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Cornell, Alonzo B., 1832-1904.  
Papers, 1830-1904.

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6 cu. ft.  
Governor of New York.

Summary: Correspondence, Journal, accounts, clippings, notes, leaflets, blotters, and scrapbooks relating largely to Cornell's political activities and reflecting his interest in governmental problems, his attachment for Roscoe Conkling, and his hatred for Thomas Collier Platt. There is genealogy, correspondence, various obituaries including Ezra and Alonzo Cornell, items about Cornell University, and items pertaining to Cornell's work with the New York, Albany and Buffalo Telegraph Co. including a Journal with comments on the telegraph line and an account book recording personal expenses and stock purchased of the Erie & Michigan Telegraph Co. Also includes correspondence relating to the New York State Committee and State Convention of the Republican Party (1871) and letters (1880-1882) written during Cornell's administration as Governor, concerned with appointments, the veto, various reform or political measures, political treachery, elevated companies, railroad commissions, and other matters. Correspondents include Francis C. Barlow, L.E. Chittenden, Roscoe Conkling, Austin Corbin, Howard Crosby, George William Curtis, Theodore L. Cuyler, Noah Davis, William C. DeWitt, Dorman B. Eaton, Francis M. Finch, Charles J. Folger, Jay Gould, Horace Greeley, Benjamin Harrison, Frank Hiscock, H.B. Hyde, Seth Low, J.N. Matthews, Levi P. Morton, Albert D. North, George W. Parsons, Jackson L. Schultz, Elliott F. Shepard, Charles E. Smith, William Rhinelanders Stewart, Simon Stevens, and Andrew Dickson White.

Findings aids: Descriptive guide.

Described in REPORT OF THE CURATOR AND ARCHIVIST, 1948-1950, 1954-1958.

Cite as: Alonzo B. Cornell, Papers, #773. Department of Manuscripts and University Archives, Cornell University Library.

1. Conkling, Roscoe, 1829-1888. 2. Platt, Thomas Collier, 1833-1910. 3. Greeley, Horace, 1811-1872. 4. Curtis, George William, 1824-1892. 5. Acton, Thomas Coxtton. 6. Barlow, Francis C. (Francis Channing), 1834-1896. 7. Chittenden, L. E. (Lucius Eugene), 1824-1900. 8. Corbin, Austin, 1827-1896. 9. Crosby, Howard, 1826-1891. 10. Cuyler, Theodore L. (Theodore Ledyard), 1822-1909. 11. Davis, Noah, 1818-1902. 12. DeWitt, William C. 13. Eaton, Dorman B. (Dorman Bridgman), 1823-1899. 14. Finch, Francis M. (Francis Miles), 1827-1907. 15. Folger, Charles James, 1818-1884. 16. Gould, Jay, 1836-1892. 17. Hiscock, Frank, 1834-1914. 18. Hyde, H. B. (Henry Baldwin), 1834-1899. 19. Low, Seth, 1850-1916. 20. Matthews, J. N. 21. Morton, Levi P. (Levi Parsons), 1824-1920. 22. North, Albert D. 23. Parsons, George W. 24. Schultz, Jackson L. 25. Shepard, Elliott F. (Elliott Finch), 1833-1893. 26. Smith, Charles Emory, 1842-1908. 27. Stewart, William Rhinelanders, 1852-1929. 28. Stevens, Simon. 29. White, Andrew Dickson, 1832-1918. 30. New York (State). Governor. 31. Republican Party (N.Y.). 32. Republican Party (N.Y.). State Committee. 33. New York, Albany and Buffalo Telegraph Company. 34. Erie & Michigan Telegraph Company. 35. Cornell University. 36. Telegraph lines. 37. Telegraph--New York (State) 38. Railroads--New York (State) 39. New York (State)--Politics and government

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CORNELL, ALONZO B. 1889-1902. 5 pieces. Letters, miscellaneous.  
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*1942-1945 Report, p. 19, (draft, incl. with this guide)*

## PAPERS

7 - 4 cu. ft., 11 MS. vols.

CORNELL (ALONZO B.) ~~COLLECTION~~ 1866-1896. ~~281~~ pieces. A collection of letters, clippings, notes, and leaflets which relate largely to Cornell's political activities and throw light on his interest in governmental problems, his attachment for Roscoe Conkling, and his hatred for Thomas Collier Platt. Included are letters (1871) relating to the state committee and state convention of the Republican Party from Conkling, Horace Greeley, George William Curtis, and others. There are letters (1880-1882) for the period of his administration as governor concerned with appointments, the veto, various reform or political measures, political treachery, elevated companies, railroad commissions, and other matters from T. C. Actin, Cornelius R. Agnew, Francis C. Barlow, L. E. Chittenden, Austin Corbin, Howard Crosby, Theodore L. Cuyler, Noah Davis, William C. DeWitt, Dorman B. Eaton, Francis M. Finch, Charles J. Folger, Jay Gould, Frank Hiscock, H. B. Hyde, Seth Low, J. N. Matthews, Albert D. North, George W. Parsons, Jackson L. Schultz, Elliot F. Shepard, Charles E. Smith, William Rhinelanders Stewart, Simon Stevens, Andrew D. White, and

others; from Platt (March 3, 1880) complaining that Conkling had sneered and snubbed him "till I made up my mind I was an idiot or he was crazy"; from Platt (February, 1881) asking whether to conceal or reveal a deficiency in the Quarantine appropriation; and from J. A. Nichols (1882) protesting Platt's friendship for Cornell. Miscellaneous political items include a letter (1880) from Levi P. Morton concerning possible candidacy for the vice-presidency; a letter (1889) from Cornell to President Harrison on Stephen B. French, and another (1892) warning him of Platt's treachery; a draft of a long letter (1891) by Cornell on the need and way of reorganizing the state committee of the Republican Party; and another draft (1891) exposing the fraud and corruption within the Party and attacking the "evil genius" of Platt as being responsible for every Republican disaster since 1881.  
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*1948-1950 Report, pp. 27-28.*

