your property, and that, together with the colored map, will tell you just what changes need to be made.

On some accounts, I like the second or colored design better than I did the first design. It is a simpler design and the work will be more easily done.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

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March 13, 1906.

Mr. Adolph Wagner,

City.

My Dear Sir:-

Please accept my thanks for your kind letter of the 11th. I wish we had about two hundred of the kind of men you are. It would make the raising of funds for our work mighty easy.

I will put your name down on the regular $25.00 list, but as I understand your letter, you do not wish now to pledge anything certainly for the extra work, although you state that you think by June or July you would wish to pay $10.00 on that. You can hand that at any time during the summer that suits you best, to Mr. Hoyt, if you decide that you can afford to contribute, and he will give you credit for same.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

March 14, 1905

Mr. Burton Hanson,
Gen'l. Solicitor,
C. M. & St. P. Ry. Co.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Hanson:-

I write you confidentially. For some reason, I have received no word from Mr. Earling concerning pending bill in the legislature requiring railroad companies to raise bridges across Wingra Creek between Lakes Monona and Wingra. For certain reasons, we would like to have the bill acted on the present week by the judiciary committee of the senate. The Northwestern Company agreed to do all that the bill asks, and the town of Madison has voted unanimously by its tax-payers to favor the bill. I would like very much to be able to say to the committee that your road does not wish to oppose the bill. Can you not make it a point to see Mr. Earling and talk the matter over with him, without, however, suggesting, unless you think best, that I have written to you about the matter?

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

March 14, 1905

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

Dear Mr. Earling:-

I have expected to hear from you before this as to pending bill requiring railway companies and town of Madison to raise bridges across Wingra Creek between lakes Monona and Wingra. For certain reasons, we would like to have the committee of the legislature act on this bill some time this week. Could you not drop me a line to the effect that your company does not wish to oppose this bill? I would like to be able to make that statement. As already stated to you, the Northwestern has granted what we have asked, and the town of Madison has, by a unanimous vote of its tax-payers, favored the bill.

Very truly yours,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

March 14, 1905

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

Dear Mr. Gardner:-

I have expected to hear from you, or from Mr. Hughitt, before this, as to pending bill in the legislature requiring raising of bridges by town of Madison and railway companies over Wingra creek between lakes Monona and Wingra. For certain reasons, we would like to have this bill acted on by the committee some time this week. As already stated, the bill requires nothing of your company which your company has not already agreed to. Can you not drop me a line, or have Mr. Hughitt drop me a line, to the effect that your company does not wish to make any opposition to the bill, and very much oblige?

Very truly yours,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

March 14, 1905

r. Albert Kelsey,
618 Chestnut St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

ear Sir:-

I feel very much chagrined at what took place at a meeting f our directors on Saturday evening. I laid before them the correspon- dence I had with you, and the statement I made that I thought our association could pay to the amount of $50.00 toward your expenses. Before writing this letter, I had conferred with the secretary, Charles N. Brown, and he approved of my conclusion. He and Mr. Fox, another one of the directors, were not present at the meeting, leaving only five present. All those present, excepting myself, voted that under the circumstances they did not think the directors had the authority to pay out money for a public address. I feel cut up about the matter, and were it not for the fact that I have already pledged myself to give for the work this year $250, I would pay the $50.00 out of my own pocket and say nothing about it. Under the circum- stances, however, I do not feel as though I could afford to do this.

I regret exceedingly the outcome of the matter. It would seem that the directors understood when the matter was first brought up, that you probably were coming this way and would be willing to donate your services for an evening's address without compensation. They ought, however, to have understood that a man who is worth anything on an occasion of this kind is certainly entitled to have his expenses borne in any event.

I send you herewith, as requested, copy of map of the city. I wish I had time to pencil in more accurately the land that has been secured for

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park purposes.

Again regretting very much the outcome of our correspondence and thanking you for your courtesy in the matter, I am.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

John M. Olin

President.

March 14, 1905

Mr. A. O. Fox,

City.

Dear Mr. Fox:- Please accept thanks for your sending to me letter from Judge Fillius.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M Olin

March 14, 1905

Messrs. Ferry & Glass,

Milwaukee, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Yours of March 10th was duly received, enclosing copy of Mr. Steensland's letter to you and of your reply, concerning the details of stone work for Steensland bridge. I am very glad you wrote just as you did. At a meeting of the directors Saturday evening, we had the matter up and informed Mr. Steensland what the arrangement was between you and the association, which we thought he already understood.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

March 15, 1905

Dr. Philip R. Fox,

City.

Dear Mr. Fox:-

Grant Thomas saw me yesterday at lunch and wanted me to drop you a line, stating whether or not any additional privileges would be given to the automobile people the present year. I should be strongly opposed to extending any additional privileges the present season. The subscriptions have been made thus far without anything being said that any change would be made, and I think it would now be unfair to give any additional privileges. It may be that the privileges that were given last year will be cut down. The larger number of the automobile people have declined, thus far, to contribute anything this year. Certainly if they do not contribute at all to the drives, there is no reason why the privileges should be kept open to them.

I enclose two postal cards. Wish you would hand one to your father and return the cards to me with such sum filled in as you and he feel like giving.

Very truly yours,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

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March 15, 1905

Capt. W. A. Thompson,

La Crosse, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

The contract has been signed by our association and approved by the officers of the city, as required by the resolution passed by the common council and I herewith hand you a duplicate copy of the same.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

Mr. George B. Berry,

Milwaukee, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

Yours of March 15th received. I have handed the name to Mr. Steensland with a note from me requesting him to have forwarded to you at once the necessary papers.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

March 16, 1905

Mr. George B. Ferry,

Milwaukee, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

I have thought that it might be a good thing for us, at our annual meeting on April 18 next, to have a perspective sketch of the new bridge, of sufficient size to put up on the wall of the room wherein we hold our meeting. Could you get up such a sketch for us to be used at that time in the way suggested?

Very truly yours,

John M. Blair

President.

(Dic. by C.)

March 17, 1905

Miward & Levi Korb,

R. F. D. No. 1,

City.

Gentlemen:-

I intended to write you before this, saying that you both each of you have work for our association the present season along the river so long as that work lasts, and I think we can also give you work whenever, provided the distances are such that you feel that you can go to the place of work. We will do the best we can to keep you in employment all the season. We will pay you $1.75 per day's work, and in case you remain with the work as long as we have work for you along the river, we will pay you an extra ten cents a day for each day of ten hours' work that you work, to be paid at the end of the season.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

March 17, 1905.

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

Dear Mr. Gardner:-

Your favor of March 16th received and contents noted. I am very certain that you have misinterpreted somewhat the effect of the bill requiring railway companies and Town of Madison to raise bridges across Yahara Creek. It may save your time somewhat if I call your attention to the history of this matter.

About a week prior to April 20, 1904, Judge Keyes and myself met your Mr. Hughitt and yourself at Chicago and went over the whole matter of the raising of these bridges as a part of the necessary work that would have to be done in order to secure the Henry Vilas Park and the connecting of lakes Wingra and Monona. At that time we requested that your company would widen the opening under your Main line as well as make an opening under your Monitor line. On April 20, Mr. Hughitt wrote me a letter in which he stated, in substance, that he thought the opening under the main line was of sufficient width and height, and that the company ought not to be called upon to meet the expense of making the change as requested there, which was estimated in Mr. Hughitt's letter to be $16,000. That letter closed with the following:

"As regards our bridge under the cross line (No. 1236), the distance from the water to base of rail, as the bridge is at present, is a little less than six feet. A deck plate girder on masonry abutments with

steel foundation will cost $5,000, and will leave scarcely two feet clear head room. Is this sufficient for your purpose?"

Under date of April 21, 1904, I answered the above letter of Mr. Huckitt and stated that we would withdraw our request to make any change under the main line of your road. You, undoubtedly, have this letter. In that letter I stated, among other things, the following:

"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 track 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 dredge 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 Chien track, and under your Monteray line."

Under date of April 2 8, 1904, I sent a telegram to Mr. Huckitt,

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stating, in effect, that we could get along with a twenty foot opening instead of a thirty foot opening, and on the same day wrote him a letter, explaining why we could get along with the twenty foot opening.

Under date of April 22, 1904, Mr. Hughitt wrote me in answer to my letter of the 21st and message of the 22nd, and in this letter he says:

"There is no objection to this arrangement and method of doing the work, providing it is thoroughly understood that you are not in any manner to undermine the foundation supports of the arch, or in any way impair its stability. (Reference to the arch under the main line).

Your message and proposition regarding the form of structure which would meet with your requirements at our cross line bridge No. 1236, the proposed clear line being twenty feet and our track carried over the opening on a through plate girder bridge, will be satisfactory to me."

This part last quoted settles, in my mind and that of the association, as to this bridge on the Montfort line, and the only thing we then considered left unsettled was as to the ability of our association to do the necessary deepening under the stone arch culvert without interfering with its stability. On this account, I sent to Mr. Hughitt, under date of April 23, a telegram as follows:

"Level of water, as it now stands at ordinary stage, under masonry arch, No. 231, will be lowered two and one-half feet. Depth of cut in creek under arch is to be six and one-half feet below top of ice as it stood last winter at ordinary stage of water. Width of cut through archway need not be over eleven feet. Your engineer knows construction of arch. With above information, can the excavation be made as stated with safety

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to your arch. An answer by telegram would greatly oblige."

On the same day, I received a telegram from Mr. Pugsley as follows:

"Your message received. We cannot to-day answer your question definitely. Investigation will be made at once and reply made as early as possible."

Under date of April 25, President Pugsley wrote me as follows:

"Referring to your telegram of the 23rd, inquiring if dredge to a depth of six and one-half feet below ordinary stage of water could be made with safety under masonry arch No. 231, South Madison, and my reply that investigation was necessary before definite answer could be made. I am this morning advised by the chief engineer that he considered it safe to dredge under this arch to the depth named, viz: six and one-half feet below the ordinary stage of water."

From the above, I considered, of course, that the matter had been agreed upon between your road and the association as to the change that would be made in the Montfort line.

In your letter of March 16, 1905, you state: "The bill is not in exact line with the understanding of our people, so far as I can ascertain. It reads to the effect that we shall raise our tracks in order to give a certain head line or clearance which would make a hump right in the main line."

On getting your letter, I called up Prof. Taylor, who made all measurements and survey for this work, and I have his reply to me under date of to-day, as follows:

"The proposed lake Wingra-lake Monona improvement by the Madison

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Park & Pleasure Drive Association will not affect, in any way, the grade elevation of the double track, main line, between Madison and Chicago, of the Northwestern Railroad. It will depend upon the depth of bridge floor used by the Chicago & Northwestern, as to how much the grade line on the Madison-Lancaster division of the Northwestern will be affected. The grade will have to be raised only a small amount in any event, probably not more than a foot. The distance from the water level in the Canal to the bottom of the present wooden trestle stringers is a little more than eight feet. If the bridge to be used is no greater depth from base of rail to the clearance line than present wooden trestle, the grade will not need to be altered at all. In any event, the one foot raise in the grade line will be no injury whatever to the grade of the line to Lancaster. On the contrary, if properly put in, the one foot raise in this grade would better it. I am very certain that the change will in no way affect your main line. There is quite a decided fall from your main line down to the Montfort line at the point where it crosses Willgra Creek, and there is quite a decided rise from that point toward the west. Hence an elevation of one foot made on the line at this point would tend to lessen the down and up grade.

I explained fully, one year ago, to Mr. Knight, that the change, if made at all, would have to be made before the close of the present year. I said it need not be made last year, but would have to be made within two years. This is because it is one of the conditions upon which we secured the gift of land which cost $18,000, that this canal and waterway should be

constructed before November 1st, of the present year. If this is not done, we shall lose our entire park and gift.

We have already let a contract for the doing of this work to the La Crosse Dredging Company. They are under bonds to complete it within the time required in order to save the gift. The citizens of Madison have appropriated $15,000 toward making this improvement and we have raised, by private subscription, $43,000, making in all $58,000. I do not think that your road wants, for a moment, to stand in the way of making this improvement.

Moreover, the bill, as drawn, just as I stated to you when here at Madison, does not require anything different from what the above correspondence shows was agreed to one year ago. Our contract is made with the Dredging Company based upon Prof. Taylor's survey, and we simply ask the Dredging Company to give us this eight foot clearance.

Without my knowledge and without my request, I have been informed that the bill, requiring the raising of the bridges, that was introduced in the Senate, was reported favorably by the judiciary committee. I had nothing to do with this action of the committee. All that I have ever said was that the Northwestern road had agreed to everything that our association had asked, and that the town of Madison had passed a unanimous vote, favoring the improvement, but that I had not yet received a letter from the St. Paul Company consenting to the passage of the bill, but hoped to do so.

I appreciate what you say about waiting until some later date before asking your road to make this change, but you will see from the above that the change must be made this year or else we lose everything. I am quite

sure that, after looking over all of the correspondence and considering the whole situation, you will not feel like opposing the bill that has been introduced. If, however, your road feels that you must make a fight against the bill, please let me know frankly the position of your company concerning the matter, and we will go before the legislature and make a statement of the exact facts just as they are and just in the order in which they have come up. I do hope that nothing of this kind, however, will be necessary.

You will observe by consulting page 49 of the report of our association last year, that I made a statement of just what your company had generously done in connection with this matter. I send you a copy of the report under another cover.

Very sincerely yours,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

March 18, 1905

Mr. W. E. Chase,

302 State St.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of March 11th was duly received, as to name of "Murphy's Creek." Certainly that name is not a very appropriate one. How would you like the name "Niagara River" after the channel or causeway has been constructed?

(Dic. by O.)

Yours truly,

President.

March 28, 1905.

Senator William F. Vilas,
City.

Dear Mr. Vilas:-

I have prepared and enclose herewith a letter, along the lines of our talk over the telephone this morning as to granting to the St. Paul Company an extension to June 1, 1906, as the time within which that company shall complete the work of elevating its tracks and bridge over Wingra Creek, in the town of Madison. Of course, the form of the letter is merely suggestive, and you will modify it in any respect you deem best. I would like to get the letter back at once, so as to hand a copy of it to Mr. Hanson.

I saw Senator Tudhall, who has the bill in charge, and explained to him the situation. The bill is on the calendar for the third reading this morning. He will have the bill laid over one day only, so there will not be much delay in the matter.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)
(Enc.)

President.

March 23, 1906

Mr. Burton Hanson,

General Solicitor, C.M. & St. P.Ry.Co.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith copy of a letter which I have just received from Senator Wilson, which covers, I think, the matter of our conversation as to passage of bill now pending in the senate, pertaining to raising of railway and town bridges over Wingra Creek, in the town of Madison.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

(Enc.)

President.

March 28, 1905

Mr. Lou P. Porter,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find a bill, which I wish you would receipt, for work for the association; also a warrant, drawn to you and endorsed over to Frank W. Hoyt. Will you please sign the warrant and return the same to me, together with the receipted bill, in the enclosed stamped envelope? This will then pay for your subscription toward the Yahara river improvement for the year 1903. We adopt this method in order to keep our books straight.

Yours truly,

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

President.

March 24, 1905

Mr. Burton Hanson,

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

City.

Dear Mr. Hanson:-

It might look a little as though I had been misrepresenting to the officers of your road the attitude of the Chicago & Northwestern road, as to the bill now pending in the senate, requiring the raising of railway tracks and bridges over Wingra Creek. Hence, I enclose herewith a copy of a letter which I recently sent to Mr. Gardiner, General Manager of the Northwestern road, which I should be pleased to have you look through.

Sincerely yours,

J. Howell Aller

Mr. Charles N. Gregory,

Dean of College of Law,

Iowa City, Iowa.

March 24, 1905

Dear Mr. Gregory:-

Yours of March 23rd received, enclosing check for $10 for work of Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please accept thanks for same and also for your very good letter.

Am pleased to hear of the success of your law school. I have always felt you would succeed thoroughly in the work there.

With kind regards,

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by C.)

March 24, 1905.

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

Dear Sir:-

Yours of March 21st just received and contents noted.

I always believe in being perfectly frank with the railway companies in connection with the work that our association has been attempting to do. So far as I now know, the only other expense of any amount that your road would ever be asked to make, if at all, by our association, would be the raising of its track some where near the point where the Yahara river empties into Second Lake, socalled. It is the plan sometime to connect this chain of lakes so that there shall be a waterway furnishing an eight foot clearance. Just when this work will be undertaken, if at all, I can't say. We have our hands full just now.

We appreciate very much what your company has done. At the same time, your company will recognize that it cannot unreasonably obstruct a navigable stream and that when the time comes for making use of navigable streams, it is one of the duties of the company to make such reasonable changes as may be necessary to put the stream to a reasonably use for the purpose of navigation. While this is the law, I have endeavored, and shall endeavor, to put the work that your company has done, and is doing, on the ground of any legal duty, but rather on the ground of your willingness to co-operate with us and the citizens of Madison in the carrying out of this general plan of improvements that will result, ultimately, in connect-

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ing our five lakes. When such an improvement is completed, I believe that your road, as well as our city, will be benefited more than all the improvements cost.

Again thanking you for your kind letter and the generous treatment which your road has given us, I am.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

John W. Ellis

President.

March 24, 1905.

Mr. Marvin Hughitt,

Pres't C. & N. W. Ry. Co.,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Hughitt:-

I write you concerning bill pending in the legislature, requiring railway companies and town of Madison to raise bridges over Wingra Creek, between lakes Monona and Wingra. This bill requires nothing of your road which was not agreed between you and our association one year ago this spring. Before the bill was introduced, I spoke to your Mr. Gardner about it, told him that it required nothing more than your company had agreed to, that the St. Paul Company had not then agreed to what we had asked but we hoped that it would do so, and that it would be necessary to have a bill passed in order to compel the town of Madison to raise its bridges. He indicated no objection to the bill at the time and requested me to send him a copy of the same, which I did before the same was introduced. I have represented that the Northwestern Company had no objection to the bill for the reason that its officers had already agreed to just what the bill required of that company. The St. Paul Company has now indicated that it does not wish to make any opposition to the bill, but merely asks that it shall be understood that it can have until June 1, 1906, to complete the work.

While the matter was in this shape, I received a letter from Mr. Gardner, under date of March 16, to the effect that your road did not wish the bill to pass now and that the work ought not to be done at this time. I was considerably surprised at this letter and at once wrote to Mr. Gardner,

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under date of March 17, at length, giving him a history of the agreement entered into one year ago. I enclose herewith a copy of that letter.

I had been writing to Mr. Gardner, suggesting that either he or you send me a note to the effect that your road had no opposition to the bill. On receiving Mr. Gardner's letter, I informed Mr. Hanson, representative of the St. Paul road, of its contents, but stated that I was sure that the letter of Mr. Gardner was written without full knowledge on his part of all the facts.

Now, under the circumstances, I would like very much if you could drop me a line to the effect that your company does not wish to oppose the bill. I assure you that the bill does not require a single thing on the part of your company that is not covered by the agreement made one year ago. Mr. Hanson suggested to me that if you could send such a note, the bill could be passed without any opposition. As matters now stand, it looks a little as though I had been misrepresenting the attitude of your road on this matter. Hence, you can readily see that I would very much appreciate a note from you as indicated above.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

(Enc.)

President.

March 24, 1905

Mr. H. J. Johnson,
4119 E. Johnson St.,
City.

Dear Sir:-

I have had Mr. Magnus Swenson go down and look over the river to-day, together with Stanley Hanks. He says that the river is exactly in the same shape that it was last fall; that there has been no filling in whatever, and that it can be demonstrated to you or any one else that such is the case. He also says that he has talked with Mr. Clausen, who takes care of the park, and that Clausen agrees fully with all he says. Mr. Hanks, who was with him last fall, also agrees with Mr. Swenson.

Of course, if the sand had come in as you suggest, that could be very easily determined by testing the bottom of the river with an iron rod.

Mr. Swenson also says that there is a place just below Sherman Avenue bridge, and on the southwesterly side, where you have not excavated practically at all, and that there is a large stone left there in plain sight, showing that no excavating has been done.

Under the circumstances, you ought to, I think, put this river bed in proper shape, and at your own expense. Even at the best, it will be a very unfortunate piece of work for us, for the reason that so far as you throw any material out on to the Hausmann side, it destroys all of our grading, top dirt and sodding. But certainly you should have excavated that river so as not to leave any ridge in the center or where a boat would strike it.

We shall expect further that you will now crowd the work more than

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you have heretofore. The work should have been completed long before this. It will only be a short time until people will want to be going through the lock, and this cannot be done until you have done the work, both above the lock and also at the mouth of the river.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

March 27, 1905.

C. W. Sanborn, Esq.,

MacFarland, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of March 26th received. We have plenty of find hardwood trees in our own nursery and hence would not wish to order any from outside.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

March 27, 1905

Mr. George B. Ferry,

Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Mr. Ferry:-

I have just been having some talk with Mr. Steensland. He says he has not yet got detail of design for exterior of bridge. We are exceedingly anxious to get this bridge matter in shape so that we can get a bid on it early this spring. Could you not get the detail drawings, or whatever is necessary for the bid, back at an early date, and very much oblige?

You remember that I spoke to you about making a perspective sketch of the bridge in time for our annual meeting on April 18. I would appreciate it very much if we could have such sketch a few days before that meeting.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

March 27, 1905

American Civic Association,
North American Bldg.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:-

I received recently a pamphlet of some kind on the subject of the extent to which the establishment of parks improves surrounding property. I have, in some way, mislaid the pamphlet and cannot find it. I would like very much if you could send me another copy of same. I wish to use it in connection with the annual meeting on April 13 next. I wish also you could send me "Parks as Investments and Educators", by L. H. Weldon. Would be glad to pay for same.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

March 27,1905

Mr. Burton Hanson,
Gen'l. Solicitor,
C. M. & St. P. Ry. Co.,
City.

Dear Mr. Hanson:-

I enclose herewith copy of letter which I wrote to Mr. Wright, also copy of letter I wrote your Mr. Underwood, and a copy of a telegram received this morning from Mr. Gardner.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

March 27, 1905.

Henry Miesohr, Esq.,

1624 Williamson St.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I understand from Mr. Thomas that you do not wish to subscribe for the improvement of the river unless we agree to collect for you a debt due from John T. Johnson; that is, I do not remember any other person at work for us that got into you in any way, and I think Johnson did. But Johnson served me a good deal worse than he did you and I lost a good deal more money by him than you did. I do not know what has become of him, but I should not hire him to do any work for the association on any terms whatever. He is a dead-beat of the worst kind. I tried in every way I could to help him by buying him a team and befriending him in every possible way I could, and it ended in his treating me most shamefully. I think you will recognize the fact that you ought not to decline to subscribe toward completing the river because some one to whom you loaned money or in any way helped, has gone back on you. That is something we are all liable to suffer from.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

J. Howell Allen

President.

March 27, 1905

Prof. W. D. Taylor,

City.

Dear Prof. Taylor:-

Enclosed please find warrant for $40.00 as per my previous letter. Thank you very much for your generous subscription. Will you be so kind as to receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me, and much oblige?

I have put your name down for $10 subscription for the general work of the association this year and $10 for the extra work, and have marked each subscription paid.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Inc. by C.)

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

March 27, 1905

Mr. N. W. Ellefson,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of March 26th received and contents noted. The matter you refer to is one that has been under consideration by our board of directors, or at least by certain members of the board, for some time. It is a difficult matter to work out. There ought to be, as you say, somewhere in that vicinity, a public boat-house that would accommodate the people generally. But it is desirable, of course, not to obstruct the parkway along the river. This makes it a little difficult to work the scheme out. I wish you would think about the matter and see what plan could be best devised. Do you think that you could get the consent of Dr. Ward to have such a building constructed just west of the St. Paul track? That location would not be the best on some accounts, but perhaps it is as good as any, everything considered. Whatever building is put up, it ought to be approved, architectually, by our board of directors. It would have to be built by people clubbing together; that is, I do not think our association could meet the expense of such boat-house, nor attend to the details of running it. But this could be done very easily by a small company being organized, of people who are specially interested in the boat-house and were patrons of it.

I will submit your letter to the board of directors at its next meeting, which will be sometime before the 15th of April.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

March 28, 1905

Mrs. [illegible] Marston,

Town of Madison,

City.

Dear Mr. Marston:-

I write to see if you will not help us some on the extra $5,000 which we must raise this year for the work of our association. Of this amount, $1500 must be used upon the Henry Vilas Park improvement, including the construction of the waterway. It now looks as though we will not be able to raise the full amount needed unless we can get a few men who have not yet contributed, to assist. We need to raise not less than $1,000 in addition to the amount already subscribed, before the annual meeting. You have not, as yet, contributed toward the Henry Vilas Park improvement. Your neighbor, Mr. Nelson, gave $300 last year and I am asking him to add another $100 this year. I feel that this improvement will add thousands of dollars to the value of your property. I do not think that you will differ from me in this statement. Now under the circumstances, could you not help us with a subscription of $200? I would appreciate it very much if you could do so. We need the help very much just now. Can you not look at this matter in the way of an investment. Certainly you will be helped more than this amount in various ways. Besides, you have an interest in this work as all good citizens have. Many of us are contributing quite liberally who have no other interest than this. I think that you will agree that you have the added interest of owning considerable land bordering on the lake and that all of this land will be opened directly to water connection with the three lakes and ultimately with the other two lakes. I

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trust that you may feel like giving us the amount suggested, $200. If, however, you cannot do that much, give us at least $100. I wish you would reply to this letter promptly, so that we can know what to rely upon.

We have our annual meeting on April 18. Senator Vilas is to act as toastmaster, and we expect to have a good meeting. Hope you can plan to be present at the meeting.

I have not forgotten the proposed driveway along the northern line of your farm. I hope, before the close of this year, to get the necessary contracts signed by the different parties interested to secure that driveway. I shall be absent from the city for about four months during the summer, but will bear this matter in mind and take it up with you upon my return in the early fall.

Very truly yours,

Dictated by O.

President.

March 28, 1905

Mr. Charles Nelson,

Town of Madison,

City.

Dear Mr. Nelson:-

I have not heard as yet from the letter I wrote you concerning subscription to the work of the association the present year. I would not write you again, were it not for the fact that we shall not be able to raise, as it now seems, the necessary $10,000 for our work this year, unless some such men as you will help out. We need to raise as yet another $2,000 before the annual meeting. Of the $5,000 raised for extra work this year, we must put in $1500 on the Manly Vilas Park improvement, in finishing the construction of the driveway. You subscribed last year $100 for this improvement. Now, cannot you add, under the circumstances, another $100? I was out on Monday looking over the ground you own bordering the park, together with some other ground, and I think I am entirely within reasonable limits when I say that this improvement we add not less than $2,000 to your holdings fronting the park, and it will also add considerable additional value to other lands owned by you. Can you not look upon this in the way of an investment? A good many of us are contributing pretty liberally who have no other interest than that of the general interest of the city. I don't wish to crowd things unduly, but I would very much appreciate it if you felt like helping us out this year to the amount above suggested.

