

COUNTY BOARD TICKET PICKED FROM 3 PARTIES

County Union Indorses 4
Republicans, 4 Progressives, 2 Democrats.

THE County union, recently organized to pass on the qualification of candidates for Cook county offices and perform the service in the county elections that the Municipal Voters' league does in the city elections, yesterday issued its recommendations of candidates for the county board.

The union picks a ticket drawn from the Republican, Progressive, and Democratic candidates. Alexander A. McCormick is indorsed for president of the county board and for member of the board from the city.

Four Progressive candidates for the county board from the city districts are indorsed—Mr. McCormick, Andrew M. Anderson, Harriet E. Vittum and Mary McDowell.

Four Republicans are selected—George W. Hanson, Herman A. Ott, William J. Roberts and Charles H. Wilson.

Two Democrats complete the list—Peter Reinberg and Daniel Moriarty.

All the Progressive candidates for board members from the country town districts, except John J. Gard, are indorsed. William Busse, Republican, is preferred to Gard. The four Progressives are: Ellsworth M. Board, Avery Conley, Harley E. Mitchell and Shelby M. Singleton.

The report of the union follows: "To the Voters of Cook County: At the coming election the ballot will contain three or more full party tickets. Some of the candidates are highly objectionable. It is essential for good government that the voters unite upon fifteen good candidates to insure the defeat of those who are wholly unfit.

"The County union has made a thorough impartial investigation of the character, record, and fitness of the nominees for the county board and submits the same, with such recommendations as seem to be justified. This investigation and report are made without political bias, with the sole object of presenting the facts to the voters for their consideration.

Report on Each Candidate.
We herewith present detailed report on each candidate:

FOR PRESIDENT COUNTY BOARD.

"Alexander A. McCormick—Progressive, 5749 Kimbark avenue; finishing first term as president of county board; editor of Indianapolis Star; editor and publisher Chicago Evening Post, and then general manager Chicago Record-Herald; against force opposition; he has put up a Spartan fight for the decent citizen and taxpayer; has insisted upon an accounting by the county treasurer for the interest upon the millions of public money in his charge; worked for a modern, scientific, and economical budget; fought extravagance in every form, and has brought a sympathetic intelligence to bear on the problems affecting the poor, the disabled, and the helpless; nominated last time as a Republican and indorsed by the Progressives, this year he was nominated by both parties by popular vote, a deserved tribute to his record of fearless service; his defeat would be a public misfortune; we earnestly urge his reelection.

CITY MEMBERS COUNTY BOARD RECOMMENDED.

"Andrew M. Anderson—Progressive; 10762 Church street; house builder for twenty-eight years past; finishing first term as county commissioner; voting record excellent; has fought for accountability of county treasurer's interest funds; for appropriation to prosecute election frauds; for prompt payment of nurses' salaries; against extravagance in appropriations; for fair consideration of bureau public efficiency reports; comes first in the roll call and seems to vote instinctively for the public's interest; plain, un-

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Alexander A. McCormick

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George M. Hanson	Franklin A. Denison
Alexander A. McCormick	Joseph M. Fitzgerald
	George C. Hall
	George R. Hillstrom
	Thomas Kasperki
Mary E. McDowell	Edward F. Kounovsky
Daniel Moriarty	Frank E. Lackowski
Herman A. Ott	John M. Lachlan
Peter Reinberg	William R. Manierre
	Carl T. Murray
	Albert Nowak
William J. Roberts	Owen O'Malley
Harriet E. Vittum	Frank J. Olson
Charles H. Wilson	Daniel Ryan
	William D. Scott
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Ellsworth M. Board	Avery Conley
William Busse	Harley E. Mitchell
	Shelby M. Singleton
H. D. Ansorg	A. H. Furlong
James H. Carroll	John J. Gard
McLaren Christie	George A. Miller
Joseph Carolan	William H. MacLean
	Dudley D. Pierson
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assuming citizen of excellent character; should be reelected.

"George Hanson—Republican; lives 5357 Lexington street; has been manager for Sauquoit Silk Manufacturing company, 206 South Market street; alert, hard working, and able; business experience and good reputation; well qualified; should be elected.

"Miss Mary E. McDowell—Progressive; 4630 Gross avenue; head resident University of Chicago settlement; has lived and worked "beside the yards" twenty years; conducted fight against garbage dump nuisance and resulting child mortality, which led to her appointment on the city council waste commission; member executive committee southwest side affiliated improvement clubs, and later active in fight for child labor law; women's ten hour and half holiday for all working women; a force in Women's Trade Union league; has displayed good business judgment in management of settlement; woman of broad experience, wide sympathy, and rare tact; her experience and training peculiarly qualify her for the duties that fall to the county board, involving, as they do, the charge of the wards of the county; should be elected.