CORNELL (ALONZO B.), 1832-1904. Papers, 1856-1857; 2 vols., 6 pcs. Politician, New York State Governor. Pertain to Cornell's work with the New-York, Albany and Buffalo Telegraph Company; include a journal with comments on the condition of the telegraph line, an account book recording personal expenses and stock purchased of the Erie & Michigan Telegraph Company; one letter stating that the telegraph lines will be kept in operation all night following the election of 1856, and fragmentary loose accounts.

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*1954-1958 Report, p. 35.*

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**Papers, 1856-1902.**

202 items and 2 v.

In Cornell University Library, Collection of Regional History and University Archives (77, 773, 1824)

Governor of New York. Correspondence, journal, accounts, clippings, notes, and leaflets relating largely to Cornell's political activities and reflecting his interest in governmental problems, his attachment for Roscoe Conkling, and his hatred for Thomas Collier Platt. The early papers (1856-57), pertaining to Cornell's work with the New York, Albany and Buffalo Telegraph Co., include a journal with comments on the telegraph line and an account book recording personal expenses and stock purchased of the Erie & Michigan Telegraph Co. Includes correspondence relating to the New York State Committee

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**Cornell, Alonzo B, 1832-1904.**

**Papers, 1856-1902.**

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**Papers, 1856-1902.**

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Described in part in the Fifth and sixth annual reports of the curator, Collection of Regional History, Cornell University (1948-1950) p. 27-28.

- 1. New York (State)—Pol. & govt.—1865-1950.
- 2. Republican Party. New York (State)
- 3. Telegraph—New York (State)
- 4. Railroads—New York (State)

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Letters for Ezra Cornell Memorial Volume, BOX 3

List of writers of letters and/or manuscripts contained in the bundle addressed to Alonzo B. Cornell

	L, letter, M, manuscript		date
Adams, Charles Kendall	L	second president of Cornell, 1885-92	12-2-87
Allen, L. F.	L	editor <u>American Herdbook</u>	12-22-87
Boardman, Douglass	L	judge on N.Y. State Supreme Court, Ithaca lawyer, C.U. trustee, Dean of Law School	12-3-87
Bogart, William H.	L	the Honorable, of Aurora, who spoke at C. Library dedication 12-20-66	12-15-87
Bok, Edward W.	L	from literary bureau, a successful publisher, refers to Henry W. Beecher	12-20-87
Bostwick, William L.	L	Businessman Ithaca and San Diego	12-13-87
	M/L	refers to E.C.'s disapproval of billboards and disfigurement of the natural landscape 4 pp.	1-16-88
	L	business letter	1-23-88
Brewer, William H.	L	Ithacan, Yale prof. on early Ovid Agricultural College staff	12-13-87
Caldwell, George C.	L	C.U. prof. saw little of E.C.	1-9-88
Curtis, George William	L	writer, speaker, lecturer at C.U.	12-13-87
Cuyler, <sup>Rev.</sup> Theodore L.	L	nephew of J.J. Speed, long associated with E.C. in Ithaca and elsewhere	1-9-88
Doane, William Crosswell	L	Episcopal bishop, later Chancellor of the Univ. of the State of New York	12-11-87
Draper, A. S.	L	Superintend. of Public Instruction, N.Y.	12-15-87
Eaton, Dorman B.	L	Lawyer, reminiscence, N.Y. (secretary of Civil Service Reform Assoc. - drafted the Pendleton Bill of 1883)	12-22-87
Esty, E. S.	M/L	19 pp. close analysis and business recollections in Ithaca & E.C.'s father	12-6-87
Ferris, B. G.	L	very elderly	12-3-87
	L		12-7-87
Fitch, Charles E.	L	newsman, close friend of A.D.W., with Rochester Democrat and Chronicle	12-10-87
Francis, John M.	L	editor <u>Troy Daily Times</u>	12-15-87
Gilman, Daniel Coit	L	President of Johns Hopkins Univ. &	12-15-87
	L	close friend of A.D.W.	12-27-87
Guernsey, Dr. Egbert	L	organized <u>Brooklyn Daily Times</u> & president of State Medical Society	3-1-88