We have our annual meeting on April 14th. We hope to have a good meeting and I trust that you may plan to be present. Notices will be sent

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out later to all the different subscribers.

Very truly yours,

(Dict. by C.)

President.

March 28, 1905

The Kelly-Springfield Road Roller Co.,

Springfield, Ohio.

Gentlemen:-

Four years ago this spring, I think it was, our association purchased from your company one six ton golf link steam-roller for $1800. The number was 414. Our foreman tells me that we need a new gear-rod, the one in the machine being worn considerably. Will you be so kind as to have shipped, at once, this part of the machine? Send bill made out against the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association and I will see that it is promptly paid.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

March 28, 1905

Mr. Frank W. Hoyt,

City.

Dear Mr. Hoyt:-

I think I have now got pledged the necessary $7,000 for purchasing the land on Monona bay. In order to get matters all straightened out before I leave the city, the money ought to be paid in by April 10th. Can you have ready $1,000 by that date?

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

March 26, 1906

Hon. Burr W. Jones,

City.

Dear Mr. Jones:-

I think I have now got the necessary $7,000 pledged for purchasing two lots on Monona Bay. We shall organize a land company with a capital stock of $14,000. I have prepared articles of organization to-day. In order to get matters all straightened out before I leave, the money ought to be paid in by April 10th. Can you get $500 around by that date?

(Dic. by C.)

Very truly yours,

President.

March 26, 1906

Mr. Magnus Swenson,

City.

Dear Mr. Swenson:-

I think I now have the necessary $7,000 pledged to purchase land in Monona Bay. We shall organize a land company with a capital stock of $14,000. In order to get matters all straightened out before I leave the city, the money ought to be paid in by April 10th. Can you get $1,000 around by that date, and oblige?

Yours truly,

President.

(Dic. by C.)

March 28, 1905

Mr. O. C. Simonds,
Landscape Architect,
Riverside Park,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

We want you to come up one day to lay out the planting along the dirt road through John T. Woodard's land, part of Farwell Drive; at the same time, wish you to look over the park on Spaight street, in sixth ward, that I wrote to you about. Think you can do all in one day and at the same time indicate the trees that will be taken out along Farwell Drive in order to get trees for planting along the Woodard dirt road. This is all really along Farwell Drive and will not necessitate your going along the other drives. It will be a pretty busy day for you, but I think if we get an early start we can cover the whole ground in one day. Could you come either Friday or Saturday, of this week? Please let me know on receipt of this letter by telegram at my expense, so that I can make arrangements. I prefer Friday. If you cannot come on either of these days, can you come on Monday or Tuesday, of next week?

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

March 28, 1905

Prof. Edward T. Owen,

City.

Dear Mr. Owen:-

James B. Ramsay left the city Monday morning to be gone until Saturday. I saw his father, Wayne Ramsay, this morning, and he stated that his son had determined to put in $1,000 in the Monona Bay enterprise. If you put in the $1,000, this will take care of the stock. My idea is that it would be well to make either Mr. Ramsay or Vroman Mason president of the company and one of these two secretary, and Frank W. Hoyt treasurer. I think either Mr. Mason or Mr. Ramsay would make a good outside person to look after the improvement and the disposal of the property. They are both active young men of good business judgment, each owning quite a little property here in the city, and each expecting to make money by investing in and handling real estate.

With the above understanding, are you willing to put in the $1,000? Since the change of the ownership of the traction company, I feel more certain than ever that this will prove a good investment, for it now looks as though the street car track would be extended to South Madison the present year, and whether it goes by way of Mills street or by way of Main street will not make very much difference as to this property.

In order to get matters all straightened out before I leave the city, the money ought to be paid in by the 10th of April.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

March 29, 1905

Dr. Samuel A. Nielson,
City.

Dear Sir:-

I have redrawn the petition for changing the name of Water street to Thornton Avenue. This is a matter that ought to be attended to at once. I enclose herewith a copy of the petition. Will you not get the signatures of the owners of property bordering on that street? I have signed for the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. I want this matter passed upon at the next meeting of the council, so that I can make a record of the change in name in the annual report.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)
(Enc.)

President.

March 29, 1906

Mrs. Margaret Whelan,
Monona St.,
City.

Dear Madam:-

I have prepared deeds for you and for your brother in accordance with the options. I would like to have these deeds signed now so as to be in readiness to close matters out. My plan now is to get the money for you on or about the 15th of April. I have to-day ordered an abstract of the property. Will you and your brother come to the office to-morrow forenoon about ten o'clock? If you cannot come then, please come up at two o'clock in the afternoon. After the deeds are executed, you can either keep them in your possession, or leave them with me or any other person, until the money is ready to be turned over. It is necessary to have the deeds executed now for certain reasons which I will explain to you when you come.

I have also prepared deed for Mrs. Lizzie McCann to sign and expect she will be up to-morrow afternoon.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

March 30, 1905

Piper Bros.,
City.

Gentlemen:-

Yours of March 24th was duly received. I do not care to enter into any long discussion of this matter, but simply wish to say that you are entirely wrong about the attitude of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association up to this point, as to the removal of the market place. That matter came up before the board of directors about two years ago and it was determined that we better not take any position, as a board, concerning the matter, one way or the other. As you know, one of the members of the board is interested in not having the market removed; at least, that is the position he takes. Hence, as a board, we have taken no action or stand on the matter excepting to keep hands off. I think when you put the ground of your refusal to subscribe off upon the action of the board of directors, you have been acting contrary to the facts.

Of course, personally, you know what my position is, and have known it right along. I think you, though entirely honest in your position, are mistaken as to the desire of maintaining this barn yard where it is. It is not a market place, cannot be made a market place, should never have been permitted, has no business whatever in a public street, much less right adjoining the capitol square. What this city needs, for the people of the city, is a public market established on ground of sufficient area to permit of the construction of proper buildings, so that teams of farmers can come and find a place of shelter as well as a place where they can exchange their products with the people of the city for cash. Now such a market as this

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might affect very lightly, although I do not think it would, the trade at some store now bordering directly on the present barn yard or socalled market. But such a market would be of very decided benefit to the people of Madison. Hence, if I take the stand in favor of removing this market place, I shall do it because I think it is for the decided interest of the whole city, not only from an aesthetic standpoint but from a business standpoint. The street as now used for this purpose, is not large enough to accommodate the farmers, and cannot be put into any shape so that it will accommodate the farmers. No place is worthy the name of market that is not covered and properly taken care of as a market. The question whether the people should go one, two, three or four blocks farther in order to reach a properly constructed market is a matter of very little importance to the general welfare of the city. The place now used for a market is objectionable in every way. Teams are exposed to the sleet and storm, and inclement weather, and meat and other produce brought there for sale is liable to be covered with dirt and filth. What the city ought to do is to secure not less than six of the lots owned by Mr. Snell, surrounded on three sides by streets, and establish there a proper market place.

While the above have been my views for years, I have done nothing to enforce the same and for the reasons that I have already heretofore stated, but I make no promises, as an individual, as to the future.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

March 30, 1905

Mrs. Lucius Fairchild,

City.

Dear Mrs. Fairchild:-

We are to have the annual meeting of our association on the 18th of April next, I think your interests have always been with the association to the extent of being on the regular $25.00 list of membership. I trust you may feel like keeping with us for that amount the present year. If so, will you be so kind as to sign the enclosed postal card for that amount for the general work of the association, and very much obliged?

Very sincerely yours,

(Dic. by G.)
(Enc.)

President.

March 30, 1905.

Mr. E. B. Cottrill,

Gen'l. Mngr. Wis. Telephone Co.,

Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Mr. Cottrill:-

Yours of March 29th received, agreeing to subscribe, on behalf of the Wisconsin Telephone Company, $25.00 to the work of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association for the present season. I wish to thank you very much for the contribution.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by G.)

President

March 30, 1905.

Mr. Eugene Swenson,
City.

Dear Mr. Swenson:-

I presume you will get home this evening. I wish you could call for a few minutes at the office to-morrow morning. I would like to have you, for one thing, sign the subscription contract for $1,000 of stock in the Monona Bay Land Company, and wish to see you also about one or two other matters.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

March 30, 1905

Mr. O. S. Norman,
City.

Dear Mr. Norman:-

Enclosed herewith I hand you an itemized statement of expenses incurred by Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association for the last year, which I wish you would present to the common council at its next meeting, and very much oblige.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)
(Enc.)

March 30, 1906

Mr. James B. Ramsay,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I expected to hear from you before you left the city as to your conclusions on the question of investing $1,000 in the Monana Bay project. I saw your father in the bank the other day, and, as I understood him, you had concluded to invest that amount. I have been going along on this theory. I have had the corporation organized with a capital stock of $15,000 and am arranging to have a meeting of all of the stockholders on Monday, April 10, at 7:30 o'clock, at my office. I hope to have everything in readiness at that time so that officers can be elected, by-laws adopted, title transferred of the property and stock issued.

Yours very truly,

(Mrs. by O.)

J. Sewell Stein

President.

March 30, 1905

Mr. N. J. Johnson,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I understand from Mr. Swenson that you thought you ought to be paid for what it cost to fix up the river between temporary bridge and Sherman Avenue bridge. I wish you would write me and state the least sum that you think you ought to have for that work. I do not say that our association will pay it, but I would like to know your ideas and then I will see what I can do.

I would like, if possible, to have this material thrown out along the sides of the river in such a way as to still be under water. Mr. Swenson thought the work could be done in that way.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

J. Atwell Clair

President.

March 30, 1905

Mr. John T. Gathing,

City.

Dear Mr. Gathing:-

You will remember that you told me you had sent a check for your $5.00 subscription of last year. I have not received any such check, nor has Mr. Noyt. Evidently there is some mistake about this. Will you be so kind as to let me know by return mail, since I am going to turn over to Mr. Charles N. Brown the names of those who have not paid, for the purpose of enforcing collection, and I don't want to turn your name in if you have sent any check, or if, through mistake, you have omitted to do so.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

March 30, 1905

Mr. George H. Shaw,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I have not heard anything in reply to my letter asking you to pay the balance due on your subscription. Unless the same is paid by return mail, I shall turn the subscription over to Charles N. Brown for collection. I dislike to do this, but I don't think you will blame me for doing so.

(Dic. by O.)

Yours truly,

Wm Allen

President.

March 31, 1905

Messrs. Ferry & Clas,
Milwaukee, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

I have not heard anything in answer to my letter of the 27th, as to the Steensland bridge. Mr. Steensland called me up yesterday, very much exercised about the matter. The delay is very unfortunate. Of course, I understand this is a small matter to you people, but it is a matter of a good deal of importance to us here. The contract for this bridge ought to have been let by this time. Unless we can get your details for the exterior at once, I fear very much that the council will direct Mr. Icke to go ahead on his own account. This, as your Mr. Ferry knows, I should personally very much regret. Can you not drop me a line, stating when the details will be here so that Mr. Icke can complete his work ready for getting bids on the job?

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

April 1, 1905.

The Kelly-Springfield Road Roller Co.,

Springfield, Ohio.

Gentlemen:-

Yours of March 30th received and contents noted.

I am not surprised that you could not understand what was wanted [illegible] the [illegible]. What we want is the pin inside the part marked on [illegible] that I return to you. This is worn so that it don't fit closely the [illegible] in the large wheel. Please get it to us at the earliest date [illegible].

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

c. [illegible])

c.)

[illegible]

Mr. F. K. Conover,
City.

April 3, 1905.

Dear Sir:-

I write to find out what has been done by the Madison Pleasure Club with reference to granting the concessions for excavating on their land from the outlet of Lake Wingra to the public road. We have our annual meeting on the 18th of April, and I would like to have that whole matter put in writing so as to make the report as to what has been done.

(Mic. by Q.)

Yours truly,

President.

April 3, 1905

Mr. James F. Moseley,
City.

Dear Mr. Moseley:-

I write to find out what action the trustee of Lakeside Assembly have taken as to granting to the Association, in trust for the city, the right to excavate Wingra Creek from the outlet on their grounds to the public road. We want to have that work done this summer, if possible.

Yours truly,

President.

(Mic. by Q.)

April 3, 1905

Petrie, Worrington & Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $60.00 to pay for your bill for one wagon.

I was some disappointed in the width of the tire to this wagon. The tires do not come up to the city regulation of three inches, but must fall short at least a quarter of an inch, if not more.

Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me, and oblige.

(Did. by O.)

(Warrant)

Yours truly,

President

April 3, 1905

Mr. Frank M. Wootton,

City.

Dear Mr. Wootton:-

Mr. Hoyt wants to close his account now within the next two or three days. Any money paid in after that and before the annual meeting will not go into the report for next year. This being so, please send me a check for $25.00 so that I can have the amount entered in the report.

(Dic. by O.)

Yours truly,

President.

April 3, 1906

Dr. Samuel A. Nielson,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I return herewith petition for changing name of Water street to Thornton Avenue, having signed the same as president of the association. I do not suppose it is necessary to have Mr. Niebuhr sign, although I should have been pleased to have him do so. I want you to be responsible for seeing that this matter is presented, in proper light, to the common council at its next meeting, and that the council acts on it at that meeting, so that I can make report of it in my report. I presume Garrit Corsect or Mr. Schubert would be a good person to handle the matter. I leave that entirely to you.

Yours truly,

(Dtcs by C.)

(Enc.)

[signature]

President.

April 3, 1905

Mr. Andrew Kentzler,

City.

Dear Mr. Kentzler:-

Mr. Hoyt, the treasurer, closes his report for our association within a few days, any payments made after that is done and before the annual meeting, would not go into the published report of next year. Now, this being so, I want you to send me a check for $25.00 for your subscription to the general work of last year. You can do this even though you borrow it. Please accommodate us to that extent.

I was glad to learn from Mr. Thomas that you renewed your subscription the present year.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

April 3, 1905

Mr. O. C. Simonds,

Landscape Gardener,

Buena Avenue,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Simonds:-

I just wanted to say to you that we have plenty of fine blue and green Colorado Douglas Spruce but no white pine; also plenty of fine arbor vitae. I thought you might to know these facts in planning the planting for Mr. Woodard's grounds or along the road across his grounds. I have talked very hastily with Mr. Wootton about your work Saturday. Am very glad that you could come. But if the planting is to be done this spring, we must get report from you at once.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.L.

J. Sweet Rees

President.

April 3, 1905

Capt. W. A. Thompson,

La Crosse, Wis.

My Dear Sir:-

I do not know as it is necessary to call attention to the matter, but you will remember that in the proposition for doing the work, you also propose to fill the lots adjoining the Brittingham Park for the sum of $2500. No contract has yet been signed between the Dredging Company and the parties that own that land, for the reason that a corporation had to be first organized to take the land. Such corporation, we expect, will be completed by April 10. I wish you would just drop me a line so that I can have it by that date, stating that your company stands ready to enter into such a contract according to the terms of the proposition made by you for doing the work, so that I can show the same at the first meeting to organize the company.

Yours truly,

[illegible]

President.

(Dic. by C.)

[illegible]

April 3, 1905

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

Dear Sir:-

I would like in my report to the annual meeting of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association to be able to state accurately the amount of money expended by your company on the Yahara river improvement. You gave it to me for the annual report last year, estimated at $16,000. The work has not been all done, and your reports undoubtedly show just the amount expended, and if you could give me that amount I would appreciate it, and will see that the same is correctly incorporated in the report.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

April 3, 1905.

Mr. John Corscot,
City.

Dear Mr. Corscot:-

Yours of April 1st received. Of course, take the fence away at any time you choose. It was unnecessary for you to ask that permission.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

April 3, 1905

Mr. A. H. Kayser,
City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $3.52 for your bill for lumber against Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill to me.

Yours truly,

President.

(Warrant)
(Misc.)

April 3, 1905

Hon. John W. Groves,
City.

Dear Mr. Groves:-

I just received the enclosed from Judge Sanborn. It may be of use to you if the Forty Thousand Club determines to give drive, etc., and so thought I would send it to you.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by S.)

April 8, 1905.

Mr. Severt Aasen,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed you will find warrants and bills to be receipted. I want to get these receipts back to the office as soon as possible.

I tried to see you to-day noon but did not succeed in finding you. I feel that we ought to commence the planting at once. If this weather keeps up, it will soon be too late to plant larch.

I thought that you could have planted what larch were necessary in Tenney Park and then have the men go right out on the Farwell Drive and plant the elms along Sherman Avenue and Westport road, wherever any are missing, and then plant remainder of larch on Governor's Island, and arbor vitae right at the west end of the arbor vitae already planted as you go up on top of Farwell Point. I want to extend them a little distance toward the sweet brier. Then the men with one team could spend the rest of the day in bracing up along the road over there.

I want the planting done with a good deal of care so as to make them grow, and the men want to be especially careful to see that the roots are kept protected from the time the tree leaves the ground until it is put in again.

I enclose herewith a list of trees and shrubs to be planted on Lake [illegible] Drive. Patrick will be the one, when the time comes, to superintend that, and you can give the list to him or he can get another copy by applying to Charles H. Brown. If this kind of weather keeps up, we may have to turn him from the road work for planting, but perhaps you can get

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team on the roads with a part of the force of men and the other team on the work of planting. You perhaps know that Mr. Simonds has laid out a good deal of planting on the Woodard road, and this will have to be looked after soon.

I want you to keep a list of all of the different kinds of trees and shrubs planted any where on the drives or grounds this spring and make a report of same when you are through, in such shape that it can be easily gotten at either by Mr. Brown or by me, for the purpose of making a report of our work.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(Encls.)

President.

April 4, 1905

Mr. O. C. Simonds,

Landscape Gardener,

Buena Aveune,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Simonds:-

Yours of April 3rd received, enclosing sketch for proposed park in Sixth ward on Spaight street. I have turned the letter and sketch over to Mr. Bagley, for the reason that this is a matter, the details of which, so far as our association is concerned, I think Mr. Bagley had better attend to. I have asked him to communicate directly with you.

I note what you saw about Farwell Drive and new road through Mr. Woodard's land. As I understood from Mr. Wootton, you were to prepare some sketch or sketches for the planting, indicating what should be planted. You do not say anything about this in your letter. If any planting is to be done this spring, the sketch should be gotten here at the earliest date possible. Inasmuch as I intend to be out of the city the last of this week, it might be well for you to send the sketch directly to Mr. Wootton and request him to consult Charles N. Brown, our secretary, as to any trees or shrubs to be bought.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President

April 4, 1905.

Hon. William R. Bagley,
City.

Dear Mr. Bagley:-

I have just received the enclosed sketch and letter from Mr. O. C. Simonds. I have written him that I have turned the matter over to you. I feel as though the details as to this proposed park should be left with you so far as our association is concerned. I am about to leave the city anyway. Moreover, I feel that you are in a position to handle this matter better than any one else. I have not, as yet, been able to see you since Mr. Simonds' visit. I wish you would take the matter up with Mr. Simonds so far as necessary and so far as our association is to have anything to do with it, and try and get the matter in such shape that there shall be secured for the city this open space, and that some plan shall be adopted for the improving of it.

Yours truly,

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

President.

April 4, 1905

Mr. Albert Kelsey,
931 Chestnut St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My Dear Sir:-

Yours of March 31st just received.

I regret very much that the program for our annual meeting is now in such shape that we cannot very well make the change along the lines of your letter. Personally, I should like very much to have you here.

I will bear the matter in mind, and I trust that some time in the future we can arrange things so that you can give the people of our city your lecture. I am sure it would be of decided benefit to our work.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

April 4, 1905

Mr. R. J. Holden,
913 University Ave.,
City.

Dear Mr. Holden:-

I thank you very much for your letter of the 3rd, concerning stakes in Monongahela Bay.

Now, what I would like to have you do is this: You arrange with Mr. Ickes to go down there and set the stakes and do whatever you think is necessary, and send the bill to me.

(Dic. by O.)

Yours truly,

April 4, 1905.

Mr. August Uihlein,

Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Sir:

I write you concerning the work of an Association in this city known as the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association. It has been maintained here now for some thirteen years wholly by voluntary contributions. The work it is doing is contributed to by most of our citizens. We now have a membership of something over 1,000. In order that you may see what we have been doing, I send you under another cover, a copy of our last annual report. I wish you would do me the favor to glance at through. I feel that the Association and its work is rather unusual.

We have raised, including the subscriptions for our work this year, in the last thirteen years, $150,000 in round numbers. You will observe that the gifts range from two to three dollars upwards. One becomes a member of the Association for the current year by subscribing to its work a certain sum of money. If he does not renew that subscription at the end of the year, he drops out as a member. The full membership fee is $25.00 per year. This is all we ask any one person to contribute for the general work of the Association ; for the extra work that we do from year to year, we ask people to contribute according to their means. You will observe that two years ago we raised for the work of

connecting the two lakes, Mendota and Monona, something over $21,000. Last year we raised an additional $5,000 for this work, and this year we are raising another additional $5,000, making in all in round numbers $30,000 for this one piece of work.

The Schlitz Brewing Company, of which you are a member, as I am informed, owns quite a little property in this city. I felt that perhaps your Company might be willing to join the Association the present season. By subscribing as a member for $25.00. Of course we should be glad to have you help also some on the raising of the extra $5,000 needed this year for the extra work of the Association, but if you can give for but one purpose, we would prefer to have you contribute as a member toward the general work.

I do not know that I have ever met you personally, but I remember with pleasure having met two of your brothers, one from Chicago, and one from Milwaukee, on a trip some years ago to Alaska. I remember very well the two gentlemen, but do not recall their first names.

Very truly yours,

April 4, 1905.

Senator Hudnell,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Hudnell:

I leave the city tomorrow morning, and hence send you this note. If 65 S has not yet passed the Senate, I wish you would do what you can to see that it is passed as speedily as possible.

We are to have the annual meeting of our Association on April 18 next. It is preceeded by a banquet at 6 o'clock. I would like very much to have you go with me that evening as my guest. I hope in some way you can arrange so that the legislature will not have any session that evening, since a number of the members of the Senate and Assembly will receive personal invitations to be present at the meeting.

Very truly yours,

John M. Olin

April 4, 1905.

Senator Stondahl,

City.

Dear Mr. Stondahl:

I leave the city tomorrow morning, and hence send you this note instead of going to see you personally.

The annual meeting of our Association occurs on Tuesday, April 18 next. For special reasons I am very desirous that the bill which you introduced, permitting the payment for special improvements in ten equal annual installments should be passed before that meeting.

Will you see that the bill is hurried along as rapidly as possible, and when it gets through the Senate, will you see Mr. Warner, and ask him to look after it in the Assembly, and very much oblige,

Yours very truly,

John [illegible]

April 4, 1905.

As soon as any of these bills have passed the Assembly, will you not be so kind as to follow the same into the Governor's office, and have him sign the same as early as possible, and then see the Secretary of State to get them published as early as possible.

If for any reason the Governor has any objection to any of these bills, I wish you would let me know promptly, and much oblige,

Yours very truly,

[signature]

April 4, 1905.

Hon. Ernest N. Warner,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Warner:

There are certain bills pending which I am very anxious should be passed and signed by the Governor before the annual meeting of our Association on Tuesday, April 18 next. One of these, is 231 S, a bill requiring the raising of bridges. That ought to have passed I think the assembly by this time, but if it has ,I have not noticed it.

Another is 63 S, giving authority to city common councils to condemn lands outside of city. This has been acted upon by the Senate, but whether it has been passed I am not certain. I have written to Senator Hudnell, who introduced the bill in the Senate, to hurry the matter along. You will remember that you introduced a bill on this subject for me. The one that the Senate has acted upon is a substitute for the original bill, and is satisfactory to everybody so far as I know.

Another is a bill which Senator Stendahl introduced, providing in substance for the payment of special improvements of parks etc. in ten equal annual installments. I have not the number of that bill. I have written Senator Stendahl to get it through the Senate as soon as possible, and then asked him to see you and have you take care of it in the Assembly.

April 4, 1905.

Edward Korb and Levi Korb,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:

I have been thinking over the matter of your working for the Association this year. I doubt very much after considering the matter, whether I can furnish you with work along the river for any great length of time. This being so, I feel that you likely will not care to take the job. I cannot promise you any work after that is done, and it is uncertain now when we can get at that work.

Very truly yours,

John M. Clark

April 4, 1905.

Mr. Sever Aasen,

North Baldwin St.,

Dear Sir:

I was along Water Street today. It would be an excellent thing if you could arrange it so as to draw from the North-Western abutment ,main line,xxx a lot of gravel, and have it put in the places where the wagons have rutted out the road, especially between the Avenue and Main Street,and there are also other places. If this gravel could be put in there now, it would be worn down and make a good road bed. Cannot you organize the force for a day in such a way as to see that this is done?

Very truly yours,

[illegible]

April 4, 1905.

Dr. S. A. Neilson,
City.

Dear Mr. Neilson:

I was out along the Yahara and Tenney Park today. I noticed that quite a number of the temporary fences we have put along the river in different places have been either blown over or deliberately thrown down. I wish you would have Clawson go along the river and fix them up.

Another thing I noticed was the condition of the lagoon between the Avenue and the Lake. Cannot Clawson get his boat in there, and clean that out at once. I think he ought to have a other man to help him; any man you employ for the work will be all right. I would like to see that cleaned out and see the water running through there.

Yours very truly,

[signature]

April 4, 1905.

Hon. Burr W. Jones,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Jones:

I write to see if you have had any talk as yet with the Hudson interests about the deed of the lot in Wingra Park. I would like to close that matter out before our annual meeting. Can you not send me a note to the effect that if we send you a check or warrant for $75.00, it will be satisfactory?

Yours very truly,

John Olin

April 5, 1905

Mr. W. J. Johnson,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of April 4th received and contents noted.

I should be willing to recommend, under all the circumstances, that the directors allow you $50.00 for doing the dredging between the temporary bridge and Sherman Avenue, as talked over between you and Mr. Sargent. I only do this because I think you have acted in good faith, but it does seem to me that in doing the dredging you ought to have arranged matters so as to avoid the necessity of going over this ground again. However, we want to do what is right, and for that reason I will recommend as above stated.

Yours truly,

(Dict. by O.)

John W. Weeks

President.

April 5, 1905

Mr. Grant Thomas,

City.

Dear Mr. Thomas:

Can you not make out for Charles H. Brown a list of the new subscribers this year? You have all the additional names and can, I think, without much difficulty, make the list for Mr. Brown. If there is any expense connected with it, let me know, and I will see it is paid. He would like this list as soon as possible. I leave in a few minutes for the train, but hope to get back Friday night or Saturday forenoon, and shall try and put in a couple of days with you next week. But I hope you will do all you can before that date.

