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Those testimonials from the commission form cities are clinchers.

Under the commission charter we will have no more squabbles between city boards.

The "Three-King" bomb rebounded and exploded in the ranks of its throwers.

The taxpayer and voter needn't expect the politician to give up without a bitter struggle.

The voters of Charlotte are beginning to do a little thinking on their own account and they are beginning also to sit up and take notice.

Money that is wasted under the present system of government will be used to place permanent improvements in your section under the commission form of government.

None of the active advocates of the commission form contemplate running for office. Can that be said of the advocates of the new aldermanic charter or of the present system?

The registration books close the 15th. It's mighty easy to put it off and finally forget it, but don't. It's now or not for years for the commission charter.

Most of our people are interested to some extent in the tariff, but very few are losing any sleep over the prospective burden to be imposed by the income tax.

Cities under the commission form of government pay for their permanent improvements from current revenues. The city of Charlotte under the old system has never been able to pay current expenses with current revenues, as attest several hundred thousand dollars of outstanding bonds for which the city has nothing to show.

President Wilson is not only breaking precedents, but he is establishing some. Think of a President of the United States having a message to Congress that can be delivered in eight minutes! The chances are 10 to 1 that that message will have more effect than some of the Colonel's long-winded dissertations or President Taft's equally voluminous communications.

Pittsburg, Detroit, Cincinnati and other cities that have been graft-ridden and disgraced by exposures of corrupt practices have been under the aldermanic form of government with large boards of aldermen. It is easier to keep tab on a commission of three than on 45 members of sundry boards and under the commission charter a man can be yanked out of office by the recall if he shows either incompetence or any inclination to abuse the power that is centered in him.

One of the strong points of commission government in all the cities that have tried it is that all the people have a voice in the selection of every commissioner. Under the aldermanic system each voter casts a ballot for one or two aldermen and he is helpless so far as the other aldermen are concerned. Candidates in other wards may be thieves and robbers but he can do nothing. And then after the election he can look on and see the city wrecked but he is helpless. This is not true under the commission charter.

It's a pretty safe proposition that Charlotte is not going to vote any more bonds except for school purposes. It has already been demonstrated that under the present system of government there is so much waste that it is impossible to provide permanent improvements from current revenues. On the other hand the commission cities have demonstrated with equal force that they do provide improvements from current revenues and reduce the tax rate while doing it.

Who will the commissioners be? The opponents of the commission form are telling the voters that certain advocates of the commission form will be candidates. These very men who have been mentioned have stated emphatically that they would not consider being candidates. The editor of The Chronicle has heard only two names mentioned in addition to the two or three gentlemen referred to above and for the life of him he doesn't know whether these two men are for or against the commission form.

BLOWING HOT AND COLD. Some of the opponents of the commission government are telling the voters of the city that the commission charter to be voted upon for Charlotte is not a sure enough, true blue commission form charter. A well known lawyer, a former city attorney, in discussing the matter with the editor of The Chronicle based his opposition upon the fact that the charter is copied from other commission cities. "We should draw our own charter to suit ourselves," he said. Here you are. Some of the opponents of the charter telling the voters that the charter is not similar to those which have proven so wonderfully successful in other cities and others kicking because it really is similar.

As a matter of fact the charter is practically a duplicate of the Des Moines charter, which has been copied by more cities than any other variation of the original Galveston plan. The plan provides that all the commissioners shall be elected at large—that is that every voter in the city shall have a voice in the selection of every man. It provides that the people themselves shall pass upon all franchises and bond issues, thus very materially restricting the power without lessening the responsibilities of the officials. It provides for the recall so that if the voters of the city for any reason decide that a commissioner is not capable or reliable he can be taken out. It distinctly specifies the duties, responsibilities and authority of the commission and of each commissioner so that there can be no dilly-dallying, delays and confusion regarding public affairs that demand immediate attention.

Under the present system no official of the city can clearly define his duties and responsibilities. The form is so cumbersome that a citizen with a complaint or a suggestion sometimes spends days and even weeks trying to find out who is the right official or board to take the matter up and often he can find no one who will assume the responsibility. Under the present form or the new aldermanic charter an alderman is elected by a few voters and he depends upon personal friendship and pull in his own little ward to land him in office. He does not have to go before the people of the city as a whole and stand on his character and ability. Under either of the aldermanic forms the people have no voice in the giving or selling of franchises and may have big debts contracted without having the matter submitted to them.

The commission form as proposed for Charlotte has never failed in any of the 243 cities that have tried it, or they would have returned to the old form. The aldermanic form has failed in Charlotte and in hundreds of other cities and is being abandoned by all cities that are not boss-ridden and run absolutely by the politicians. The politicians are against the commission form as a matter of course. The taxpayers of the city and those citizens who are interested in the economical administration and development of the city are for it as a matter of course.

PARK PLACES. As the city grows the subject of parks and playgrounds for children, and open air spaces for the whole population becomes more and more important, and more and more difficult. It seems a pity that the city should have lost the opportunity to get possession for park purposes of that little triangle of land on East avenue now occupied by the new Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. It certainly looks as though the old cemetery back of the First Presbyterian Church might be opened up, ornamented and beautified and used as a park as well as a graveyard. Over in Seversville there is a little triangle at the junction of the Alexander home and the Seversville road that certainly ought to be taken possession of and parked. If left out it will be nothing but a dusty roadway, and there is plenty of roadway left if it should be taken and parked. Vance Park and the balance of the government mint property might be parked to great advantage.