Halliday, Samuel D.	L	<i>C.U. trustee</i> Ithaca lawyer, he refers to papers in state comptroller's office re land scrip that has already produced nearly 3 million and may yield another 1/2	12-2-87
Hayes, Rutherford B.	M/L	2 pp. from former President, who had met E.C. in 1870 and on visiting his sons at C.U.	12-17-87
Hendrix, Joseph C.	M/L	5 pp. from early Cornellian, then post-master of Brooklyn, organizer of King's County Trust Co. and president of American Bankers' Assoc. C.U. trustee	1-7-88
Hoffman, John T.	M/L	former N. Y. governor, brief remarks	1-27-88
Humphrey, William R.	M/L	early reminiscence, E.C. and others - Oliver Phelps, Phineas Bennett, Hiram Walbridge, Dennis & Moers, Jeremiah S. Beebe, <i>C.U. trustee</i>	12-8-87 12-14-87
Jordan, David Starr	L	early student, pres. of Univ. Indiana, later first pres. of Stanford + <i>C.U. trustee</i>	12-15-87 12-21-87
Law, James	L	first prof. of vet. science. wrote of goodness and vision of E.C. and characterized his gift as a living seed	12-16-87
Morris, John L	L	professor of mechanic arts, who wrote that except for A.D.W. he knew E.C. better than anyone still at the university	12-2-87
Murray, David	L	Secretary of the Univ. of State of N.Y.	1-18-88
Parker, Amasa J.	M/L	Albany assoc. in state senate, later a C.U. trustee 2pp. and a copy.	12-11-87 1-9-88
Pierson, H. R.	M/L	3 pp. from the chancellor of the state university of New York regents, 3 pp.	12-16-87 1-7-88
Prentiss, Albert N.	M/L	professor of botany	12-17-87
Prescott, George B.	L	20 Fifth Ave., N.Y. (note)	12-13-87
Ramsey, J. H.	L	was in legislature with E.C.	12-14-87
Reid, James D.	M/L	author of <u>Telegraph in America</u> , recalls (9 pp) early work of E.C., Otis Eddy's mill, etc.	1-20-88
Sage, Henry W.	L	promised to write later, <i>C.U. trustee</i>	12-2-87
Scribner, G. Hilton	M	state officer in the regents, 2 pp.	n.d.

Searls, Rev. W.	M/L	M. Episcopal pastor in Ithaca, <del>now</del> now chaplain in Auburn prison. 3 pp. about E.C.'s encouragement and gifts	12-14-87 12-26-87
Selkreg, John H.	M/L	6 partial pages from elderly editor of <u>Ithaca Journal</u> in E.C.'s day, C.U. trustee	12-5-87 2-29-88
Shaw, Albert Duane	M/L	10 pp. assoc. with E.C. in Assembly and in politics	12-28-87 1-5-88
Torrey, Rev. David	M/L	30 pp. from Cazenovia. Was pastor in Ithaca in 1859 when E.C. held a pew.	12-14-87 1-9-88
Van De Water, <sup>Rev.</sup> George	M/L	C.U. 1874, Trustee, St. Andrew's N. Y. also Dec. 25 & 28 of 1887	1-17-88
Warner, John DeWitt	L	recollections of E.C. on first day of C.U. Trustee in 1894 -	1-23-88
White, Andrew D.	M/L	dictated note 57 pp. reminiscence, presented as a speech on Founder's Day, Jan. 11, 1890, published that year and in White's autobiography. Ac- cording to his diary it was completed on	12-5-87 5-19-88
Wilder, Burt Green	L	<sup>prof. of physiology</sup> note saying he would write a recollection	12-11-87
Williams, Chauncey P.	M/L	Albany, had known E.C. at Beebe mill: in Ithaca, 5 pp. included with note	12-14-87 12-24-87
Williams, Henry Shaler	L	knew E.C. only through hearing his father speak of him (C.U. professor)	12-3-87
Woodford, Stewart L.	M/L	Lieut. Governor, C.U. trustee, U.S. Minister to Spain, 1898, 2 pp.	1-23-88
Wright, W. W.	M/L	Board of Control, Geneva Experiment station, William W., had known E.C. since N.Y. State Assembly, 1862	12-21-87

Also among the papers are two copies of the form letter Alonzo B. Cornell sent out and a clipping of an editorial in the Ithaca Daily Journal of January 11, 1888, about Founder's Day. Classes at the University were suspended in observation. The writer saw in the development of University Extension a means of carrying out E.C.'s hope to bring education to young manual laborers.

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Alonzo B. Cornell, 1832-1904. Papers, 18<sup>30-1904.</sup> [REDACTED]

An autobiography, written about 1888, in Cornell's handwriting, which covers his business and political careers, is included.

The six blotters contain copies of official proclamations, executive orders, and messages to the Legislature during his three-year term as Governor of New York, January 1880-December 1882. Cornell's detailed messages to the Legislature whenever bills were returned without his signature revealed his political thinking on state problems. Two annual messages, 1881 and 1882, are included.

The five scrapbooks contain much material relating to the development of Cornell University; some political clippings. Many of the clippings are unidentified and undated.

Printed items:

Cornell, Alonzo B.: "Some Beginings of Westchester County History", 1890. Bound.  
"History of the Electro-Magnetic Telegraph", 1894. Lecture delivered at Union College. [REDACTED]

Alonzo B. Cornell, 1832-1904.

Papers, ~~1867-1896.~~

1830-1904.

247 pieces, 6 blotters, 5 scrapbooks, 1 bound book.

The bulk of the loose items is made up of letters referring to Cornell's political activities, with a few references to Cornell University. With the exception of 4 letters from Roscoe Conkling, 5 letters from Thomas Collier Platt, and 6 letters from Andrew D. White, these letters tend to be single items from different people, namely:

Thomas Coxtton Acton	Frank Hiscock
H. M. Alexander	Henry Baldwin Hyde
Francis Channing Barlow	Morris Ketchum Jesup
LeGrand B. Cannon	Robert T. Jones
Lucius Eugene Chittenden	Seth Low
Austin Corbin	J. N. Matthews
Howard Crosby	Levi Parsons Morton
George William Curtis	J. A. Nichols
Theodore Ledyard Cuyler	Albert D. North
Noah Davis	William Orton (to)
William C. DeWitt	George W. Parsons
Dorman Bridgman Eaton	Whitelaw Reid
Francis Miles Finch	Henry Williams Sage
Charles James Folger	Jackson L. Schultz
Joseph Benson Foraker	Elliott Fitch Shepard
Jay Gould	Charles Emory Smith
Horace Greeley	Simon Stevens
Norvin Green	William Rhinelanders Stewart
Benjamin Harrison (to)	

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Acton, Thomas Coxtan, 1823

Letter to Alonzo B. Cornell, July 9, 1880, recommending John I. Townsend for appointment to fill judgeship on Superior Court of New York City. Acton was banker, onetime Commissioner of Police (New York City), United States Assistant Treasurer, 1882-

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Adams, Charles Kendall, 1835-1902

Various newspaper clippings concerning Adams' appointment as President of Cornell University, 1885, charge of plagiarism, controversy at time of resignation as President of the University, 1892.

