

**GRUENBERG URGES CITY-MANAGER IDEA**

Head of Research Bureau Would Lodge All Legislative Power in Commission

**TO END "DEADLOCKING"**

A city manager for Philadelphia, to act under a small commission and direct the administrative functions of the municipality was proposed today by Frederick P. Gruenberg, director of the Bureau of Municipal Research. Gruenberg's proposal was evoked by the editorial of Monday in the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER, which pointed to the necessity of a change in the present system of government for Philadelphia, and also by Mayor Moore's suggestion of a commission as a method of ridding the city of the deadlock between the city Administration and the Combine-controlled Council.

Incidentally, the editorial and the Mayor's suggestion aroused widespread discussion. Some of those who worked for the enactment of the new City Charter argued that this instrument be given a longer trial before a change is made. This is certain, independent and organization men have begun to think about the subject in preparation for the next election. The commission, which may be called on to change the form of the Philadelphia City Government.

**Varetes Are Satisfied**  
While independent generally plan to "think it over," organization leaders, headed by Senator Vane, flatly doubt the need for any change. They are satisfied with the present situation. The Varetes of view are set forth in these words: "The commission form of government does not do very well in small towns, to say nothing of what would happen in a big city like Philadelphia. Besides, it provides no check as does the present system where Council checks the Mayor and the Mayor checks Council."

**Expert Manager Needed**  
"The letter plan is to have a city manager working under the commission. He should be a technical man, equipped to manage and direct the engineering and administrative functions. The commission should run out the broad policies and provide the funds; the technician should work out the details. The city manager should hold office for an indefinite term and should be free to appoint his department heads and other employees, under, of course, a civil service system, freed from politics. These employees should be answerable to the city manager and not to the commission or legislative body."

Mr. Gruenberg explained that the city manager should be, virtually, a permanent employee holding office throughout good changes in the legislative body or commission. This would insure a continuity of administrative policy and program and divorce the city business from changing politics.

He was asked if politics could not be introduced under the city manager by reason of pressure from the commission. Mr. Gruenberg said he felt that the public spotlight would be directed so conspicuously on the city manager and all his work and actions that the politicians would not dare, unless they were utterly reckless of public opinion, to try force political action.

"Two hundred and thirty cities in the United States," said Director Gruenberg, "have the city-manager system. Dayton, O., is one of them. Sacramento, Calif., has just adopted the system. Cleveland, a large city, is now considering the plan."

Councilman James A. Develin, independent, was of the opinion that the matter of modern and efficient government was one for the people to decide when they came to elect men to office.

"To be come back," said Mr. Develin, "to the letter plan is a matter of men and not of machinery."

Thomas Raeburn White, chairman of the sub-committee on Charter Revision, and one of the foremost advocates of the new Charter when that question was before the Legislature, and Franklin Spencer Edmonds, who was chairman of the Voters' League Campaign Committee, said that the subject was too important for discussion at this time. Both, however, are keenly interested in the whole big question.

**Satisfied With City Government**

The present form of government is defended by men who were conspicuous in the movement which yielded a new Charter.

"I believe we have the best form of government now," said Powell Evans, a manufacturer, who was secretary of the Charter Committee.

"If the City Council tomorrow automatically became a city commission, I think we would have the same difficulties. We are doing better under the present Charter than we did under the Bullitt Charter. Self-control and intelligence on the part of the Mayor and Council would go a great way toward making conditions still better."

"Suppose we had a commission form of government here," Mr. Evans continued. "The commission would choose a city manager. The things the city manager could do would be limited by the commission and the same difficulties would arise."

William Drepper Lewis, dean of the University of Pennsylvania Law School, who was a member of the sub-committee which drafted the Charter, believes conditions will not be helped by changing the form of government.

"The trouble with the present situation in Philadelphia," said Dr. Lewis, "cannot be remedied by a change from one form of government to another. It will be remedied when those in responsible positions in the city government look at the interests of the city and not at their own political future, or the future of a party organization."

Philadelphia now has the nearest practicable approach to a commission form of government, said James Collins Jones, lawyer and charter committee member.

The commission form, he added, is in an experimental stage, and is not adapted to the needs of a large city. Mr. Jones said he did not believe a commission government could be obtained for this city, or that it would be practicable.

**TAX CUT IS APPEALED**  
Gloucester Assessors Object to Reduction for Pusey & Jones Co.  
A rule to show cause why a writ of certiorari should not be allowed has been asked in the appeal of the Gloucester Board of Assessors, against a reduction of \$225,000 tax assessment on the Pusey & Jones Company, made by the Camden County Board of Taxation. The reduction was granted on personal assessment at the Gloucester shipyard of the company.

A total of \$805,000 was the assessment on the machinery at the shipyard. The company asks \$305,000 reduction because the machinery lies idle.

**Wills and Inventories Filed**  
Three wills were admitted to probate today. They are those of Martin A. Glass, 638 North Forty-fourth street; \$7000; Charles O. Hendon, 1327 North Fifty-eighth street, \$6300; and George Volshacker, 2033 East Dauphin street, \$10100.

Inventories of the following personal estates were filed: Charles S. Simmers, \$8865.60; Emily S. Heywood, \$5087.18; Clara V. Armstrong, \$11,923.00; Mrs. Good, \$11,207.23.

