

# OUR CANDIDATES FOR CITY OFFICES



**F. M. NICKELL.**  
F. M. Nickell, the union candidate for the council in the First ward, has been a resident of California for about thirteen years. He has been identified with many of the public improvements of the city, has served two terms in the city council with credit, was largely instrumental in building up the East-side park. He also has the credit of obtaining many improvements for the people whom he represents. While a member of the city council, he was chairman of the committee for building the outfall sewer from Los Angeles to the ocean. He acquitted himself with credit as chairman of this committee by not only building the sewer within the appropriation voted by the people for that purpose, but turned over to the general fund quite a large sum, something very unusual in the construction of public works.



**J. H. DOCKWEILER.**  
J. H. Dockweiler, union candidate for city engineer, was born in Erie county, New York, February 20, 1864. Coming west several years ago he settled in Los Angeles, since which time he has often been prominently before the people in the capacity of civil engineer. Mr. Dockweiler designed and built the outfall sewer, which is a remarkable work and the only one of its kind in the world. After this great work had been completed and all bills paid he was able to report the sum of \$21,000 of the sewer fund unexpended, not a very common occurrence now-a-days. He should be elected to the office which he seeks to fill. Mr. Dockweiler is exceedingly popular among his acquaintances and all who know him agree with him as to his fitness for the position of city engineer.



**A. M. SALYER.**  
Al Salyer, the union nominee for city tax and license collector is well known to the voters of Los Angeles city and county. Mr. Salyer is an Illinoisian by birth and is now in his 43rd year. Early in the 60s his parents removed to Iowa, where his boyhood days were passed on a farm, attending the country schools, except about two years spent in study at the Mt. Pleasant high school. At the age of 16 he began teaching, which he continued with intervals of study for several years; afterwards engaging in the piano trade. About nine years ago he removed with his family to this city from Topeka, Kansas, and resumed the music business. He is now the head of the firm of Salyer & Robinson, No. 301 Broadway.



**J. R. RUSH.**  
The union candidate for city attorney, J. R. Rush, was born in Pennsylvania in 1868 and is consequently now 30 years of age. He has been a resident of Los Angeles during the past sixteen years and in that time has made his mark as an attorney of ability and made many friends. He served with credit as deputy district attorney under H. C. Dillon and is known as a lawyer of much ability. Mr. Rush is one of the best public speakers in this section of the country and as such is well known over Southern California. He is also well known as a champion of labor organizations, and is solid on the free silver issue. Mr. Rush is strongly in favor of municipal ownership of the water plant, and if elected city attorney his best efforts will be expended for the good of the city against the tricks of conspiring corporations.



**A. B. WORKMAN.**  
Andrew Boyle Workman, union candidate for city treasurer, was born in Los Angeles in 1868. He is the son of ex-Mayor Workman, who is considered the most progressive mayor that Los Angeles ever had. Mr. Workman is a college man, having spent several years at St. Vincent's college in this city and later taking a commercial course at Santa Clara college. About a year ago he married the younger daughter of Judge R. M. Widney. Mr. Workman has had no former political experience, though he is in every way fitted for the office he seeks to fill. Being so eminently connected, Mr. Workman will have no trouble in securing the very best bond for the safekeeping of the city's money.



**S. E. FULTON.**  
Stephen E. Fulton, fusion candidate for city auditor, was born near Pittsburg, Pa., in 1861. He received a common school education, taught school for a time, and afterwards attended college at Oberlin, Ohio. In 1882 he removed from Pennsylvania to Wymore, Neb., where he entered the service of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railway as locomotive fireman, afterward promoted to locomotive engineer, and employed on said railway until the great strike of 1888. After the strike he was employed at the Baldwin Locomotive works, in Philadelphia. In 1889 he came to California and entered the service of the Santa Fe railway company. Since 1894 Mr. Fulton has been a member of the city board of education, and his record thereon is too well known to require extended notice.