Scrapbooks 1, 2, 4.

Agriculture (scientific, New York State)

Governor Cornell's Message, January 3, 1882, which mentions the establishment of Agricultural Experiment Station, 1881. Concern shown in Cornell's Executive Orders, and in bills of the State Legislature for the control of contagious diseases of animals.

Blotter #2, pp. 136-141.

Blotter #3, pp. 52, 391.

Blotter #5, p. 17.

Letter from Andrew D. White, November 8, 1889, recommending construction of new agricultural building, Cornell University, ~~██████████~~.

Scrapbook #2 with various clippings about scientific work at Cornell University.

Clippings identified, December 29, 1901, New York Tribune.

Scrapbook #4, Science, September 30, 1892.

Alonzo B. Cornell. Papers.

Alexander, H M

Letter to A.B. Cornell, March 16, 1882, urging the appointment of Colonel Louis Fitzgerald to be Commandant of 2nd Brigade, National Guard.

[REDACTED]

American Investment Company

Holding company, stocks of corporations formed for production of petroleum and oil. Printed brochure, 1882, stating assests.

[REDACTED]

Banking, New York State

Governor Cornell's Message to the Legislature, January 4, 1881,

Blotter #3, p. 7.

Governor Cornell's Message to Legislature, January 3, 1882,

Blotter #5, p. 17.

Barlow, Francis Channing, 1834-1896

Good letter to Cornell on the forces at the Republican State Convention at Saratoga to nominate candidate for Governor. Wadsworth forces discussed. Sept. 20, 1882.

[REDACTED]

Brooklyn, New York

Five letters concerning city government:

June 27, 1881 from William C. DeWitt concerning excessive profits made in construction of Hempstead Reservoir. [REDACTED]

[From Seth Low, Mayor of Brooklyn, to Cornell requesting that March 13, 1882[

[ Cornell get in touch with him in regard to bills affecting

May 16, 1882 [

[ Brooklyn. Thanks him for his veto of a Park Commission Bill.

Alonzo B. Cornell. Papers.

Brooklyn, New York, cont'd.

June 12, 1882 from Austin Corbin in regard to Rapid Transit Bill.

August 13, 1882 Letter from Ripley Ropes, thanking Cornell for his efforts toward honesty, and faithfulness in discharge of duties as Governor, especially as concerned Brooklyn.

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Governor's Messages, January 4, 1881, and January 3, 1882.

Blotter #3, p. 7; Blotter #5, p. 17.

Blotter #2, pp. 159-161, referring to taxes and assessments.

Brooklyn Bridge

Senate Bill #114, April 7, 1880, signed by Governor Cornell; reasons given.

\$2,250,000 appropriated to complete bridge. \$12,400,000 already spent; earlier appropriations exhausted and bridge not finished.

Blotter #1, p. 393.

Buffalo, Erie County

Complaint of pollution of canals which affected public health.

Blotter #2, p. 225, August 16, 1880; p. 256, Sept. 27, 1880.

Canals (New York State)

See Erie Canal

Cannon, LeGrand B

Letter to Cornell, May 30, 1881, condemning Roscoe Conkling, whom he admired, for his action (resignation from Senate) as depreciating the power and influence of the Republican Party.

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Charitable institutions (New York State)

Governor's Messages. Blotters #3, #5.

Letter from William Rhinelanders Stewart, June 5, 1882. [REDACTED]

Chittenden, Lucius Eugene, 1824-

New York City lawyer.

Letter to Cornell, June 19, 1882, thanking him for his approval of Railroad Commission Bill. Discussion of regulations of railroads.

[REDACTED].

Conkling, Roscoe, 1829-1888

Five letters to Alonzo B. Cornell: [REDACTED]

August 28, 1871 regarding contested seats at New York State Republican Convention.

Sept. 18, 1871 regarding the state convention, Horace Greeley.

October 22, 1871 regarding campaign and election.

February 18, 1872

June 2, 1873 congratulating Cornell on efforts as Speaker of New York Assembly.

Resignation from U.S. Senate, May 14, 1881. Blotter #3, pp. 531, 548.

Clippings, Scrapbook #3.

Brief history of Conkling's career in Cornell's handwriting. [REDACTED]

Conservation (New York State)

Bills passed by Legislature, but returned by Cornell for amendment with reasons. Governor's Message, Jan. 3. 1881.

Blotter #2, pp. 38, 44; Blotter #3, p. 677; Blotter #4, p. 10; Blotter #5, p. 17.

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Corbin, Austin, 1827-1896

Capitalist, railroad executive.

Two letters to Cornell:

June 12, 1882, requesting interview with Cornell in regard to Rapid Transit Bill (Brooklyn).

Sept. 9, 1882, offering moral and financial support in campaign.

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Cornell, Alonzo B , 1832-1904

Approximately 140 letters mostly to Cornell, 1867-1896, principally concerned with politics and Cornell University. These are selected letters for, almost without exception, they are letters of a non-critical nature, frequently laudatory.

There are 6 blotters, 1880-1882, in which were pasted in chronological order copies of official orders, messages to the Legislature, proclamations, bills returned for amendment, covering his term as Governor of New York. Copies of bills passed are not included.