"Daniel Moriarty—Democrat; 4406 Fifth avenue; finishing first term as county commissioner; has been attentive to his duties, intelligent, and effective; has shown a high sense of honor and marked courage in carrying out his convictions for the public good, irrespective of party; has consistently opposed extravagance and lax methods; as county commissioner has insisted upon accounting of county treasurer's interest funds; his steady fight against members of his own party has won him respect and admiration of the whole county; he has developed greatly under the responsibility and is in position to render even more valuable services; his defeat would be a calamity.

"Herman A. Ott—Republican; 2829 North Kosmer avenue; real estate and insurance; formerly bookkeeper in Union Trust company; employed many years with Ott Lumber company and disposed of his holdings there four years ago while vice president; elected member of the first board of living park district commissioners in 1910 after helping create this district, and now president; qualified for county commissioner; man of force and ability and should be elected.

"Peter Reinberg—Democrat; 5643 Sheridan road; wholesale florist; president board of education; in city council eight years, ending 1912; voted there against jamming telephone ordinance through council without proper deliberation; voted to sustain Mayor Duane's veto of electric light ordinance and voted for \$1,000 school license. Municipal Voters' league in 1912 said: "Finishing fourth term with continuously excellent record; his influence extending beyond limits of council, is always exerted in behalf of the public; has been with credit chairmanship of local transportation committee. To the immense task confronting this committee he can be relied on to bring honesty, ability, and public spirit." Has been a member of Chicago board of education since 1912, and president of the board since January, 1913; on his public record he should be elected commissioner.

"William J. Roberts—Republican; 5044 South Peoria street; live stock dealer stockyards for thirty years past; in council three terms; recommended for reelection by Municipal Voters' league at the end of each of his three terms as alderman; his latest report characterized him as a reliable and independent alderman; well qualified and should be elected.

"Miss Harriet E. Vittum—Progressive; 1400 Augusta street; civic director Chicago Woman's City Club and head

resident Northwestern university settlement; with Children's Aid society 1893-8; teacher of remedial physical work 1893-1904, with free clinics at Michael Reese and Polytechnic hospitals; has given twenty years to social service; devoted year after year to watching and improving conditions in dance halls and checking up on police; has helped place the jail and police station situation before Chicago women most effectively; is thoroughly practical; executive ability and great energy; the poor and infirm of the county should not be deprived of the service which the keen eye and ready hand of Miss Vittum can render; she should be elected.

"Charles H. Wilson—Republican; 3527 Bosworth avenue; real estate, 3109 Lincoln avenue; telegrapher with Western Union company 1885-1895; Lake View town collector, 1898-1902; candidate for alderman 1904; Lincoln park commissioner 1905-13; record there said to have been characterized by honesty and independence. He is a practical conservative man, who displayed while on the park board, pronounced ability; well qualified for office; should be elected.

CITY CANDIDATES NOT RECOMMENDED.

"Do not vote for any of the following candidates. Although the list below contains some candidates with good qualifications, the ten candidates listed above are considered BETTER qualified, and, moreover, it is VITALLY IMPORTANT TO CONCENTRATE the intelligent, independent nonpartisan vote on TEN persons and ELECT them. DO NOT vote for any of the following:

"Bartley Burg—Democrat; 4111 Van Buren street; real estate and insurance, 3051 Twelfth street since 1904; voted against requiring an accounting of county treasurer's interest on public money, against appropriations for prosecution of vote frauds, against extravagant appropriations, against fair consideration of bureau of public efficiency reports, and against modern and scientific budget; should be defeated.

"Franklin A. Denison—Republican; 6413 Calumet avenue; lawyer, 68 West Randolph street; assistant corporation counsel at various times between 1891-1912; now associated with John McInerney, also former assistant corporation counsel. Denison is colonel of the only colored regiment of the state, which he aided in recruiting for Spanish-American war; good reputation.

"Joseph M. Fitzgerald—Democrat; 4850 Union avenue; member of Sperry & Fitzgerald, live stock brokers, Exchange building; finishing second term as county commissioner with bad record; on this record he should be defeated.

"George C. Hall—Progressive; 3403 South Park avenue; physician and surgeon; for twenty years on staff of Provident hospital, of which he is now surgeon in chief; for years president Colored Men's Civic league; chairman executive committee of colored Y. M. C. A.; capable man with record of wide civic and social service.

"George R. Hillstrom—Republican; 114 W. One Hundred and Eleven place; real estate, 11133 Michigan avenue; secretary of South End Savings and Loan association; good reputation; insufficient experience and has not shown the degree of force required for the office.

"Edward F. Kounovsky—Progressive; 2729 West Twenty-second street; real estate and insurance; was director Cook county real estate board; organized Fairfield and Lawdals Building and Loan association; good reputation.

