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On behalf of the water commissionare of such a city, I say to His Honor, dayor Franklin, give us:

1. A sufficient water supply.

2. A complete system of sewerage.

3. A law compelling and enforcing empection to water and sewer.

4. A frontage charge.

5. A lien for our water bills.

And in turn, we will give a fair and reasonable water rais, we will say our bonded debt, and, if it is ingred by the people, we will, in line, materially reduce if not entirely liquidate the total debt of the lity.

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On behalf of the water commissioners of such a city. I say to His Honor, have Franking, give m:

1. A sufficient water supply.
2. A complete patient of severage.
3. A law compelling and enforcing connection to water and sever.
4. A lien for our water bills.
And in turn, we will give a fair and responsible water raig, we will pay our bonded dobt, and, if a lad desired by the people, we will, it imme, materially reduce if not entire it iquidate the total debt of the city.

MR. CUTCHIN'S ADDRESS, Mayor Joel H Cutchin, of Roanoke, Va. at the afternoon session spoke on "Centralisation of Responsibility as the Best Form of Municipal Government." He said:

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the League;

The multiplicity and growth of cities is the United States within the short period of time since America was discovered, with the continued trend toward the congregation of the people in cities and towns, has brought to the attention of all serious and right chinking people, problems; the solving of which will require research, experience, intelligence, capacity, patience and honesty of a high order. It may be possible to and right chinking people, problems; the solving of which will require research, experience, intelligence, capacity, patience and honesty of a high order. It may be possible to have most thorough scientific and satisfactory sanitation, most excellent public utilities, a satisfactory system of taustion, and all the other accessories necessary and proper to make a city an inviting location for business or residence from the standpoint of convenience; and still such a community may be hadly governed, and have an inefficient, incompetent, negligent or dishonest municipal government, regard as all important, including the mayor or chief officer of a pointment or election to a city office, will be eliminated in the selection of manicipal government. Honesty and a recognition of the responsibility resting slike upon the various municipal officials and the electorate will produce a reasonably satisfactory administration of municipal affairs under almost any form of government. Where the electorate is lacking in civic pride and fails to recognize the duffes of citisenship, it is only natural that selinsh interest, dishonesty, desire for power, and an opportunity for graft should be encouraged to take possession of so inviting a field as a city government. Especially is this tire when a city has many offices and special privileges under its control, together with the collection and disbursement of large revenues.

No matter what may be said of the defects of government, whether national, State, or municipal, it can not included that no plan which I can devise, or have ever been able to think out, matter what may be said of the defects of government, whether national, State, or municipal, it can not included that no plan which I can devise, or have ever been able to think out, matter what may be said of the defects of government, whether national, State, or municipal, it can not include the course of the produce of the course of the course of the legislative branch. The light produce is the course of the legislative branc

efects of government, whether na-onal, State, or municipal, it can not a denied that every government is be denied that every government is just as good as the people make it, and it may be also said with equal truth, is just as good as the people deserve. The responsibility of citizenship properly met, the duties owed to one's government properly performed, with an honest intention stripped of all mercenary motives—good government—the best government possible will be attained.

THE COMMISSION FORM. Much has been said about the com-Much has been said about the commission form of government; many
discussions and arguments had 'pro
and con as to its advantages over the
prevailing form of municipal government composed of mayor and city
council; with varying opinions as to
what is best; with the matter still
unsettled. The consensus of opinion
seems to be that the majority of
those studying and pursuing the different forms of government, are more
or less inclined to the belief or opinfon that the respective form of govion that the respective form of gov-ernment, which one represents, is the best. The mayors and is the best. The mayors and city councils contend that theirs

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THE POLITICAL RING.

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is the best, and commissioners, members of boards of control, and representatives of what is known as the Galveston and Des Moines plans, contend that they have solved the problem and their plan is the best, and all are ready and willing to stand up and advocate such plans as the local form of municipal government. Is it not well to ask just here if there is not a degree of self impor-tance, coupled with a lack of experi-

our municipal and other courts to deal more efficiently with young delinquents, to the end that they may be prevented from becoming criminals.

BANQUET LAST ACT.

As a fitting finale to the splendid convention of cach form of municipal government that commends itself to our best judgment. It is my purpose to endeavor to present a plan based upon an honest, wide-awake and progressive electorate, which will beyond doubt tend to eliminate many of the evils complained of existing in form isrgely by those who do not take the largest and best interest in the welfare of their respective cities. That plan which centralizes the responsibility of the functions of municipal government in responsible, honest, capable and intelligent heads, is without doubt, to my mind, the one which will produce the highest, most astisfactory and best results. Centralization is an argument used by commercial instincts, but much dreaded by the average citizen. The trouble, therefore, to be overcome is to centralize without giving power to dominate. Many people have brought themselves to believe that by concentrating legislative and executive functions in the same body of men, that prompt and efficient ac-

executive functions in the same body of men, that prompt and efficient action can be had without delays incident to a form of government where the legislative and executive functions are separated. If rapidity of action is the only dealderatum, such a plan would meet the demand. It is contended, however, admitted that delays are annoying, and that the slow of the contended of t

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not that responsibility may not praent dishonesty, graft and the uputilities are all is the evil in American
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uestion of a new form of government to be so much discussed. That
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betted by the people at large, repreent the city as a whole, and owe a
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any controlling agency, except the
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State.

CONVENTIONE.

To promote the purposes defined in
article 1, an annual convention shall
be held by the association of such
time and place as may be designated
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to the electron of the legislative detime and place as may be designated
at its previous annual convention,
but in the event of a failure to so
designated by the succession of the legislative
designate the place and time the condesignated by the special
meetings may be called by the execntive committee, when in its opinion

upon the written request of any five municipalities, members of the asso-clation. Written notices of such meet-ings, stating the object thereof, shall be given each member at least ten days prior to such special meeting. Special meetings must be held in Raleigh except for urgent reason to the contrary.

OFFICERS The officers of this association shall consist of a president, four vice presidents, numbered one, two, three sail four respectively, a secretary and a treasurer, each of whom must be a municipal officer at the time of his election, except the secretary and a treasurer. The offices of secretary and treasurer may be combined in one person. Any vacancy occurring in any of these offices during the term, shall be filled by the president.

COMMITTEES.

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