**JAMES ASHMAN.**  
The candidate for re-election to the council for the Seventh ward is James Ashman, whose public and private career has won for him hosts of friends. He was born in England in 1848. In his younger days he had the distinction of winning a prize for draughting, among 300 competitors, the prize being bestowed by Charles Dickens. In 1870 Mr. Ashman came to the United States and located in Pittsburg. For twelve years he was an employe of the Pennsylvania Railroad company, for most of that time as locomotive engineer. He came to Los Angeles in 1884. He was one of the starters of the Atlas Milling company, but of late has been connected with the Keystone Milling company of this city. He served two years on the board of education, and since 1895 has been a member of the city council.



**JAMES A. CRAIG.**  
The union candidate for councilman from the Second ward, James A. Craig, was born in Chillicothe, Mo., in 1856, his father being Judge A. Craig of San Francisco. He has been a resident of Los Angeles and of the Second ward for the past twelve years, and is a member of the well known wholesale grocery firm of Craig, Stuart & Co. He has shown himself to be a public spirited citizen—a man of great will and good judgment. He was one of the two or three founders of the Northwest Improvement association, an organization that has accomplished more for the general interest of the Second ward during the past three years than was ever done before for that section of the city. He served as president of the association for two consecutive years. He is familiar with the needs of the Second ward and, as councilman, can and will do much good.

**C. H. HANCE.**  
C. H. Hance, the union nominee for city clerk, who was endorsed by the League for Better City Government, comes from an old family of Virginia pioneers, who immigrated at an early date to Missouri, where he was born. He was educated in the city of St. Louis, and was a schoolmate of our present county recorder. When quite a young man, and during the gold excitement on this coast, he joined a company of miners and started overland for the gold fields of California. On arriving at Pike's Peak ill health compelled him to return to St. Louis, and he entered the employ of the old North Missouri Railroad company, now the Wabash. He remained with that railroad until he engaged in a business of his own, which he successfully carried on for several years, and while so engaged his many friends put him forward for the office of clerk of the circuit court in Northern Missouri.

He first settled with his family in San Jose, where he successfully engaged in the drug business for several years, from which place he removed to this city in 1885, and since that time he has been in close business relations with the people, as one of the leading and popular druggists and pharmacists, and for many years has been one of the best figures on the street. Mr. Hance has a host of friends in the city, who esteem him highly on account of his gentlemanly bearing and unquestionable integrity, and who can give all assurance that no mistake can possibly be made in placing him in the office for which he is a candidate. His record is familiar, and could be secured in time for this publication.



**M. P. SNYDER.**  
The union candidate for mayor, Meredith P. Snyder, was born in 1858 at Winston, North Carolina, where he resided until his twenty-second year, when he decided to cast his lot in the land of the setting sun. On coming west he spent a short time in San Francisco, but believing that there were better chances for the accumulation of this world's good farther south he came to Los Angeles and secured employment as clerk with the Coulter Dry Goods company. He held the position with entire satisfaction to his employer, when he decided to branch out for himself. For seven years he was engaged in handling real estate, and in 1892 engaged in the shoe business, which is now known as the M. P. Snyder company. In 1891 and 1892 he served on the police commission, and in 1894 entered the race for councilman for the Second ward on the Democratic ticket, and although his ward was Republican by 300 votes, his popularity overcame the majority, and he was elected over his Republican opponent.

Some months ago the arrogance of the Los Angeles City Water company became so pronounced in the attitude of that corporation toward the city that the council found it advisable to take some action in defense. It was Councilman Snyder who championed the people's cause against a greedy corporation, and he made a determined fight to secure a needed reduction in the water rates. He proposed a reduction of 50 per cent in the schedule then in force. At that time Mr. Snyder was approached by representatives of the water company, who tried to prevail upon him to retreat from his position. The water company's attorney even intimated that if Mr. Snyder did not withdraw from the stand he had taken the water company would go into politics to that councilman's disadvantage. Mr. Snyder, undaunted, continued to fight for the people's good, and as a result the council adopted an ordinance requiring a reduction of 33 1/2 per cent, but this was returned by the council. Mr. Snyder's efforts to secure a greater percentage of reduction, finally agreed on a schedule of rates amounting to a cut of about 12 1/2 per cent. Through Mr. Snyder was opposed by the other councilmen, he effected an important saving for the people and gained thereby the sympathy of the water company. Mr. Snyder has pledged himself to bring about economy in municipal affairs, if elected mayor, and he certainly will be.