There are 5 scrapbooks of clippings, mostly on the Cornell family, and Cornell University, which are very good except that many of the clippings are undated, 1866-1902. In this, there are clippings about the accident in which Susan Linn Sage (Mrs. Henry W. Sage) was killed, and the lawsuit over the estate of Jennie McGraw Fiske (Mrs. D. Willard Fiske).

Autobiography in Cornell's handwriting. ~~██████████~~

Two publications: "History of the Electro-Magnetic Telegraph", 1894, in which there is a reference to Joseph Henry.

"Some Beginnings of Westchester County History", 1890.

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Cornell, Alonzo B , 1832-1904, cont'd.

~~Also:~~ <sup>773</sup> Collection # ~~773~~, 1856-1857, 8 pieces and 2 volumes, is concerned ~~with telegraph building.~~ with telegraph building. One volume is a journal for the month, August 8, 1857-September 9, 1857, concerned with day-by-day account of maintenance and construction of telegraph lines (cont'd. on page 6)



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Cornell, Alonzo B , 1832-1904, cont'd.

of New York, Albany and Buffalo Telegraph Company. Very good.

The second volume is a daily expense book.

Collection #773, 5 pieces, 1889-1902: Three letters to Cuyler Reynolds, author and New York State historian concerning Cornell's publications.

Cornell, Ezra, 1807-1874

Clippings: obituaries, 100th anniversary of his birth.

Scrapbooks #1, #2, #3.

Cornell <sup>C</sup><sub>A</sub>rtic Expedition

Clipping, Troy Newspaper, October 1, 1896.

Scrapbook #2.

Cornell University, student activities

Problem <sup>of</sup> drinking, fraternities.

Scrapbook #2.

Cornell Univeristy, typhoid epidemic

Clippings, 1903

Scrapbook #2.

Cornell University

Letters: from Thomas Hillhouse, President of Metropolitan Trust Co., June 18, 1889.

from Henry W. Sage, July 24, 1889, giving notes on costs of library.

from Andrew D. White, Sept. 29, 1885, in reference to White's

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Cornell University, cont'd.

resignation as President of the University.

from Andrew D. White, November 8, 1889, recommending a new agricultural building.

from William P. Robinson, June 13, 1893, concerning 30th celebration of the passage of bill for founding of Cornell University in state legislature.

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All Scrapbooks, but especially the following clippings:

Full page of pictures, Harper's Weekly, June 8, 1889. Scrapbook #3.

Agricultural experimentation, Science, Sept. 30, 1892. Scrapbook #4.

Engineering, Engineering News, July 28, 1892. Scrapbook #4.

Crime (New York State)

Throughout blotters, there are numerous executive orders commuting sentences, granting reprieves, restoring citizenship, and requests for extradition from other states. Reasons given. Also Governor's Message, January 3, 1882. Blotters #1-#6.

Criminal procedure (New York State)

Act of Legislature to establish code, June 26, 1880; not approved by Cornell. Reasons given by Cornell are excellent. Blotter #2, pp. 168-169.

Crosby, Howard, 1826-1891

Presbyterian clergyman, New York City. Letter, September 6, 1882, expressing "cordial approbation" of Cornell's administration as Governor of New York State,

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Crosby, Howard, 1826-1891, cont'd.

at a time when there was much criticism.

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Curtis, George William, 1824-1892

Letter, September 12, 1871, referring to contested seats in New York State convention, Horace Greeley.

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Cuyler, Theodore Ledyard, 1822-1909

Presbyterian clergyman, Brooklyn. Letter, Sept. 21, 1882. References to Cornell's defeat at Saratoga Convention when Charles J. Folger was nominated. Makes references to Wadsworth.

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Davis, Noah, 1818-1902

Lawyer, judge, New York City.

Letter, January 20, 1880, congratulating Cornell on actions in regard to court system of state. ██████████

Presiding Justice of Supreme Court (General Term, First Department)

Appointments of other judges at request of Davis.

Letter #4, pp. 171-173; Blotter #6, pp. 163-164.

DeWitt, William C     1814-1817

Letter, June 27, 1881, praising Cornell's honesty, inviolability as far as partisan interests concerned in regard to municipal government (Brooklyn).

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Eaton, Dorman Bridgman, 1823-1899

Letter, July 4, 1882, thanking Cornell for his courageous stand in vetoing. Requested publication of all bills which came before Cornell with his reasons for vetoes. Eaton was lawyer, reformer interested in civil service and municipal government, New York City.

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Education (public, New York State)

Governor's Messages, 1881 and 1882. Common school statistics in second message. Blotter #3, p. 7; #5, p. 17.

Vetoed bill for pensioning teachers of New York City and Brooklyn; reasons given, June 20, 1881. Blotter #3, p. 671.

Election of 1871 (New York State)

Discussions in letters from Roscoe Conkling, Thomas C. Platt, George William Curtis, Horace Greeley about contested seats at state Republican convention, resulting from factions in the party; possible reorganization.

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Election of 1882 (New York State)

Letters discussing the state Republican convention at Saratoga where Cornell was defeated for renomination as Republican candidate for governor.

See letters of Francis Channing Barlow, J.A. Nichols, J.N. Matthews, Howard Crosby, Theodore Ledyard Cuyler.

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Elmira Reformatory

Governor's message, January 4, 1881.

Blotter #3, p. 7.

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Emigration

From Europe through the port of New York. Reports given in the Governor's messages, January 4, 1881 and January 3, 1882.

Blotters #3, p. 7; #5, p. 17; #6, p. 35, 71.

