

ASSESSORS BEGIN DECEMBER LISTING At Same Time Voters' League Charges Attempts to Pad or Shrink Figures

SEES ORGANIZATION PLOT

Work of the city assessors, who started on the December assessments today, will be watched with interest because of charges made by the Voters' League that the assessors lists either have been padded or "shrunk" in an alleged effort on the part of the Organization to elect and control a majority of the members of Council.

After a study of the assessors' activities in every ward and every economic district, Frank M. Ritter, chairman of the League, asserts that the assessments and the counts after assessments have been "deliberately falsified."

Mr. Ritter said today that many phases of the assessors' problem will be presented to the public later, but that this much has been made public because the entire assessment is determining the representation in Council.

Two recommendations are made by the League. One is for amendment by the Legislature of the figures, and the other is for the assessors to make their appointments by the County Commissioners instead of elective by popular vote as at present.

Mr. Ritter told how the lists had been padded or shrunk according to the political tendencies of the districts counted. Under the terms of the new City Charter, no women are voting, and a Councilman is to be elected for each 40,000 of assessed voters.

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For instance in the Lincolnton, Montgomery and Wiegman districts, comprising the Fifteenth, Twenty-eighth, Twenty-ninth, Thirty-second and Forty-seventh Wards, the assessors list 100,001 assessed voters to enable it to be again entitled to elect three Councilmen; or, in other words, to retain its present representation in City Council.

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RICH BANKER WEDS EX-SHOPGIRL



Above is the pretentious Shamokin home of George H. Graeber, wealthy banker, who slipped away last week and married a former shopgirl, years his junior. Below is the bride's home, where the banker did his recent wooing.

George H. Graeber, 66, Surprises Family by Bringing Home Young Bride IS GRANDFATHER OF 14

By a Staff Correspondent Shamokin, Pa., Dec. 4.—Shamokin's wealthiest resident, a banker and coal operator, George H. Graeber, sixty-six years old, father of ten children and grandfather of fourteen more, announced today that he had married Miss Rosa Van Zant, a young woman of slender means and half his age, a former shop girl whom the directory lists as "housekeeper" at the residence of her father, Mr. Graeber is a member of the Manufacturers' Club of Philadelphia and is well known there.

Mr. Graeber is the money king of Shamokin. His father was a power here before him, and prior to the war founded Shamokin's National Bank. The present George H. Graeber is interested in nearly every bank in town and is one of the owners of the Greenough Coal Company. Several of his ten children are older than his wife.

For a long time Mr. Graeber has been quietly slipping away from the town, leaving behind him a large fortune in real estate and other property. He is now in the postoffice, and two persons were standing by who did not know him. They were talking about his father, and one of them said: "Well, you would have thought that that Rosa Van Zant would get him."

At 11 o'clock he walked into St. Edward's Church with Miss Van Zant and was married by Monsignor Hassel. The only attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Gable, friends of Mr. Graeber. When the ceremony was over, the bride and groom left for their honeymoon. He said he might go to Atlantic City and might go to Florida. His family admit they do not know just where he is.

At 84 East Sunbury street is the little house where Miss Van Zant and her mother and brother lived. It is an attractive little house, stuck on the end of that long row—one room wide and three rooms high, with just enough space across its front for a single window and a door.

It was Mrs. Van Zant who answered the bell, a slender gray-haired woman in dark blue gingham dress and apron and a gray striped waist, sleeves rolled up and the hair pinned back. She was up past the elbows, and the soap suds were still on her hands. Her husband, who died fifteen years ago, was a railroad workman.

Expected the Wedding "Sure, I didn't mind Rosa marrying him," the mother said, "but I guess maybe his family wished he didn't get married. You know how it is. How many a son-in-law that's been taken away from his father's home."

ASK FULL POWERS IN DAUGHERTY CASE

House Committee Seeks Authority to Summon Witnesses and Obtain Papers

REACH DECISION AFTER ROW

Washington, Dec. 4.—The House Judiciary Committee decided today to ask the House for authority to subpoena witnesses and to obtain papers requested by Representative Keller, Republican, Minnesota, in prosecuting his impeachment charges against Attorney General Daugherty.

In taking this step the committee acceded to the plea of Mr. Keller, who had contended he could not proceed unless he had possession of papers from the Department of Justice and could force the attendance of witnesses.

Mr. Keller was requested by the chairman to submit a list of the documents desired. Mr. Keller replied that with favorable House action on the committee request he would be ready with his case next week.