Yours truly,

(Dict. by O.)

President.

April 5, 1905

Messrs. Patrie, Herrington & Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Concerning width of tire of wagon purchased, will say that as I went out on the drive I noticed the tires and they struck me as not as wide as those we had on a wagon from the Fuller & Johnson Company last year, which I understood were three inch tires. I had a talk with the man driving the team and he said the tires were only 2-3/4 inches wide. I did not measure them, and I presume from what you say that he is mistaken and that the other tires are likely wider than three inches. Certainly there is a difference between the two. Just for my own satisfaction, I will some time measure the tires myself and will write you a note, stating what I find. I presume, as stated above, however, that you are correct.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

April 5, 1905

Senator William F. Vilas,
City.

Dear Mr. Vilas:-

I enclose herewith a draft of resolution to be submitted to the Board of Regents at its next meeting. It is, perhaps, of undue length I have dictated it hurriedly just as I am about to leave for the train. If it is not satisfactory to you, please change it as you wish, and then return same to me and I will have it redrafted.

I expect the law will soon be published, requiring the bridges to be raised, but do not yet know what the change will be.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by C.)
(Enc.)

President.

April 9, 1906

Mr. O. C. Simonds,

Landscape Gardener,

Grand Ave.,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Simonds:-

I am just back at the office and have had a little talk with Mr. Whetten over the phone. I learned that you had not yet given any further directions as to planting on the drive through Woodard's land. Of course, if that planting is to be done this spring, we should get at once any sketch or map that you may make or directions that you may wish to give concerning the same. Can you not get it to us at once?

Regret that I could not be here when you were in the city.

Very truly,

(Dic. By O.)

Wm. Kent

President.

April 10, 1905

Mr. Charles A. Whittet,
Supt. Board of Park Commissioners,
Lowell, Mass.

My Dear Sir:-

I wish to thank some one very much for sending me second annual report of the Board of Park Commissioners of your city. I have read the same through with much interest. Will try and remember to have a copy of our report sent you as soon as it is out, which will be some where about the first of May.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

April 10, 1905

Mr. John T. Gething,
City.

Dear Sir:-

Your $5.00 received in payment for subscription for 1904 and turned over by me to Mr. Hoyt. Am glad to get it in time to have it appear in our next annual report.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

April 10, 1905

Mr. Grant Thomas,

City.

Dear Mr. Thomas:-

Mr. S. S. Driver, who subscribed $5.00 for the river work two years ago, has told Charles B. Brown, when asked to pay the money, that he paid the $5.00 to you, and that you gave him a receipt, and he also stated that he thought if your attention was called to it you might remember it. I just thought I would write you this note and call it to your attention. Of course, if he has paid it, we want to straighten the matter out and give him credit for it in the report.

Very truly yours,

Messrs. Perry & Clas,

Milwaukee, Wis.

April 10, 1905

Gentlemen:-

I am just back to the city and find the perspective sketch of the bridge here. Am very much pleased with it and much obliged for your getting it to us in time for our annual meeting.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

April 10, 1905

Mr. August Uihlein,

Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of April 6th came in my absence, enclosing check for $25.00 for the work of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association. I wish to thank you very much for the same. The check has been endorsed over to our treasurer, who will see that a copy of the annual report is sent you.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

J. Maxwell Allen

April 10, 1905

Doyon & Rayne Lumber Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $16.14 to pay your bill against the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

(Dic.)

J. Maxwell Allen

Prof. E. B. Skinner,

Madison, Wis.

April 10, 1905

Dear Mr. Skinner:-

Your letter of the 5th received. Please accept thanks for same. From what you say, I can see that you ought not to contribute the present year. I know that your not doing so is not from any lack of interest in this work.

I hope very much that you can attend the annual meeting on April 18th next.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President

(Dic. by C.)

April 10, 1905

Miss Caroline Hunt,

City.

Dear Madam:-

Yours received, enclosing check for $5.00 for the work of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please accept thanks for same. The same has been turned over by me to Mr. Hoyt, our treasurer.

Again thanking you for your contribution and for your expressions of interest in the work, I am.

Very truly yours,

John M. Olin

President.

April 10, 1905

Mr. Walter L. Houser,
City.

Dear Mr. Houser:-

Yours, enclosing check for $5.00 for subscription to Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association, received. Please accept thanks for same. Have sent the same to Mr. Hoyt at once, so that it will appear in the report.

For certain reasons, I will be much pleased if you can attend the annual banquet as well as annual meeting, to be held Tuesday, April 18th next.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

(Dic. by C.)

April 10, 1905

Mr. E. C. Hammersley,
City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $41.45 for your bill for keeping team of horses for association. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)
(Enc.)

President.

April 10, 1905

Mr. Walter M. Smith,

City.

My Dear Mr. Smith:-

I found yours of April 7th on my return to the city. I was very glad that you did not take offense at my letter of Feb. 16th. I felt after I wrote it that I had made a mistake. I don't want people to feel that they have been unduly urged or crowded in this matter of giving toward the support of the work of the association. Each one, of course, must judge for himself.

But I wish to say that I appreciate very much your expression of interest and kindly feeling toward the work. I hope that you will be present at the annual meeting on Tuesday, April 18th next. We ought to have a good meeting.

Very truly yours,

(Dict. by C.)

President.

April 10, 1905

Prof. C. B. Mendenhall,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I learned accidentally, that you claim to have paid on subscription to the work of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association last year $5.00, and that then later you were asked to pay another $5.00, and that you paid no attention to it, and the matter was finally given to Mr. Brown and that he demanded payment, and that you made a further payment but under protest. I have taken the first opportunity to examine the matter. I have your original postal card returned to me for last year, and you only subscribed $5.00 and that was for the general work of the association and not for the Yahara river improvement. Now, if you paid that subscription, and have been asked to pay a further subscription, and have paid the same, I want to see that the money is promptly returned to you. Of course, you know that mistakes will occur in a matter such as this, we having something like one thousand subscribers. I wish, however, you would see Mr. Hoyt, the treasurer. If you made payment to him, I am quite sure his records will show it. We should feel very badly indeed to have any member of the association asked to pay any other than he subscribed. I have not had an opportunity myself to consult with Mr. Hoyt. I will regard it as a personal favor to me if you could drop me a line after investigating this matter.

Yours truly,

(Note. By C.)

President.

April 10, 1905

August Halbersleben, Esq.,
R. F. D. No. 7,
City.

My Dear Sir:-

Yours of April 3rd did not reach me until this morning by reason of my absence from the city. You are entirely welcome to all of the trees that you speak of in your letter, and without any charge to you.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

Mr. John T. King,
City.

April 10, 1905

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find duplicate copy of agreement between adison Park & Pleasure Drive Association and Dane County Agricultural So- ety.

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Yours truly,

President.

Prof. B. C. Hastings,

City.

April 11, 1905

Dear Sir:-

Yours of April 10th received and contents noted.

Under another cover, I send you copies of two former reports which I think will give, in the main, the information you desire. That information will be given, however, in better shape, I think, at the annual meeting of the association to be held on Tuesday, April 18. I hope you will be able to attend the meeting.

(Dic. by O.)

Yours truly,

President.

Mr. Charles T. Reed,

514 Langdon St.,

City.

April 11, 1905

Dear Sir:-

Please accept thanks for your favor of the 11th, enclosing check for $5.00 for work of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. The same has been endorsed over to Frank W. Hoyt, our treasurer. I have handed your note to Mr. Brown, stating that Mr. Woolledge would represent your fraternity at the annual banquet. Am glad that he can do so.

(Dic. by O.)

Yours truly,

President.

April 11, 1905.

Mr. O. C. Simonds,
Landscape Gardener,
Buena Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Simonds:-

Yours of April 10th received. You say that you enclose a sketch as to planting on the Woodard drive or grounds. You omitted, for some reason, to enclose the sketch.

(Dict. by O.H.)

Yours truly,

President.

Mr. Andrew Kentzler,
City.

April 11, 1905

Dear Sir:-

Received your check for $25.00 to be presented May 2, 1905.

Please accept thanks.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

April 11, 1906

Mr. Claus Clausen,

City.

Dear Sir:- Enclosed find warrant for $12.37 for seven and one-half days' work in Tenney Park. Please receipt and return to me the enclosed bill.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

President.

April 11, 1906

J. Shadbolt, Mngr.,

Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity,

City.

Dear Sir:- Please accept thanks for yours of the 10th, enclosing check for $5.00 for the work of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. The same has been turned over to Frank W. Hoyt, treasurer.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

April 11, 1905

Mr. Sevort Mallen,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith a letter of T. C. Purcell, recommending Mr. Hurley as a good person to work on the drives. I have asked him to go out to your house and talk the matter over with you. I also enclose a slip from another man, O. A. Gilbert, 724 W. Washington Ave. He has a good team, he says, and would like a good job on the river. I leave this matter with you and Louis to arrange. Of course, we will need some extra teams as soon as we get at the river work, and I am willing you should employ any teams now provided you can use them to advantage.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

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President.

April 12, 1905

Owen O. Orr, Treas.,

Delta Tau Delta Fraternity,

City.

Dear Sir:- Please accept thanks for the check of $5.00 from your fraternity for the work of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. The same has been endorsed over to the Treasurer, Mr. Hoyt.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

(Enc.)

April 12, 1905.

Mr. Frank G. Brown,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Mr. A. O. Fox informs me that you declined to give anything to the work of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association, and that you stated as the reason of your refusal that I, two years ago, made the threat that if you did not give we, or I, would see that you were compelled to pay through taxation. These are not the exact words, but the meaning of them as given to me over the telephone.

Now whether you give a cent or not is your own business, not mine. What I object to is that you should be stating, as your excuse for not giving, something that never occurred. I never made any such statement either to you or to your brother at any time or place, as I promptly told you one year ago. Such a statement would have been, to say the least, foolish and absurd. You knew at the very time you claim that such statement was made, that we were raising, or trying to raise, some $20,000 by subscription for the Yahara river improvement. How I could suppose that you could be compelled by taxation to pay your pro rata share of this $20,000 that was being raised by subscription, is beyond my comprehension.

But assuming for the present that I made the statement, how does the matter stand? You refuse to give to support a public enterprise that is of no personal or selfish interest to me, and you give as your reason some alleged foolish remark of mine. Does such a remark relieve you from giving your fair share toward sustaining the improvement? If it is your duty to

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give, it is none the less so, even though I made the alleged remark. Hence, it all comes back to the simple proposition whether, considering your property interests in Madison and your duties as a citizen, you should or shduld not give to support the work of the association. This is a matter that each one must decide for himself. It is your privilege to decline to give, and to enjoy what others of more moderate means pay to support. The more enjoyment you get out of the improvement the better it will suit me. But please do not attempt to justify your refusal to give on the ground that I made some foolish remark,- especially when you know that I positively denied making such remark the moment you called my attention to the matter.

And now let me remind you of what you did or did not do last year. At the time you refused to give toward the additional subscription then being raised to complete the Yahara river improvement, you stated to Mr. Fox and myself that you would continue your usual subscription to the general drive work. Later, Mr. Grinde submitted to you the $25.00 list, and you declined to give anything, stating as your then reason that you would not give because automobiles were to be allowed on this end of Farwell Drive. Later, an adjustment was made with the owners of automobiles by which automobiles were to be kept off entirely that portion of Farwell Drive as far north as Frank Wooton's cottage. You still, however, failed to contribute a cent toward maintaining the drives last year. Yet, had the amount of money used to maintain the drives been raised by general taxation, you and your brother would have paid $100. Hence, you were re-

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lieved from paying this $100, or any part of it, even the $12.50 you had theretofore given, and the same was paid by others out of their voluntary contributions. As stated above, this is your privilege, but I submit that it is not your privilege to seek to excuse your conduct by any such alleged foolish conduct on my part.

Yours truly,

John W. Olin

(Dic. by O.)

Mr. John D. Ioke,

City.

April 13, 1905.

Dear Sir:-

Would you be so kind as to look up and telephone to my office the following: The distance, by water, from the mouth of the Yahara river as it empties into lake Monona and the open place on Spaight street that is to be secured for a park. Next, the distance, by water, from this last place to the east end of the socalled triangle. Would be much obliged if you can give me this information.

(Dic. by O.)

Yours truly,

John W. Olin

April 13, 1905

Dr. W. C. Awalt,
City.

My Dear Sir:-

We are trying to get, before the annual meeting, the $10,000 needed for our work the present year. As yet, we have not received any reply from you to the card sent out. We have called also at your office at different times, but either found you busy or out. We do not wish to annoy you, but I am sure you desire to do something to help sustain the work. We shall loose this year some three or four of our $25.00 members. I wonder whether you could not come in on the $25.00 list for the general work and thus help keep that list full. Of course, this is a matter that each one must determine for himself. If you will be so kind as to drop me a line, stating the amount you are willing to give, so that we can have it enter into our report for next Tuesday evening, I will appreciate it.

I hope that you may be able to be present at the Banquet and annual meeting.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by C.)

John W. O'Dea

President.

April 13, 1900

Mr. George Burdick,

City.

Dear Mr. Burdick:-

According to our records here, you have not yet indicated any amount that you desire to subscribe to the work of the association for the present year. Could you not drop me a line, stating the amount that you are willing to give, so that I will get it sometime Saturday of this week, and very much oblige? We hold our annual meeting on April 18 next and are desirous of having all subscriptions in by that time. I called at your office to-day, but found you out, and I must be absent from the city to-morrow.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Allen

President.

April 18, 1906.

Mr. Patrick Dudahy,

Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

We are to have the annual meeting of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association on Tuesday, April 18, next. We have been trying to raise for our work this year $10,000. According to our records here, you have not, as yet, renewed your subscription of $10.00 for the present year. Could you not drop me a line, stating that you will do so, so that I will get it on or before Tuesday morning, of next week?

Yours truly,

(Dict. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

April 13, 1905

Mr. F. Warren Montgomery,

The Harman,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I would like to have you look through the last report of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association sent you under another cover. The work of this association is sustained wholly by voluntary contributions. You will see, from an examination of the report, how general the subscriptions are. We shall have raised by the time of our annual meeting on Tuesday, April 18, next, since we commenced the work some thirteen years ago, about $150,000 in round numbers. I understand that you are to make your home here in Madison. As one interested in the Madison Traction Company, you are, of course, interested in the progress and welfare of the city. We believe that no other one thing has done more for the best interests of the city than the work of this association. A full membership fee is $25.00. I wish you would consider whether you could not join the association on that basis for the present year. One becomes a member by subscribing to the work of the association and ceases to be a member on failing to renew the subscription.

We are to have the annual meeting of the association at Keeley's Hall next Tuesday evening, April 18. It will be preceded by a banquet. The members will gather between six and half past at the hall and will take their seats at the banquet table promptly at 6:30. I should be pleased to have you attend the meeting. Senator Vilas is to preside and there will

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be a number of different addresses on different phases of the work by some of our citizens. If you should wish to attend, please let me know by return mail and I will see that your name is handed to Mr. Brown, the secretary.

If you should decide to join the association this year, will you please drop me a line, stating that fact, so I will get it some time Saturday, and very much oblige?

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by C.)

April 14, 1905

Mr. Stuart Aasen,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith a letter from George Angus Buckstaff of Oshkosh, Wis. I want you to get from the nursery three of as find blue spruce as you can pick out and have them properly bundled and wrapped and left at the express office, addressed to Mr. Buckstaff at Oshkosh. He will pay the express on same.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by G.)

(Enc.)

April 15, 1905

Mr. George A. Buckstaff,

Oshkosh, Wis.

My Dear Mr. Buckstaff:-

Yours of April 13th just received. I have written a note to our foreman, requesting him to dig and put up for you three of as nice blue spruce as he could find, and have them shipped to you by express. I thought I had better do this than to have them shipped by freight. All you need pay in the matter is the express.

Hoping that they will reach you in due time and in good condition, I am,

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by C.A.)

President.

April 15, 1905

Dear Abstract or Title Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Mr. Brown informs me that you are willing to contribute to the association $18.00, one-half of your bill for making abstract of title for addition to Tenney Park. Enclosed you will find a warrant for the full amount of your bill, with the request that you draw a check, payable to Frank W. Hoyt, for $18.00. I will then have this check turned over to Mr. Hoyt and will credit your company with having subscribed that amount of money to the work of the association the present year. Please receipt the enclosed bill.

(Dic. by C.)

(Warrant)

Yours truly,

President.

April 16, 1905.

Fred Rentschler, Esq.,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:

Your rather peculiar letter of April 14th just received, as to nursery trees. I shall not take your name off from the subscription list. On the contrary, we shall expect you to pay just the amount you subscribed. You will upon reflection see, I think, that you have made a mistake. Your subscription is a contract, and we shall expect you to meet it like a man.

Now as to the trees in the nursery, I should be only too glad to have you handle all that we have there that we can spare, and to sell them to the people at such sums as you can get for them. We will let you have them at the prices that were stated in the paper so far as we have them to spare, and if you will agree to take them, we will at once turn everybody who desires trees from the nursery over to you. Now can you ask for anything fairer than this?

I noticed yesterday while going out along the road leading from the cemetery corner into the Larkin woods, that somebody had evidently set afire on your side of the fence as though they were trying to burn off some long grass and this fire had spread in places into the planting by the association, and in two or three places had done considerable damage. I could hardly think that anybody would do a thing like this. I write to see whether it was done through mistake or how it occurred.

If you desire to take the trees from our nursery, please call me up by telephone, and I will be pleased to have people deal with you as suggested, except as to two or three parties with whom I had made arrangements without reference to the advertisement in the paper. In fact I doubt whether we shall sell a tree through that statement. We have simply got the trees there, and I hated to have them go to waste, and I never once thought that I was treading on anybody's toes when I put the notice in the paper.

Very truly yours,

John M. Olive
President

April 18,1905.

Alderman M. M. Doran,
544 W. Main St.,
City.

Dear Sir:

I wish very much that you could attend the banquet and annual meeting of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association tomorrow, Tuesday evening, to be held at 8 o'clock at Keeley's Hall. We are desirous of having as many members of the council attend as possible. I would appreciate it if you could be present.

Very truly yours,

John [illegible]

April 18, 1905

Mr. George B. Kerry,
Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Ought there to be some provision made, in the construction of the Steenland bridge, for the running of wires to light same and perhaps to run through the bridge some where a conduit for electric wires that would be laid under ground on either side of the bridge? I thought i would suggest this matter to you.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by G.)

President.

April 18, 1905

Mr. Magnus Swenson,

City.

Dear Mr. Swenson:-

Lest I forget it, I wanted to suggest that you, as a member of the committee on the construction of the Steensland bridge, keep an eye on things, especially on the work of Mr. Icke, to see that his work carries out the work of Mr. Ferry. Ought there to be some arrangement made in the construction of the bridge for the running of wires to light the bridge, etc.?

I wish also that you would keep watch of what is done by the city toward reconstructing the old Williamson street bridge and the establishing of it on Johnson street. It ought to be so reconstructed as to keep the height of the bridge down at either end as much as possible so as to avoid disarranging the work of the association at that end of Tenney Park. Unless some one of our directors looks after this matter, we may find a number of serious blunders made by Mr. Icke that will cause us a good deal of trouble in the future.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

April 18, 1905

George Curtis, Jr.,

313 Charter St.,

City.

My Dear Mr. Curtis:-

Yours of April 15th received.

You are entirely welcome to all the trees that you can make use of from the nursery. If agreeable to you, for the linidens and elms you may pay to the association twenty cents each.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

April 20, 1905

Wadler Bros.,
City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $5.00 to pay your bill against Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)
(Encl.)

President.

April 20, 1905

Roger M. Trump, Esq.,
Treas't, Sigma Nu Fraternity,
City.

Dear Sir:-

Please accept thanks for your check of $5.00 from Sigma Nu Fraternity for the work of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Same has been turned over to Frank W. Hoyt, treasurer,

Yours truly,

(Sig. by C.)

President.

April 24, 1905

Senator William F. Vilas,

City.

Dear Mr. Vilas:-

It might be well, if it comes convenient for you, to say a word to the Governor about 88 S, the bill that gives to the common council power to condemn lands outside the city limits in behalf of a corporation like the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association, organized under chapter 50, laws of 1899. It was intimated to me that the Governor would probably veto this bill. I do not believe there is any foundation for the statement, but not wishing to take any chances, I called personally upon the Governor on Thursday, of last week, and explained to him the nature of the bill. I did not get any idea from the talk I had with him that he had the bill in mind or that he was unfavorable to it. I know that some of his friends like Crawford Harper have done some work in opposition to the bill but do not think they have had very much, if any, success. I should very much regret to have the bill vetoed. It would be a great blow to our work, especially just at this time.

I shall try and see you personally, if possible, before leaving the city on Thursday morning. Should I not be able to do so, however, I want again to thank you for your kindness in presiding at our annual meeting. It was a great help to the work of our association to have you do so.

Yours truly,

(Dic. v O.)

[signature]

President.

April 24, 1905

Mr. D. Hill,
Dundee, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

Through an oversight that I cannot explain, your letter of Jan. 13th, written to me as to some half-tone cuts for a large illustrated catalogue, was not opened and I did not discover the same until yesterday. I regret exceedingly the oversight, for we should have been glad to have accommodated you. If you still desire anything of this kind, please address a line to Charles N. Brown, who is secretary of our association and who has taken all of the photographs that have appeared in the different reports. I will see that a copy of the annual report of this year is mailed to you.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C. B.

President,

April 24, 1905

Charles N. Brown, Atty.,
City.

Dear Mr. Brown:-

Enclosed you will find a little slip containing statement that I would like to have inserted in the report at page 25. You will see where it goes in. This ought to be said in justice to the work done by Mr. Gay.

After you have read the proof and it has been fixed up as you think it ought to be, I wish you would have it submitted to Mr. Butler for comparison, etc. Of course, he would need the copy in order to look the same through.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)
(Enc.)

President.

Mr. Grant Thomas,

City.

April 24, 1905

Dear Mr. Thomas:-

You will find enclosed warrants to pay for services according to our previous talk and agreement.

I was down along the river yesterday, looking the work over with Dr. Nielson and the men. I supposed that you would be getting at your side of the river before this. Can you not have your plant started at once, so that we can have that side of the river filled and so get the good dirt on as early as possible? Otherwise, it will be impossible for us to get the good dirt. You will see at once the importance.

Yours truly,

[signature]

President.

(Dic. by O.)

(3 Warrants)

(3 Enc.)

Please remember the bill: we need to pay [illegible] to get money to pay obligations

J. W. O.

April 24, 1905

Mr. D. Hill,

Dundee, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of the 21st received, I presume you have already received my telegram ordering the 2,000 elm. I hope they will be sent promptly.

Yours truly,

President.

April 25, 1905

George M. Angell,
923 W. Johnson St.,
City.

Dear Sir:-

I would like if you could furnish me about five more copies of the city map. I am using them to send off in connection with certain branches of the work of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Of course, I should be glad to pay for them. But it is the maps I am anxious to get rather than the amount I am to pay. If you can get the above number to me at once I will greatly appreciate the favor.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

April 25, 1905

Messrs. O. C. Simonds & Co.,
Landscape Gardeners,
Buena Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed please find two warrants, one for $125.00 and one for $100, in payment for bill for services under date of March 8th last. Please receipt the enclosed bills and return same to me, and much oblige.

(Dic. by O.)

Yours truly,

(2 Warrants)
(2 Inc.)

President.

April 25, 1905

Dr. Philip Fox,

City.

Dear Sir:-

According to report of our man, the trees you got from the nursery are as follows:

12 soft maple at 10¢ each,	$1.20
18 box elder at 10¢ each,	1.80
12 white elm at 20¢ each,	2.40
12 Linden at 20¢ each,	2.40
6 birch at 10¢ each,	.60
Making a total of,	7.90

If this statement is not correct, please let me know.

I want to get these matters straightened, if I can, before leaving.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

Powell Clair

President.

April 25, 1905

Capt. W. A. Thompson,

La Crosse, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Under the agreement with Senator Vilas and with the men owning the land, we are under obligation to cut the canal or waterway up Wingra Creek from the mouth of the creek as it empties into Lake Monona to Henry Vilas Park on or before the 1st of November next. Hence, I want you to arrange with Johnson, the dredger here, if possible, to make that cut for you up as far as the stone arch culvert. I was talking with him yesterday morning and I am sure he is anxious to get that job of work. He told me he had offered to do it for twelve cents and wanted to know what I thought about it. I told him that I thought he could afford to do it for ten cents and that I hoped he would conclude to do it for that figure. I think he will. Can you not take the matter up with him at once and see what can be done? He will not be through with the other work for some month or six weeks yet, and if he could get this job of work from you people, he would be kept busy all this season.

I am to leave Madison Thursday morning for my trip to be gone until the 1st of September. I think, however, that matters are in good shape and that there will be no trouble in the work going along as planned.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

April 25, 1905

Mr. Fred Rentschler,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Since writing you the other day, I have met your brother, and I think hereafter we can manage so as to be of mutual help to each other. We do not care to enter into the business of selling trees. We are only too glad to have some local firm here interest itself in getting trees set out in different parts of the city, the right kind of trees and rightly placed. We shall be only too glad to co-operate with you and your brother in this work. Moreover, a good many of the trees that we have planted thick along different parts of the drives will soon have to be removed. They are fine, large, nice young trees and I think that we can make some arrangement with you and your brother by which these trees can be taken by you at a moderate cost and sold in such a way as to be quite profitable to you and at the same time yield a small return to the association. On my return in the fall, I will take the matter up with you and your brother and see if we cannot enter into a mutually advantageous arrangement.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

Charles Allen

President.

April 25, 1905

Mr. Jackson Reuter,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I have a number of times spoken to Mr. A. O. Fox about closing up Bridge street. He promised to see that this was done, but he has been so busy that he evidently has forgotten about it. The people cross that street, notwithstanding it has been vacated, and then drive across a part of our parkway along the river. It is a dangerous crossing as it now exists across the tracks. It ought to be shut up in such a way that nobody could get through there. Moreover, it is only just to the railroad companies that this should be done. They were promised when the change was made and as a part of the consideration of their furnishing extra dirt, that they would have one less crossing by reason of Bridge street being vacated.

I wish you would interest yourself in this matter and see that the street is closed up. I had a little talk yesterday morning with Morris Fox and explained the situation, and he said he would see that the street is blocked, but I thought I would drop you this line.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O. A.

President.

April 25, 1905

Mr. George McConnell,

City.

Dear Sir:-

You may remember that a number of times we secured, for t association, grass seed for sowing in Tenney Park and along the river. father advised originally as to the mixing of of this seed. I do not now just remember the different kinds of seed that were mixed. I know that p of the seed was red top and part, as I remember, timothy, but whether the was any blue grass in it or not, I am not certain. I wish you would look up the matter and give to Charles B. Brown the mixture as you remember it for we need to order quite a good deal of additional seed. If you can at tend to this promptly, I will appreciate it.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.B.)