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**SEES DEMOCRATS AS HOPE OF CITY**

Strong Minority Party Only Way to Improve Politics, Sterrett Says at Rally

**BONNIWELL HITS SCHAFER**

A strong minority party is needed in Philadelphia to assure municipal progress, several speakers asserted last night at Democratic rallies in various parts of the city.

Because of the preponderance of the Republican vote here, campaigns never rise any higher than struggles between factions, said Robert J. Sterrett, Democratic candidate for District Attorney, who spoke at the Fifteenth Ward Jefferson Club, Corinthian avenue and Brown street.

"A big issue like the street railway situation is glossed over with virtually no attention in an important political campaign," Mr. Sterrett declared. "This is true, although the Mayor has been trying to negotiate a lease for the Frankford elevated. There are other big issues which also are scrupulously avoided."

Mr. Sterrett, who formerly was Assistant United States Attorney in this city, continued that it is hopeless to expect an improvement through the medium of reform within the Republican party. The only hope of the city lies in building up the Democratic party, he said.

Democratic rallies also were held at Twenty-sixth and Cumberland streets; at Toga Hall, Twentieth and Toga streets; at 5907 North Broad street, and in the Thirty-ninth Ward, where Democratic women met at Ninth and Jackson streets.

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"William I. Schaffer is not only a beneficiary of this illegal and unjustified increase, but he was one of the chief conspirators in arranging for it. He is the author of the notorious Sedition Bill, the provisions of which, as drafted by him, would absolutely crush and destroy the rights of workmen's organizations, or, indeed, those of any citizens opposed to the present machine government."

"It would make a criminal out of any man who criticized any act of any official of this Administration. Fraud, corruption, bribery might brazenly flaunt itself, but the private citizen who undertook to denounce it would stand within peril of the Schaffer Sedition Act. The man who rented a hall for such a meeting would be a criminal and there would be an end of free speech in Pennsylvania, if this man, with his narrow partisan servility, is elevated to the Supreme bench."

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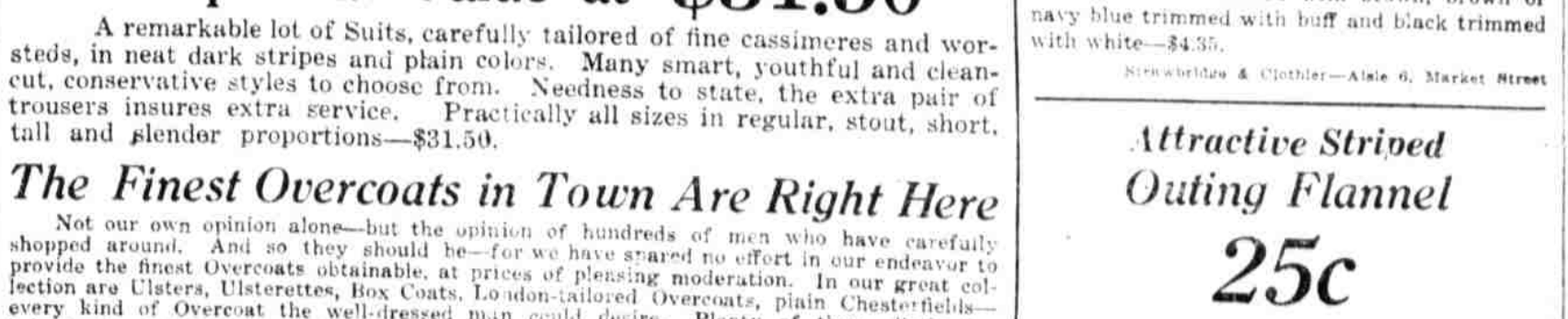
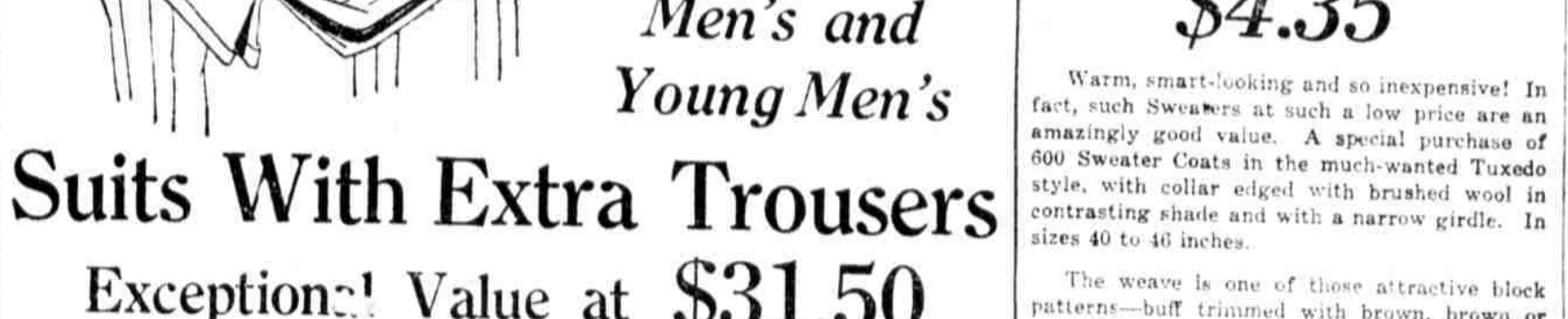
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