MIL ALEXANDER'S ARGUMENT.

You were not out at our meeting, ld Mr. R. O. Alexander, a Dilworth ian who has recently sprung ino prominence, to an Observer report-

"No, I could not get out last night; was too busy up town. But Mr. Monteith was kind enough to bring as a report of the proceedings."

Well, didn't we put up good men?" "Indeed you did. There are no better to be had anywhere."

"I hardly see how people could vote against men like those. Do you?" The candidates in Dilworth are par excellence," declared the newspaper man. "The election there will resuit in good aldermen and school commissioners. Either side has good men. That is the good of the contest now waging in our little city. The Business Men's Municipal League has acmplished that much to say the least. All classes are forced to take a hand, and that is what we need here in Charlotte. I believe in the people, if you can get them interested."

"Yes," declared Mr. Alexander, fiying the track," but that league didn't what it should have done. It is against Shannonhouse for recorder." "Now I have taken a little interest in the Business Men's Municipal League, and, personally, I am for Frank Shannonhouse I thought Frank Shannonhouse

that he should have been made solicstor last fall: I am for him for recorder if he wants it. Therefore, I am interested to know how the league has mistreated him. Why, it should have endorsed

him." "I don't agree with you about that. He is not an issue." "Why, you endorsed Mayor Mc-

Ninch. "The boys asked the mayor to announce himself; the mayor is elected the people while the recorder is elected by the board of aldermen. I like an alderman that you can trust without being pledged. I do not believe in pledging a lot of gentlemen. This, of course, is my individual opin-I was for Neil Pharr for the Senate. I did not care how he stood on any question for the simple reason that I knew that he would do what he thought was right when he was face to face with an issue. That is the sort of men we want in of-

"You admit that we put up good men last night," said Mr. Alexander. "I do. The candidates put up by the Business Men's League are all right, too. You cannot say that Joe Garibaldi and T L Kirkpatrick are not business men. They had nothing to begin life with, but by persistent efforts and hard work each has accumulated property. They are good busmess men. No one gave them any Your men are of the same

"Yes, our men are business men." "By the way, Mr. Alexander," said the reporter, "did you all endorse Frank Shannonhouse at your meeting "No," was the quick reply

"I knew that Mr. Monteith did not give me any such resolution "Why, Mr Alexander, did you not

leaving Mr. Alexander to his own con-

and again that he had enough mon- and free industry." ey to give his friend Mr Shannonhouse a banquet at the Selwyn, in appreclation of services rendered by him to the city, as did Mr. Alexander, who may some day become the

#### SATURDAY NIGHT CLOSING.

Mark Hanna of Indworth

Interest in Ministers' Proposition to Close All Stores at 9:30 on Saturday Nights-A Saleslady Impatient for Early Summer Closings.

There is very general interest being taken by the salesmen and saleswomen of the city in the movement which the mention of the city have inaugurated to make all the stone of Charlotte agree to also not lab r than 9:30 on Saturday mght. At a recent meeting of the minister association resolutions were adopted looking to this end and influences have been so t at work. All the ministers of the city have been asked to either preach on the subject this morning or take less extended notice of the matter An effort will be made to get eightfures to the petitions. The reason for the activity of the ministers is their be-Hef that late working hours on sarorday night remiters the deriving pepulation too fired to affect a but he ervices next merrange. The strongargument against the change is that it would seriously inconvenience the other working to uple in tradition

Those in where behalf the meament has been beam hed or course, mostly in taxor of it partiages not all are appealed to by the prospect of getting up a cour, but some doubtless are. A sale-lasty temorked yesterday that the closing on paturday night would be a good thing, but what they would cather here would be a closing at 6 and have he fit therein is customery a more suscer in the span-

is customary in many town- in the

OF MUTUAL BENEFIT.

Secretary Corwith, of the Greater Charlotte Club, Tells How It Can Be Made to Serve as Bureau of Information to Employers and Employes.