President.

April 25, 1905.

Mr. John Prien,

City.

Dear Mr. Prien:-

You may remember that last fall there was a meeting down at the Williamson street bridge of representatives of all of the parties interested with reference to the securing of the removal and changing f a number of poles at or near this bridge. It was all agreed upon at at time as to just what changes should be made. I find, however, on king over the ground, that none of the poles have yet been changed. It ery desirable that these changes be made. The change, so far as your y is concerned, can easily be made so as to leave matters in just as ape as they are now. You can put in an additional pole on the weste ide of your track on the northeasterly side of the river and just at ge of the park strip, and take the pole that is on this side of the river t is the southwesterly side, and move it back toward the city, so as to st outside the southwesterly side of water street as relocated. This wi ave the span crossing the river no longer than it is now and will get of the objectionable pole right near the river bank.

Mo er, the rialroad crossing sign, which was all right for Water street as it ed to be, ought now to be changed and moved back to the southwesterly side Water street.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

[signature]

President.

April 26, 1905.

Mr. Charles N. Brown,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Mr. Zwerg, the vegetable man who lives on Mineral Point road, got from the nursery trees as follows and at the following prices:

70 birch at 10¢ each,	$7.00
4 linden at 20¢ each,	.80
2 catalpa at 10¢ each,	.20
2 blue spruce at 50¢ each,	1.00
1 mountain ash at 20¢,	.20
Total,	9.20

If this is not paid within a short time, please notify Mr. Zwerg and see that the same is paid, and notify Mr. Hoyt.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

April 25, 1905

Mr. M. F. Johnson,
1119 E. Johnson St.,
City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find warrant for $50.00 as per agreement and our talk yesterday morning.

Since talking with you, it has occurred to me that when you get down to the mouth of the river, the first thing you had better do is to cut out a narrow channel along next to Clark & Thomas, that is the northeasterly side, throwing the dirt up sufficient to make a proper embankment along there and get enough dirt to fill what must be filled for the fifty foot strip. In this way you will get an opening for the boats the very first thing, and they are anxious to be able to get through there. You can cut the channel down as far as the broken line, but not beyond that, provided the water is deep enough at that point to let the boats go through, and then later you can cut out farther.

One of the boat men has just been in to see me. They are very desirous of getting through there at the earliest date possible and I wish you would do what you can to bring that about. It would tend to creating good feeling if this could be done.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)
(Warrant)
(Enc.)

President.

April 25, 1906.

Madison Gas & Electric Company,

City.

Gentlemen:-

You will remember that early last fall there was a meeting down at the Williamson street bridge of all of the parties interested, with reference to the moving of certain poles. It was all agreed upon as to where the poles should be moved and where new ones should be placed. I find, however, that nothing has been done toward making the change as was agreed upon at that time. Will you not see that the Gas Company co-operates with the other parties interested in having the change made according to the agreement last fall, and very much oblige?

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

April 2s, 1905

Mngr. Wisconsin Telephone Co.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

You will remember that early last fall there was a meeting down at the Williamson street bridge of all of the parties interested, with reference to the moving of certain poles. It was all agreed upon as to where the poles should be moved and where new ones should be placed. I find, however, that nothing has been done toward making the change as was agreed upon at that time. Will you not see that the Telephone Company co-operates with the other parties interested in having the change made according to the agreement last fall, and very much oblige?

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

April 25, 1905

Mr. George Shaw,

Supt. Madison Traction Co.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

You will remember that early last fall there was a meeting down at the Williamson street bridge of all of the parties interested, with reference to the moving of certain poles. It was all agreed upon as to where the poles should be moved and where new ones should be placed. I find, however, that nothing has been done toward making the change as was agreed upon at that time. Will you not see that the Traction Company co-operates with the other parties interested in having the change made according to the agreement last fall, and very much oblige

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

April 25, 1905.

Mr. Carl J. Hausmann,

City.

My Dear Sir:-

I just want to add in addition to what I said yesterday morning in our talk, that if you people can make the change as suggested, and on the terms suggested, I will take up the matter of getting the railway company to fill for the approaches to their track so as to get, if possible, a road through on that side from East Washington Avenue to Sherman Avenue the present year.

I wish some time you would go down on the main track of the Northwestern road and take a glance up and down the river so as to see what the situation would be with the improvement made as suggested. I am sure it would appeal to you.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

April 26, 1905

Mr. Alexander Hill,

City.

Dear Sir:-

There are some timbers, which I understand belong to you, at the end of Sherman Avenue bridge. They are right where we must do some grading to complete our work, Will you not see that they are removed at once, so that we can go on with the work.

I notice that the fence along either side of Water street has been badly broken and torn down. Mr. Sullivan informs me that you were to put this fence up. Considerable damage was done by the moving of this bridge. I regret exceedingly that it was taken along the river road. Will you be so kind as to see that the fence is put in place at once, and much oblige?

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

April 26, 1905

Mr. Julius Prister,

City.

My Dear Sir:-

I wish you would make it a point to see George Gregg, chairman of the town of Madison, and have him use the money, or so much as is necessary of the tax raised for keeping roads in repair, to see that a good dirt road is constructed along either side of the macadam road from the Yahara river out to the railway tracks. It would not require the expenditure of much money to do this, and such a road would greatly save the macadam road besides being much more pleasant to travel over except when it is muddy. There is no reason why the taxes belonging to that district should not be utilized in some such way. In places the dirt has been worn away from the macadam road build by our association and something of the kind indicated above ought to be done to protect the macadam.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

April 26, 1905

Mr. Charles Tenney,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I have just had a talk with Mr. Johnson, the dredger, over the phone, and he tells me that he is calculating to have the river open at its mouth so that all boats can pass through by the middle of May. I have impressed upon him that he must carry out this plan. Hence, you can rely on the above date and make your calculations accordingly.

This will involve Mr. Johnson going down with his dredge at this time, and, if he is employed to cut out the slip for the launch harbor, he will have to come back. I have told him that this is a piece of work that he would likely be asked to do and that Swenson, of our directors, is the person representing the association in thematter. You had better take the matter up with Mr. Swenson, I think, and get some agreement with Johnson as to price. If you determine to have this work done this year, our association will agree to meet the expense of distributing the dirt that you throw out for the launch harbor, you to meet the expense of the dredging merely. It is of importance to us that we know what you are going to do at as early a date as possible, since if you do not make this excavation we shall draw in some dirt for filling at this point from the Steinle hill. If, however, you carry out the plan of constructing the launch house, this will furnish, I think, dirt enough to do the filling at this point.

(Dic. by O.)

Yours truly,

President.

April 26, 1905

Mr. Magnus Swenson,

City.

Dear Mr. Swenson:-

I suppose you have already seen Prof. Taylor about the wood lock for the Henry Vilas Park waterway. If not, I trust you will do so promptly. Under our contract with the dredging company, we must be ready to have the dredging and work done on this lock at the time they do the excavating so that they will not be delayed or put to any extra or unnecessary expense.

Mr. Charles Tenney saw me yesterday about the launch house. He seems to be very positive that they will construct a building and at the earliest date possible. I have written him, telling him that you were to act for our directors in this matter. I think that you ought to be careful that nothing is put up at this point that will not be neat and artistic, and our board of directors ought to pass on the design.

I have just been talking over the phone with Johnson, the dredger. He tells me that he plans now to have the excavation completed at the mouth of the river sufficient to allow all boats to pass as early as the middle of May. I think it would be well to have some notice put in the paper to this effect. I have notified Charles Tenney of the statement of Mr. Johnson so that the boat men might know what to do as to the employment of a lock-tender.

I hope that you will do all you can this summer in helping to supervise the work, especially on the river and Henry Vilas Park. The three im-

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portant things on the river are the reconstruction and placing of the old Williamson street bridge, the construction of the Steensland bridge and the excavation at the mouth of the river. Dr. Nielson will do what he can in looking after the river work, but I trust the directors will also keep a hand on this work.

If the launch house is constructed, Mr. Johnson will have to come back with his dredge. I have told Mr. Johnson that you would see him and try and make some contract for that work. If that work is to be done, it is desirable that the plan should be determined on at as early a date as possible. I have said to Mr. Tenney that our association would meet the expense of distributing the dirt that would be thrown out by the dredge, for we can use it to good advantage for filling, and if this excavation is not done, we shall draw some dirt from the Steinle hill to complete the filling at this point.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Mr. John Sullivan,

2215 Winnebago St.,

City.

April 26, 1905

Dear Sir:-

The time has arrived when it is desired that you and Mr. Kanouse should commence drawing gool dirt for the Kahara river improvement. There is quite a little to be done in different parts of Tenney Park near the roadway, and by the time that is done, I think we shall be able to keep you hauling at least for some time.

Yours truly,

President.

April 6, 1905

Prof. W. D. Taylor,

City.

Dear Mr. Taylor:-

It will be necessary to have constructed a cheap wood lock for the waterway in connection with Henry Vilas Park, to be located at some point near the Fish Hatchery bridge. Our directors, at the last meeting, asked Magnus Swenson to see you and have you prepare the design for such lock. I intended to see you personally about the matter but was unable to do so before leaving. I wish you could do this work for us. We must be ready to have this lock put in at the time that the dredging is being done so as not to discommode the dredgers.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John M. Olin

President.

April 26, 1905

Mr. Mike Conlin,

838 E. Johnson St.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $5.00 as extra pay for last year for work on river according to agreement.

I have decided that we would not pay, the present year, more than $3.75 per day for man and team on river work. If you wish to work for this price, we should be pleased to have you do so, but if you do not wish to work for this price please notify Leslie at once. Of course, I would not want you to work on the job unless you felt perfectly contented. But at the same time, I would not want to hire any man in your place without giving you an opportunity to take the job if you desire.

Please return the enclosed receipt in the enclosed stamped envelope, and much oblige.

Yours truly,

(Dict. by O.)

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

President.

April 26, 1905.

Mr. E. F. Riley,

City,

Dear Mr. Riley:-

I intended to see you before leaving about the dirt on the Steinle tract. I hope it will be managed in such a way that we can get sufficient dirt to complete the covering of the park area with same. If you desired an extension of time within which to complete the removal of the dirt, I think that Mr. Steinle would grant it. I spoke to him about the matter as I met him the other morning and told him that he must co-operate with us in this way, and he practically said he would do so.

I wish also that you would talk with your son George and tell him that our association would appreciate anything that he or you can do this summer in looking after the work along the river to see that its being done efficiently and properly. Dr. S. A. Nielson will co-operate along this line, but he is not out there very much of the time, whereas your son George is. We will appreciate anything that either he or you can do in this matter.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

April 26, 1906

Mr. Carl H. Haussmann,

City.

My Dear Sir:-

I just wanted to state before leaving the city chamber you desire to make the change as suggested at the malt house, I think it would be very appropriate, if our association secured the naming of that street that would extend along that side of the river, at least between East Washington Avenue and Sherman Avenue, that it be named "Haussmann Avenue" or "Haussmann Boulevard", just as might be acceptable. I think it no more than right that this name should be connected, in some way, with the improvement, considering what has been done by your interests, and I wished to make this suggestion before leaving.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

April 2[illegible], [illegible]

Mr. Frank M. Wootton,

City:

Dear Mr. Wootton,-

I tried to talk with you over the phone [illegible] found that you were out of the city. I leave the city to-[illegible] for my trip. I wanted to find out whether the planting [illegible] the Woodard land as was planned. Was there some planting to be done [illegible] for Mr. Woodard by us, and if so, what was it, and was it expected that our association would furnish any trees for Mr. Woodard, and, if so, was he to pay for them or were they to be donated to him? I wish you would take the matter up with Severt and have anything done that should be done according to the agreement.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

[illegible]

President.

April 2[illegible], [illegible].

D. C. [illegible], Supt.,

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

Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

You will remember some correspondence last year concerning dirt and gravel furnished by your company for the approach to the bridge the Watertown line near the city bridge on Sherman Avenue. Your company then generously agreed, besides furnishing a certain amount of dirt, to furnish ten carloads of gravel. The dirt was furnished and put in place, but by the time this was done, it was pretty late in the season and the gravel was not delivered. We would like now to complete that road, put gravel on the approach to the track on each side, and would appreciate it if the company could deliver to our association at that point these ten carloads of gravel at this time. We would like, if possible, to get good fine gravel that would make a good top for a road.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John [illegible]

President.

April 24, 1909

Mr. Sievert Aasen,

City.

Dear Sir:-

There are things that I forgot to mention when I saw you last night.

1. You will remember that last fall I spoke two or three times about your getting some iron slag and having them driven in along the outer line of our filling on the Hoyt property, so as to indicate the extent of our filling. I do not know whether this was ever done. You will need to see that you get the line accurately, but I want to have this done now as soon as you can conveniently.

2. I wish to have you put the dirt roads on the lake Mendota drive system in good shape this spring.

3. Charles Nelson says that the floor to the rustic bridge is in bad shape and that new plank are needed in a good many places. I presume you could use the plank you had for the temporary bridge on the river, could you not, that you used for the temporary bridge on the river? I think you had better go over the rustic bridge personally and see that it is perfectly safe.

4. I would like to have you at once, if possible, fix up the dirt road for Dr. Box. I, after doing that, I would fix up the other dirt roads. Then I think I would next fix up the road over the Isem hill and Then I think I would next make the dirt road across the Woodard land.

5. Then I think I would next plan to go into Henry V[illegible] Park and put the road in there.

6. I also like to Mr. Brown about having the road cut in proper

shape through the quarry docks. That could be done without great expense. You had better talk with Mr. Brown about it.

Yours truly,

[illegible]

President.

Dec. by O.

Mr. O. C. Simonds,

Landscape Gardener,

Buena Ave.,

Chicago, Ill.

April 26, 1904.

Dear Mr. Simonds:-

There was a special meeting of the common council held on Monday evening, of this week, to consider the adoption by the council of the plan prepared by you for the improvement of East Washington Avenue. There was some objection made by some property owners on the ground that this avenue, or quite a portion of it across the marsh, would be devoted to business purposes, and that the plan of having two rather narrow roadways along this portion of the avenue would not be adapted to a business street. There was no final vote taken on the matter. Nearly all of the property owners are in favor of improving the avenue, and, I think, a majority of them in favor of the plan as prepared by you. It may be, however, that upon further consideration and study of the situation, you might conclude that commencing near the foot of the hill about opposite Mr. Cooley's land and extending easterly for some blocks, that it would be well to have one street in the center wider with parking on either side. I have suggested to Frank Smith, chairman of the street committee, that it would be well to arrange for a conference some time in the future with you, at which conference you could go over the ground with the street committee, and, after doing this, could then meet with the committee the property owners, and discuss the matter pro and con. Mr. Smith also wants to see you with reference to the improvement of the end of Monona Avenue. I would like to have you

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go over this matter with him when you come here. His heart is set on that improvement, but his ideas are quite different from yours as to how the improvement should be made. I thought if you could once see him and talk with him about the matter on the ground, you could convince him as to what was the best plan to adopt, inasmuch as he is chairman of the street committee, it is very desirable to satisfy him, if possible.

At the same time when you make this visit, you could look over further the plan for a park on Spaight street, in the 4th ward, which Mr. Bagley has in charge. There is going to be considerable objection made to filling out any particular distance along the lake shore at this point. I think the whole matter should be considered in connection with the dock line to be established for that portion of the lake shore. I am writing in great haste, getting ready as best I can to leave to-morrow morning on the train at 9:20 for our European trip. The work of the association will be looked after more especially by Charles M. Brown in my absence.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

April 26, 1906

Mr. J. A. Steinle,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I wish very much you could extend the time for removal of dirt sixty days beyond the last extension. The association needs this additional time in order to enable it to make use of the black dirt for covering the filled park strip along the river. I ask this wholly on account of the association and would much appreciate it if you could grant the favor. As you know, this Yahara river improvement has been a pretty large undertaking and has cost a good deal of money. It now looks as though we were going to be able to complete it in good shape by early fall at the latest, but we need about that amount of time in order to do the work as it ought to be done. I hope very much that you can grant the request. Please drop me a line, stating that you will do, and very much oblige.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

April 27, 1905.

King & Walker Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for fifty cents to pay your bill against Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill.

(Warrant)

John M. Oliver

April 26, 1905

Mr. Charles W. Eliot,
President of Harvard College,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

Under another cover, I send you reports of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association for the years 1902, 1903 and 1904. Also an earlier report, the latter containing the law under which the association is organized and the charter and by-laws of the association. The report for the present year is not yet published, but will be within a week or ten days. When published, I will send you a copy of that.

I should be pleased to have you glance through the reports in order that you may see what has been done and is being done by the association. The time has come in the history of the development of the work here when it is necessary that a park superintendent should be employed and paid a salary, either by the association or by the city. The law under which we are organized, chapter 55, laws of 1899, will be amended within a few days by the present legislature so as to authorize the common council of the city to appoint such park superintendent upon the recommendation of the board of directors of our association. In this way, the appointment will be kept absolutely out of politics. The council will fix the compensation and prescribe the duties of the superintendent.

The object of my writing to you at this time is to get your aid and judgment in the selection of a proper person for the place. In the annual report of the association for the present year, to be published in a few days, you will observe that I have called particular attention, toward the

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latter portion of my report, to the need of employing such superintendent, and also to some of the qualifications that we feel such a person should possess. We wish to get a young man of promise who would be willing to start in on a salary say of $1,000 or $1,200 a year, with the understanding that his pay would be increased as his experience and merits justified. I think there is a very good field here for such a person. Although this city is not large, about 25,000, it is growing quite rapidly, and is peculiarly situated. Its surroundings are such, both with reference to the land or country and with reference to the water, as to furnish a fine field for the kind of work that this association was organized to do and is carrying forward.

I should be pleased to have you note how general the interest is in the work as manifested not only by the amount of money contributed from year to year, but by the large number of small contributions. We have raised here during the past thirteen years, wholly by voluntary contributions, something over $[illegible],000 to secure and maintain parks and drives outside of and within the city. The work of the association has already attracted considerable attention, not only throughout the state, but throughout different parts of the country generally.

Since there is a department at Harvard devoted to landscape architecture, I thought you might know of some young man of promise who would like such a place as above indicated. We desire to secure some one who, since his graduation, has had some practical experience for a year or more in actual work of this kind. It is very necessary that we should be exceed-

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ingly careful in making the selection. If we get the right kind of a person, the sentiment of the community here is such that it will stand back of him, but if we should make a mistake in the selection, it would be very detrimental to our work.

Thus far, I have given a large amount of time to the details of this work, having been president of the association for thirteen years. I feel that I cannot continue to look after, so thoroughly as I have in the past, the details of the work, and have so stated to the common council of the city.

I am to start tomorrow morning for a trip to Europe to be gone until the 1st of September. I write this letter to you now so that you might have the matter in mind, with the hope that you might, in the early fall, make some recommendation to us of a proper person for the place.

My business is that of a practicing lawyer, I am also one of the professors in the law school of the State University, devoting one day in the week to that work. I remember meeting you once at a reception at President Adams' house, but I presume you would not remember me. Permit me to say that I read with very great interest and profit the book prepared by you, giving the life work of your son in his chosen profession. It is to my mind by far the best and most suggestive book in that line of work that I know anything about. It is well worth the reading by any one, if considered merely from the standpoint of a biography. No one can read the book without being deeply impressed with the great loss to the world by reason of

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his untimely death.

Very truly yours,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by C.)

April 28, 1905

Thomas Anderson, Esq.,

Mendota Station, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $35.00 to pay for 17½ days' work planting trees for association. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same in enclosed stamped envelope.

Yours truly,

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A. D.

April 24, 1908

Mr. Andrew Carnegie,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

I trust that you may find time to read this letter and to glance through the documents and maps that accompany it. This, I know, is asking a great deal of a man whose time is occupied so continuously as yours must be, and of whom so many requests are undoubtedly made. I am sure you would give the matter careful consideration, if I could present it as its merits deserve. I will come at once to the matter in hand.

There lie to the west of the grounds of the Wisconsin State University some six hundred acres of land, all bordering on the south bank of lake Mendota, the largest and most beautiful of our chain of lakes. This land should be secured for a public park and arboretum in connection with the state university. It is admirably adapted for such a purpose. It extends along the bank of the lake some four and one-half miles. The surface is very diversified and the soil is good. Some portions of the land rise to a height above the level of the lake of about two hundred feet. About one quarter in area is covered by natural growth of timber. The remaining portion is under cultivation. It is as yet owned by three or four different persons. Through this land one of the system of drives of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association passes. It is a most charming drive of some nine miles in length. The views along and from this drive are difficult to surpass in this country. It would take from $250,000 to $300,000 to secure title to all of the land. This is a large sum of money. The land could be secured, however, for an arboretum and park cheaper than for any other purpose, and for this purpose it might possibly be purchased for $250,000. As I view it, this amount of money thus expended would, broadly considered, yield larger returns than an equal amount expended in almost any other direction. The land is well situated for combining park and arboretum features. And what a fine educational opportunity it would furnish to the three thousand and over, soon to be five thousand, young men and women in attendance upon the university here.

As you well know, it is not easy to get the state to expend any such sum of money for a purpose like this. The farmer legislator fails to appreciate the importance of such an investment. But how much richer would be the returns from such an investment than from an equal amount of money expended in erecting any building for educational purposes - at least, it seems so to me.

If the land could be secured, the state would develop and maintain it, and would soon be spending upon it each year more than ten per cent of its original cost.

I confess that I am much interested in securing this land for this purpose. This is due in part to the work that I have been doing as president of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association for the past thirteen years. Under another cover, I send you copies of the last three annual reports of the association, and, as soon as the annual report for

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the present year is printed, I will see that a copy is sent you. We have raised wholly by voluntary contributions during the last thirteen years, over $150,000, from our citizens, for securing and maintaining drives and parks outside as well as within the limits of the city. The association now numbers over one thousand members. Its work has already attracted a good deal of attention. More than one-half of its membership is made up of those of very moderate means who contribute each year $5.00 or less, and more than thirty per cent of the total amount contributed each year comes from such members. I trust that you may find time to glance the reports through. I think you will find them of interest. All the half-tone pictures you see in them are views of our work, and were taken by our secretary.

Through the members of our association, there has been given to the city within the past two years over $104,000 for parks and drives. Up to [illegible] this city, having at the present time a population of about twenty-five thousand, had only 3.6 acres of park land; when the parks as now planned are completed, we shall have one hundred and fifty acres. Nearly all of this has been secured through voluntary contributions.

That you may understand better how Madison is situated, I enclose herewith a small map of the four lakes region. This has on it some statistics of the work of our association. The land I am writing about is on the south bank of the upper lake, Mendota. Among other things that we have been trying to do is to secure the connection of all of these lakes so that boats and launches of all kinds can pass from one to all the others. We are just completing the dredging and parking the Yahara river between Mendota and Monona, at a cost all told of about $80,000, and we have let a contract for the connecting of lakes Monona and Wingra and the improvement of a park on the latter lake, the expenditure amounting to some $18,000. As soon as this work is completed, we shall proceed to connect, by proper dredging and raising of bridges, the two latter lakes down as far as Stoughton. When this is done, the city will have accessible to it about one hundred miles of lake and river frontage, and the most beautiful part of it will be the six hundred acres of land I am writing about.

I also send you, under a separate cover with the reports, a map of the city, which shows, in a rough way, the lay of the city between lakes Mendota and Monona.

I understand that it is one of your maxims to help those who help themselves. I believe if you will examine the reports I send you, you will conclude that no city of its size in the United States has done more in the way of helping itself in securing parks and drives and play grounds than has the city of Madison, when you take into consideration wealth and population. The distinguishing thing about our work is that it is supported and maintained wholly by voluntary contributions of all classes of our citizens. But we are not able to secure this six hundred acres of land. If we were, I certainly should not appeal to you.

I feel that I have presented the matter most imperfectly, and that a good cause may therefore have been injured. I can only hope, however,

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that in some way the situation may appeal to you, as an opportunity to do a great good that will, as the years pass, benefit increasingly the people in their successive generations.

Inasmuch as I am an entire stranger to you, permit me to refer you to President Charles R. Van His[illegible], whom, as I understand, you personally know. I am a practicing lawyer by profession, and also one of the professors in the law school of the State University. I am to sail with Mrs. Olin on April 29th. from New York City, on a four months' trip to Europe, returning to New York on August 29th. If either you or your secretary should care to consider this matter, I should be pleased to call on one or the other of you personally, as you might designate, on my return to New York, August 29th next. A letter adiressed to me at Madison will be forwarded to my European address.

Hoping that the matter here suggested may commend itself to your consideration, I am.

Very trspectfully yours,

(Dic. by O.L.)

May 2, 1905

Messrs. Newbury & Peper,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $1.80 to pay your bill against Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt and return to me the enclosed bill.

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Yours truly,

April 24, 1905

Mr. Bertram,

Secretary to Andrew Carnegie,

New York City.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter which I have sent to Mr. Carnegie. I also send you, under another cover, copies of the documents which I have sent to Mr. Carnegie.

I trust that you may find time to read the letter and to examine the documents sent. If Mr. Carnegie cares to consider the matter, I shall be pleased to call and see you personally when I return from my trip to New York on August 29th. A line dropped to me at my address here at Madison, indicating your wishes in the matter, will be forwarded to me.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)
(Enc.)

President.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller,
New York City, N. Y.

April 26, 1905.

Dear Sir:-

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I know that you have made the Chicago University the special object of your bounty. Yet I also know that you have given liberal amounts to a number of other institutions. It has occurred to me, that if you could see the situation just as it is here you would feel that it presented an unusual opportunity for doing a large amount of good. It would be an investment which would constantly increase in value as the years passed.

As you well know, it is not easy to get the state to expend any such sum of money for a purpose like this. The farmer legislator fails to appreciate the importance of such an investment. But how much richer would be the returns from such an investment than from an equal amount of money expended in erecting any building for educational purposes. at least, it seems so to me. This tract of land would be far superior, in my judgment, for an arboretum, than the Arnold Arboretum connected with Harvard.

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Perhaps your secretary, or some one in your behalf, could, during the coming summer, visit Madison and look over the ground. Any one of our directors would be only too glad to show you the whole situation. Mr. Charles N. Brown, of this city, is the secretary.

Hoping that the matter here suggested may commend itself to your consideration, I am.

Very respectfully yours,

(Dic. by O.P.

John M. Olin.

May 2, 1905.

State Journal Printing Co.,
City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $2.20 to pay your bill of May 1, 1905, again st Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt and re turn t he enclosed bill.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

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May 5, 1905

Claus Clausen, Esq.,

123 E. Elair St.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $50.00 to pay for one month's work in Tamey Park ending April 30, 1905. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill.

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Yours truly,

John M. Olson
Secretary

May 5, 1905.

