

Brilliant Young Montana Man Is Named for Congress

Washington J. McCormick, Republican candidate for congress from the First district, is a native son of Montana, having been born in Missoula in 1884. His parents were both early pioneers of the state, his father, Major Washington J. McCormick, having been a member of the first two legislative assemblies of Montana territory. He



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was also a member of later assemblies and an influential factor in the early development of western Montana.

Mr. McCormick attended the public

schools of Missoula. He is a graduate of two of America's most famous universities, Harvard and Columbia. In the former he pursued his collegiate work and in the latter his course was in law. He was admitted to the bar in New York in 1910 and in Montana in 1911. He has had much experience in legal work and in business management and is recognized as one of the leaders of the Montana bar.

In 1914, when the first statewide primaries were held in Montana, he was nominated by the Republican party for congressman-at-large, and received the highest vote on his ticket for congress, but the handicap of the Progressive split in the Republican ranks was too great to overcome.

Mr. McCormick was elected to the sixteenth legislative assembly of Montana in the fall of 1918 and served throughout the regular and extraordinary sessions of that assembly with great distinction. He is the author of the anti red flag law, the law providing for the revision and compilation of all the laws of Montana by a code commissioner, and of the law regulating and standardizing the weight and sale of bread and bread products in Montana.

He is married, has two children, and resides at Missoula.