"If the business men of the city who desire employes would hearfy. me of the fact, the kind of work and the sort of man they are after could help both them and those seek ing employment," said Secretary W. T. Corwith, of the Greater Charlotte Club yesterday. "I frequently receive inqui-ries from persons living in other towns and wishing to come here to live, who do not know in which direction to turn to had the work for which they are suited and prepared. A number of these I have located. not all, for various reasons, one of which is the failure of the business men who have vacancles to let the fact

"If the co-operation of all parties oncerned could be secured, we could build up here through the club gradually and in a small way of course, at first, a bureau of information which would be of mutual aid and enent and an aid to the city as a whole. By means of the card system every applicant could be at once givline, whenever such u one was in need of help."

THE RECENT MILL CASES.

The New York Sun Goes to the Bottom of the Prosecution of the Southern Cotton Mill Men and Makes Some Interesting Observations—Labor Agents Have the Ear of the President and He is Putting Out the Word—A Trial That Was a Farce Pure and Simple—A Story Vigorous and Pointed. Vigorous and Pointed.

The New York Sun, always smart, earless and deep, thinks that it has gone to the bottom of the recent to through one of the greatest farces in Carolina. Those who witnessed the labored efforts of the District Attorney to make a mountain out of a mole

hill, saw the case just about as the peals to the people for the loan of world has seen it since. The Sun any articles illustrative of the life and printed the following editorial in its issue of the 18th: "Not only the cotton mill men, but ali persons interested in that industry and in Soutaern labor conditions

generally, are still asking themselves why the government attorneys in charge of the prosecution at Greensboro, North Carolina, ten days or so ago, made such an unnecessary exhibition of themselves as they did on that occasion. The charge against the mill men was one of violation of the allen contract labor laws, but Attorney General Bonaparte's bright young men sav fit to lug in and endeavor to establish the entirely impertinent assumption that the alleged importation of contract labor was not only illegitimate but gratultously so, there being no scarcity of skilled cotton mill labor at that time. The government case was weak enough at best. The injection of this last issue simply covered it with ridicule The North Carolina newspapers

are busily speculating on the fact that the government attorneys, obviously ignorant of labor conditions, should have depended upon officials of the National Textile Union to supply them with the needed information. course the presecution was inspired originally by organized labor. One would think, however, that the government had celebrated sufficiently its loyalty to the unions by launching the prosecutions at their instance; and surely the labor leaders might have stopped short of making their very obedient instruments a spectacle of mockery and derision. The Textile Manufacturers' Journal, of New York, has shown a dozen times or more within the past 18 months that there is a dearth of textile labor, unskilled as well as skilled, not only in the South but in New England as well. It has published the testimony of leading manufacturers of high responsibility to substantiate its allegations. And yet, in spite of the notorious facts, the government attorneys turn up at Greenshoro, artless and innoent as so many sucking calves, exploiting a fantastically absurd hypothesis and depending for its demonstration upon the easy testimony of three imported labor union witnesses! Village ingenues, in ribbons and pigtalls, dancing around the maypole, may be as picturesque, Certainly they cannot be even approximately as pa-

"It is worth something to know that the Southern mill men will never be permitted to take liberties so long as union labor has the large car of a "That would have made an issue," sympathetic and submissive government. In the long run the facts are "Consistency, thou art a jewel," de- always valuable. Even the most timid clared the scribe as he passed on, and invertebrate and elastic are better off for an exact understanding of their predicament. And the predica-The reporter traveled all day, gath- ment, as we understand it in the light ering items here and there, but his of these recent revelations, amounts to thoughts drifted back to the conver- an affectionate alliance of the governsation on the street. He wished time | ment and union labor against capital

> Willie wailed and Winnie wheezed while Wintry winds whited welrdly Willie wriggled while Winnie wheezer Wherefore Wisdom whispers, wretchedly wirds work whoezes. Wherefore we write. "I se Kennedy's Lexative Cough Byrup." Nothing clse so good. Sold by Byrup." Nothing els Hawley's Pharmacy.



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"The limited time allowed for the ollection of these relics necessitates immediate action and anyone willing o loan their heirlooms may communicate with the president of the North Carolina Society, Mrs. James Sprunt, Wilmington.

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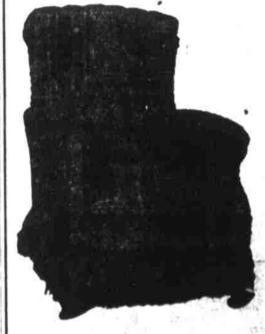
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