Brown Bros.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find check for $4.00 to pay your bill against Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me, and oblige.

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Yours truly,

John M. Olson
Secretary

[illegible]

[illegible] 5, 190[illegible].

Mr. D. [illegible],

[illegible]ndee, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

[illegible] Enclosed find warrant for $8.75 to pay your bill for trees for Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me, and much oblige.

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Yours truly,

John M. Olive
Per L.S.

May 5, 190[illegible].

R. Douglas' Sons,

Waukegon, Ill.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $[illegible] to pay your bill for two hundred Linden seedlings for Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

John M. Olive
Per L.S.

(Warrant)

Prof. W. F. Giese,
161 Summit Ave.,
City.

May 9, 1905

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find your letter with the amount due for trees filled out, making a total of $5.60. Please make check payable to Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association, and oblige,

Yours truly,

John M. Olin
Per L. D.

May 9, 1905.

Parkinson-Marling Lumber Co.
City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $9.37 to pay your bill for lumber against Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin
Per L. D.

(Warrant)
(Enc.)

May 20, 1905.

Democrat Printing Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $7.50 to pay your bill against Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin
per L.S.

(War ant)

June 3, 1905

[illegible]. C. Blie[illegible] Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $4.25 to pay your bill for printing postal cards for Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin
Pres. R.S.

(Warrant)
War
(Enc.)

June 3, 1905.

Claus [illegible], Esq.,

[illegible] N. Blair St.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $[illegible].00 to pay for work in Tenney Park [illegible] month of May. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill.

Yours truly,

M. Olin
Pres. R.S.

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

June 8, 1905.

International Newspaper Company of America,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed please find warrant for $2.75 to pay your bill against Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin,
Res. L. D.

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Bureau of Engraving,

15-17 Seventh St. So.,

Minneapolis, Minn.

June 8, 1905.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed please find warrant for $171.88 to pay your bill against Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin
Res. L. D.

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

June 19, 1905.

Mr. [illegible] Jones,

[illegible] Johnson St.,

[illegible]ity.

Dear Sir -

Enclosed please find warrant for $6.60 to pay your bill against the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Assoc. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me, and oblige,

Yours truly,

(Warrant)
Encl,

June 19, 1905.

Fuller & Johnson Mfg. Co.,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed please find warrant for $6 to pay your bill against the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Assoc. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me, and oblige,

Yours truly,

(Warrant)
(Encl.)

July 3, 1905.

Mr. Chas. Wehrmann,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I enclosed herewith warrant for $50.15 to pay your bill against the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please sign and return the enclosed bill.

Yours truly,

John M. [illegible]

(Warrant)

July 3, 1905.

Mr. John D. Hayes,

Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed herewith find warrant for $3.50 to pay your bill against the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please sign and return the enclosed bill.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

July 8, 1905.

Mr. S. O. Aasen,

333 N. Baldwin St.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Are the enclosed bills o. k. to be paid by the Association? Mr. Brown said you would know. If so, kindly mark them o. k. in the lower left hand corner and sign your name, and return same to me.

Yours truly,

A. A. Deneen

Stenographer.

July 8, 1905.

Cantwell Printing Co.,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

I enclose herewith warrant for $386.80 to pay your bill of July 7th, 1905. Please receipt and return enclosed bill.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

John M. Olin

July 10, 1905.

Mr. Herman J. Minch,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $5.85 to pay your bill against the Audubon Park & Pleasure Drive Assoc. Please receipt and return enclosed bill.

Yours truly,

John M. Klein

(Warrant)

July 10, 1905.

Mr. Herman J. Minch,

C I T Y.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $51.41 to pay your bill against the Audubon Park & Pleasure Drive Assoc. Please receipt and return enclosed bill.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

July 10, 1905.

International Harvester Co. of America,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed find warrant for $2.05 to pay your bill of June 30th against the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Assoc. Please receipt and return enclosed bill. Will you also kindly name the articles after the catalogue number on the invoice for our records.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

(Warrant.)

July 15, 1905.

Gilbert Machine Co.,

Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $16.75 to pay for bill for [illegible] and work on same. Please receipt and return the enclosed [illegible] and re[illegible] articles af[illegible]

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

(Warrant)

(Encl.)

July 17, 1905.

International Harvester Co.,

C I T Y.

Gentlemen:-

I send you herewith warrant for $35.00 to pay your bill for mower against the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Assoc. Please receipt and return enclosed bill.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

(Warrant)

(Encl)

July 21, 1905.

Mr. C. H. Kanouse,

Williamson St.,

Madison, Wis.

I enclose herewith warrant for $5.00 to pay your bill against the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Assoc. Please receipt and return enclosed bill.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

July 25, 1905.

Fuller & Johnson Mfg. Co.,

City.

Enclosed find warrant for seventy-five cents to pay for your bill against the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Assoc. for labor repairing mower bar. Please receipt and return enclosed bill.

Yours truly,

John

Aug. 1, 1905.

International Harvester Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for fifty cents to pay your bill against Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

(Inc.)

Aug. 3, 1905.

Mr. Claus Clausen,

123 N. Blair St.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $50.00 to pay for work in Tenney Park during month of July. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

(Inc.)

Aug. 4, 1906

Miller & Johnson Mfg. Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $4.25 to pay your bill against Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

Warrant

(Enc.)

Aug. 10, 1906.

Mr. Malignus Boehmer,

City,

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $5.50 to pay your bill against Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Mr. Norman J. Minch,

City.

Aug. 10, 1905.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $89.90 to pay your bill against Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Aug. 11, 1905.

Mr. Andrew Myers,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $18.00 to pay your bill against Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin
Pres. & M.

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Aug. 17, 1905.

International Harvester Company of America,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $2.60 to pay your two bills against Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bills.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin Sec.

(Warrant)

Enc.)

Aug. 18, 1905.

Mr. C. H. Kanouse,

City.

Dear Sir:-

On June 21, 1905, a warrant for $3.05 was sent you for your bill against Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association for three clevises, wagon reach, repairing wagon and sod hook, with request that you return receipted bill. We do not find that such receipted bill was ever returned here. Please send receipted bill for above with enclosed stamped envelope, and oblige.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin Sec.

Mr. Emil Mische,

Care Olmstead Bros.,

Landscape Architects,

Brookline, Mass.

Sept. 6, 1905

Dear Sir:-

You have been recommended to our association by Olmstead Bros. as a suitable person for park superintendent for our city. I take it that you may have seen the letter which I wrote to President Eliot, and also copies of the reports of our work here, so that I need not enter into details in this letter.

I write now to say that, judging from the letter of Olmstead Bros., you would be a very desirable person for our work, and to say further, that I intend to lay the matter before the board of directors of the association, and also before the common council, at the earliest date possible. However, it will take some little time to bring matters around to a favorable issue.

I would like to ascertain, in case you were selected for the place, whether it could be arranged to have your services say some time about the beginning of the coming year, or perhaps a little later. There would not be very much work for you to undertake the present year, unless you should come immediately. This would not be possible, since it will take some time to get matters to a favorable issue before the council. It is a new position for our city, and while the council has never refused to do anything that our association has asked, we always try to have matters thoroughly understood and explained before asking anything.

I understand from the letter of the Olmstead Bros. that you would be

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willing to take the place at a salary to commence with of $1200 a year, with the understanding that your salary might be increased as the work progressed and you showed by your services, that you were worth a higher salary to the city.

Lest you may not have a copy of the last annual report, I sent you one under another cover. You will find in this a presentaton of this matter by me to the annual meeting of the association, beginning at page 60 of the report.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

Sept. 5, 1905.

Mr. John P Dieter,
North Sherman Ave.,
City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $46.51 to pay your bill against Madison Park & Pleasure prive Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

Sept. 5, 1905.

Olmstead Bros.,

Landscape Architects,

Brookline, Mass.

Gentlemen:-

Upon my return to the office yesterday from my trip abroad, I found your letter of Aug. 30, recommending Emil Mische for park superintendent of our city. I wish to thank you most heartily for the pains you have taken in this matter. I should judge Mr. Mische would be an excellent man for our work.

I will take the matter up with our board of directors, and with the common council of the city, as early as possible. There will have to be some work done in preparing the council to act as we wish, but I hope for favorable results.

I will drop a line to Mr. Mische, informing him of the situation.

Thanking you again for your assistance in this matter, I am.

Yours very truly,

(Dfc. by O.)

President.

Sept. 5, 1905.

Fuller & Johnson Mfg. Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $2.50 to pay your bill against Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill.

(Warrant)

(Inc.)

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

Sept. 5, 1905

Mr. Herman J. Minch,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $40.01 to pay your bill against Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

president.

Sept. 6, 1905.

Mr. M. J. Johnson,
1119 E. Johnson St.,
City.

Dear Sir:-

I am intending to call a meeting of the directors of the association some evening this week. Before the meeting, I should like to see you and have you prepare a statement of just whatever there may be due you, if anything, on the contract for work, covering everything up to date, excepting the work at the mouth of the river. I am in favor of paying you now whatever money the association may owe you outside of the work at the mouth of the river and outside of any work you may have done for Clarke & Thomas. That is a matter, of course, that they will deal directly with you about.

It is needless to say that we are exceedingly anxious to have the rest of the filling done below Williamson street bridge. Hope you will get at that at once now so that we can get the dirt on.

Shall be pleased to see you and talk matters over.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

Sept. 6, 1905.

Doyon & Bayne Lumber Co.,
City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $14.51 to pay your bill against Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill.

(Warrant)
(Enc.)

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

president.

Palace of Sweets,

Sept. 6, 1905.

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed please find warrant for $1.00 to pay for balance due for rent of hall for banquet. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill.

(Warrant)
(Enc.)

Yours truly,

President.

Sept. 8, 1906.

Mr. M. J. Johnson,
1119 N. Johnson St.,
City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find two warrants; one for $484.34, and the other for $300, in full for all work done by you for the Association up to date, exclusive of work at the south or the river. I have modified your bill in two respects. The item of $60.00, which should have been charged at $50.00, was paid you Apr. 28, 1905, and receipted in full.

There was a mistake in your favor of $10.99 in the item of Jan. 7, 1904, this item being $481.25. We paid you at that time the sum of $458.12, whereas the payment should have been $433.13. I made the following minute below your receipt at the time it was returned: "There is an over-payment in the above. We deducted only $[illegible] as the ten per cent retained, whereas the amount should have been $48.12 and the warrant should have been $433.13, instead of $458.12, but this will make no difference in the end."

It was a perfectly natural mistake for you to make, but I remembered something of this kind, and looked up the vouchers, and found my recollection confirmed.

Will you please sign the enclosed bill and return the same to me, and oblige

Yours truly,

(Dict. by C.)
(Warrant)
(Bill)

Sept. 11, 1905.

Mr. N. J. Johnson,
[illegible] N. Johnson St.,
City.

Dear Sir -

I wish you would drop me a line, stating when, in your best judgment, you will have completed the filling of the fifty foot strip next the river on the Clarke & Thomas side, just below the Williamson street bridge. We want this part of your work done before you do the rest of the work at the mouth of the river. Also give us an estimate, if you will, as to how much will be the cost to Clarke and Thomas under your contract of that portion of the fill. Of course, I know you cannot get this exact, but I would like to have your best judgment. Mr. Thomas wants some money paid, and I would like to accommodate him, but before doing so wish the above information.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Sept. 12, 1905.

Mr. O. C. Simonds,
Landscape Architect,
Buena Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Simonds:-

You will see from this that I am back to work again after rather a long absence from me. Matters have gone along, I think, very well, during my absence, although there are a good many things to get closed out yet the present fall. Mr. Brown, I think, had looked after details of the work very well.

For some years, I have been looking forward to the time when the city of Madison should appoint a park superintendent. The work has been growing to such an extent as to make it impossible for me to continue to supervise it in all its details the way I have for the last three or four years. Of course, you know the difficulty of getting the right man for such a place. Just before starting on my trip, I wrote a letter to President Eliot, of Harvard College, stating the situation here, and asking him to recommend, if he could, to us, some young man who had graduated from the school of landscape architecture at Harvard and who had had, after his graduation, some years experience in practical work. He turned the letter over to the Olmstead Bros., and upon my reutrn, I found a letter from them under date of Aug. 30. I enclose herewith a copy of this letter. Will you be so kind as to look the same through? I presume you know nothing about the man recommended personally, but, considering the letter of Olmstead

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Brow., would you not think Mr. Mische would be a good man for the place? If you have any man in mind whom you personally know, that would make a good superintendent, I wish you would be so kind as to write me concerning him. Of course we should expect, in case we get a park superintendent, that he would carry out the plans and designs for the work made by you, certainly until such time as we were satisfied that he was competent to do the work of designing. I have felt for some time that it was hardly fair to your work not to have some one here on the ground who could give it more careful personal attention.

We hope soon to have the work along the Yahara river, so far as filling and seeding is concerned, completed. Our plan then is to have an accurate map made of the strip on each side of the river. We ought to have a map made that could be used in the future as a permanent map of this portion of our park work. What, in your judgment, would be the best scale to use in the preparation of the map?

D in. by O.)

(Enc.)

Yours truly,

President.

Dr. Trelease, Sept. 12, 1905

Director Shaw Botanical Gardens,

St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Trelease:

Under another cover, I send you copies of reports of the work of our association. As I remember, you requested these at the time Mrs. Olin and I called about one year ago, but through an oversight, I did not comply with the request.

I now have a favor to ask of you. We are in search of a park superintendent. You will observe what I had to say on this subject, commencing at page 60, of the last annual report.

Before starting on my trip, I wrote Dr. Eliot of Harvard College, asking him to recommend some person for the place who was graduated from Harvard School of Landscape Architecture, and had had some practical experience. He turned the letter over to Olmsted Brothers, and upon my return I found their letter under date of Aug. 30. I enclose herewith a copy of this letter. I thought that you might personally know Mr. Mische, or, if you did not know him personally, would know about the character of his work while a student at college. I would like to get a personal letter from you, stating what you know about him and your opinion as to whether he would be a good person for the position.

With kind regards to yourself and Mrs. Trelease from Mrs. Olin as well as myself, I am.

(Enc. by O.)

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Very truly yours,

President.

Sept. 12, 1906

Mr. Severt Aasen,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Can you look over the enclosed bill from Conklins and state for what purpose the different items were used, whether for Henry Vilas park, Yahara river, or on the general work, and return same to me, and oblige?

(Dic. by O.)
(Enc.)

Yours truly,

President.

Mr. H. W. Wright,
361 Dearborn St.,
Chicago, Ill.

Sept. 13, 1905

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Sept. 12th received, acknowledging receipt of copy of last report of Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association, and stating that you intended to give an extract of it in the October issue of Park & Cemetery. Should be pleased if you would send me a copy of the magazine containing such extract.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by G.A.)

President.

Sept. 14, 1905.

Mr. Emil Mische,

1071 Center St.,

Jamaica Plain, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Sept. 11th just received.

Under another cover, I send you some earlier reports of the association. These will, I think, aid you in understanding the situation. The report of April 10, 1899, contains a copy of the general statute of the state under which our association is organized, and also a copy of the articles of organization and by-laws. The latter have been somewhat modified, but not materially.

At a meeting of the board of directors, held on Friday evening last, I laid before them the letter of Olmsted Brothers. They were all very favorably impressed with the same, and voted that it was the sense of the directors that we should bring the matter of employing a park superintendent before the common council with a view of securing favorable action.

I have talked with some members of the council. So far, everything seems favorable. I shall see other members soon with a view of having the matter taken up by the council at its next meeting, which is the second Friday of October.

It is a little difficult, in a letter, to get before you the exact situation. Our work here, as you will observe I think, is rather unique. It has been carried on now for some thirteen years largely by private subscription. Our association was organized primarily to do work out-

side the city. But after a number of years, opportunity was offered to do work in the city, and of late the larger share of our work has been done within the city limits. Up to 1899, our city had never done anything in the way of securing lands for parks. The work has been a matter of growth. There is a very decided interest in the work here in the city. I count it as quite a victory to have secured from the city the issuing of some $55,000 of bonds within the last two years for the work. It is not likely, however, that further bonds will be issued for any large amount within the next few years. However, I believe that there is such a sentiment in favor of the work that, if it can be rightly guided, our citizens will stand by it.

As to the amount that will be expended the coming year; We shall raise by private subscription for the work not less, I think, than $6,0000. For the past three years we have been calling upon the prople to contribute extra amounts for special work, and we feel now that we must go back for a year or two to the regular subscriptions. In addition to this, there will be some $3500 to $4000 to be expended in putting Henry Vilas Park in shape. Hence, you may count on the expenditure next year of not less than $10,000 that would fall directly under your supervision. Besides this, there will be expended some $16,000 toward filling and improving what will be known as Brittingham Park. This work, however, will be done under a contract that has already been let. Your work in connection with that park would come later, after the filling has been done. I might add that the citizens have thus far raised by private

subscriptions, considering the whole period of our work, on an average of $11,000 a year, by far the larger portion of this, however, having been donated the last four or five years.

As to postponing the time that your pay should commence until say the 1st of January: The only reason for this would be that it would help us in getting favorable action by the common council. There will be no difficulty whatever with the council so far as your qualifications are concerned. The council will in that respect follow the recommendation of our board. The only difficulty is to get the council to establish the precedent of employing regularly a park superintendent, which has never been done heretofore in our city. If we can get the matter started rightly, I have no fear as to the future.

Your work as park superintendent would be under the direction of our board of directors. I feel safe in saying that you would not be interfered with by the common council.

In addition to the work for the city and the association, I hope and believe that quite a large amount of work can be done on the grounds of private citizens. Already quite a number of people are asking for the help of a landscape architect. Mr. Simonds has done quite a little work in that direction here, and the demand for this work is increasing. You could be permitted by the city to do this work under one of two arrangements. One would be that whatever was paid for such work should be turned into the city treasury, and an account kept of the same, and the amount thus paid would influence the raising of your salary from year to year. The other plan would be to permit you to do this work and retain what was paid for the same. These are matters of detail which could be

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adjusted later. The object to be attained would be that you should be kept busy in the work and that your pay should be increased from year to year according to the work done.

I note what you say about Dr. William Trelease, Director of Missouri Botanical Gardens. I am very well acquainted with Dr. Trelease, and yesterday wrote him a letter concerning you, thinking that he likely knew you while a student at the St. Louis College or University. A recommendation from him would be of decided aid to us before the common council, for a number of the council will undoubtedly remember him and his work here. But as stated above, the difficulty, if any, will not be as to your qualifications, but in getting the council to adopt the plan of employing a park superintendent. I believe we can carry the matter through just as we desire, and will do so at the earliest date possible.

I wish you would write me after receipt of this letter, whether you would accept the place if it is offered you, with the understanding that your term of employment should begin January 1st next. I appreciate what you say about the postponement until that date, and only suggest it by reason of the peculiar situation here.

It would be our wish, before you were appointed, that you should come here and look the ground over, meeting the members of our board and also the common council. This would be more satisfactory to both parties. All we desire now is a statement from you as to whether you would accept the place if offered you, provided upon a personal visit you find things about as you understood them to be ~~as~~ before coming.

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If there is any further information that you desire and I can furnish it, please be free to call upon me.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Sept. 14, 1905

Messrs. Ferry & Claa,

Milwaukee, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

I would like to consult one of your firm concerning the drawing of some place for a number of flats, I thought perhaps you might make it a point to call some time while you are going through Madison to Baraboo in connection with the court house work.

In order that you may understand the situation, I enclose herewith a sketch or map, with the following explanation: The lots marked D is the soealled Kappa House property. We own the lot opposite marked A, same size as lot D. I also own one-half of lot C and can acquire the other half interest if I desire it. Lot C is now having constructed upon it a house for one of the sororities, and the house comes within five feet of the east side of lot B. There is an agreement running with the land that there shall be no building or veranda on either lots A, B or C, nearer Irving Place than eleven feet; that is, there is to be a space of eleven feet on each side of Irving Place in addition to the twenty-four foot roadway and sidewalk.

Now, on the theory that flats were to be constructed on lot A that should stand back from Park street, say about fifteen feet so as to be on a line with the Kappa House, how much land ought I to add to lot A in order to construct a number of flats to the best advantage? I should want some open space on the east side between the flat and the building on lot C, and would want to secure enough of lot B to enable me to use lot A to the best advantage. You will observe that according to this plan, there would be an open space on three sides of the plat of

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ground. I am willing to buy ~~off~~ from lot B whatever is necessary to enable me to use to the best advantage lot A under the conditions as above named. Your experience in constructing flats would enable you to give me , I thought, valuable advice as to how much land to purchase from lot B.

My idea is to construct four story flats on this property. As you will remember, it is just opposite Chadbourne Hall. Would like, if we put up the building, to construct something a good deal better than anything of the kind now in the city. Think such property would rent well.

Will you please return to me the enclosed sketch, since it is the only copy I have?

You will observe that after taking out the eleven foot strip in front of the lots, there is still left, fronting on Park street, eighty-one feet. I might add that the property fronting on University Avenue, shown on the plat and to the south of lots A, B and C, will, in all probability be used for business purposes.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by B.)

(Enc.)

Sept. 14, 1905

Pauerbach Brewing Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

What, if anything, further is to be done by the Blake Brothers in order to complete fully the contract as to filling streets, etc., between our association and your company. Blake is wanting the balance of his pay from Clarke & Thomas, and Clarke & Thomas are wanting us to pay them. Of course, we do not wish to pay in full until the work has been completed. You will oblige me very much by dropping me a line, stating just what, if anything, remains yet to be done, as you understand the contract, before the same is completed.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Sept. 14, 1905

Hausmann Brewing Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed please find warrant for $200 to apply on expense incident to moving barn from edge of Yahara river near malt house, as per agreement. I find that you have already paid your subscription of $200 in full, and hence we send you this warrant. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me, and very much oblige.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

(Dic. by O.)

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Sept. 14, 1905

Mr. C. J. Eldridge,
Supt. Prairie du Chene Div.,
C. M. & St. P. Ry. Co.,
Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Mr. Johnson, who is doing the dredging in Wingra Creek, is ready to pass under the tracks of your company and would like to arrange to do this on Sunday next. In order to pass through, he tells me that there are some piles, or stubs of pi[illegible] in the way. Can you arrange to have these piles pulled so as to permit the passage of the dredge on Sunday? I would appreciate it very much if you can do so.

Very truly yours,

(Dict. by C.)

President.

Sept. 14, 1905

Mr. N. J. Johnson,

1119 N. Johnson St.,

City.

Dear Sir;r

Yours received, stating there was a mistake in bill paid under date of Aug. 3, 1903. On looking up the voucher, I see there was a mistake made there of $1,00 gainst you. It seems we deducted $23.68 when we should have deducted $22.68. We will remember this, and will make the adjustment at the end of the work at the mouth of the river. If I should not think of it, please call my attention to it.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Sept. 15, 1905

Prof. F. M. Turneaure,

City.

Dear Mr. Turneaure:

Our association wishes to get a topographical map of that portion of Tenney Park which lies between Sherman Avenue and the lake, including the inland sea river, and also such a map of each side of the river from one lake to the other. We want such a map so as to enable Mr. Simonds to indicate where the planting was to be and the paths were to be made. I thought perhaps you might have some student in the engineering department who was competent for this kind of work and who would be willing to do it at rather a low figure. We would like this done as soon as possible. Perhaps you would have no one, however, until the commencement of the college year.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Sept, 15, 1905.

Mr. C. C. Simonds,

Landscape Architect,

Buena Ave.,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr Simonds:-

Yours of Sept, 14th just received.

I note what you say about the salary for superintendent, being less than what Mr. Mische is now receiving. If he should be appointed to the place, it would be with the understanding that his pay would be raised from year to year according as he showed himself capable and the work progressed.

Would like to have you ascertain whether the gentleman you speak of, Arthur Hay, is now free to accept such a position. Should also be pleased to have you meet Mr. Mische when you are in Boston, and talk over with him the situation here. I received a letter from him yesterday, making inquiries. He seems to be a little fearful about there being work enough for him here to keep him busy. I tried to set before him the situation as well as I could in a letter. You would be able to talk over with him the details of our work, so as to give him a pretty definite idea of the situation. Of course outside work etc.

Did you not make a mistake as to the scale for map of Yakima river parkway? You mentioned fifty feet to the inch. Our park strip is only about one hundred feet wide in the widest places on each side of the river, and in other places it is only fifty feet wide. Ought we not

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to have a map on a larger scale? Or did you intend that the fifty feet to the inch should refer only to the length while the width of the map should be a different scale? Please let me know about this, and very much oblige,

Yours truly,

Dictated by C.J

President.

Sept. 16, 1905

Mr. P. C. Eldridge,
Supt, C, M, & St. P, Ry. Co.,
14 Union Station,
Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Sept 15th received, concerning the moving of piling in Wingra Creek.

As I understand the matter, these piles are under the track of your Company, and hence in a position where Mr. Johnson, or the dredger, cannot remove them.

It is a part of the agreement between our association and the contractor, that we should assume the burden of getting the railway tracks opened up so as to permit the dredge to pass through.

I note what you say as to its not being possible to allow dredge to pass through bridge to-morrow, on account of the fair. I will see that the contractor is notified of this fact.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President,

Sept. 18, 1905

Mr. James Gallagher,
119 W. Hamilton St.,
City.

Dear Sir:-

I am informed by Mr. Hoyt that you question your subscription of $5.00 on the special or extra subscription for the work of the association for the present year. The postal card returned to me shows plainly a subscription by you of $5.00 for the general work of the Association and also $5.00 on the extra work. The card was sent to you with the amounts filled in, there evidently being originally in the blank for the extra subscription the sum of $10.00. This was erased and $5.00 substituted in its place. The writing of this $5.00 is apparently in the same ink and in the same hand as the signature and street number.

Now, no one had anything to do with this postal card after it was sent out excepting myself. Hence, either you made the change, or I made it. I do not think for a moment that you would suggest or entertain the idea that I did any such thing as that. If you have not already examined the postal card, I should be pleased to have you call at the office and look it over with you.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Sept. 19, 1905.

Feuerbach Brewing Co.,
City.

Gentlemen:-

Yours of Sept. 18th just received, and contents noted. Please accept thanks for same. I will write at once to Mr. Thomas, enclosing him a copy of the same. If Mr. Johnson, the dredger, keeps his word, he ought to be pumping sand by the last of this week or first of next week, to complete the fill on the northeast side of the river just below Williamson street bridge. At the same time he does this work, he could, I should think, put in whatever was necessary to complete the fill on the other side, and the whole ought to be done inside of a week or ten days at the most. Shall do everything I can to have the matter closed out so that you can put on the top dressing and go the seeding this fall.

Very truly yours,

Dic. by C.F.

President.

Sept. 19, 1905

Mr. Grant Thomas,
City.

