

### BLAMES HIGH RENTS ON FEE-GRABBERS

Gable Hits Waste in County Offices at Meeting of Republican Women

### COMBINE MEN SPEAK

Rents are boosted through high taxes and high taxes exist because of municipal conditions similar to fee-grabbing in the office of Register of Wills where \$350,000 has gone into the private treasury of the holder, Vivian Frank Gable told an audience at a meeting held by the Republican Women of Philadelphia County last night.

Mr. Gable, who is the Voters League candidate for Register of Wills, spoke with two of his running mates and two contractor-combine candidates. The meeting was in the courtyard of the Republican Women's headquarters at 21 South Eighteenth street. More than 500 women were present.

Besides Mr. Gable the speakers were Colonel George E. Kemp, Voters League candidate for Receiver of Taxes; W. Freeland Kendrick, combine candidate for registration in that office; Arthur G. Graham, Voters League can-

didate for City Treasurer, and W. H. Hadley, combine candidate for re-election to the city controllership.

Mrs. Bessie Dobson Altemus presided. She asked the women to listen with unprejudiced minds to all the speakers.

**Kemp Asks Women to Aid**

Colonel Kemp was the first speaker. He said that it was up to the women to take "the curse of Philadelphia as a city of corrupt politics."

"You can accomplish in building up with the ballot," he said, "what has been destroyed in the past by knocking, vilification and mud-slinging."

Mr. Hadley came next, and told how he had been in the Controller's office for ten years, and he praised the late Controller Walton for his twenty-five years of service. He said that a fifty-cent reduction in the tax rate could be accomplished through co-operation of the Mayor and Council by cutting down on the budget.

Next came Mr. Kendrick. He said he wasn't a politician, because he was never a ward or a division leader. Then he explained how he had cut down the cost of collecting taxes, and he boasted that he had collected double the taxes of any of his predecessors at one-half the cost. He also pointed out that when he came into office people had to stand in long lines to pay their taxes, and that he had eliminated that.

**Gable Hits Contractor Bosses**

Mr. Gable followed Mr. Kendrick. "It isn't the matter of collecting double the taxes at one-half the cost that counts so much," he said. "What would interest the people of Philadel-

phia far more would be to have half the taxes at whatever it costs to collect them. The issue here is not a matter of bookkeeping. The issue is clear cut. It is the elimination of the contractor bosses from control of the county offices."

"The incumbent of the office of Register of Wills has received \$350,000 in fees over and above his salary. In the absence of definite figures I have been told that that is the amount and it never has been denied."

"Now if those fees were not pocketed, but were turned into the treasury where they belong it would mean a reduction in taxes. And a reduction in taxes would mean a reduction in rents. And a reduction in rents means a reduction in the drain on the pocketbooks of each and every one of you. That is good housekeeping. That is what we want in the public offices of Philadelphia."

In contrast to the fee-grabbing propensities of the combine officeholders, we have the Administration of Mayor Moore. He has made a good beginning in saving \$250,000 on the street cleaning in two districts this year.

"By a little mental arithmetic, you can figure easily what a saving that will mean in the city when all of the streets are cleaned by the city forces."

**Mr. Graham urged upon the women the necessity of registering and asked them to do all in their power to get the voters to the polls next Saturday to have their names on the rolls of those qualified to participate in the primary on September 20.**

"One reason why the women are not registering," he said, "came to us at the Voters League yesterday. It seems that some of the women think that the registration lists are used for the empanelling of juries. That is not true. It is the assessors' lists that are so used. Each and every woman's name in the city is on the assessor's lists, or should be, as well as every man's. You will not escape jury duty by not registering."

**Marcus Hook to Plan Memorial**

After a long delay and much talk the citizens of Marcus Hook will assemble at call of Chief Burgess Goff this evening to help decide the question of a suitable memorial marker for men who gave their lives in the World War. It has been the desire that this memorial be ready for unveiling on Armistice Day.

**STANDARDIZED CITY PAY ASKED BY RESEARCH BODY**

**Bureau Wants Council to Provide Fund for Equalization**

Standardization of city salaries to insure equal work for equal pay was suggested today by the Bureau of Municipal Research, with a recommendation that funds be given the Civil Service Commission for that task.

The bureau, in its weekly bulletin, traced the slow progress made toward standardization since 1914. Finally, in 1920, acting under a mandate of the New Charter, the Civil Service Commission undertook the work and made a report which was ignored, the bureau stated.

"In February of this year," the bulletin continued, "the Mayor appointed a committee of his Cabinet to make recommendations on the salary and wage situation, but the work of this committee contributed nothing constructive. Council itself disregarded the committee's recommendations and tackled the problem in its own way."

Subsequently, the bureau said, Council held a series of public hearings on the subject. The result was that moderate increases in pay were recommended for 1310 low-paid positions. The necessary ordinance was adopted and the increases became effective as of August 1 of this year.

In conclusion, the bureau declared that the obvious next step is to give the commission the funds it needs for the purpose and then to refer the entire problem back to the commission for further report.

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**Politicians Think Mayor's Ax Will Keep Swinging**

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