**L. S. SEAMANS.**  
L. S. Seamans, the union nominee for city assessor, was born in La Salle county, Illinois. Leaving the farm he took a law course in the Union college of Law, Chicago, receiving his degree of LL. B. in 1879. Subsequently he was for three years elected city attorney and two years mayor of Mendota, Illinois. Ten years ago he came to this city, since which time he has been practicing law, except for two years when he held the office of police judge, discharging the duties of his office with excellent judgment and gaining the good will of the citizens. He being a lawyer and having had experience as a public official, Mr. Seamans will undoubtedly give satisfaction in the capacity of city assessor.



**EDWARD L. HUTCHISON.**  
The People's party candidate for councilman from the Eighth ward, endorsed by the Democratic convention, is Prof. Edward L. Hutchison, a young man of many attainments, and distinctly qualified for the position. Mr. Hutchison was born in Virginia 32 years ago, and lived for a time in Ohio before he came to Los Angeles, eleven years ago. He has a knowledge of law, speaks three or four languages and has made a bright record as a school teacher. Some years ago he became known as an able single-handed fighter against school book rings and other disreputable features of educational affairs. He is extremely popular in the Eighth ward, knows the needs of that portion of the city, and if elected can and will do much for the good of the ward.

**NICHOLAS P. WYNNE.**  
Nicholas P. Wynne, who was nominated by the Democrats of the Third ward to represent this ward in the city council, was born in 1858 in San Francisco, and was educated there and at the University of Southern California, graduating with degrees in law and in the drug business in that city, afterward passing some years in Washington, and came to Los Angeles five years ago. He then became associated with the drug firm of Orr & Vaughn, where he now is. During his residence here he has lived in the Third ward, and is popular with all who know him.



**L. M. GRIDER.**  
L. M. Grider, the union candidate for councilman from the Sixth ward, is a native of California and has lived in Los Angeles county for thirty years, and in the city fifteen years. The real estate firm of which he is the senior member has built up a large business. The firm has successfully laid off some of the largest tracts of land in the city; opened and improved streets, and sold hundreds of lots to home-seekers, who have built their own houses. Mr. Grider is at present a member of the board of fire commissioners of Los Angeles, and has done much toward placing the fire department of this city in its present admirable condition.



**SAMUEL REES.**  
Candidate for Councilman From the Ninth Ward.



**CHARLES H. LONG.**  
Charles H. Long, the union candidate for councilman from the fourth ward, was born in Butler county, Ohio, and lived on a farm until he was 19 years old, going to school in winter and working on the farm in summer. After the age of 19 he graduated in a commercial course at Lebanon. After this he moved to Havana, Ill., where he passed three years learning the drug business. He has been a resident of this city for nine years in the fourth ward. The only office he has held in Los Angeles is that of police commissioner, which he has filled most acceptably. He is the senior member of the wholesale commission firm of Long, Whitney & Co. Mr. Long is outspoken in favoring municipal ownership of water works.



**J. E. FRICK.**  
J. E. Frick, union candidate for the office of street superintendent, was born on a farm near Rock Island, Ill., in 1857. He early began work as a contractor of public work. He removed to California in 1885, since which time he has been identified with a large number of public enterprises in this city, probably the most important of which was the building of a large portion of the outfall sewer, which he completed to the satisfaction of everyone. Mr. Frick is in favor of the city's owning its own water plant. He has always been the friend of laboring men, and was one of the first contractors in this city who reduced the working day from ten to nine hours. His former work and experience will peculiarly fit him for the office of street superintendent.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION



**GEORGE F. HERR.**  
George F. Herr, candidate for member of the board of education for the Third ward, is a young business man of whom much good and no ill can be said. He is popularly known as a man of integrity and enterprise, and will ably represent his ward. He was born in Louisville, Ky., and served about ten years with the Louisville and Nashville Railroad company. He came to Southern California nine years ago. He was for a time passenger agent for the Southern Pacific road at San Diego, but during the past six years he has been connected with the Union Pacific railroad as passenger agent, with headquarters in Los Angeles. He possesses many qualifications for the position of school director, and he will do the best.



