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Mr. —

Dear Sir:

The final vote on the different Civil Service Bills, introduced during this Session of the Ill. Legislature, will probably be taken this week, or soon thereafter.

We sincerely trust that all these bills will have your support, which will be in accord with the pledge you made us, during your campaign for election. We notice that when the vote was taken in the (Senate or House) on these bills that you were recorded as (absent or against one or all). Doubtless you had good and sufficient reasons for your action at that time, but as the bills all passed, by large majorities, in both branches, and as the enactment of comprehensive Civil Service Laws, in Ill., is the expressed wish of a very large



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majority of the citizens of the State,  
we have no doubt you will put your-  
self right, when the vote is taken in  
joint session, on these bills.

yours respectfully  
The Chicago Civil Service League  
Philip Steele Priest

Attest Jas. M. Grimm Sec.

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The Civil Service Commission.  
Of Chicago  
6<sup>th</sup> Floor City Hall.

Gentlemen: Will you kindly in-  
form us why the <sup>members of the</sup> Board of Examining  
Engineers, are not under Civil Service.

There is a movement on foot to  
make some changes, in the City Ordinance,  
covering this Board and its  
duties, and we are anxious to get its  
members under the Merit Law if possible.

Under the Civil Service Act, we do  
not find them exempt.

Yours respectfully  
The Chicago Civil S. League  
By Philip Stule Prest

Attest  
Jas M. Grim Sec.



CHICAGO CIVIL SERVICE LEAGUE,

169 W. WASHINGTON ST.,

Chicago, July 5, 1911.

Dear Sir:-

After months of work and worry the Municipal Pension Law is now a fact. July 1st the law became effective and now the election of Trustees is in order. This is under the jurisdiction of the City Comptroller and Treasurer. These officials have perfected their plans and will hold the election next Saturday, July 8th, in the Council Chamber, 2nd floor, City Hall. The polls will be open from 8 A.M., to 5 P.M. Every employe who is a contributor to the pension fund, is eligible to vote at this election and also is eligible to the Trusteeship.

Believing that this law is good for the employes, individually, and that it will strengthen and perfect the civil service law, the League has supported it from the beginning and many of its members have been among the hardest workers for the measure, hence we are interested in the election of Trustees. The Trustees should be men who thoroughly know the law and who have made a study of the subject. Knowing the importance of this election, the Board of Directors at a meeting held last Saturday, instructed the Secretary to send a letter to all members, who are eligible, urging them to support the following men who have been placed in nomination by many friends.

Bernard McMahon, City Collector's Office for the three year term. Philip Steele, 22nd St. Pumping Station, two year term, and John Dillon, Bureau of Streets, for the one year term.

These three men have been on active Committees, in the work of preparing the Pension Law, and getting it into effect, and are probably better posted on all the features of the Law, than any other three men in the service, consequently, if elected will bring intelligent experience into these positions. Mr. McMahon, "the Father of the Pension Law", is very well known to the members of the League, being one of its incorporators and its President during 1903, and for years one of its Directors. At present he is not a member, but is an ardent supporter of Civil Service, and should have the earnest support of every member of the League. Philip Steele is probably known to every League member. He was one of its incorporators, was its first President, holding that position for the first three years of the League's existence, has since been continually on the Board of Directors, and is again President for the year 1911, and is probably the best posted man on various pension laws, in the city's service.

John Dillon is not a member of the League, but is a Civil Service man of 15 years standing and firmly believes in the Civil Service Law. He has done admirable work for the Pension Law and is a man who deserves the support of every League member.

These three men make up a ticket which should appeal to our membership, and we should all make an effort, even at personal inconvenience to see that they are elected.

Nothing will be paid out of the funds for five years. In the meantime the defects of the law can be remedied, or tested by the Courts. This being the case, it is to your best interest, if for or against, to elect men who will take pride in conserving the best interests of the fund and thereby conserving your best interest.

By order of the Board of Directors,

J. M. Grimm, Sec'y.