Formal reply to the charges filed against him has been prepared by Attorney General Daugherty. Answering categorically the fourteen specifications submitted in the Keller charges, Mr. Daugherty's reply, as summarized in the Department of Justice statement, declared, in reference particularly to Mr. Keller's demand for access to department documents, that there is shown to be arranged behind the move for attachment "certain radical leaders seeking to serve notice upon every future Attorney General that if he dares enforce the laws of the United States against such objectionable and unscrupulous persons as the present Attorney General, he will be subjected to the penalty of attempted impeachment."

Joined in the move with these, as asserted, were "the profiteers, the grafters, the so-called war defrauders, who sought by unscrupulous and unscrupulous means to gain knowledge of what those charged with bringing them to justice have secured as the result of the Government's interests and those of individuals who have served faithfully and honestly on the part of the Department of Justice stands ready to meet Mr. Keller's demand for access to department documents. To do so in certain important matters now in preparation for presentation to the proper authorities he would be highly injurious to the interests of the people."

U. S. 1924 Budget to Be \$3,180,000,000 Continued from Page One some further reduction undoubtedly would result from a reorganization of the Government. The President said this alone would not affect such a material cut in operating costs as would justify the expenditure of hope for a considerable lessening of expenditures in the years to come.

Federal Aid Increasing Taking up the question of Federal aid, the executive declared that this was a rapidly broadening field of expenditure and that there was a question as to how far the Government should participate in it. He added that it did not pertain to the normal functions or operations of the business Government.

Surplus Indicated in Summary The summary of the budget for 1924 as given to Congress shows an estimated excess of receipts over expenditures next year of \$180,960,125, as compared with an estimated deficit of \$207,938,712 for this fiscal year.

Estimated expenditures of \$3,160,848,254 for 1924, which are exclusive of the postal service, compare with estimated appropriations of \$3,079,887,331 for the same period. Mr. Harding explained that the expenditures would represent cash withdrawals from the Treasury, including some on account of appropriations in previous years.

Another deficit in postal operations was forecast for this year, but Mr. Harding said it was estimated that through proper readjustments there would be a surplus of postal revenues over expenditures in 1924 amounting to \$302,430. For this year postal costs were placed at \$559,906,841, or an estimated deficiency of \$31,502,570, as compared with an actual deficiency of \$1,500,000.

EVIDENCE MISSING AT CHANDLER TRIAL

State Announces Important Book Cannot Be Found as Jury Is Sworn

BOOK LISTED SECURITIES

The loss of an important piece of documentary evidence in the Commonwealth's case against Fred T. Chandler, Jr., and Earl T. Mendenhall was revealed today at the beginning of their second trial for fraudulent conversion and embezzlement.

This was the "safe keeping" book, a book in which were entered securities given into the Chandler firm's custody for safe keeping. The book has been in the custody of Willard P. Barrows, trustee in bankruptcy, and his associate, William Koran. The latter was taken to the bar of the court by Assistant District Attorney Fox, who is prosecuting, and explained that he had searched for the book three times, but could not find it.

Joseph Gillilan, attorney for the accused men, demanded to know why Mr. Fox was pursuing this course so early in the trial—almost immediately after the jury had been completed and sworn in. Mr. Fox replied that he wished to serve notice on the defendants that if necessary an attachment would be issued for the missing book.

Mr. Fox also announced that he would try the present case on but one count of the indictment. The two defendants are being tried on one of nine remaining indictments, this one concerning the fraudulent conversion of \$2500 worth of oil stocks.

Mr. Fox will try the defendants for but one detail of this indictment, namely that the plaintiff had lost fifty shares of the stock worth \$800. This move was made for the purpose of forestalling an attempt to raise the issue to Clark, Childs & Co., as the Chandler attorneys wish to do.

The jury was selected in forty-five minutes and the brokers entered a plea of not guilty.

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Advertisement for Heinz Mince Meat, featuring the text 'The best ever Heinz Mince Meat makes the best mince pie ever...' and an image of a woman's face.

Advertisement for Berklely Knitwear, featuring the text 'For washing fine silverware' and '20 MULE TEAM BORAX' with an image of a woman's face.

Advertisement for R. J. Cook, Former Philadelphia Editor and Coach, Dead, with details of his funeral and a notice for a job opening.

Advertisement for J.E. Caldwell & Co., featuring 'Exquisite Gifts' and 'Diamond Bracelet Watches'.

Advertisement for Jacob Reed's Sons, featuring 'Quality Knits' and 'The smartness of Berklely Knits'.