

PRESIDENT JAMES K. PATTERSON

ON

WOODROW WILSON

Comments on His Attainments and
Availability For Presidency

PERSONAL ESTIMATE

Thinks No Other Aspirant Since Republic Started
Embodies His Qualities

In response to a request by Judge Samuel M. Wilson of an expression of opinion by ex-President James K. Patterson, of State University, on the ability and attainments of Woodrow Wilson and his availability for the office of President, Mr. Patterson replied as follows:

PRESIDENT PATTERSON'S ESTIMATE

LEXINGTON, KY., April 30, 1912.

Judge Samuel M. Wilson, Lexington, Ky.:

MY DEAR FRIEND—I am in receipt of your letter of the 27th inst., requesting my opinion of Governor Woodrow Wilson, his ability, attainments, and availability for the high office to which he aspires.

I am not, as you know, a politician, though I have, during the course of a long life, given some attention to political affairs. I have not kept pace with the various phases of the present presidential campaign, and hence know the political status of the leaders only in a general way. What I say shall, therefore, be