Dear Mr. Thomas:-

I enclose herewith copy of a letter which I have just received from the Fauerbach Brewing Company. I wrote them a letter to find out what, if anything, further must be done in order to complete the contract between our association and their company, which contract you and Mr. Clarke agreed to complete for $1380.

Had you not better take this matter up with the Fauerbachs, and arrange with Johnson at the time he does the filling on the opposite side of the river, to do whatever filling must be done on the Fauerbach side? Perhaps you have already done this.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)
(Enc.)

President.

Sept. 28, 1905.

Tauerbach Brewing Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

As I promised you, I took the matter up at once with Mr. Thomas about the filling on your property near the Thames River. He tells me that before he [illegible] filling at that point and changed the machinery, he had a representative of your company (Mr. [illegible] Tauerbach) I [illegible] look the ground over with him, and that [illegible] representative stated at the time that there was sufficient sand [illegible] with the contract. He also states that subsequent thereto, [illegible] quite a large quantity of sand that had theretofore been put in. He also states that your company concedes that considerable sand was removed, but that you think this was done by our association. If Mr. Thomas reports you correctly on the latter point, there is certainly a mistake on your part. Our association has not [illegible] a [illegible] of sand or other material put in on your ground by Clarke & Thomas. [illegible] doing this, we paid out $116.00 to our men for drawing sand from the opposite side of the river to raise the road bed to sufficient height before macadam was put on. My recollection is that sand was taken from the hill by the city at the time of the construction of the Willaimson Street bridge. However, I don't pretend to have definite knowledge on this subject. This fact could be easily ascertained.

The upshot of the matter is, that Thomas claims he has fully complied with the contract as to the filling and he refuses to do anything further. [illegible] anything about the talk between Mr. Thomas and any representative of your company.

[illegible] exceedingly anxious, however, to get this matter closed out. [illegible] put in the necessary filling, or if your re- [illegible] be completed so far as filling is concerned [illegible] to be called upon to put in further filling [illegible] be in a position to enforce any such ob- [illegible].

[illegible] you not take this matter up with Mr. Thomas and adjust the [illegible] in such way, and very much oblige

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

J. Russell Allen,

President.

[illegible]

Mr. [illegible] Chase,

[illegible]

[illegible]

Yours of Sept. 21st received and contents noted. I have called your letter as to height of look to the attention of Mr. Charles [illegible] who is looking after the details of that matter.

Yours truly,

J. Howell

President.

[illegible]

Sept. 28, 1905.

Prof. E. R. Maurer,
College of Mechanics & Engineering,
City.

Dear Sir:-

If you had had a little experience, as a director of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association, in trying to meet the obligations of the Association contracted on the faith of subscriptions made, and you were not able to do so because of failure of those who had subscribed to meet their obligations, you would hesitate a little, I think, before characterizing my recent letter to you as "your dun." Such letters to not tend very much to encourage those who are giving largely of their time, to say nothing of their means, to some public work in which they have no other interest than that of a good citizen.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Sept. 23, 1905.

Mr. [illegible]
10[illegible] Center St.
[illegible] Mass.

Dear Sir:

[illegible] of Sept. 20th received.

[illegible]ly see that the situation here is unusual. Ordinarily, [illegible] is a position to offer the position to you unconditionally. But, as you [illegible] has not acted in its municipal capacity in favor of appointing [illegible]ing a park superintendent. Now, one of the strongest points that we would have to urge upon the common council, would be the excellent recommendation of you by the Olmsted Brothers. I have used their letter thus [illegible] my talks with the individual aldermen and find that it impresses them very favorably. For these reasons, we wish to be able to state to the council that you would be willing to accept the place if upon a personal visit [illegible] you found matters as represented.

You state in your letter that [illegible]ing at present to make a visit with a view to concluding arr[illegible]tely after an inspection and conference, should they result favorably to both parties." I should [illegible] very much to have you make such a visit. [illegible] could not secure final and definite action by the council certainly not earlier than the second week in October, if indeed we could [illegible]. Ordinarily, such an ordinance would have to be introduced at one [illegible] meeting and adopted at the next. [illegible] it [illegible]t be possible to [illegible] matters finally before the early part of November. Personally, I am very desirous that you should accept the place, and am sure that is the [illegible] of our board, and I now believe that we can

[redacted] the measure successfully through [redacted]

[redacted] should be pleased to hear from you [redacted] you can see that if you decide to withdraw [redacted] basis of working with the members [redacted] over again after having found some [redacted] a position.

If you think best to make a personal visit now, I do not know [redacted] any objection. In that event, you might [redacted] the time of the next meeting of the council.

Yours very truly,

John M. Allen

President.

If you should come now, or so as to be here at the next meeting of Council, it might be possible to get an expression from the Council that would amount to a decision that you could rely upon. It had been my opinion that your visit should come after action by Council, but I can [redacted] appreciate your position. Please write me [redacted] giving me your wishes in the matter.

J. M. A.

Sept. 25, 1905

Dane Abstract of Title Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Your bill for $4.75 for abstract on lots 31 and 32, Warren's Addition, received. These are two lots purchased by the city and the bill should be paid by the city. Will you be so kind as to make out a new bill for that amount and send it to the proper city officer, and I am sure it will be paid?

Of course, I remember ordering this abstract and will hold myself responsible for seeing it paid as between your company and me, but it should in fact be paid by the city. If you have any trouble in getting pay, please let me know and I will attend to the matter.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(Reg.)

John W. Allen

President.

Conklin & Sons,

City.

Sept. 25, 1906.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed I return the bill against Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Will you please make out two bills, one for the first four items to have minuted after it "for general work"; all other items on the bill to have minuted after them "Henry Vilas Park."

I also return check or slip to the effect that one hundred and thirteen bags were returned. Our foreman says that this entitles us to a credit of $13.70. This credit should be on the Henry Vilas Park bill.

As soon as I receive new bills, will send you warrants at once. Delay has been occasioned by not being able to get at foreman of work earlier.

Yours truly,

John W. Olsen

President.

(Mic. by O.)

(c Enc.)

Sept. [illegible], 190[illegible]

[illegible] Clarke,

[illegible]ll, Ind.

[illegible] Clarke:-

I find by telephoning your house that you have left the city. I wanted very much to see you this afternoon down at the foot of Warren [illegible]. That matter of water not running through lagoons has worried me very much. Mr. Swenson, one of our directors, suggests that a canal way [illegible] from the present outlet of lagoon around toward ice house and [illegible] of ice house, damming up the present outlet of lagoon, and then putting a dam across opening of canal way from ice house to Fish Hatchery bridge. I will look over the situation with him and your foreman this afternoon. If [illegible] of that kind is done, I suppose it ought to be done at once. Wish you would consider the matter carefully. Unless something can be done to make water through the lagoons, I feel as though our whole [illegible] has [illegible] eye.

Yours truly,

John W. Ole

President,

Sept. 28, 1905.

Lindsay Bros.,

78-94 Reed St.,

Milwaukee, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $12.75 to pay your bill for three #1 Heslup Drag scrapers. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Yours truly,

John Ellis

President.

Sept. 29, 1905

Mr. O. C. Simonds,

Landscape Gardener,

Buena Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Simonds:-

I am a good deal disgusted at the way the Henry Vilas bank improvement has been made, so far as the outlet to the lagoon is concerned. It was always my idea that the improvement should be so made that the only outlet for the water from the lagoon should be through the lagoon, entering at the westerly end adjoining the Sisters' property. This plan necessitated a treatment different from that shown by your sketch at the outlet of the lagoon near the foot of Warren street. I had never noticed until after my return that your design left the lagoon at this point connected with the main body of the lake. The contractors have done the work according to the plan, so far as this point is concerned. Hence, the natural outlet for that water from the lake will be through the lagoon, entering it at the foot of Warren street. Hence, there will be no flow of water through the lagoons. The work should have been done so that there would be no connection between the water coming through the lagoons at the foot of Warren street with the water in the lake to the north. This could easily have been done. But now the whole bottom has been excavated and the bottom of the lake puddled but so as to give eight feet of water. It is some four hundred feet from the fill in the park at the south side of the outlet of the lagoon across to the bog to the east. I do not think there is any practical way, without an enormous expense, of filling a sheet of water at this point of this kind.

unless the difficulty can be remedied in some other way, we shall be left without any current of water flowing through the lagoons. This, it seems to me, will give our whole improvement a black eye. It has been generally understood that there would be a good current of water flowing through the lagoons, and that this would be caused by compelling all water emptying out of the lake to pass that way. This could easily have been done had the improvement been made along that line.

I do not now see any possible way of correcting the difficulty unless it be as follows: Close up the present outlet of the lagoon. Cut a channel, beginning at a point on the northerly side of the present lagoon and a little west of the present outlet of the lagoon, and run such channel easterly, close to the ice house and pasted the ice house to a point a little distant beyond, and then fill across the present canal to the marsh on the southerly side. This would keep the water in the lake from getting into the water of the lagoon, except as it passes into the lagoon at the [illegible] property. To make this change now would cost quite a little and would, I presume, greatly damage the park at this point from an artistic standpoint. If anything is done it must be done quickly. This excavation would have to be made by the use of the [illegible] feel. The contractors are just about ready to pass down through under the fish hatchery bridge below the [illegible] road, and when they once pass through at this point, it is their plan not to come back. Mr. Clarke is absent from the city but will be back here Sunday morning. Could you arrange to take up to [illegible] so as to be here [illegible]

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day morning and look the matter over? I am fearful that you are now absent from Chicago. If so, would like to hear in some way just when you will be back. I regard this matter as of very great importance. It will be a serious blow to our work if it should turn out that the water in these lagoons becomes stagnant. It may be your idea, after looking the ground over, that there will be sufficient current or movement of the water without making [illegible] change. I would call you up by phone were it not that I feel I [illegible] the situation very well in that way.

If you can be here Sunday morning, you might send me a telegram to that effect, so that I can arrange to meet you and have Mr. Clarke present.

If [illegible] new channel is cut, I should want you to indicate the line of it. If is possible that it might be cut in such a way as not to seriously damage the park from the standpoint of a landscape gardener.

Yours truly,

[illegible]

[illegible]

President.

Sept. 30, 1905.

Messrs. Clarke & Thomas,

City.

Gentlemen:

I took up the matter of the filling on the Fauerbach property with the Fauerbach Brewing Company, stating to the company the claim of Mr. Thomas as to the company having accepted the filling by you as sufficient under the contract. I have received this morning a letter from Harry Fauerbach, written for the firm, under date of Sept. 29, which, after writing address, is as follows:

"Supplementing our talk with you in reference to the completion of the contract of the Madison Pleasure Drive Association to fill our lots on the banks of the Tenara River and in accordance with your request we beg leave to say that the statement reported by you, as having been expressed by Mr. Grant Thomas, that we had expressed to him that he had completed the filling to our satisfaction, is not in accordance with the facts.

At the time evidently referred to by Mr. Thomas, the writer of this letter, in company with Mr. Lew F. Porter, was on the ground, and Mr. Thomas was solicitous to have to express an opinion of satisfaction with the completion of the work. In reference to this both Mr. Porter and myself were careful not to do so, but on the contrary referred Mr. Thomas to the written contract and informed him that we should expect that to be carried out.

At that time Mr. Thomas was still pumping sand from the lake, and to the best of our recollection, he shortly after that discontinued pumping sand."

Mr. Fauerbach has promised to get to me a statement also from Mr. Porter.

Since my interview with Mr. Thomas, I have investigated as to the drawing of sand away from this property, and find the facts to be as follows:

Mr. George Nelson, contractor for Williamson street bridge, obtained from the Fauerbach's the sand which was thrown out from the cellar excavated for the Fauerbach building at the east end of the property. He tells me that he paid $75.00 for the sand and that he did not take a pound of sand from any other place on this fill.

Mr. Nelson also tells me that Mr. Blake, the contractor under you, took away from the fill several loads of sand and used the same where he was putting in some sidewalk, but that Mr. Fauerbach, on learning this fact, stopped him.

Mr. George Nelson tells me further that he did not obtain any sand from this place for use in construction of foot bridge in Tennessee Park; that he obtained the sand for this purpose from Mr. Schimming.

Mr. Nelson also tells me that he did not commence drawing sand for the Williamson street bridge until after the cement walk had been constructed on the Fauerbach property and most of the stone had been put in for the road. I know it to be a fact, that before this cement walk was put in and the stone laid, it was necessary to draw a large quantity of sand from the other side of the river in order to raise the fill up to the required height; that our association drew this sand and paid out for labor fill and some costs, which

[illegible]

Sept. 21, 1905

The Kelly-Springfield Road Roller Co.,
Springfield, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

Yours of Sept. 27th received.

I was absent abroad for some four months and supposed, of course, your bill was paid. I cannot find out that you ever presented a bill against the association. Will you please make out such bill against the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association and forward same to me, and I will see that the same is promptly paid.

Yours truly,

(Mrs. D/M)

President.

Oct. 2, 1905

Messrs. Blied & Schneider,
City.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed find warrant for $[illegible] to pay your bill against Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Oct. 2, 1903.

Kroneke Bros.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $[illegible] to pay your bill against Medi-
tion Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt and return the enclos-
ed bill.

Yours truly,

[signature]

President.

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Oct. 2, 1903.

Claus Clausen, Esq.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $50.00 to pay for work in Tenney
Park for month of September. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill to
me.

Enclosed also find warrant for $4.00 for Olc Halverson. Please have
him receipt the enclosed bill, and return same to me.

(2 Warrants)

(2 Enc.)

Yours truly,

[signature]

President.

Dec. 1, 1905.

Franklin & Sons,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Will you not be so kind as to answer the suggestion made in my former letter as to whether the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association is entitled to a credit for the return of 137 bags at ten cents each? I called your office up over the phone and talked with Mr. James Conklin, but have not heard concerning the matter since. The Association is ready and anxious to pay the bills presented, but before doing so would like to deduct the credit for the bags, provided it is proper to do so.

Yours truly,

(Dict. by O.)

President.

Dec. 2, 1905.

Mr. M. Lyons,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $4.00 to pay your bill against Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association for repairing tools. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

Secy.

Oct. 3, 1903.

Mr. E. J. Johnson,

[illegible] E. Johnson St.,

City.

Dear Sir,-

I would like to know when you are going to get on the work on [illegible] I must say you have tried my patience beyond all endurance. You have promised and promised, setting a half a dozen times when you would be ready to commence that work. It ought to have been completed long before this. Your delay in this matter has hurt the work of our association hundreds of dollars. Everybody is complaining and finding fault. There certainly ought to be some limit to this delay. I would like to know now from you the time when you will commence that work so that I can publish some statement in the newspapers and thus quiet a little the public. Hope I shall expect that you commence the work on the day named.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

[signature]

President.

Oct. 5, 1905

Mr. George D. Piper,

Care Eclipse Gas Co.,

Rockford, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Oct. 3, to Mr. Corscot, was handed by him to me. Under another cover, I send you a copy of the last annual report of the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association, and also of an earlier report containing copy of constitution, by-laws, etc.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

[signature]

Oct. 5, 1905

The Kelly-Springfield Road Roller Co.,

Springfield, Ohio.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $6.00 to pay for your bill against the association. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me, as oblige.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

(Warrant)

(Exs.)

[signature]

President.

Oct. 6, 1905.

Mr. Severt Aasen,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Will you look at the enclosed bill for pipe, and, if it is all right, O. K. it? Is this for Henry Vilas Park?

I notice the bill for oats for team since Sept. 9, just received, amounts to $37.94, which is at the rate of $40.00 a month. Is there any mistake about this?

Would it not be well to see if you cannot get some good oats from a farmer at a less price?

Please return the enclosed bill to me after you have examined same.

Examine also the bill of Matson & Klein, and state whether that is all right. Is it for Henry Vilas Park?

Yours truly,

(Dict. by C.)

President.

Oct. 5, 1905

Mrs. [illegible] Adamson,

[illegible] Gilman St.,

City.

Dear Mrs. Adamson:-

I should have answered your kind note of Sept. 26 before this.

The drive that is being planned by the association around Lake Winnipeg would come no nearer your property than the bridge across Winnipeg Creek on the Fish Hatchery road. It was not our purpose to go any farther to the south or southeast.

Very sincerely yours,

John M. Olin

(Dic. by O.)

Oct. 5, 1905

Mr. Herman J. Kinney,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $37.92 to pay your bill against the association for cash. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Oct. 5, 1905

Conklin & Sons,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find two warrants, one for $65.52 for portland cement for Henry Vilas Park, and the other for $19.65 for tiling and cement, for general work of Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bills to me and oblige.

(2 warrants)

(2 inc.)

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President

Oct. 6, 1905.

Mr. N. J. Johnson,

[illegible] Johnson St.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Oct. 5 was received. It contains, however, no information requested in my letter. You might as well have made no statement at all.

It is too bad that this good weather is passing by without anything being done toward completing the work along the river. As you know, we must not only get the filling done, but must have the same smoothed off and black dirt put on this fall.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

J. Lowell C.

President.

Oct. 7, 1911.

Mr. Emil Mische,

1071 Center St.,

Jamaica Plain, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

Your telegram just received, apparently from New York, say-ing "will accept". Was very glad to receive same.

Council meets for its regular meeting on Friday evening, of next week, Oct. 13. Are you planning to come to Madison so as to be here at that time, or would you prefer a later date? I presume I could get the Mayor, if desired, to call a special meeting of the council to consider this one matter. In any event I should like to receive a letter from you within a day or so, but I thought I would write you promptly in answer to the telegram.

Yours truly,

Secretary.

Oct. 9, 1905

Mr. James L. Wylie,

Prest. First National City Bank,

Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Dear Sir:-

According to my copy book, I sent you under date of July 7, 1904, a typewritten brief as to right or power of city to acquire lands for park purposes outside of city limits. I do not find that the brief has ever been returned. If you have not returned it, and are through with the use of it, I should be pleased to have you return it.

Yours truly,

(Dic by O.)

J. L. McClure

President.

Oct. 12, 1906.

Messrs. O'Malley & Castle,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $77.80 to pay your bill against Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

(Encl.)

John M. Olin

President.

Oct. 12, 1906.

Messrs. Matson & Klein,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $12.00 to pay your bill against Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

(Encl.)

President.

Oct. 13, 1905.

Mr. [illegible] Simonds,

[illegible] Gardener,

[illegible] Ave.,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Simonds:-

I intended to write yesterday. We shall expect you here Monday morning to look over the [illegible] river improvement, with a view of laying out the paths and also the planting, if you can do so at this time. It is not all quite completed yet. We are intending to have a topographical survey made, as I wrote you before, and a map prepared. We can get that done soon and furnish the map to you. I thought, however, that while you were here on the ground, you might be able to decide what the planting should be with sufficient definiteness to sketch the same in after the [illegible] were furnished you. If, however, you cannot do this, we will have to have you come up at some later date.

I shall be [illegible] forenoon at the [illegible] school, but will [illegible] range with Mr. [illegible] to meet you.

I intended [illegible] when [illegible] over the [illegible] what your [illegible] were as to Mr. [illegible] for park superintendent here, but neglected to do so. Wish you would [illegible] a line confidentially concerning the matter.

Yours truly,

[illegible]

President.

Oct. 13, [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 9th received. Have just sent you a telegram as follows: "Can you reach Madison about Oct. 15? Have written fully." The council meets this evening. Our board of directors have prepared a communication to the council, requesting the appointment of a park superintendent and recommending you for the place. We have also prepared an ordinance establishing the office of park superintendent and prescribing his duties in a general way. We expect to have the communication laid before the council this evening and the proposed ordinance introduced. There will then be a resolution offered, referring the communication and the proposed ordinance to a committee with request to report at a special meeting of the council, which will, in all probability, be held one week from to-night, or the 20th. I think it very essential that you should be here a day or two before the holding of that meeting. You see, the passing of the ordinance is bound up with your selection for the place. And before adopting the ordinance the council will, I think, wish to [illegible]. There are [illegible] other reasons why I think it might be well for you to [illegible]. [illegible] morning last, I called upon Mr. Van Hise, President of our University here, and laid before him the letter of [illegible] recommending you for superintendent here, with a [illegible] of having the University employ your services in case you are selected. [illegible] Meeting of the Board of Regents, held on Tuesday of this week,

[illegible] with the President, a resolution was adopted, giving the President authority to employ some one as landscape architect to look over the grounds of the University and advise as to the location of a number of important buildings to be built in the near future, and also to advise as to other matters with reference to the grounds. President Van Hise told me after the meeting of the Regents, that if you came here in advance of the time your work is to commence for the City, he should be pleased to have you and talk matters over. Now, I do not wish to hold out to you with any certainty, this as an inducement for your coming at the time suggested, but wish to say the whole matter [illegible] you with merely the suggestion that if you could satisfy Mr. Van Hise that you were the man to do the work needed for the University, I think there is a good opportunity here.

I had another object in talking with Mr. Van Hise about your coming here. It seems to me, if you are the man as recommended by the Olmsted Brothers, there will be an opportunity, in the near future, for you to give a course of lectures on the subject of landscape gardening in the University. That is, I should hope that our University might be induced, in the near future, to offer a course of instruction [illegible] that line. They have just recently offered such a course of instruction in the line of forestry. As president of the state forestry commission until the beginning of this year, I was active in securing a Superintendent and finally was successful in getting a good man, and [illegible] have been made with him to give this instruction. It seems to me that a course of lectures in landscape architecture might prove to be quite

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popular with a certain class of students.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

John W. Alvin.

Provisions.

Since dictating the above have [illegible] Special meeting of the Council may [illegible] Monday Oct-23. or Wednesday Oct [illegible] again to morrow when I shall [illegible]

[illegible]

Oct. 13, 1905

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Enclosed find warrant for $14.00 to pay your bill against Madison Park and Pleasant Drive Association for care of lock from Aug. 13 to Aug. 27, 1905.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

Oct. 17, 1905.

Mr. Emil Klosse,
1071 Center St.,
Jamaica Plain, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

The special meeting of the common council will not be held until Wednesday evening, Oct. 25. Inasmuch as the ordinance must be adopted and published before they can elect a superintendent, I suppose the very earliest date at which a superintendent could be elected would be the second Friday of November. I do not think it indispensible that you should put yourself to any particular trouble to come here at a date inconvenient to you. We will try to get the ordinance adopted, and it looks now as though it would be, and then the matter of election can be attended to at some later date.

I judge from something I heard since writing you last, that Mr. Bowditch, a member of our board of directors, who is chairman of the executive committee of the Board of Regents, has had some talk with Mr. Klosse about advising as to laying out or placing of buildings on University grounds. I thought I would tell you this by reason of what I wrote in a former letter. I have not had an opportunity to see Mr. Bowditch personally.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

J. Lovell Allen

President.

Mr. W. E. Morse,

Supt. C. & N. W. Ry. Co.,

Baraboo, Wis.

Oct. 18, 1905.

My Dear Sir;-

I have just dictated a note to Mr. Gardner, general manager of your road, calling his attention to the fact that the contractors who are excavating the channel at Wingra Creek, between lakes Monona and Wingra, will want to pass through the bridge of your company which spans the creek on your Monroe line within the next week or ten days, and asking him if he would not give instructions to the proper superintendent or person as to opening up the bridge for the contractors, and much oblige.

I am not certain whether this branch of the work falls within your jurisdiction or not, and for that reason wrote to Mr. Gardner. In order to save time, but thought I would take the precaution to also drop you a line. You will remember, perhaps, that there was a bill passed last legislature, authorizing this improvement and requiring railroad bridges, as well as bridges of town or Madison, to be raised. Before the bill was introduced, however, I had the consent of your company to the raising of the necessary changes.

I trust that the vacation of Prouse street will go through at the special meeting of the council without any difficulty. I was just talking over the phone with Carl Riley, and so far as he knows everything is all right.

Very truly yours,

Dictated by C.

President.

Oct. 18, 1911.

Mr. W. A. Gardner,

General Mngr., C. & N. W. Ry. Co.,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

The contractors who are excavating the channel at Wingra Creek between lakes Wingra and Monona, will want to pass through the bridge of your company which spans the creek on the Mentfort line within the next week or ten days. Could you have instructions given to the proper superintendent or person as to opening up the bridge for the contractors, and very much oblige?

As you perhaps know, I was absent from the city some four months, and hence was not here during some of the discussion and agitation as to vacating Blount street. It is needless for me to say that I have been very much chagrinned at the attitude of three or four of our citizens on this matter. We do not want your company, however, to think that they represent the sentiment of the city. I have done what I could since my return to secure the necessary signatures to the new petition for vacation, and it seems now, without doubt the vacation will be made at the special meeting of the council to be held Oct. 25.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by S.)

John M. Olin

President.

Oct. 19, 1905.

Mr. O. C. Simonds,

Landscape Gardener,

Buena Ave.,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Simonds:-

Yours of Oct. 18 just received.

I regret that you were unable to see Mr. Ferry. I do not know whether Mr. Meachie is back yet or not. He was not back yesterday. I have heard nothing from Mr. Ferry as yet. Have been trying to get him by phone this morning. Of course it is perfectly ridiculous to think of any slope such as his plans call for. I do not presume that he thought much about the steepness of the slope. He ought to have done so, provided his plan was to be a guide. But this does not excuse at all, I think, the attitude of Mr. Ickes. He ought certainly to have [illegible] his opinion to the officials of the city and to our board. I got the idea, however, from the talk over the phone with the Mayor, that he and Mr. [illegible] did not quite agree with you as to just what should be done, and that this was one of the reasons why you went to consult Mr. Ferry. I mention this because you say in your letter "we agreed as to what the grade should be." I can't quite see why the Mayor should telephone to me he did if you came to this agreement.

Your sketch as to road along Hausmann property received. The sketch shows a good deal more land between the road and the river than is left according to the stakes you set while here.

The men have started to cut out the dirt, preparatory to making paths. I am not satisfied with the way they are doing the work, and yet I am not at

all sure that I know just how the work ought to be done. I was expecting that you would give instructions concerning this matter to the foreman while here. Ought the path, when finished at the outer edges, be flush with the dirt, or ought it to be sunk just a little below the edge of the adjoining dirt? If made according to the latter suggestion, might there not be some trouble with the water?

I write in great haste, for I am just about due at the court house.

I note what you say about coming up again and completing the work.

Yours truly,

(Sid by O.)

John M. Olin.

President.

[illegible] me up on phone yesterday. [illegible] had been raising your sketch for [illegible] y Ave. and that you provided [illegible] ten per cent grade at the bridge. I [illegible] him you certainly never intended any [illegible] grade. and that I knew your ideas [illegible] grades. - Talked into Tony over phone at [illegible] [illegible] make a sketch and send out [illegible]

[illegible]

Oct. 21, 1905.

Mr. John F. [illegible]

City.

