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THE COMMISSION FORM. We note that the newspapers in the ties which have the commission form of government are enthusiastic in their praise of it. It is the kind of government that gets results and re-sults are what counts, for the day when theory and sentiment can take the place of action, if it ever existed, a past and gone. The Wilmington Undoubtedly every progressive city

should accept the commission form of government, and in doing so it should get the genuine article. However, most any commission form of govern ment will generally prove better than the old way of ruling municipalities. While Wilmington has lacked one of the great essentials of the form, yet its government has been a shining example of the importance and necessity of the change. Wilmington somehow but went spinning along.

Towns that are having trouble' in where they can be said to be spinning along need a tonic of some sort and it is the tonic of the commission form that the best doctors are prescribing for sick and ailing municipalities.

MAKING THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY THE DOMINANT PARTY.

It is hard for us to reconcile these two paragraphs taken from the editorial columns of yesterday's issue of the Charlotte Observer:

"The Observer had hoped there would be a Republican or two in Wil-son's Cabinet, The first Democratic President who gives Cabinet recognition to Republican ability and talent will take a long step toward making the Democratic party the dominant political organization of the country." "The Observer has always stood for

giving the Republicans the offices when they would get in at Washington-which has been pretty much all the time-and it holds the same idea when the Democrats get in. We are a spoilsman, and believe with Gray Toole that "to the victors belong the ruins." We are in accord, therefore, with the success of the Democrats in

WATTERSON OR WILSON Give New President Fair Chance

Give New President Fair Chance Says Veteran Editor. Lomiville, March S.--Col. Henry Watterson, in an editorial which beam the caption "Gloria in Excelsis," says, among other things, regarding the chafge in national administration. "Going back no farther than 1892 to the roystering hordes that shouted: "Grover, Grover, four years more of Grover,

"Grover, Grover, four years more of Grover, Out they go, in we go"— the refrain closing with something about "dover," and the pen of the historian. the mind and heart of the moralist, experience something like a shock with the thought of what did acutally happen "Though of differing personalities and wide apart in their antecedents and equipment, Grover Cleveland and Woodrow Wilson may be said to have been mutually endowed by God and nature with one of the most dangerous and essential qualities known to man— that of abounding self-confidence— where blind, so misleading, yet in-dispensible to leadership. "The Courier-Journal opposed the momination of Grover Cleveland as it opposed the nomination of Woodrow Wilson. In 1884 it regarded Mr. Cleveland, through lack of political training and experience, as wholly unqualified; in 1892, although he had learned much, it regarded him as still unequal, through influences and limi-tations of which he was not conscious, to the great issue of revenue reform to which the Damodersite aparts had earned

to the great issue of revenue reform to which the Democratic party had com-mitted itself and on which he had been a second time elected. The event fully

justified the apprehension. "It opposed Woodrow Wilson in 1912 "It opposed Woodrow Wilson in 1912 because it had discovered, or thought it had discovered, in him an insensibility to personal obligation, an indisposition or incapacity to make common cause and to work in harness, and a tendency toward the tyrannous exercise of power. "In his utterances since the election Mr. Wilson has disclosed a very marked couldn't get started until the commis-sion form of government was put into effect, and then it not only got started several occasions the air and tone rather of the platform lecturer than the party program. This is not to say that started are having trouble in getting of the sense of things practical and where they can be said to be spinning real. His political philosophy is wholly up to date, whilst he has shown as Governor of New Jersey, that in the hurly-burly of personal and fractional strife he is altogether a man to be reck-

oned with. "But Trenton is not Washington. Mr. Cleveland in his first administration made the mistake of judging the Congress of the United States by the Legislature of the State of New York. He paid the price for his error and in time got bravely over it. Mr. Wilson new to the national capitol, albeit may know better. Even if he does not, he may find a less defying, more com-plying body of political associates in the two houses at the other end of the avenue than Mr. Cleveland found, and in any event, Mr. Wilson is so much stronger in mental calibre and training, and in intellectual attainment and reach, than Mr. Cleveland that he may be able to compel his will and way where Cleveland failed. The law of force, not of suasion, nevertheless is the rule with both of them: "Assuredly the new President has

the right pig by the ear. "Putting the Wilson vote and the Roosevelt vote together as a joint holding up as many of the postoffice appointments as they could. And we are hoping that the Democrats who not only of parties but of systems, are to go in will not only have the two-thirds of the electorate want a



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obs for life, but will be able to hand strong man at the helm and are ready them down to Democrats, world without end."

Mabye the Observer holds that cabinet places do not come under the head of spoils. Or maybe it has two men writing for its editorial columns and in the hurry of handling the inauguaration news night before last the two editorial writerso mmitted to compare notes.

At all events we agree with the Observer in the larger of the two paragraphs quoted rather than in the shorter. There are plenty of good Demo-crats amply qualified to fill all the jobs Uncle Sam has to offer and then some. We always felt a little sorry for folks who were seeking office, but Democrats are just as excusable for wanting it and trying to get it as Republicans ever were. It is only natural for the horse that pulls the plow to want the folder and it is perfectly fair to give it to him, And now as to the effect of giving the

from that party. It is only nec-essary to cite the example and and the fate of William H. Taft. That was his idea of how to make the Re-publican party grow in strength and power. How the scheme worked all men know. He wrecked his party. There's no getting around human nature and it is intensely human for the winers in a conflict to want the ruits of victory. It is equally natural or the winners to feel sore and dis-insted when the man who has the istribution of the fruits of victory in harge passes them around to persons ho not only did not endure the total states of the rest of victory in targe passes them around to persons representatives of the opposing party office as a means of drawing converts

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to follow him toward the extirpation, root and branch, of the syndication of Government which long ago became at once the source and resource, the butress and the bell-tower of old-line Repulicanism

The overthrow of corrupt bossism, involving everywhere a laison between politics and business, is but an incident of the task set for Woodrow Wilson. All honest men may support him in that. But back of this, and overtop-ping it, his 'paramount issue' will be the preservation of our representative form of government from the assaults of crude opportunism and maudlin sentiment seeking the impossible-that is the regeneration of man by popular clamor and legislative enactment of and in lieu thereof the rehabilitation of the Democratic principle and concurrent liberty and order very nearly shipwrecked by the Republicans

and scriously menaced by the Insur-rectos and Socialists. "In truth, the people have not fared any too well at the hand of the trio





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