Guide to the Uncle Sam Republican League Club Records MS 283

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Title: Uncle Sam Republican League Club Records
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Contributing Institution: San Diego History Center Document Collection
Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 0.5 Linear feet(2 boxes)
Date (inclusive): 1904-1919
Abstract: This collection contains items pertaining to the Uncle Sam Republican League Club, including administrative documents, membership information, meeting minutes and financial information.
creator: Uncle Sam Republican League Club.
Scope and Content
This collection contains documents of the Uncle Sam Republican League Club from its founding to its dissolution (1904-1912). Highlights include the Certificate of Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, membership listings, meeting minutes, banking documents and bills and receipts.
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Biographical / Historical Notes
The Uncle Sam Republican League Club, also known as the Union League Club of San Diego, was founded in 1904. It was a socio-political organization founded in the spirit of the Union League Clubs that sprung up in support of the Republican Party in the Civil War and Post-Civil War era (these were also called "loyal leagues"). The purpose of the Uncle Sam Republican League Club, as stated in its founding documents, was "to promote the interest of good government by every honorable means, and particularly through the Republican Party" and "to furnish entertainment and to promote the social welfare of the members." Membership requirements were simple; the candidate had to be a "straight" Republican and a resident of San Diego County. Many prominent local Republicans were board members. Among them were Leroy A. Wright, a California state Senator and founding Vice-President of the San Diego Historical Society, and William Clayton, a manager of the Spreeksels companies and President of the San Diego and Cuyamaca Railway Co. Also in the group were D. B. Northrup, San Diego County Physician, C. L. Williams, President of First National Bank, and Homer Peters, President of the Marine Biological Association of San Diego (now Scripps Institute of Oceanography). A handful of Union League Clubs in major metropolitan areas survive into the 21st century and have been very influential in civic projects in the past, but San Diego's club was short-lived. It was formally dissolved February 14, 1912, less than eight years after its inception.
Arrangement
Items in collection are arranged by subject.
Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements
The covers of the Meeting Minutes record book are prone to shedding. (December 7, 2011)
Conditions Governing Access
This collection is open for research.
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Subjects and Indexing Terms
Bartholomew, C. H.
Clark, Lincoln
Clayton, William
Green, Harry P.
Guy, Wilfred R.
Hinkle, E. C.
Northrup, D. B.
Peters, Homer
Uncle Sam Republican League Club.
Union League Club of San Diego.
Williams, C. L.
Wright, Leroy A.
Political science
San Diego (Calif.)
Union league clubs

Box-folder 1:1  Background and purpose, undated
Box-folder 1:2  Articles of Incorporation, by-laws and constitution, 1904 July 29-August 15 and undated
       Includes:
       Certificate of Articles of Incorporation (in Oversize Collections D6)
       Book containing By-Laws and Constitution
       Book containing member signatures agreeing to By-Laws and Constitution

Box-folder 1:3  Membership, 1906 July 17 and undated
       Includes:
       Correspondence to Roosevelt Republican Club
       Lists of Board of Directors and Officers
       List of members resigned and dropped out

Box-folder 1:4  Membership, 1906 October 2-1911 June 30 and undated
       Includes:
       List of members and dues paid

Box-folder 1:5  Membership bonds, 1908-1912 April 30 and undated
       Includes:
       Listings of members with applicable bond information

Box-folder 1:6  Meetings, 1910 February 8-1912 May 24
       Includes:
       Attendance records
       Correspondence and meeting announcements
       Meeting minutes

Box 2  Meeting minutes record book, 1904 July 29-1912 February 14
Box-folder 1:7  Meeting minutes record book, loose items, 1908 August 7-1909 July 6 and undated
       Includes:
       Finances
       Attendance list
       Membership bonds list
       Meeting notes
       Membership list
Box-folder 1:8  **Finances, 1904 October 3-1919 October 27 and undated**
   Includes:
   Ledgers
   Checkbook
   Bills
   Insurance certificate
   Returned checks
   Bank statement with returned check, October 1919 (in Oversize Collections D6)

Box-folder 1:9  **Fundraising, 1916**
   Includes:
   Petition for donations for County Campaign of 1916

Box-folder 1:10  **Miscellanea, 1912**
   Includes:
   1912 Calendar