Erie Canal

Annual reports in Governor's messages, January 4, 1881 and January 3, 1882.

Bills returned to legislature (or vetoes) with reasons, covering appropriations for collection of tolls and maintenance: Enlargement of Eighteen Mile Creek, Lockport, for carrying off excess water; work on Cayuga Lake Inlet; award of damages for loss of boat on canal because of break in tow-path.

Blotters #2, pp. 59-60, 101-107, 111; #3, pp. 7, 541, 606-612, 648; #5, p. 17.

Finch, Francis Miles, 1827-1907

Ithaca lawyer.

Letter, March 4, 1880, refuting idea that he wants office in state government. Letter, May 21, 1880, thanking Cornell for appointment. Appointed to be Associate Judge, Court of Appeals, May 20, 1880.

██████████ Blotters #2, pp. 34-35, 65; #3, p. 1.

Fire protection (New York City)

New York Senate Bill #35, May 3, 1880, returned without Cornell's signature with reasons because of "vague and improper wording." "An act to prohibit the construction of buildings of wood or other combustible materials in a certain portion of the city of New York."

Blotter #1, p. 519.

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First Baptist Church (Ithaca, New York)

Printed testimonials from various Cornell professors to help raise \$20,000 for improvement of building. Letter to Cornell from Robert T. Jones, pastor, soliciting help, May 18, 1889.

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Fiske, Daniel Willard, 1831-1904

Clippings concerning the suit contesting the estate of Jennie McGraw Fiske. Scrapbooks #1, #2, #3.

Folger, Charles James, 1818-1884

Letter, November 14, 1881, expressing thanks for "kindness and courtesy during official acquaintance."

Appointment by Cornell as Chief Judge, Court of Appeals, May 20, 1880.

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~, Blotter #2, p. 34.

Foraker, Joseph Benson, 1846-1917

Letter, November 9, 1889, after Foraker's defeat as Governor of Ohio which he attributed to the efforts of brewery and distillery interests.

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Francis, Charles Spencer, 1853-1911

Clipping, New York Tribune, December 19, 1900, appointment as minister to Greece.

Scrapbook #2.

Garfield, James Abram, 1821-1881

Proclamation of Governor Cornell setting Sept. 8, 1881, day of prayer for recovery.

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Garfield, James Abram, 1831-1881, cont'd.

Proclamation setting September 26, 1881 as day of mourning.

Blotter #4, pp. 89, 100-102.

Gould, Jay, 1836-1892

Letter, July 21, 1882, requesting the intervention of Cornell with Attorney General. Application had been made by Attorney-General to dissolve Manhattan Company (elevated railroads).

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Grant Monument Association

Brochure inviting artists, sculptors and architects to submit designs, January 26, 1888. Cornell, chairman of Executive Committee.

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Greeley, Horace, 1811-1872

Letter to Cornell, March 13, 1871. Letter from Cornell, March 14, 1871. Reorganization of Republican Party.

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Green, Norvin, 1818-1893

Vice-President, Western Union Telegraph Company. Letter of congratulation, July 18, 1868, on nomination for Lieutenant-Governor.

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Harrison, Benjamin, 1833-1901

Rough drafts of two letters from Cornell to President:

June 24, 1889, condemning Stephen B. French, former Police Commissioner of

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Harrison, Benjamin, 1833-1901, cont'd.

New York City, as unworthy of federal service.

June 3, 1892, explaining the necessity of removing power from hands of Platt and his followers. Blames Platt and Arthur for Blaine's defeat in 1884.

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Henry, Joseph, 1797-1878

Reference in "History of the Electro-Magnetic Telegraph", 1894.

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Hiscock, Frank, 1834-1914

Representative and Senator, Onondaga County.

Two letters, February 3, 24, 1881, requesting Cornell's assistance in race to become Speaker of House of Representatives.

Clipping.

[REDACTED] Scrapbook #2.

Holding Companies

See American Investment Company.

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Hyde, Henry Baldwin, 1834-1899

Founder of Equitable Life Assurance Society of U.S.

Letter, March 16, 1882, urging appointment of Col. Louis Fitzgerald for Commandant of 2nd Brigade, National Guard.

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Indians (Iroquois)

See Governor's messages, 1881 and 1882.



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Indians (Iroquois), cont'd.

Part of appropriation bill vetoed, June 7, 1880; reasons given.

Blotter #2, pp. 114-115; #3, p. 7; #5, p. 17.

Installment buying (regulation)

Discussion in the Governor's message returning bill, without approval, on regulation of installment buying of certain articles.

Blotter #5, p. 415.

Insurance companies (regulation)

Governor's messages, 1881 and 1882.

Veto of bill which would allow voluntary or cooperative insurance companies to exist without regulation, April 7, 1881.

Veto of bill having to do with regulation of insurance companies organized outside of New York State, May 31, 1881.

Blotter #3, #5.

Ithaca (water supply)

Clipping, New York Tribune, March 1, 1903. Construction of resevoir, Six Mile Creek.

Scrapbook #2.

Jesup, Morris Ketchum, 1830-1908.

Letter, July 1, 1882, thanking Cornell for courageous stand in vetoing elevated tax bill and other measures. Jesup was capitalist and philanthropist involved in railroads.

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Johnstown, Pennsylvania (Flood)

Numerous newspaper clippings, June 1889.

Scrapbook #3.

Jones, Robert T

Pastor, First Baptist Church, Ithaca. Letter to Cornell, May 18, 1889  
requesting donation <sup>to</sup> building fund.

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Judicial system (New York State)

See letter of Noah Davis, January 20, 1880.