Dear Sir:

Mr. [illegible] is in town and will be at my office at twelve o'clock. I have arranged to drive down to the bridge with him, provided I can get you at that hour. Could you meet me at the office here? I will have my man hay with the team, who will drive us down and back. I have been trying to get you over the phone, but did not succeed. It might be well also if you could get word to Mr. Keachie to be there.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Oct. 21, 1905.

Mr. Emil Mische,

1071 Center St.,

Jamaica Plain, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Oct. 16 came while I was engaged in a trial in the city court. Hence delay somewhat in answering.

I think I understand the situation. You do not, of course, wish to bear the expense of making two trips to Madison, and I do not want to have you do so. On the other hand, our association is poor and we have to make our money go just as far as possible. I would dislike to ask the city to meet any of your expenses just now. My idea, in thinking the matter over, is this: We will get the ordinance passed, I think, establishing the office of park superintendent. We have recommended you for the place; the council can either appoint you at this time or can wait until you come out to Madison at some later date prior to Jan. 1. Of course, they may be willing to elect you to the office without your coming upon the ground first. I will recommend that if you desire me to do so.

Wish you would write me what you prefer in the matter.

In haste, very truly yours,

(Dict. by O.)

John [illegible]

President.

Oct. 24, 1908.

Messrs. Perry & Claa,

Milwaukee, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

When your Mr. Perry was here looking over the Stoensland bridge, it was his opinion, as I remember, that it was unnecessary to raise the towers at the end of the bridge. I thought so myself at the time, but I failed to consider that the change of the grade of the floor of the bridge and sidewalk, would necessitate the raising of the filling on the outside of the towers.

Another matter, and that is whether the coping or bridge rail should be raised at the ends. If this is not done, then the distance between the band course and the top of the rail or coping will be some eight or ten inches less at the ends than in the center. Will not this give a bad effect in the appearance of the bridge, both from the inside and from the outside of the bridge? If, on the other hand, the bridge rail is raised at the ends, then it will make the line of the bridge rail very nearly level across the bridge.

Mr. Schmeeckle is to be up here Thursday to do some more work for us and I would like to get your opinion as to these matters before or by the time he gets here. You state in your letter to me, which I submitted to Mr. Ecke, that the bridge rail need not be raised. I take it that you mean by bridge rail the same as the coping. I was wondering, however, whether you had considered that if the bridge was not raised while the floor of the bridge was, that there would be this difference between the band course and the bridge rail at the ends as compared with the center.

I have dictated the above in great haste just as I am about to go to court.

Yours truly.

(Dict. by C.)

Oct. 21, 1905.

Mr. O. C. Simonds,

Landscape Gardener,

Buena Ave.,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Simonds:-

Yours of Oct. 18 was duly received.

We had a conference at our office last evening with Mr. Icke and Mr. Keachie, and it was arranged to have you come up, if possible, so as to be here Thursday morning and to meet parties at the birdge at eight o'clock. I would like to have you look over the whole matter of grades and determine just what ought to be done. I again hopes yet of being able to secure a change on the easterly side of the river so as to cut the macadam down to the width you planned and leave out cement curb and gutter. Shall see chairman of the street committee and try and have him present at the meeting at the bridge.

Another matter to be determined is whether the towers at the ends of the bridge should be raised. Mr. Ferry, when here, gave it as his opinion that it was unnecessary to do so, but I think he failed to consider certain things. Shall write him this morning.

Very truly yours,

John W. McOlman

President.

Dr. Frank Sewitt:
Chairman Stud Com.
My dear Sir:

Oct 24. 1[illegible]

I feel as [illegible] the friends of the park work should be [illegible] opportunity to be heard before your Committee. Upon it reports adversely on the proposed ordinance for park superintendent. If necessary to secure this should prefer that matter be postponed until a later meeting of the Committee, and that public notice be given by your Committee of a meeting some evening. So that all parties interested may appear to be heard. — In my judgment the matter of sufficient importance [illegible] meeting.

Yours truly
[illegible] Clive.

Have been unwell as yet to reach Mr. Raymer. The phone does not secure work.
[illegible]

Oct. 25, 1905.

Mr. Mayor Swenson,

City.

Dear Mr. Swenson:-

I have just received a note from Mr. Simonds, saying that he expected to meet you Thursday and would stay over for the association Friday. I had sent him a letter yesterday morning, stating that the association would want his services on Thursday and that I had arranged with the Mayor, Mr. Ilke, the contractor, etc., to meet Mr. Simonds at the Steenslund bridge on Thursday morning at eight o'clock. I have just dropped a letter to Mr. Simonds, saying that Thursday to the work of the association and that he might stay over to see you, if he desired on Friday. It would not be easy for me to change the appointment at this time.

I trust that you can be at the Steenslund bridge to-morrow, Thursday morning, as representing the committee appointed by the directors of the association to look after the construction, on behalf of the association, of this bridge. I feel that some very serious blunders have been made and that prompt action ought to be taken at this time in order to remedy them.

Yours truly.

(Dic. by O.)

John W. Alvord

President.

Mr. C. C. Simonds,
Mr. M.
Landscape Gardener,
By [illegible]
[illegible] Buena Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Oct. 26, 1905.

Dear Mr. Simonds:-

Yours of the 24th just received. I presume you have [illegible] letter of yesterday. I have arranged to have you at the Stonelong bridge [illegible] Thursday morning at eight o'clock. I will try and call at the hotel with [illegible] team and take you down there. We shall want you to put in Thursday for [illegible] presume you can see Mr. Swenson on Friday as well as Thursday. I have dropped a line to Mr. Swenson, stating that we should want your services Thursday. I trust this arrangement can be carried out because I have made arrangements with the Mayor, Keachie, Icke, etc., to be on hand to-morrow morning, and could not well change that arrangement without considerable inconvenience to some of the parties, if indeed I could do it at all.

Very truly yours,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

Oct. 16, 1906.

Judge J. H. Carpenter,

City.

My Dear Mr. Carpenter:-

Mr. O. C. Simonds, our landscape architect, is in the city to-day, and is to remain over to-morrow. I have arranged with him to meet you to-morrow afternoon at Jerusalem Park, at about half past three o'clock, to go over with you the matter of planting, etc. If it be such weather as will permit your being there, I hope very much that you can meet Mr. Simonds. I was out with him this afternoon along the river, and partly along by Kenwood Park, and pointed out to him the situation so that he might be thinking of matters.

Sincerely yours,

President.

(Dic. by O.)

Oct. 27, 1905.

Ferry & Clas,

Milwaukee, Wis.

Gentlemen:-

I received your letter yesterday morning. Mr. Simonds was here yesterday and is still here. I showed him your letter. They had all agreed before getting your letter, that it would not be necessary to raise the towers any, or the coping. Another matter came up, however, and that was with reference to the additional height at the center of the bridge on each side. Mr. Simonds and most of our directors think that the bridge would be much better in its effect if the line of the coping was in no way broken. The rise in the center comes up at this point some three feet above the rest of the coping, and if a man passed along on the edge, this would be high enough to obstruct the view out over the water on either side. Mr. Simonds consulted Mr. Steensland and got his consent to having this portion omitted, provided you did not object. I understand Mr. Steensland has written you, but thought I would also write you. He also agreed that the plate containing his name, etc., might be put on the inside of the coping above the center. He comes to me now, however, objecting to this on the ground that the plate will be right where boys will be tempted to deface it. I do not think there is much to this. But I suggested that the plate be put on the outside at the end of one of the towers. He would be satisfied to have it there.

Personally, I hope very much that the omission of the raised portion in the center of the bridge, as above suggested, will meet your approval. I am very sure that the bridge would look a good deal better without it than with it.

Pipes are being put in for wires with the idea of some other lighting from the towers at either end, which, I think, will be better than lighting from the center.

Yours truly,

Dict. by O.

John W. O'Brien

President.

Oct. 31, 1905.

Mr. John F. Icke,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I hand you herewith letter which I have just received from Mr. Ferry.

Last night Mr. Keachie was drawing something, explaining to me how the plate might be put on the front and outside of the tower as you approached the bridge. This involves some little change in the design, and I did not fully understand just what his suggestion was. The plate, I understand, is thirty-one inches high, and the space between the band course and the copper on the tower is some less than that, as I understand. If not too much work, I would be much obliged if you could make a little drawing full size of just how the tower would look with the plate in, showing just what change would have to be made.

The more I think of the matter, the more convinced I am that the bridge will be very much handsomer without the elevation in the center of the side.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

(Enc.)

John M. Olin

President.

Oct. [illegible], 1906.

Mr. [illegible],

City.

Dear Sir:-

I am [illegible] from Frank W. Hoyt, [illegible] against the Golf Club for work done by men for the [illegible], and I return the bill herewith to you, thinking [illegible] as a voucher.

(Inc. by O.)

(Enc.)

Yours truly,

John M. Olson

President.

Nov. 1, 1906.

Mr. Severt [illegible],

City.

Dear Sir:-

I wish you would look through the enclosed list of property and put in in lead pencil your judgment as to the value of the articles where no value is placed on the same, and return same to me. If you think of other tools, please insert the same.

(Inc. by O.)

(Enc.)

Yours truly,

John [illegible]

President.

Nov. 1, 1905.

Mr. [illegible] Johnson,
[illegible]
[illegible].

I wish very much you could call at the office just a minute. I would like to talk matters over with you and find out, if we can, just where we are at with reference to the filling along the river. If there is anything that our association can do in a friendly way to help you in the matter, of course, we want to do it. We are exceedingly anxious that this work should be done, and done without further delay. From all that I can find out, nothing of a substantial character has yet been done, and I would like to find out what the reason is and what the prospects are.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

Nov. 1, 1905.

Mr. Emil Mische,
1071 Center Street,
Jamaica Plain, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Oct. 25 was duly received. I have been busy in court for some days past. I will try and answer all points referred to in your letter.

1. The proposed ordinance establishing the office of park superintendent was referred to the committee on streets, which, under our practice, is made up of the senior alderman from each ward. Hence, the committee comprises one-half of our council, numbering twenty. This committee is to have a meeting, especially to consider this ordinance, on Tuesday evening, Nov. 7. A number of leading citizens will present to the committee at that time their views as to the adoption of this ordinance. If the committee makes a favorable report, the report will, without much of any doubr, be adopted by the council at its regular meeting, which is to be held the second Friday of the month, or Nov. 11. Hence, we shall know as early as Nov. 11 whether the ordinance is adopted. The adoption of the ordinance would mean, undoubtedly, your election. Whatever opposition, if any, there might be, will not be against you, but against the inauguration of the plan at this time of employing regularly a park superintendent.

2. I enclose herewith an amended form of ordinance which we will ask to have substituted for the one introduced. The one introduced omitted the part as to taking charge of the trees within the streets in the city and also the part as to superintending the cemetery. These two ideas were not incorporated in the ordinance as first drawn for the reason that I thought it well as to the first one to have the committee propose it specifically, and also have them think they

were doing something. The other matter, the superintendence of the cemetery, is something over which there will be some contention. I have put it in at this time for the purpose of gaining an advantage by showing to the council that they can here save $300 a year at this time. Of course, ultimately we should want you to act as superintendent of the cemetery.

3. I note what you say about drafting an agreement embodying articles of mutual obligation, etc. It seems to me that this would be rather difficult to do under the circumstances. The ordinance enclosed gives you an idea of what is expected. At the same time, as the directors stated in their communication to the council, arrangements will have to be made by which you will be permitted to do outside work. I think an arrangement of this kind could be made that would be mutually advantageous. I think I suggested this matter to you once before. The pay for such outside work should either go to you directly, or be paid into the city treasury, either in whole or in part, and an account kept thereof, and the amount thus paid in be used as a basis for increase in pay or salary. It might be well for you to write, indicating which of these two methods you would prefer.

4. As to the University grounds: It seems that the president of the University deemed it necessary to have at once the aid of some landscape architect with reference to the grading and certain changes around one of the new buildings that is just being completed. It seems further that a number of years ago (I knew of this fact, but it had passed out of my mind) Mr. Simonds was employed by the Regents to look over the grounds and make suggestions as to planting, location or change of roadways, and as to certain buildings.

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Under these circumstances, Mr. Swenson felt that the best thing to do [illegible] to call in Mr. Simonds. He was here one day last week with reference to [illegible] work. We should have been glad to have had you here and thrown the work [illegible] it could have been done, but, as you remember, it was not easy for you to leave at the time suggested. However, I do not think the employment [illegible] of Mr. Simonds is a vital matter. If you come here and demonstrate your ability in this line of work, there will be, I am quite sure, a disposition to have you connected with the University in some such way as I have already indicated in former letters.

I [illegible] your letter, with the exception that I wish to say the directors of the association will, without doubt, urge the common council to appoint you, in case the ordinance is adopted, without having you first come here. This is a matter that has not yet been laid before the board, but I will see that the same is done at some meeting in the near future.

I will write you immediately after the meeting of the committee on [illegible] as to the hearing before such committee, and will also advise you immediately of the action of the common council on Nov. 11.

Yours truly,

[illegible]

(Dic. by C.)

(Enc.)

President

Nov. 4, 1904.

Mr. [illegible]
[illegible] Grove,
[illegible].

Dear Sir:-

I [illegible] and am informed [illegible], that the [illegible] Grove is planning to put in an iron bridge across the outlet of Yahara River from lake [illegible] in the place where the [illegible] bridge [illegible].

As you perhaps are aware, by an act of the legislature, all bridges over the Yahara River, between lakes Monona and Mendota, and also between lakes [illegible] Wingra, are required to be eight feet above the water at a high stage. Undoubtedly, other legislation will follow in the near future, requiring all bridges across the Yahara River, between third, second and first lakes, to be elevated to a similar height. Hence, I trust [illegible] constructing [illegible] bridge you will see that it is put up so as to give [illegible] feet clearance at an ordinarily high stage of water. As I understand the matter, this will require an elevation of only about two feet above the present bridge at this point.

Very truly yours,

J. [illegible]
[illegible].

Nov. 2, 1905.

Mr. [illegible] Aasen,

[illegible] Baldwin St.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

You can have the men get ready to draw screenings from the city quarry on the following terms:

Two teams, not our own, will be paid the regular price for drawing to that locality, which is 3½¢ per hundred weight. By drawing 6,000 pounds to the load, the teamster can make a little over $4.00 a day by drawing two loads.

As to our own teams, I want to arrange matters so that we can pay the two men who drive the teams at the rate of not less than $2.[illegible] per day. In order to do this, the teams must draw each time not less than [illegible] pounds. I think if the wagons were fitted up properly, our two teams could draw as much as [illegible] pounds to each load. We are willing to pay to the two men who drive our teams, at the rate of 1-3/4¢ per hundred pound. This would give to each of the men, on the basis of 6,000 to a load, $2.10 a day, and if they drew 6,[illegible] pounds to the load, it would give them something like $2.[illegible] each per day.

The material must all be weighed at the scale on the Avenue, and must be left along the river at such places as the men who are putting the screenings in place direct.

Yours truly,

John W. Olive

President.

(Dic. by O.)

Nov. 3, 1905.

Mr. [redacted]
City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $20.20 to pay your bill against Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

President.

(Warrant)
Enc.)

Nov. 3, 1905.

[redacted] Lumber Co.,
City.

Gentlemen:-

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

Yours truly,

President.

(Warrant)
(Enc.)

Nov. 3, 1905.

President C. R. Van Hise,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I should have answered your kind note of Oct. 23 before this, to map showing park extensions, etc.

This branch of the work has been more especially in charge of Charles [illegible], secretary, and I have submitted your communication to him, with request that he furnish to you, if possible, the desired information. We had some maps prepared for our last annual meeting from which you may be able to get what is desired.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by C.)

Nov. 7, 1905.

Mr. Clinton Rogers Woodruff,

Room 703 North American Bldg.,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Yours of Nov. 3rd received. Hope I may have the pleasure meeting you, as suggested.

I wish you could send me two extra copies of the pamphlet [illegible] on Railroad Improvements. I will be glad to pay for them. I want to use in cutting out certain parts for publication here in the city press.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

President.

Nov. 7, 1905.

Messrs. Newburg & Roper,

City.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed find warrant for $2.20 to pay your bill against Madison Park - Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

John W. Olin,

President.

Nov. 7, 1905.

Mr. W. E. Morse,

Supt. C. & N. W. Ry. Co.,

Sarabco, Wis.

Dear Mr. Morse:-

You will remember the hurried talk we had at the office about two matters, one our desire to get some coarse gravel or small hard heads to protect the river banks, and the other as to filling for approach across main line northeast of the Yahara. As to the latter matter, is it your judgment that I had better first write to Mr. Gardner, explaining fully the situation, and perhaps calling his attention to the conference at the Park Hotel last spring concerning the matter? I presume this is a matter that he would have to act upon before anything is done, but I want to handle it in the way that would best commend itself to your good judgment.

As to the other matter, the furnishing of some gravel or small hard heads, I judge from my past experience that that is something that you could swing yourself without consulting any higher authority. I wish you could see it your way to put in for us the gravel or small stones at say about $3.00 a car, or as near that figure as you feel that you could do it for. Of course, we would unload the cars.

Should be pleased to hear from you as to both matters. If possible, we would like very much to get the stone or gravel and the filling done the present fall.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by G.)

Mr. Frank W. Hoyt,

City.

Nov. 7, 1905.

Dear Sir:-

I have had the enclosed bill handed to me by Severt Aas[illegible], foreman, amounting to $87.66, for work done on Keys' farm. Will you be [illegible] kind as to send me check, payable to Frank W. Hoyt, treasurer, for the [illegible], and very much oblige?

(Dic. by C.)

(Enc.)

Yours truly,

John Wells Olin

President.

Dr. Philip Fox,

City.

Nov. 7, 1905.

Dear Mr. Fox:-

I have had handed to me the enclosed bill by our foremenan, Mr. Aasen, amounting to $6.55. You can either remit to me directly or to Mr. Hoyt. Perhaps it would be best to draw the check to Mr. Hoyt and send it to me, then I will know the matter is closed out.

(Dic. by C.)

(Enc.)

Yours truly,

John Wells Olin

President.

Nov. 9, 1905.

Mr. Emil Mische,
1071 Center St.,
Jamaica Plain, Mass.

My Dear Sir:-

I intended writing you yesterday. The street committee met and the matter of the ordinance was pretty thoroughly discussed, there being present, however, only six out of the ten members. The committee reported in favor of passing the ordinance, but on condition that our association pay one-half instead of one quarter of the salary of the superintendent for the first year. The matter will come up before the council to-morrow evening. I am very confident we shall secure the passage of the ordinance by the council just as we suggested, and that the council will agree to pay the three quarters of the salary if our association pays one quarter.

There will be omitted from the amended ordinance section four with reference to the superintendent of cemetery. I found on investigating that matter that the present superintendent of the cemetery combines a variety of duties, a large portion of which you would not want to have anything to do with. He has in charge the matter of adorning or beautifying the cemetery. This portion of his duty or work will be taken from him and conferred upon the park superintendent, and that part of the work is all that we want to have given to you.

I will write you fully Saturday morning and may send you a telegram, announcing the result of the action of the council.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

Nov. 10,1905.

Mr. C. P. Eldridge,

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

Mr. Emil A.

Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith a communication which I have just received through the mail, which explains itself. I wonder whether the company couldn't leave a carload of gravel at this crossing. I think that will satisfy the people.

(Dic. by C.)

(Enc.)

Yours truly,

Johnell Olin

Nov. 10,1905.

Mr. W. H. Atkins,

Care Badger Shoe Co.,

S. Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

Your communication of the 9th just received. I have sent the same to Mr. Eldridge, superintendent, with request that he leave some gravel there.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

Johnell Olin

Nov. 11, 1905.

Mr. W. E. Morse,

Dept. C. & M. R. Ry. Co.,

Hamilton, Ill.

My Dear Sir:

I wrote to you on Nov. 7, but have not received any answer as yet. Could you let me hear from you concerning the matters I wrote about without delay, and very much oblige?

I would like also to see you in the near future concerning the vacation of Blount street. I think I may be able to be of some service to your company in keeping matters quiet. Prefer to talk with you about the matter.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. W. O.)

John W. Ohio

President.

Nov. 11, 1905.

Mr. H. O. Simonds,
Landscape Gardener,
Buena Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Simonds:

Are you intending to make some little sketch of the planting for the lots that you looked over with Judge Carpenter, known as Kendall Park? If so, wish you would send me a sketch to that effect.

I noticed when down at the river yesterday, the way the walk was laid out between East [illegible] Avenue and Main street on this side the river. It seems to me that the walk is here laid out on the theory that it is not to go under the Steensland bridge, while on the other side between avenue [illegible] it is laid out on the theory that it should go under the Steensland bridge. I have understood all the while that the walks were to pass under the Steensland bridge. If so, it seems to me that the walk on the easterly side of Steensland bridge and the southwesterly side of the river will have to be changed. The boys have cut out the sod, but before screenings are put in there, I would like to hear from you.

Do you still think that a scale of map forty feet to the inch is what you want for the river parkway? If so, we will have the engineer draw it to that scale, but it has seemed to me this will make a pretty narrow map upon which to [illegible] the planting.

The council last night passed the ordinance establishing the office of park superintendent and elected Mr. Mische on the terms as proposed by our directors.

(Dic. by O.)

Yours truly,

President

Nov. 11, 1907.

Mr. Emil Mische,
1071 Center St.,
Jamaica Plain, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

I received your letter of the 7th, written from Blatimore, in which you say, "should you desire to communicate with me by telegram, please address me here until the latter part of the week." Inasmuch as this is Saturday, I thought best to send you a telegram direct to Brookline, and have just dictated such telegram. The ordinance was adopted, establishing the office of park superintendent, by a vote of 15 to 2 of the council, three members of the council being absent.

The council then elected you as superintendent by the same vote. The vote of the two in the negative does not mean anything. These two wished to delay the matter for a month and I think voted as they did, simply to square themselves with a few of their narrow-minded constituents.

The ordinance was adopted as amended, except that section four, pertaining to the cemetery, was omitted. This was done at my suggestion. I found, after investigating the matter, that the present superintendent of the cemetery has imposed upon him a large number of minute details that in no way would concern the work of a landscape architect, and I suggested that the council amend the present ordinance as to the cemetery, separating the landscape architect's work from the other work of the superintendent, and giving the landscape architect's work to the park superintendent. This will undoubtedly be done.

Inasmuch the Madison is very much crowded at the present time, is -

[illegible] rapidly for a [illegible] place, there are but few vacant houses to be found, if indeed there [illegible] in the city. This being true, I suggest that it might be well for you to come here a little in advance of your family so as to look matters over and get located before bringing them here. I presume this has all occurred to you, but I thought it no harm to make the suggestion as to the situation here.

It is needless for me to say that I am very much pleased at the action of the council, and I trust that it will be the means of a large amount of good to our city.

Yours truly,

John M. C.

President.

(Dic. by C.)

Nov. 14, 1905.

Mr. J. G. Simonds,

Landscape Gardener,

Buena Ave.,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Simonds:-

I write again concerning the paths under Steensland bridge. It seems to me that the path you have laid out on the westerly side of the bridge, between the bridge and the railroad tracks, is on the theory of going under the bridge, while on the easterly side of the bridge the path on this side of the river goes on the theory of not going under the bridge, while the path on the other side of the river, that is the northeast side, goes on the theory of going under the bridge. The men have cut out the dirt for the paths as laid out by you, but I have given instructions not to have any filling done on any of these paths between the Northwestern main line to the west and Main street bridge to the east.

On looking the ground over, I have very serious doubts about the wisdom of trying to run any paths under the Steensland bridge. To do so, I fear would so choke up the channel of the river at this point as to be a serious objection. This is a matter that ought to be determined at once and the paths on other side of Steensland bridge ought to be changed now if at all.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

John M. Olin

President.

Nov. 15, 1905

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

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for seventy-two cents to pay freight on Scrapers. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me, and very much oblige.

Yours truly.
John McClain

(Dic. by C.)
(Warrant)

Nov. 15, 1905.

Messrs. Taylor & Gleason,
City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $18.65 to pay your bill against Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and much oblige.

Yours truly,
John McClain
President.

(Warrant)
(Enc.)

Nov. 10, 1905.

Messrs. Sumner & Morris,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $2.05 to pay your bill against Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill to me.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin.

President.

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Nov. 15, 1905.

Wilson & Young Lumber Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrent for $5.47 to pay for lumber for Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt the enclosed bill and return same to me.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Nov. 1[illegible], 1905.

Mautz Bros.,

[illegible]lity.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $7.[illegible] to pay your bill against Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige,

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Nov. 17, 19[illegible].

Hon. H. C. Adams,

City.

Dear Mr. Adams:

We are very much in need of funds to pay our debts incurred in filling Henry Vidas Park. I wrote you about this once before. I understood from a talk I had with you that you had [illegible] some sales of [illegible] out there and I had hoped that you could straight[illegible] the $[illegible] from you on this improvement. You appreciate, I think, the situation, as well as any one. It is not pleasant for the directors here to be worrying every month as to where we are to get the money to meet the obligations before they fall due. If you can help us out before the close of this month on the $500, it will be appreciated.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

[signature]

President.

Mr. W. A. Gardner, Nov. 21, 1905.

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

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Gardner:-

You perhaps will remember that, at the meeting which was held last April at the Park Hotel, after it was determined that it was impracticable to construct any subway on East Washington Avenue, I brought up the matter of our getting a crossing across the main line of your road just northeast of the Yahara river. A road has been planned and laid out along the northeasterly side of the river, extending from Sherman Avenue on the northwest, that is from Lake Mendota practically through to Main Street on that side of the river. This involves getting a crossing over your main line and over the Portage line of the St. Paul tracks at the point above indicated, the center line of the highway to be just about one hundred feet northeasterly from the edge of the river bank. No other crossing will be asked over any of the tracks of your road on that side of the river. When we excavated the river, it was impossible for us to get out from the river sufficient material to make this approach. We did, however, fill up the low ground on the westerly side of your main line up to the gravel embankment for a distance of one hundred feet out from the river.

At the time the matter was brought up at the Park Hotel, you stated as your opinion that you thought there would be no difficulty in your road co-operating with the St. Paul road in doing the filling at this point, and the representative of the St. Paul road made a similar statement. We are

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exceedingly anxious to get this crossing at this point and the filling done. I appreciate that your company, under ordinary circumstances, would object to having another crossing over its tracks. However, it is absolutely necessary, in order to secure the benefit of the large expenditure of money on the Kaiser river improvement, that we should have a crossing at this point. It occurs to me also, that it can be so arranged, after once constructed, as not to entail much, if any, extra expense upon the railway company. There is already a crossing on the southwesterly side of the river, and also a crossing on East Washington Avenue, and these crossings your company will undoubtedly wish to protect in the near future by means of gates. From what I learn as to distances, I judge it would be possible for the company to so arrange matters that gates could be handled from one point, and by one man, for all three of these crossings, namely the one on East Washington Avenue, the one on Water Street, now Thornton Avenue, and the new one suggested on the northeasterly side of the river. The track extends on a perfectly straight line from East Washington Avenue through to a point beyond where the new crossing would be on the northeasterly side of the river. Perhaps also an arrangement could be made by which the gates could be handled by the same person for the St. Paul Company at these three points.