**DR. JOSEPH KURTZ.**  
To say much concerning the executive ability of Dr. Joseph Kurtz, union nominee for member of the board of education, would be useless. Dr. Kurtz has the accumulated experience of ten years' work on boards of education, having faithfully served six years on the Los Angeles city board and four years on the county board. He also held the office of coroner for this county from 1870 to 1876, discharging the duties of his office to the satisfaction of everyone. Dr. Kurtz was one of the organizers of the Los Angeles medical college and still holds a professorship in that institution. No mistake can be made in electing him a member of the board of education.



**W. C. BOWMAN.**  
The Sixth ward will be represented in the board of education by W. C. Bowman, the candidate of the union ticket, who possesses many qualifications for the place. Mr. Bowman is a native of North Carolina. He finished his education in the University of Virginia and graduated in moral science under Dr. McGuffey, and has since had much experience in teaching in public schools and colleges, his experience giving him special fitness for the duties of a member of the board of education. He organized here the Church of the New Era, the doctrine of which is to accept truth wherever found and reject error with equal liberty. He has been lecturing on reform subjects for years. Mr. Bowman has been for six years a resident of Los Angeles, and if elected he will do his utmost for the good of his ward and the city.



**JAMES C. MCINERNEY.**  
The union candidate for position on the board of education from the Eighth ward, Mr. James C. McInerney, is a successful business man, who has been the architect of his own fortunes, and has gained not only worldly goods but the respect of all who know him. He was born in Innes, County Clare, Ireland, in 1856, and at the age of 18 years came to the United States. The first two years in this country he served with a wholesale grocery firm in Winsted, Conn. He then came to California, passing some years in San Francisco, and eighteen years ago he came to Los Angeles. He has become identified with the Eighth ward and has invested all his earnings in Los Angeles real estate. He has three children attending school and in asking the support of the voters he promises to do as well for their children as he would for his own. Mr. McInerney has also been nominated by the Silver Republicans.



**F. L. BINFORD.**  
The union candidate for the Ninth ward representative on the board of education, F. L. Binford, was born in Huntsville, Tex., in 1853, but left that place while he was yet a baby and found his home in Missouri. Later he removed to Tennessee, where he received his education, finishing at the West Tennessee college, graduating in the classical course at the age of 16. After going through college, the young man taught school and studied law, being admitted to the bar in 1874. In that same year he came to California, practicing law several years in Los Angeles before his health broke down, and he found it necessary to go back to Missouri. In that state he engaged in business, but again came to Los Angeles in 1884. For some time he was engaged in business, and in 1891 he resumed the practice of law.



**J. F. ADAMS.**  
Joseph F. Adams, union candidate for the board of education in the Seventh ward, was born in Richmond Va., in 1841. He received his education in Cumberland City, Md., and learnt the trade of mason. For twenty-five years Mr. Adams has followed the business of building and contracting. Twelve years ago Mr. Adams settled in Los Angeles and has since resided in the Seventh ward. For some years he was a resident in Pontiac, Ill., and for six years was a member of the local board of education. Mr. Adams has received the endorsement of both the Democratic and People's associations.



**J. C. RYDER.**  
The union candidate for a place on the board of education, to represent the First ward, is J. C. Ryder. He was born at Niagara Falls, and was educated at Lockport, N. Y., where he passed his boyhood days. He has lived in Los Angeles nine years. He is a machinist by trade and during the first five years of his residence here he worked at that trade for the Southern Pacific company. Since he left the employ of the Southern Pacific he has been connected with Mann & Johnson, on North Main street, and is known as an honest, capable man of business. He has never held a political office, but if elected to the one for which he has been nominated he will perform its duties faithfully. He is not a politician and has never yet held a public office.