Comments given for commutation of sentences (scattered throughout Blotters)

Order for removal of Charles F. Sanford, Judge of Superior Court, New York  
City, because of physical and mental incapacity, March 30, 1881.

[REDACTED] Blotter #3, pp. 341-345.

King, John R

Three letters, September 9, December 26, 1881, and January 21, 1882,  
concerning Yorktown Centennial celebration.

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Law, James, 1838-1921

Professor, Cornell University.

Copy of telegram from Cornell asking Law to visit farm near Oswego to  
investigate disease in herd of cattle, Sept. 1880.

Law's Report.

Blotter #2, pp. 239, 243.

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Lottery laws (New York State)

Official letter, August 5, 1880, to Edward Cooper, Mayor of New York City, asking him to enforce laws against sale of lottery tickets.

Proclamation forbidding lotteries, May 10, 1881.

Governor's messages, January 4, 1881 and January 3, 1882.

Blotters #2, pp. 216-217, 226-227; #3, pp. 7, 522; #5, p. 17.

Low, Seth, 1850-1916

Mayor of Brooklyn, reformer, municipal government.

Two letters, March 13, May 16, 1882. See Brooklyn, New York.

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Matthews, J N

Editor, Buffalo Express.

Letter from Cornell, October 30, 1882; denying statement by Express that Cornell had not written own messages.

Reply from Matthews, October 31, 1882; apology. Matthews makes reference to "treachery" revealed in correspondence Matthews had had with Conkling.

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Morton, Levi Parsons, 1824-1920

Letter, May 20, 1880, asking Cornell's opinion regarding possibility of Morton's nomination as Vice-President.

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Municipal government (New York State)

Particular reference to Brooklyn and New York City.

See Brooklyn, Lottery laws, Public health, New York City.

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National Guard (New York State)

See Governor's Messages, 1881 and 1882; special message concerning efficiency. Blotters #3, p. 7; #5, pp. 17, 353.

New York, Albany and Buffalo Telegraph Company

See [REDACTED] Journal for August, 1857, concerning stringing wires, and maintenance.

New York City

Official correspondence of Cornell and Mayor Edward Cooper concerning sale of lottery tickets, 1880.

Executive orders, 1880, for suppression of infectious and contagious diseases among animals.

Governor's Messages, 1881 and 1882.

Blotters #2, pp. 136-141, 216-217, 226-227; #3, pp. 7, 522; #5, p. 17.

New York - Connecticut boundary line

Settlement of boundary, set by commissioners of both states, ratified by state legislatures, July and August, 1880. Discussed in Governor's Message, Jan. 1881.

Blotters #2, pp. 180, 218-220; #3, p. 7.

New York - New Jersey Boundary line

Settled 1881; Governor's Message, 1882.

Blotters #3, pp. 156-157, 159-160, 369; #5, p. 17.

New York - Pennsylvania boundary line

Settled 1881; Governor's Message, 1882.

Blotters #3, pp. 156-158, 163; #5, p. 17.

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Nichols, J            A

Letter, April 28, 1882 mentioning T.C. Platt's activities against Cornell. Nichols doubted that Platt had done anything active up to time of letter.

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North, Albert D

Copy of letter to North, April 28, 1888 from unknown person, urging that Cornell be New York State's Republican candidate for the Presidency. Very interesting letter.

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Orton, William, 1826-1878

President, Western Union Telegraph Company.

Letter from Cornell, October 16, 1876, denying that he drew salary as Vice-President (of Western Union ?) while devoting efforts to Republican State Committee. Asks Orton to verify this fact.

Copy of another letter, almost illegible, undated from Cornell to Orton.

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Parsons, George W

Two letters to Cornell, February 18, 1880 and July 7, 1881, on political matters. The second letter touched on Cornell's possible candidacy for the United States Senate. Urged Cornell to continue as Governor; leadership and integrity were needed.

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Penal code (New York State)

Governor's Message, 1882.

Blotter #5, p. 17.

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Platt, Thomas Collier, 1833-1910.

Republican politician, Senator, from Owego New York.

Four letters: January 2, 16, 1880, both congratulating Cornell as Governor  
of New York.

March 3, 1880, discusses antagonism between Platt and  
Conkling.

February 2, 1881

Rough draft of letter to President Harrison from Cornell, June 3, 1892,  
discussing Platt's treachery.

Document, signed by Cornell, January 19, 1881, certifying that Thomas C.  
Platt was elected U.S. Senator by the Senate and Assembly of New York for  
a six year term to succeed Francis Kernan.

Platt's resignation from the Senate, May 14, 1881.

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Prisons (New York State)

Governor's Messages, 1881 and 1882.

Letter, printed, to Hon. Isaac V. Baker, Jr., after appointment as  
Superintendent of Prisons; duties given, March 11, 1882.

Blotter #3, p. 7; #5, pp. 17, 169.

Public Health (New York State)

Pollution of water, Typhoid epidemic, Cornell University; Ithaca water supply  
(1903). Scrapbook #2.

Hart's Falls (Schaghticoke), Rensselaer County. Executive order to State  
Board of Health to examine Hoosick River in regard to effect on health of  
village.

Report of State Board. Blotters #2, pp. 212-213, 324-325; #3, pp. 59, 63;

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Public Health (New York State), cont'd.

Blotter #6, pp. 94-96.

Genessee Valley. Executive order to Genessee Valley Railroad Co. to drain Genessee Valley Canal. Blotter #4, p. 148.

Buffalo. Condition of canals affecting public health. Blotter #2, pp. 225, 256.

New Rochelle, Westchester County. Executive order concerning drainage and washings from New Rochelle Brewery. Blotter #5, pp. 13-15.