I have talked this matter of securing the approach and the filling over with your superintendent, Mr. Morse. He suggested that I lay the matter before you. He also suggested that it might be difficult for your company to do this work the present fall on account of the scarcity of men. If the work cannot be done the present fall, could you take the matter up and give

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us understow that it would be done as early as possible next spring? There are many reasons why we wish very much to get the work done this fall, but I realize that we are asking a favor. The work, so far as your company is concerned, would involve the leaving of enough dirt for an approach on the northwesterly side of your main line, figuring on the roadway at the top having a width of about twenty feet, and also your pro rata share of filling between your line and the Milwaukee line for such highway crossing.

It is a little difficult to put this matter in a letter so as to make the situation perfectly plain. If you are going to be at Madison some time in the near future, I should like very much to have you call and go over with me, if possible, the situation upon the ground.

Very truly yours,

(Dict. by C.)

Edward Allen

President.

Nov. 24, 1905.

Mr. W. H. Morse,
Supt. C. & N. W. Ry. Co.,
Baraboo, Wis.

Dear Mr. Morse:-

I have just dictated a letter to Mr. Gardner, a copy of which I enclose herewith, concerning the matter of securing filling for a crossing over the main line of the Northwestern tracks at a point about one hundred feet northeast from the Yahara river. You will remember that this is a matter that I have discussed with you. Our association would very much appreciate anything that you, as superintendent of your road, can do toward bringing about this filling. Our association, at the time it excavated the river, did all that it was possible to do to secure dirt from the river for filling along its banks, and we were absolutely unable to get sufficient filling at this point to make this approach. As stated in my letter to Mr. Gardner, this is the only crossing over any of the railway tracks that our association or the city will ask at this time, or indeed at any time. It will never be feasible to have a crossing over the Milwaukee line of your road extending from Main street through to Winnebago street. The plan is to have the road on the northeasterly side of the river as it extends from Sherman Avenue down through to Main street, pass at Main street over Main street to the southwesterly side of the river and use the road on that side of the river through to the Williamson street bridge, and then cross over the Williamson street bridge to the northeasterly side of the river, and thus get upon the road on that side of the river between Williamson street bridge and Lake

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Morena. That is, to make matters plain, there will be no road on the north-easterly side of the river extending between Main street and Washington Avenue, or Williamson street, as it is sometimes called at this point.

As already talked over with you, our association, by means of constructing walks under all of the railway tracks along the Yahara river, will remove, I think, one of the great dangers from accidents arising from the crossing of the tracks, and if it could be so arranged that one man could handle gates for the three crossings, namely over Washington Avenue, Thornton Avenue and the new crossing, such new crossing would not, I think, add materially to the expense of the railroad in the handling of its trains. As soon as [illegible] Washington Avenue is improved, there will be a very large amount of traffic over this street, and there is no question but what your company will wish, I think, to maintain gates at this point, for even now the trains over your main line are run at this point very rapidly.

I wish you would take the matter up with Mr. Gardner and do what you can to secure the crossing. As suggested in my letter to him, I think the best course would be to get Mr. Gardner here and have him go over the matter with you and me while upon the ground. I am very certain if this could be done, he would make no objection to granting the request.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

(Enc.)

John [illegible]

President.

Nov. 21, 1900.

Hon. John W. Groves,

Dear Sir:-

I received your letter some time ago [illegible] subscriptions [illegible] of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association. You [illegible] $100.00, $100 on the Henry Vilas Park improvement, $[illegible].00 on the [illegible] improvement, and $15.00 on the general work, [illegible] in all $350.00, of course. We appreciate the difficulty you have had [illegible] business matters, and I want to make to you, on behalf of the association, the following suggestion: that you give to our association note for $150.00, payable in equal amounts, one-third in one year, one-third in two years and one-third in three years, without interest, or, if you prefer, put in [illegible] without interest. In the meantime there will be an understanding that our association does not ask you to contribute anything during the coming three years. This arrangement will enable us to close up the matter of old subscriptions, and will help us to make a better showing in our reports. I trust you will consider the suggestion made a liberal one on behalf of the association under the circumstances.

Yours truly,

(Sic. My C.)

President.

Nov. 21, 1905.

Mr. M. F. Ester,

City.

Dear Sir:-

We are trying to collect in the balance due on subscriptions to the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association. You will remember that you subscribed $10.00 for the Yahara River improvement in 1904, and $5.00 for the general work and $5.00 for the Yahara River improvement in 1905, making in all $20.00. Could you not now pay this so that we can have the benefit of it? We very much need the money to meet obligations. If you cannot pay it all, would you be willing to pay part of it now, and give us a note, without interest, for the balance payable at such convenient time to you as will be satisfactory.

Yours truly,

J. Russell Olin

President.

(Dec. 1 O.)

Nov. 21, 1905.

Mr. Charles Ruland,
City.
My Dear Sir:

According to our records, you are back $15.00 on your subscription to the Yahara river improvement for 1903. I do not know why this has not been paid. You likely have some good reason. It is perhaps an oversight. You have always been a goot friend of the association, and I think you fully appreciate the amount of work we have done in connection with Tenney Park and the Yahara river improvement. We are now very much in need of funds to complete that improvement, and we are trying to collect in back subscriptions. Will you not send me a check for this amount at once, and very much oblige?

Yours truly,

John W. Olin

President.

(Dic, by O.)

Mr. Max Gaertner,

City.

Nov. 21, 1905.

Dear Sir:-

There is due and unpaid on your subscription to the work of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association $5.00 made by you in the year 1904. I do not know why this has not been paid. We are very much in need of funds at this time. Unless the same is paid, we shall be compelled to turn the matter over to an attorney to enforce collection, We do not like to do this in your case. We are certain that you appreciate the work this Association has done, and is now doing, and I trust that you will attend to the matter at once.

Yours truly,

Johnwell Allin

President.

Nov. 20, 1905.

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[illegible]

[illegible] Inclosed please find [illegible] for $[illegible] to pay for expenses [illegible] in cutting wood, as per [illegible] the undersigned and [illegible] Herman. I think the [illegible] you named [illegible] he [illegible] at this time, [illegible] to enable us to use our [illegible] the work that has to be done. Please sign and return the enclosed [illegible]

[illegible]

Yours truly,

John W. [illegible]

President.

Nov. 22, 1905.

Mr. [illegible] J. Johnson,

1019 E. Johnson St.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I tried to meet you yesterday. I do not think the filling on the Clark & Thomas strip is up to grade, as required by contract. The fill, when completed, is to be three feet above height of water at its ordinary stage in river. I should think water in river was now nearly a foot and a half below ordinary stage. This would require fill to be above present height of water about four and one-half feet. A part of the fill along that side by Clark & Thomas is not up to grade. That immediately east of the part you are filling is considerably below grade. I fear that some of it will have to be raised in order to prevent over flow by water. Had I been here this summer, I should have seen to it that the black dirt was not put on until the fill had been raised.

Please examine the matter at once so as to be sure to have fill left at proper height.

Yours truly,

Shwell Olin

President.

(Dic. by O.)

Nov. 24, 1905.

Mr. Frank M. Hooper.

City.

Dear Sir:-

I have just come from a talk with Mr. Hoyt, and I find that the only subscription which he deducted when he paid money to you was the $25.00 subscribed for the general work of the association the present year. There is still back unpaid on your subscription of $100 for the Sahara river improvement, the sum of $25.00, and no part of your subscription of $25.00 for the general work of the association last year has been paid. This latter sum you promised me that you would pay, without fail, before our last annual meeting. We are very much in need of funds at this time to meet the obligations of the association. A resolution has been passed by the board of directors, instructing suits to be brought to enforce collection after another notice has been given. Now I don't think your subscription ought to be turned over for collection, and yet, at the same time, I am sure you will agree with me that the same ought to have been paid before this. Certainly our association, in keeping up the Farwell drive, benefits you to the extent of $25.00 a year, and I know you know enough about the difficulties of securing these subscriptions and collecting in the money, to appreciate the situation.

I wish you could get to me, without fail, before the close of this month, the $50.00 back on your subscriptions and the sum of between eighty and ninety dollars due for work on the Lewes farm. This latter sum we have paid out to the man, and we shall need every dollar of it to meet our obliga-

[illegible] at the close of the month.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

J. Howell Olin

President.

property by [illegible]

Nov. 24, 1905.

Mr. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Dear Sir:-

I have been trying now for a long time to see you in some way. I sent work to you personally last night by Severt. There are two or three matters I would like to talk with you about. I shall be at my office to-night from half past seven until about ten, but must be out this afternoon. I wish you would call without fail.

(Dic. by O.)

Yours truly,

[illegible]

President.

Mr.

Nov. 24, 1905.

Wm. Bram,
Town of Madison,
City.

Dear Sir:-

I have just found a notice on my table as to damage to your property by the work on Wingra Creek. I have sent the same to Mr. Charles [illegible], the secretary, who has had the management of this, with request to look into the matter at once.

try to be a little patient, until we can get matters in not be well to have any pipes laid in until the dredging line of the water lowered in the creek, because if they were would be several feet above the water after the dredging

we will look into this matter at once, We don't wish to do to any one, only try and be as patient as you can under the circumstances.

Yours truly,

J. Russell Allin

(Dict. by C.)

Nov. 24, 1905.

Mr. O. F. Cooley,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed you will find two warrants, aggregating $19.21, together with your bill. Will you make out two bills, separating the two items for Tenney Park amounting to $3.01, and receipt each of them and return same to me. This is in order to keep our accounts straight.

Dear Sir:- The man in charge of Tenney Park work says that the elbow was returned by him to your man and that he took it back. It is a small item and I have not deducted it from the bill.

Yours truly,

John M. Olsen

President.

Nov. 24, 1905.

Mr. Charles [illegible],

City.

Dear Mr. Brown:- Enclosed please find notice of Adam [illegible] and copy of [illegible] I have just written him. I find a notice on your door that you are to be out of the city until [illegible] morning.

Yours truly,

John M. Olsen

President.

Mr.

De[illegible]

Nov. 24, 1905.

[illegible] a[illegible] [illegible]1, toget[illegible]

[illegible] items fo[illegible]

[illegible] to

Mr. D. W. Williams.

316 Park St.,

City.

Dear Sir:- Enclosed find warrant for $30.00 to pay for your bill for drawing plans for look on Wingra Creek. Please receipt the bill and return [illegible] to me.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

(Dic. by OL)

(Warrant.)

Nov. 24, 1905.

Mr. [illegible] Kanouse,

1514 Williamson St.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $[illegible] to pay your bill against Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill to me.

(Warrant)

Yours truly,

(Dic.)

President.

Nov. 24, 1905.

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[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] $[illegible].84 to pay your bill against Madison Park and [illegible] Drive Association. Please receipt and return to me the [illegible] bill, [illegible]

Yours truly,

John W. Oliver

President.

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Mr. Frank W. [illegible],

City.

Dec. 1, 1905.

Dear Mr. [illegible]

Please mark paid with the enclosed check C. H. Cooley's subscription to the Yahara River Improvement ($[illegible]) and $[illegible] for the general drive work for the present year.

Yours truly,

John W. Oliver

President.

Dic[illegible]

[illegible]

Dec. 1, 1905.

Mr. C. C. Simonds,

Landscape Gardener,

Buena Ave.,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Simonds:-

In pumping out near the mouth of the lagoon next the Sisters' property along the northerly bank, the bank caved in some ten or fifteen feet back and some sixty or seventy feet long. Mr. Clark tells me that it is very difficult to secure a foundation there. They must get out quite a good deal of extra material to fill in the hole made and also get material enough near this place to raise the ground for the bridge on that side. Mr. Clark suggests that they pump out the island that is left at this point. You will remember the shape and character of this island. He thinks it will be very difficult to maintain it by reason of the character of the material. I told him I did not like to assume the responsibility in this matter. He wanted me to submit it to you. It will be in time if we can get word by Monday. Wish you would write me what you think about it. The width of the canal or channel on either side of this island is at present about fifty feet. Mr. Clark suggested that if the island were out, there would be less tendency for the water to become stagnant at this point. Hope you can let me hear from you at once.

Yours truly,

President.

President.

Frank M. Hootton,

City.

Dec. [illegible], 1905.

Sir:-

Enclosed please find bill and warrant for $50.00 for [illegible] securing subscriptions for addition to Penney Park. This is sent you with the understanding that you will, upon receipt of it, send me a check for [illegible].

Yours truly,

[signature]

Dec. 4, 1905.

Hon. [illegible] Houser,

Secretary of State,

City.

Dear Mr. Houser:-

Notice is addressed to the Madison [illegible] Association [illegible] reporting under section 5, chapter [illegible], of the laws of 19[illegible]. As I understand that law, it refers only to corporations with capital stock. The Madison [illegible] Drive Association is a corporation without capital stock, and hence does not come within the provisions of the law.

Yours truly,

[illegible], Secretary.

Dec. [illegible], 1905.

Mr. [illegible],
[illegible] Center St.,
Jamaica Plain, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Yours of Dec. 1st just received, and contents noted.

I think it might be well, if you could do so as well as not, to arrive here at Madison a day or two at least in advance of the beginning of the year.

On some accounts, I wish very much you could be here for a day or two now and look over the situation before the ground is covered with snow, but this, I presume, is not a very vital matter.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

[illegible]

President.

Enclosed find warrant for $1.80 to pay your bill. Please r[illegible] and return the enclosed bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

John M. Blair

President.

Dec. [illegible], [illegible]

Senator William F. Vilas,
City.

Dear Sir: Vilas:-

As you remember, an estimate was made in favor of the contractors on the excavation of Wingra Creek channel last month of $1620, and there will soon be in another estimate for the lower part of the work. The excavation of this waterway is pretty well completed. There is also an estimate on the filling of Henry Vilas Park, just handed me, of $2250. We have no funds in hand with which to pay either of these estimates. If you will get to me, however, as in the bank, $1620, with which to pay the estimate last month on the Wingra Creek excavation, I will try and get from private parties, as from the city, enough to meet the other estimate of $2250, and will ask the contractors to wait until January for additional pay on the excavation of Wingra Creek. I think I can get them to wait another month on that item, provided we can pay them as above.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

[illegible]

[illegible]

Dec. 6, 1907.

Mr. B. M. Jacobs,
City,

Dear Sir:-

Please send either to me or to Mr. Hoyt check for $[illegible] (perhaps you had better sent it to me) and I will see that the $5.00 [illegible] made by you to the general work of the association last year is [illegible].

As to your subscription for the Wingra Park work, of course I had nothing to do with the taking of taje, and, as you concede, it was made payable one-half in June, 1904, and one-half in June, 1905. We did not crowd the collections in 1904, although something over $2,000 was paid in on the subscriptions during that year. But, as you know, the work had been crowded this year, and the filling of the park has been practically completed. We have to pay the contractors each month very heavy bills, and we are now out of funds. It would be appreciated if you could get to us the balance due on your subscription. If you cannot pay all this month, but could pay half of it this month and the other half in January, it would be appreciated.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

President.

Prof. M. D. Conover,

City.

Dec. 8, 1897.

Dear Mr. Conover,

We came up at the close of last month almost sufficient money on hand to pay the bills due men who had been working for the association for the month. I am trying to help Mr. Hoyt a little in getting in some funds to meet the deficiency. I wonder if you could not send me a check for the $10.00 you subscribed for the work this year, $5.00 for the general work and $5.00 on the extra work. It will be appreciated if you can do so.

Yours truly,

[illegible]

President.

Dec. 8, 1905.

Mr. Claus Clausen,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I write this to notify you, that beginning with this month our association will pay you at the rate of twenty cents an hour for the time you work. This is in order to put your pay upon the same footing as that of the other men, Patrick and Lewis. We consider that the work for the park at $30.00 a month closed with the month of November. I think you will recognize the justness of this.

Yours truly,

(Dis. by O.)

President.

Dec. 8, 1906.

Mr. John F. Lake,

City.

My Dear Sir:

Could you make such measurements as are necessary to determine how much more sand it would take to fill the Fauerbach strip southwest of the side walk up to grade as called for by the Clarke & Thomas contract. There is some difficulty about this filling and I am trying to get the matter adjusted.

Could you also set for our association two stakes, one on Sherman Avenue at the southwest line of Marston Avenue as the same is platted for the addition to Tenney Park, and the other on East Johnson street on the southwest side of Marston Avenue?

Will much appreciate it if you can attend to these matters for us.

Have you made a careful examination, as yet, to determine whether or not the fill in Henry Vilas Park by the La Crosse Dredging Company is up to grade? As I understand the matter, the contractor claims that all that portion of the fill outside of the big island is up to grade, and in most places some above grade. If a measurement could be taken this fall, we would know next spring how much settling there had been.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by S.)

[illegible]

President.

Dec. 8, 1905.

Mr. [illegible] Reid,

[illegible] Johnson Court,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Would you drop me a line, stating how much our association would owe you in case nothing further were done in completing survey and map of [illegible] and Yahara River parkway?

Also a statement of how much additional the cost will be for you to complete the map as nearly as you can get at it.

Also a statement as to the earliest date when you could have the map done.

In the meantime, I will correspond with Mr. Simonds and see whether it is possible to wait as late as the 1st of January before getting the map.

I regret exceedingly the condition that things are in, but we must make the best of the situation, I presume.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by C.)

Jones Blair

President.

Dec. 4, 1906.

Prof. R. D. Emery,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

We came up at the close of last month without enough money on hand to pay the bills due men who had been working for the association for that month. I am trying to help Mr. Hoyt a little in getting up some money to meet the deficiency. I wonder if you could not send us a check for the amount you subscribed for the work this year. It will be appreciated if you can do so.

Yours truly,

(Dict. by C.)

Dec. 6, 1906.

Mr. John Gallagher,
City.

Dear Sir:-

It is true that we have not funds enough on hand to pay the men who worked for the association last month. I thought if you knew the situation, you would be glad to hand to me the $10.00 still unpaid on your subscription.

(Dict. by C.)

Yours truly,

President.

Dec. 8, 1903.

We take it at the close of last month without sufficient [illegible] to pay the bills for men who had been working for the association [illegible] the south. I am trying to help Mr. Hoyt a little in getting in some [illegible] to meet the deficiency. I wonder if you could not send me a check for [illegible] you can do so.

Yours truly,

John M. Olin

President.

Dec. 8, 1905.

Mr. W. J. Johnson,

1119 E. Johnson St.,

City.

Dear Sir:-

I was exceedingly surprised yesterday to find what you had done and had not done as to dredging at mouth of Yahara river. It seems you have got your pumping arrangement under shelter and stopped, blocking up largely the river. Why you have not been doing the filling at the mouth of the river, in nothing more, this pleasant weather, is more than I can understand. You could just as well as not do this work. You could have [illegible] the pipe and arranged to turn the material into the hole there is there and completed that filling without any difficulty whatever, even during the coldest weather we have had thus far. Now, what I want you to do is to go at that work at once and complete that filling at the mouth of the river. You could also, if you desired to, have completed the filling the present season by near the Williamson street bridge. Your delay in these matters has given our association a pretty black eye this season.

Yours truly,

[illegible]

President.

(Dic. by O.)

[illegible] J.

Dec. [illegible], 1905.

Mr. T. [illegible], Richmond,

City.

Dear Mr. Richmond:-

We find that we have not funds enough on hand to pay the [illegible] for the association during the month of November. I am [illegible] help [illegible] a little in getting in some money to make up the deficiency. Although, if you understood the situation, you might send in a check for the $ 6.00 due on your subscription for this year.

I believe I made a subscription to help on the road over your way of $10.00, and I enclose herewith check for that amount in payment of the same. This is the amount, as I remember it. If it is not correct, let me know, and I will make it right.

Yours truly,

John W. [illegible]

President.

(Dic. by [illegible])

([illegible])

[illegible]

Dec. 9, 1905.

[illegible]

[illegible]

Dear Mr. Schuurring:

I [illegible] as you ought to be bothered with the balance of the subscription [illegible] due from the Traction Company. We are [illegible] of funds at [illegible] obligations to the contractors. I have [illegible] about the matter, and he assured me that at and before the transfer of the property to the present management this subscription [illegible] it was understood that the present management would pay it. I [illegible] the transfer was made, and before I left the city [illegible] Spooner and asked him to be sure and see that this subscription was taken care of. He informed me that he would do so. Of course, I do not know anything about what was done to sell [illegible] Spooner [illegible]. I have not, as yet, met Mr. Montgomery, and have [illegible] therefore with him about the matter. The subscription ought to be paid by some one. It is the only subscription the street railway or traction company [illegible] to the work of the association. As you know, there was subscription at this time [illegible] by the parties interested in that section of the city. The total improvement, including what the city puts in, [illegible] will cost, in round numbers, not less than $60,000. I [illegible] Mr. Montgomery appreciates the importance that this improvement will be to that end of the city. Every house built in the [illegible] park section means quite an income to the traction company.

I would appreciate it if you could take the matter up with Mr. Mont-

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gomery to-day and [illegible] that you could not get a check for the $500 to help us out at this time.

Perhaps it ought not to be forgotten, in this connection, that the traction company has never contributed anything toward the securing of Sunset Park or the Lake's River Parkway and [illegible], this is not the fault of Mr. [illegible], but it nevertheless is true that the traction company is bound to receive a very large benefit from those improvements. I merely refer to this as bearing on the equities of the case.

Very truly yours,

(Dic. by C.)

[illegible]

President.

Dec. [illegible] 1905.

Mr. Herman J. Minch,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $16.[illegible] to pay your bill against Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill, and oblige

(Warrant)

(Enc.)

Yours truly,

[illegible]

President.

Dec. 9, 1905.

Mr. Samuel S. Oakey,
[illegible] W. Johnson St.,
[illegible] City.

Dear Sir:-

We are short of funds with which to pay the men that [illegible] the association in the month of November. I am trying to help Mr. [illegible] Little. According to our record, your subscription of $[illegible].00 is not paid. Less there is some mistake about it, I am sure this is simply the result oversight on your part. If you could send a check in for that amount, it be much appreciated at this time.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by O.)

J. Howell Olin

President

Dec. 9, 1905,

Kronske Bros.,
City.

Gentlemen:- Enclosed find warrant for $2.55 to pay your bill [illegible] Madison Park and Pleasant Drive Association. Please receipt [illegible] enclosed bill, and [illegible].

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

J. Howell Olin

Dec. 9, 1905.

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

Dear E. , Gardner:-

Please accept my sincere thanks for your kind letter of Dec. 6. The securing of this crossing and filling will be of immense benefit to our association and its work. You ask if this "is positively the last expenditure we shall probably be called upon to make in connection with the park association." I presume you meant to limit this, did you not, to the Yahara River improvement? Thus limited, I can say unqualifiedly "yes".

Thanking you again for the liberality of your company in the above matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

(Dict. by C.)

J. Stuart Blair

President.

Dec. 11, 1905.

Mr. William [illegible],
City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find warrant for $[illegible] to pay your bill against Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt and return the enclosed bill.

Your check for $[illegible] for subscription received and has been by me turned over to Mr. Hoyt, Please accept thanks for the payment.

(Dic. by C.)

Warrant

(Enc.)

Yours truly,

John [illegible] Olive

President.

Dec. 11, 1905.

Mr. George Rayner,
City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Dec. 11, enclosing check for $[illegible] for trees, as stated in said letter, received. Please accept thanks. I have endorsed the check over to Mr. Hoyt.

(Dic. by C.)

Yours truly,

John [illegible] Olive

President,

Dec. 11, 1905.

Mr. J. M. Dunn, Agt.,
14 S. Broom St.,
City.

Dear Sir:-

In completing the work of the Yahara River improvement, have found that it is necessary to put stone along the banks in many to prevent the water from injuring the same. This is an expense that not counted on. I saw, some time ago, Mr. W. E. Morse, Supt. of the western road, and he very generously, on behalf of his road, has fur for us, free of charge, seventeen carloads of rubble stone, of excel ity, estimated to contain not less than five hundred cubic yards of stone. In order to do the work to advantage, it is necessary to or rubble stone so that it will be about the size of the stone we use work on our streets. I find that we can get a portable crusher to work at Black Earth, provided we can get the crusher and engine to Madison and taken back. I write to ask if your company, under all constances, would not be willing to bring this crusher and engine car and leave the same on the transfer track and then when we are the work, furnish a flat car to take the crusher and engine back Earth. In other words, whether your company would not donate, constances, this service in behalf of the association. We would very much if you can do so.

I wish you could get an answer to me at the earliest d the reason being that this work must be done, if at all, while

weather lasts. If we should get a good fall of snow, it would prevent the doing of the work.

Yours truly,

(Dic. by S.)

[signature]

President,

Dec. 11, 1905.

Messrs. A. D. & A. V. Frederickson,
City.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed find warrant for $4.89 to pay your bill against Park and Pleasure Drive Association. Please receipt and return the on bill, and oblige.

Yours truly,

(Warrant)

[signature]

(Enc.)

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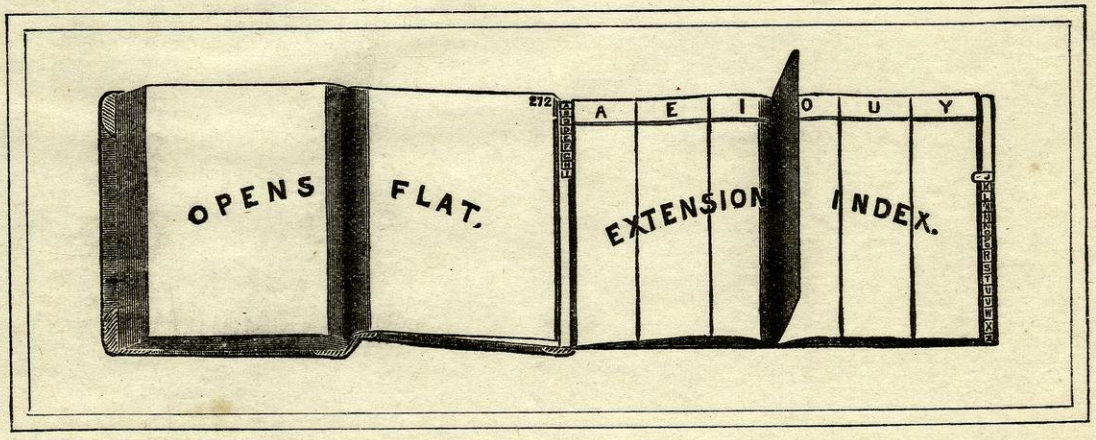

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