

CANDIDATE

Litsinger Seeks Cook County Board of Review Post in Spring Vote.

We hate to pay taxes. Of course we're unreasonable, but the fact remains that our most unwelcome bill comes from the tax-collector. We calm down a little when we take time to name to ourselves all the benefits that our tax-money buys for us. Nevertheless, Cook County taxpayers have still sufficient grounds for indignation.

Prior to 1915 the rate for our local boxes was about \$2.00 on each \$100 of full value. From 1915 to 1921 administration expenses increased to such an extent that the state legislature raised the tax rate 100%. So that while in 1915 the tax on a home valued at \$5,000 was \$100, in 1921 it was \$200. Moreover at the session of the legislature ending July 1921 the rate was again raised, this time 42%. In 1915, \$100; in 1921, \$200; in 1922, \$284.

What to do.

What can be done about it? Vigorous protests have been made against these increases. But the rates have gone up. Can nothing be done? Yes. Unjust increases in property values can be prevented. And the body of men who can serve the public in preventing this increase is the Board of Review.

In Cook County there is elected at the regular County election a Board of Review consisting of three persons, whose terms of office is six years. One is elected every two years, the other five holding over. It is the duty of this Board to review, fairly and impartially, the assessment of all property; to raise or lower the assessment as seems just; to hear all complaints. The Board acts on about 60,000 complaints each year. When it completes its work the values are added together, and the total becomes the assessment for Cook County. It is of passing interest to know that in 1921 the value of all Cook

County property, real and personal, was almost three billion and a half dollars, \$3,468,000,000.

The valuation is fixed by the Board of Review; the rate by the State Legislature. The product of the two is the tax. Though the Board cannot affect the rate, it can see to it that the valuation is fair.

It is important, then, that the six members of the Board of Review be exceptionally intelligent, fair minded, and thoughtful of the rights of their fellow citizens. Tax increases have become extremely burdensome, crushing in many cases. Widows with infant children appear before the Board asking why their taxes have been doubled when the value of their property has not increased at all.

If any person is a candidate for membership on this Board of Review the voters of Cook County ought to know him, know his record and his aims.

Stands for Re-election.

Since the present chairman of the Board is standing for re-nomination at the Republican Primary Election which is set for Tuesday, April 11, 1922, let us look him over. This man is Edward R. Litsinger.

Edward R. Litsinger, present Chairman of the Board of Review, is 47 years old.

He went to work early in life. Graduating from grammar school he became office boy in the Chicago office of the N. Y. Life Insurance Co. In five years he was assistant cashier. For eight years while working days he went to school nights. He was graduated from Kent College of Law in 1898 at the age of 24. In 1899 he was Assistant States Attorney. Since 1900 by his ability, enterprise, and good service to others he has built up an enviable law practice. He shows business ability. He organized the South-West Trust & Savings Bank and assisted in establishing the West Side National Bank. He is a director in these two banks and also in the Great Lakes Trust Co. He is vice-president of the U. S. Tent & Awning Co. and also of Ford Roofing Products Co.