Staten Island. Complaint to Governor of New Jersey concerning nuisances on New Jersey side of river affecting the public health. Blotter #3, p. 443.

New York City and Brooklyn. Message to Legislature requesting legislation, based on report of State Board of Health describing effects of business waste, petroleum refining, manufacturing of fertilizers, noxious vapors.

Pure water for New York.

Blotters #3, pp. 449, 453-454, 640; #4, p. 11.

Long Island. Blotter #3, p. 11.

Chemung Canal, Blotter #3, p. 592.

Pure food

See Agriculture, Scientific. Blotters #2, pp. 136-141; #3, pp. 52, 391, 616.

Telegram to prof. James Law, Cornell University, asking Law to visit farm near Oswego to investigate disease in herd of cattle. Law's report.

Blotter #2, pp. 239, 243.

Act for providing for marking of pure butter and cheese. Returned for amendment. Blotter #3, pp. 523, 587, 635.

Governor's Messages, 1881 and 1882. Blotters #3, p. 7; #5, p. 17.

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Railroads (New York State)

See letters of Jay Gould and L.E. Chittenden. [REDACTED]

Notes in longhand on various small railroads in state, giving officers, capital stock and earnings, 1886. [REDACTED]

Message to Legislature requesting legislation following railroad accident, January 1882. Blotter #5, p. 41.

Governor's Messages, 1881 and 1882. Blotters #3, p. 7; #5, p. 17.

Reid, Whitelaw, 1837-1912

Letter, September 16, 1893, accepting Cornell's letter on reorganization of Republican State Committee to Tribune for publication. [REDACTED]

Republican Party (New York State)

Platform, 1876, Syracuse.

Platform, 1879, Saratoga. Both in Scrapbook #3.

Correspondence.

Rough drafts of two letters to Editor of New York Tribune, tracing "ten years of Republican ignominy", and for reorganization of State Committee.

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Reynolds, Cuyler, 1866-

Author, state historian.

Three letters from Cornell, 1901-1902.

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Rooker, Thomas N

On staff of New York Tribune.

Letter, June 7, 1881, in which he urged Cornell to remain Governor,



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Rooker, Thomas N , cont'd.

declining proffered honor of U.S. Senatorship.

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Sage, Henry Williams, 1814-1897

Letter, July 24, 1889, in which he mentioned (in post script) that Cornell library contract had been let; estimated costs.

Many clippings *am*

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Sage, Susan Linn (Mrs. Henry W.), 1819-1885

Clippings describing accident in which she was killed.

Scrapbook #1.

Schultz, Jackson L

Two letters, July 9, 22, 1881.

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Schurman, Jacob Gould, 1854-1942

Clippings at time of appointment as President of the University, 1892.

Comments of the press on his position in regard to drinking and student activities.

Scrapbooks #2 and #4.

Shepard, Elliott Fitch, 1833-

Lawyer, journalist, New York City.

Letter, May 24, 1881, urging Cornell and DePew for U.S. Senators, to replace Platt and Conkling.

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Smith, Charles Emory, 1842-1908

Editor-in-chief, Philadelphia Press.

Letter, March 21, 1882. Apology for paragraph which appeared in the Press criticizing Cornell's stand during the Senatorial contest.

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Stevens, Simon

Letter, May 5, 1881.

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Stewart, William Rhineland, 1852-1929

Capitalist, philanthropist.

Letter, June 5, 1882, thanking Cornell for nomination as Commissioner, First Judicial District, State Board of Charities.

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Taxation (New York State)

Legislation, most of it returned for rewording or amendment. Senate Bill #247, of May 4, 1880 returned because the bill would tend to drive large amounts of capital from New York City which was becoming a financial center for capital from foreign countries. Blotter, #1. p. 520.

Resolution to establish commission to aid Legislature in revising and amending laws of assessment and taxation. Blotter #3, pp. 93-97.

See also Blotters #3, pp. 7, 149; #5, p. 17.

Telegraphy

[REDACTED] Letter and Journal, 1857, A.B. Cornell.

Printed circular comparing costs of different types of transmitting machines, 1889. [REDACTED]

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Thurston, Robert Henry, 1839-1903

Clippings: Scrapbook #4, pp. 49, 92.

Engineering News, July 28, 1892.

The Open Court, July 6, 1893.

Scientific American, July 13, 1889.

Troy, Rensselaer County

Discussion of city government involving charges against Mayor Edward Murphy, Jr. for malfeasance in office, December 1881.

Blotter #4, p. 198.

Westchester County

Alonzo B. Cornell: "Some Beginnings of Westchester County History," 1890.

White, Andrew Dickson, 1832-1918

Six letters to Cornell:

August 20, 1878. Congratulated Cornell on conciliatory attitude toward President Hayes, tending to unify the Republican party.

September 4, 1880. Congratulated Cornell on his use of the pardoning power of the Governor. "I feel deeply that the confounding of crime with misfortune has become almost a chronic disease in our country, not to be cured save by such statesmanlike remedies as your own."

October 8, 1881. Congratulations on his administration as Governor.

May 14, 1882.                                 "                 "                 "                 "                 "                 "

September 29, 1885. Explanation of White's resignation as President of Cornell University.

November 8, 1889. Recommends the construction of a new building at the

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White, Andrew Dickson, 1832-1918, cont'd.

university for the Agriculture department.

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Numerous newspaper clippings,

Scrapbooks #1-#4.

Women's rights

Bill returned without Governor's approval, authorizing appointment of women on boards of trustees of state institutions where women and children are cared for. Very interesting discussion of reasons why bill was returned. May 12, 1882.

Blotter #5, p. 414.

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