"Gerard B. Levi—Progressive; 5000 Grand boulevard; rabbi of Congregation Bnai Shalom Temple Israel. While Dr. Levi is a highly respected, scholarly man, his training and experience are not along

lines which particularly fit him for the county board.

"Thomas Kasperki—Democrat; 1839 Twentieth street; twelve years salesman and collector for Welsch & Co., liquor dealers, 2001 Blue Island avenue; not qualified.

"Frank E. Lackowski—Republican; 2324 North Rockwell street; real estate, 3147 Logan boulevard; good reputation.

"John MacLachlan—Progressive; 21 East One Hundred and Fortieth place; general contractor and builder, 11201 Cottage Grove avenue; good reputation, but others better qualified.

"William R. Manierre—Progressive; 1507 Dearborn highway; good record in council; on public and private record entitled to great respect, but for the exacting demands of the county board younger men are needed.

"Carl T. Murray—Republican; 1611 Jackson boulevard; lawyer, 10 South La Salle street; alderman 1910-12; assistant state's attorney eight months under J. E. W. Wayman; law partner of Homer Galpin 1912-13; Municipal Voters' league said he finished his term as alderman with good record and deserved credit for intelligent public spirit; good reputation.

"Albert Nowak—Democrat; 2124 North Leavitt street; saloonkeeper same address; finishing first term as county commissioner; his record is bad; he should be defeated.

"Owen O'Malley—Democrat; 6201 Calumet avenue; cigar and tobacco store, 200 East Fifty-first street; eight years deputy sheriff; unfit for this office.

"Frank J. Olson—Republican; 1645 North Sawyer avenue; real estate salesman, 229 South La Salle street; does not possess the ability or experience necessary for the office.

"Frank Ragen—Democrat; 916 West Fifty-fifth street; partner in Ragen, Elwell & Curtis, tailors, 6 North Clark street; for years clerk in city hall; finishing second term as county commissioner with a bad record. Political accidents will happen, but Ragen should not happen again; should be defeated.

"Daniel Ryan—Democrat; 6647 Stewart avenue; cement sidewalk contractor, 133 West Washington street; former bailiff at Englewood police station; good reputation; others are better qualified.

"William D. Scott—Democrat; 2832 Cologne street; formerly conducted saloon at 2116 Ashland avenue and drew salary as bridge tender at Loomis street bridge; does not possess requisite character or ability to qualify him for this office; wholly unfit.

"Thomas Simeiradzki—Progressive; 918 Newport avenue; writer and lecturer, man of high character and attainments; good reputation; others better qualified.

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"Ellsworth M. Board—Progressive; 1837 Orrington avenue, Evanston; finishing first term as county commissioner, president and treasurer Cross Press and Sign company, advertising signs, 1610 Dayton street; member of board of directors of Old Colony Trust and Savings bank; man of means and business ability; as chairman of finance committee of county board rendered important and valuable service; criticized by his opponents as being as particular in spending

public money as though it were his own; voted in favor of forcing county treasurer to account for interest on public funds for prosecution of election frauds, for fair treatment of claims of nurses, against extravagant appropriations, and for fair consideration of Bureau of Public Efficiency reports; should be reflected on his record and experience.

"William Busse—Republican; Mount Prospect, Ill.; president Mount Prospect National bank, and also in general hardware and grocery store, 1111 North La Grange and Magistrate; county commissioner 1900-12; president county board 1907-10; when he was defeated by Peter Barten; under his administration the tuberculosis hospital and the Oak Forest infirmary were erected; his reputation is that of an honest, conscientious official, on his twelve years' record as county commissioner he should be elected.

"Avery Conley—Progressive; Riverside, Ill.; director in Conley Manufacturing company; served as Riverside township highway commissioner and was member of term as county commissioner; finishing first term as county commissioner with an excellent record; able man of sound judgment and considerable experience in many directions; of unimpeachable integrity; should be reflected on his record.

"Harley E. Mitchell—Progressive; 1124 South Spring avenue, La Grange, Ill.; president, Mount Park State bank and vice president La Grange Trust and Savings bank; good reputation; expert and competent observers of the work of the board say that Mitchell has shown ability and has a good voting record; well qualified; should be elected.

"Shelby M. Singleton—Progressive; 522 Hill street, Wilmette; lawyer, secretary and attorney Citizens' association, Chicago; in 1906 with George E. Cole made extensive investigation for Citizens' association of county fee offices, resulting in conviction of John A. Cooke, clerk of circuit court, on charges of conspiracy to defraud Cook county; both were sent to penitentiary. In twelve months following the Linn indictment, the accounts for receipts of Cook county fee offices increased more than \$400,000; in 1909 Singleton for Citizens' association conducted investigation resulting in abolition of so-called "jail dieting graft," by which Cook county sheriffs had profited \$30,000 a year for many years. Singleton's experience in public affairs has been of a sort to give him special qualifications for the office; should be elected.

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