

GENERAL CHANGES URGED IN CHARTER General Committee Approves Recommendations for Revision NEW REVENUE SYSTEM

The general committee on the revision of the city charter has approved a report of its subcommittee which recommends radical changes in the municipal system of government amounting virtually to an entirely new city charter.

Changes Advocated for City Government

- 1. Combine the city and county governments. 2. Make the offices of City Solicitor and Receiver of Taxes appointive. 3. Take the judiciary out of politics. 4. Abolish present system of Councils and substitute Council of single chamber, composed of fifteen members. 5. Equalize assessments on real estate and separate assessments on real estate and buildings. 6. Revision of revenue system. 7. Laws to require Councils to follow budget system in city finances. 8. A five-year limit on all municipal contracts. 9. Have liquor licenses granted by a board appointed by the Governor or Mayor, instead of by the Judges.

resulted from a concentration of power in the Mayor, and advocates increasing the power of the Mayor. Recommendations for changes in the various departments of the city government will be made later, after the heads of the departments have submitted reports to the Charter Revision Committee.

The charter revision committee's report pointed out that the Board of Revision of Taxes, as now constituted, is not answerable to any department of the government that handles the finances of the city.

The committee also advocated that the levying of school taxes be taken from the Board of Education and placed in Councils. The biggest step toward taking the Judiciary out of politics is the proposition of the committee to have a board of three commissioners with overlapping terms appointed by either the Governor or the Mayor, grant, revoke and transfer liquor licenses.

The imposition upon the Judges of the duty of regulating the sale of liquor in the city is regarded as having been harmful to the reputation of the bench in the community, said the report.

Declaring the present system of Councils to be cumbersome and inefficient, the committee advocates a Council of a single chamber, to be composed of fifteen members elected at large.

If this is not considered feasible, a second proposition of a single-chamber Council, composed of one representative from each of the wards that would exist under the redistricting, is advanced.

The committee would have Councilmen paid salaries of \$2,500 annually. The chairman of the Finance Committee would receive \$500 a year.

The method by which the assessments of real estate should be made should be determined by Councils, the committee recommended, and for the purpose of enabling Councils to carry out this duty upon the more important functions many of the minor administrative duties that now devolve upon it should be delegated to proper executive departments.

The report of the subcommittee declares that abuses that have existed in the past have not, in the opinion of the committee,

TO RUN SPECIAL TRAINS FOR MUMMERS' PARADE

Railroads Plan to Bring Big Crowds of Visitors Here New Year

MORE PRIZES OFFERED

Leaders Object to Change in Parade Route Because of Burdensome March

Evidence of the spreading fame of the annual mummers' parade is shown by the fact that the railroads will run special excursions to Philadelphia from many nearby cities.

H. Bart McHugh, special agent of Council's New Year Committee, who is organizing the parade, has arranged for a special train which will carry a large delegation of well-known theatrical men from New York here specially for the big parade.

Other delegations are coming from Baltimore, Washington and numerous cities in different parts of this State. Many of these visitors will be the guests of various clubs on Broad street and will view the big parade from the headquarters of these organizations.

Common Councilman John H. Baileys, chairman of Council's New Year Committee, has received numerous communications from business and improvement organizations which wish to offer prizes. These are being compiled and will be announced within a few days.

Many of the prizes are offered with the understanding that the official parade in its entirety will pass in the neighborhoods of the various donors. Such a request would be impossible to grant, as many of the organizations find the present route, as it stands, tests their energy to the utmost.

Any club which desires to march individually to neighborhoods offering special prizes is, of course, at liberty to do so. The captains of the comic and fancy clubs and others wearing long, heavy capes say

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SEES WORK OF JOB

Judge MacNellie accused his opponents of spreading the report of his prospective resignation so that they could hark back to it if the fight came to the point where he would leave the court and say he was going to leave anyway.

The source of the rumor that I would resign is not difficult to find. A part of the court that knows I would rather resign than submit to the step it contemplates is trying to arrange an alibi in advance. But I take this opportunity to say that there never was any truth in that report.

The office Mrs. Rippin is slated for has been vacant since October 1, when Thomas G. Parris resigned. It is potentially a \$5000 job.

"We are waiting for the situation to crystallize," he said. "As soon as anything is determined upon the announcement will be made." From his disparagement of the others who have been mentioned for the place, however, the impression was gained that Mrs. Rippin was Judge Brown's choice.

What stand the advisory committee of the court will take is not yet known. It is reported that there will be some opposition to Mrs. Rippin's appointment from that quarter. Her opponents have nothing to say against her management of the branches she now directs. Their complaint is directed against any plan to place her in charge of juvenile probation.

They assert a woman should not be probation officer over the boys who come to the House of Detention.

The position is properly a man's, they declare. There is also some opposition on the ground that the boys would be brought more closely in contact with the other branches of the Municipal Court. This is denied by those who favor Mrs. Rippin's appointment.

Mrs. Rippin's supporters, it is understood, are determined to force her appointment despite any opposition that might be arrayed against them.

Embryo Journalists Strike

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The senior class of the Pulitzer School of Journalism at Columbia University is on strike. Declaring that they have been overworked by Dr. Talcott Williams, director of the school, its members have refused to take the second examination ordered for them in two days.

British Ship Rammes Fowhatan

FOWHATAN, Va., Dec. 14.—The identity of the vessel that rammes and seriously damaged the Merchants and Miners Steamship Company's Fowhatan last night was disclosed today as the British oil tank steamship Telena. The Fowhatan, wrecked by an explosion that resulted in the collision, is lying half submerged three miles southeast of Thimble Shoals. The passengers and crew were saved by rescue ships that responded to calls for immediate aid.

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