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RADICAL CHANGES **URGED IN CHARTER**

General Committee Approves Recommendations for Revision

REVENUE SYSTEM NEW

The general committee on the revision of the site charter has approved a report of as absorbing the which recommends radical referses in the municipal system of govern-set amounting virtually to an entirely severity charter. The full strength of the proves wing of the Republican Organiza-tions and an understood, is prepared to push an expirate measures through, or the una-vity of them. The most important recommendations of the subcommittees a report would revoke the

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'The imposition upon the Judges of the duty of regulating the sale of liquor in the city by granting, revoking and transferring licenses has been harmful to the reputation of the bench in the community," and the report. Declaring the present system of Councils

to be "cumbersome and inefficient," the com-mittee advocates a Council of a single chamber, to be composed of fifteen mem-

chamber, to be composed of hitsen mem-bers elected at large. If this is not considered feasible, a record proposition of a asingle-chamber Council, composed of one representative from sach of the wards that would exist undat the redistricting, is advanced. The committee would have all Councilmen and the redistricting of the sach

The committee would have all Councilmen paid salaries of \$2500 annually. The chair-man of the Finance Committee would re-eres \$5000 a year. The method by which the assessments of rai estate should be made should be deter-hined by Councils, the committee recom-sended, and for the purpose of enabling formed is to cartie the actuality man its

Councils to center its attention upon its more important functions many of the minor administrative duties that now devalve upon it should be delegated to proper The report of the subcommittee declares

that abuses that have existed in the past have not, in the opinion of the committee

YEAR.'

Changes Advocated for City Government

THE proposed changes in the Bul-litt Charter, under which the municipal government of Philadel-phis is operated, as advocated by the Committee on Revision of the Phila-delphis Charter, follow: 1. Combine the city and county

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appointive. **3.** politics. **4.** Abolish present system of **4.** Abolish present system of

Councils and substitute Council of single chamber, composed of fifteen members. Equalize assessments on real

5. Equalize assessments assessments on real estate and buildings. Revision of revenue system. 6.

7. follow budget system in city

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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 va-rious departments of the city government will be made later, after the heads of the

will be made later, after the heads of the departments have submitted reparts 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 answer-able to any department of the government that handles the finances of the city. Said the remot the report: There should be, in our judgment, a

delegation by the Legislature to the tity delegation of a power of determining the method of arriving at the actual value of the real estate of Philadelphia, and it should be made the duty of the Beard of Re-vision of Taxes to apply the method thus laid down by Councils. It would thus be within the power of Councils, if they saw at to would for a superstance assessment fit, to provide for a separate assessment and different tax rate on land and build

ings. The control of elections, which is now vested in the Board of Registration Com-missioners and the Courts of Common Pleas, should be centralized in one body, the com-

nittee recommends. The committee advocated a board of four election commissioners, to be appointed by the Governor. The terms of the members should overlap, recommended the committee The report of the subcommittee was alganed by all of its members, headed by Thomas Raeburn White, chairman. It was

Pomona Grangers Give Banquet Members of the Pomona Grange of Ches-er and Delaware Counties who are attend-ing the State Grange convention in Philadelphia held a dinner in the City Club last night. Pomona Master Rankin was the toastmaster. The guest of honor was Mrs. Edith Ellfoott Smith, president of the Peunsylvania Rural Progress Association.

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MORE PRIZES OFFERED

Leaders Object to Change in Parade Route Because of Burden-

some March Evidence of the spreading fame of the innual mummers' parade is shown by the fact that the ratiroads will run special excursions to Philadelphia from many

nearby cities. These proposed pilgrimages are being advertised in New York, Baltinore and other citles.

organizations.

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 or-ganizations find the present route, as it

stands, tests their energy to the utmost. Any club which desires to march indi-vidually 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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Balks at Woman

for Court Job

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probation officer, f shall resist such probation officer, I shall resist such efforts with determination. We have as thorough-working, ef-ficient and economically conducted a system as there is in this country. There is no reason either for spoiling it or making it more expensive to the taxpayers. taxpayers. 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 avrange an alibit in advance. But I take this oppor-tualty to say that there never was any truth in that report.

SEES WORK OF FOE

SEES WORK OF FOE Judge MacNeille 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. His friends say that if his disapproval of the appointment of Mrs. Rippin is overridden by her backers he will fight it out to the end, and if unsuccessful, will resign.

vill resign. The office Mrs. Hippin is slated for has seen vacant since October 1, when Thomas 7. Parris resigned. It is potentially a \$5000

that it is too great a burden to continue that it is too great a burden to concluding the regular route, which extends on Broad street from Porter to Girard avenue. Residents of North Broad street are endeavoring to have the official route extends on the street for the clubs, it is said, favor follow-ing this plan should prizes be offered. Up to the present time twenty-eight clubs have obtained permits from Sergeant Harry Date.

situation, say Judge MacNella's opponents are so determined to have Mrs. Rippin ap-pointed that they would readily agree to his resignation if they had to choose be-tween the two.

For a long time, opponents of Mrs. Rip-pin say, Judge Brown has had his eye on the \$5000 chief probationship in the Juvenile Court. Judge Brown does not ad-mit that Mrs. Rippin is slated for the

we are walling for the situation to crystalling," 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. Hippin was Judge Brown's choice.

"NOT WOMAN'S JOH"

"NOT WOMAN'S JOH" What stand the advisory committee of the court will take is not yet known. It is reported that there will be some oppo-sition 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 pro-hation officer over the boys who come to the House of Detention. The nosition is promerly a man's they

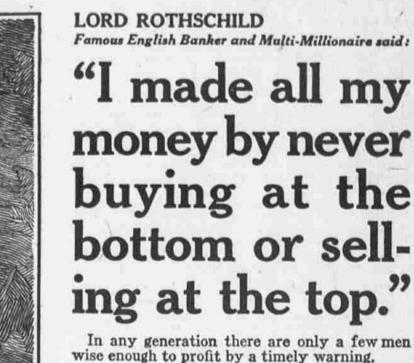
The position is properly a man's, they declare. There is also some opposition on the ground that the boys would be brought more closely into contact with the other branches of the Municipal Court. This is denied by those who favor Mrs. Rippin's appointment.

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

Embrys Journalists Strike NEW YORK, Dec. 14 .--- The senior class of the Puliteer School of Journalism at Columbia University is on strike. Declaring that they have been overworked by Dr. Talcott Williams, director of the school, examination ordered for them in two days. The faculty of the school mat yesterday to consider what steps should be taken in deal-ing with the rebellion. its members have refused to take the second

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Common Councilman John H. Baisley, chairman of Councils New Year Commit-tes, has received numerous communications from business and improvement organiza-tions which wish to offer prizes. These are being compiled and will be announced within



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