At other points in the city there are little spaces not now taken care of that might well be dedicated to parks and playgrounds. For instance there is a part of the waterworks yard. There seems no reason why this should not be fitted up and turned to the use of the people, except what is necessary for the waterworks.

The most violent and active opponents of the commission form of government for Charlotte are men who are wanting an office under the present form or the new aldermanic form. Benjamin Franklin warned the people of this country scores of years ago to beware of the man with an axe to grind.

The commission form of government transfers the reins of government from the politicians to the people and puts the responsibility and power of administration on a pedestal where it can be watched by all.

Straight at it. There is no use of our "beating around the bush." We might as well out with it first as last. We want you to try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the next time you have a cough or cold. There is no reason so far as we can see why you should not do so. This preparation by its remarkable cures has gained a world wide reputation, and people everywhere speak of it in the highest terms of praise. For sale by all dealers.

Last Chance to See the Great Picture "From the Manger to the Cross" In order to have every one in the city see it, the price for today will be 10 CENTS AT THE PRINCESS.

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Stops Nasal Discharge, Clears Stuffed Head, Heals Inflamed Air Passages and You Breathe Freely. Try "Ely's Cream Balm." Get a small bottle anyway, just to try. Apply a little in the nostrils and instantly your clogged nose and stopped-up air passages of the head will open; you will breathe freely; dullness and headache disappear. By morning the catarrh, cold in head or catarrhal sore throat will be gone.

MR. SCOTT A MEMBER ACCOUNTANT BOARD Charlotte Man Honored By Appointment to Office Which Legislature Created

The last Legislature enacted a law creating a State board of accountancy, to be composed of four members, appointed by the Governor, three of which shall be public accountants and one an attorney. According to a Raleigh dispatch the Governor has appointed as one of the members, Mr. G. G. Scott of this city, who is a widely known accountant of the State. The other members are Mr. J. D. Hightower of Greensboro, Mr. M. R. Lynch of High Point and Mr. David Stern of Greensboro.

Could Not Sleep on Account of Kidney Trouble I have been a resident of Coudersport for thirty years. My age is 52, and I wish to testify to the wonderful results of the use of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root. I have used it off and on in my family for the past twelve years, and always with immediate benefit.

Letter to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. Prove What Swamp-Root Will Do For You. Send to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample bottle. It will convince anyone. You will receive a booklet of valuable information, telling all about the kidneys and bladder. When writing, be sure and mention The Charlotte Evening Chronicle. Regularly one-cent and one-dollar size bottles for sale at all drug stores.

How Much Milk Do You Drink? And where do you buy your milk? Two vital questions, as both have to do with your good health. The solution is—drink at least "A Quart-a-Day" and buy from a modern, sanitary dairy.

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the nostrils; penetrates and heals the inflamed, swollen membrane which lines the nose, head and throat; clears the air passages; stops nasal discharges and a feeling of cleanliness, soothing relief comes immediately. Don't lay awake tonight struggling for breath, with head stuffed; nostrils closed, "hawking" and blowing Catarrh of the cold, with its running nose, foul mucous dripping into the throat, and raw dryness is distressing but truly needless.

ANNUAL INSPECTION OF FIFTH COMPANY Local Militia Visited Yesterday By Higher Officials of State Guard

Capt. Thomas Stringfield, inspector-general for the State of North Carolina, Capt. C. F. Harris of the Ordnance office connected with the United States Arsenal at Augusta, Ga., and Capt. A. Gracie, inspector-instructor for the coast artillery of North Carolina, with headquarters at Raleigh, spent Tuesday in the city on the annual inspection of the Fifth Company, Coast Artillery Capt. W. M. Robey in command.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Southern Loan & Savings Bank at Charlotte, in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business, April 4, 1913.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Merchants & Farmers National Bank at Charlotte, in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business, April 4, 1913.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Independence Trust Co. at Charlotte, in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business, April 4, 1913.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE First National Bank at Charlotte, in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business, April 4, 1913.

NEW GOLF COURSE NOW BEING BUILT Work has begun on the construction of the new 18-hole golf course at the Mecklenburg Country Club. The first work is being done on the present nine holes which are being revised so as to fit in harmoniously with the new nine upon which construction will start as soon as this is completed.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE American Trust Company at Charlotte, in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business, April 4, 1913.

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COMMISSION COMMITTEE TO HOLD MEETING TONIGHT The commission charter committee will hold an important meeting tonight in the offices of the Parker-Gardner Company on West Trade Street. A number of matters of business interest are to engage the attention of the committees in going about their respective duties and it is urged that as many as can possibly attend be present for the work of the evening.

Cough Medicine for Children. Too much care cannot be used in selecting a cough medicine for children. It should be pleasant to take, contain no harmful substance and be most effective.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Union National Bank at Charlotte, in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business, April 4, 1913.

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Best for Skin Diseases. Nearly every skin disease yields quick and permanent relief to Buckle's Arnica Salve, and nothing is better for burning, itching, or chafed skin.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Commercial National Bank at Charlotte, in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business, April 4, 1913.

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