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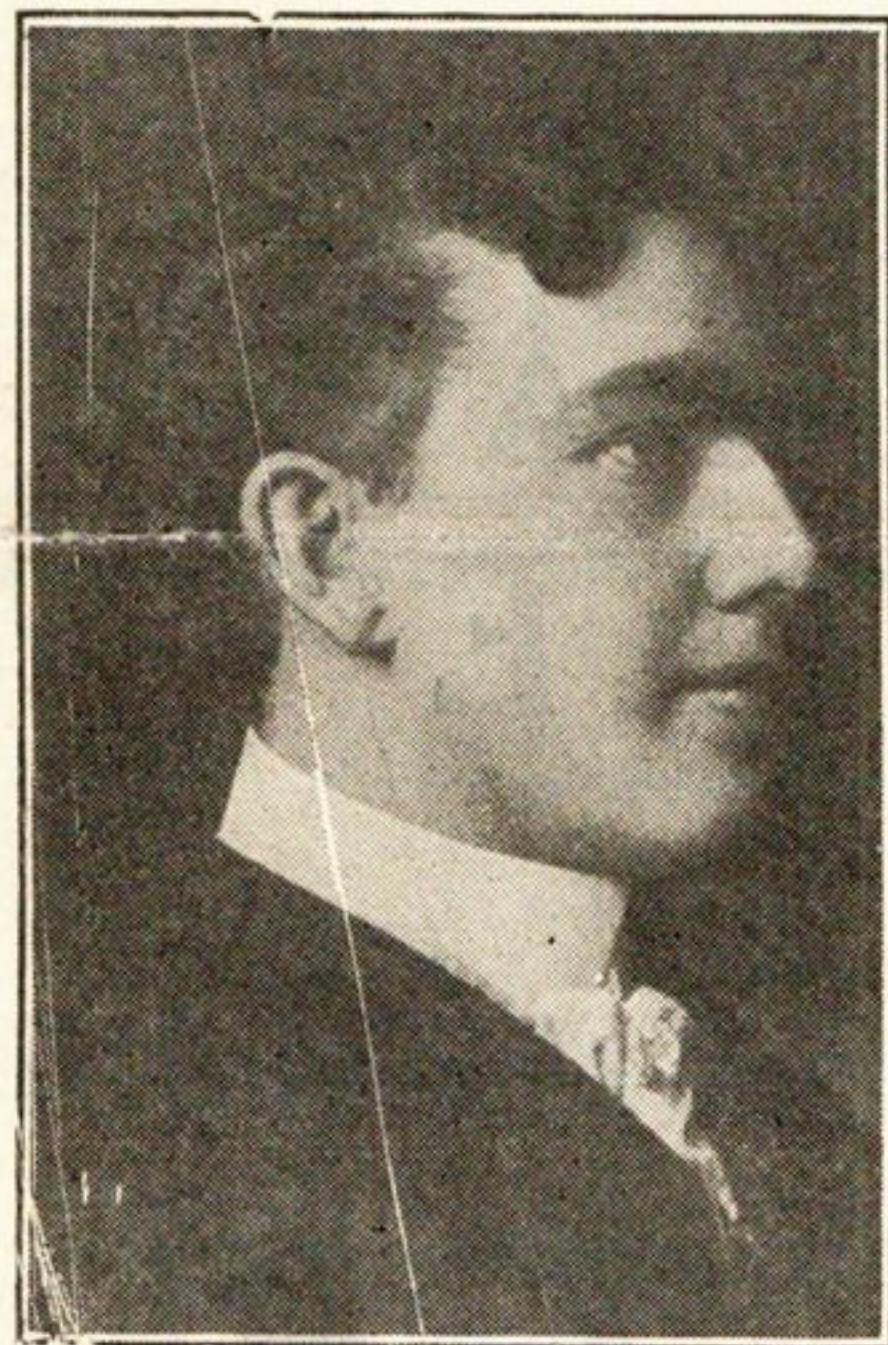
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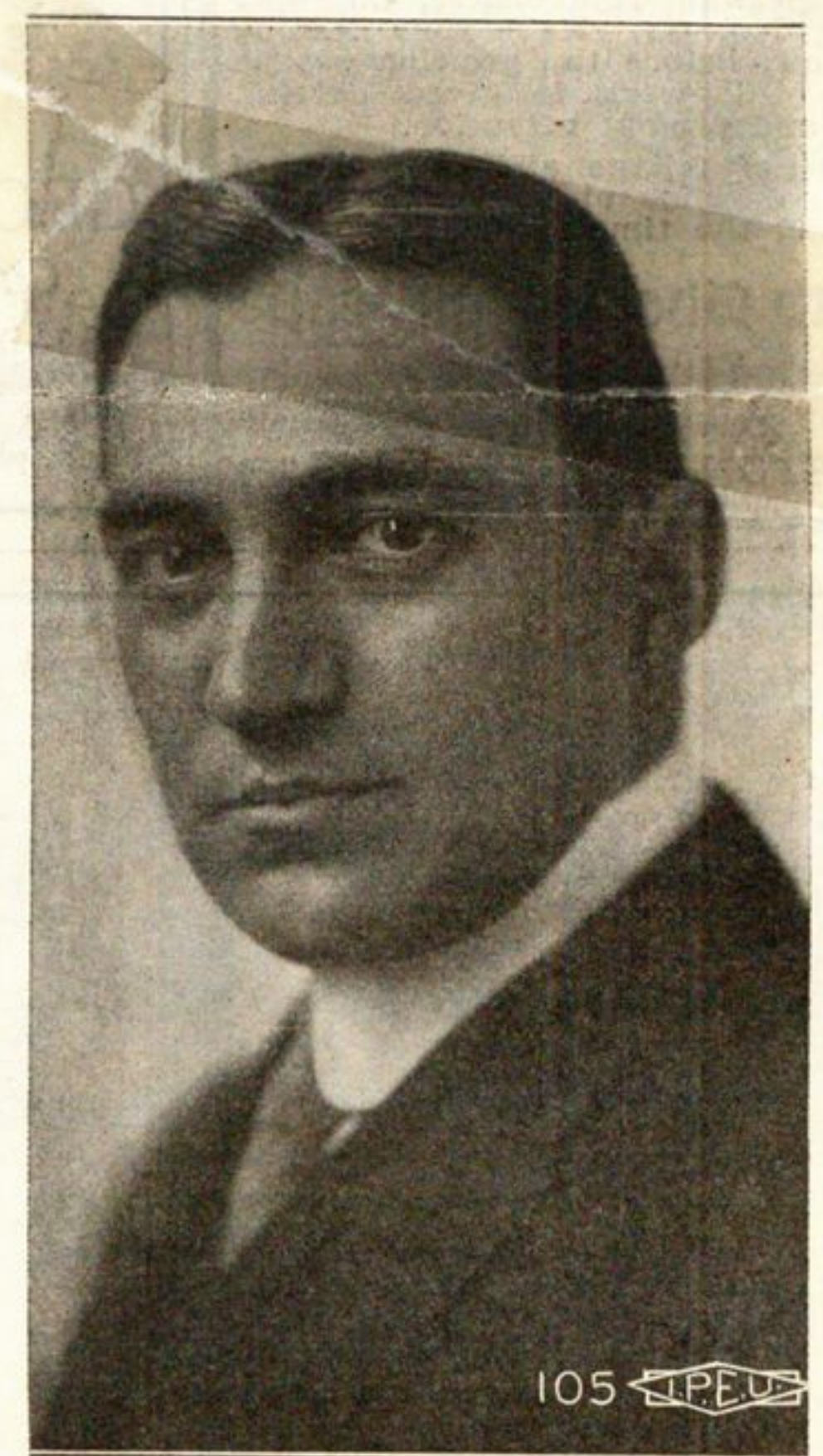
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Chairman Board of Review of Assessments, Cook County

EDWARD R. LITSINGER

Since 1899, when he was Assistant States Attorney he has been identified as a Republican party leader. Several times he has been Republican Committeeman, a member of the Cook County Central Committee and a member of the Congressional Committee.

Litsinger, Healy and Reid, lawyers, of which he is a member are well known. He organized and is still a director and vice-president of the South-West Trust and Savings Bank and the West Side National Bank.

He organized the U. S. Tent & Awning Company in 1904 and is now vice-president. He is treasurer of the Ford Roofing Products Company and interested in the Litsinger-Reeb Company, Ford dealers.

He has served on the Board of Review since 1916 with an excellent record.

Candidate for
Renomination at the
**Republican
Primary Election**

April 11, 1922

for Member
*Board of Review
of Cook County*