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EVOLUTION IN POLITICS.

A New Bern attorney attending Onslow court related at the hotel to a company, supposedly democratic, a conversation detailed to him by one of our most upright Judges. His honor was shocked, and our attorney, whose democracy was new, was amused at the discovery of a new political species. Judge _____ was accosted by a citizen of _____ county: "I want an office, Judge, and I want you to help me get one. I think I deserve one. The party is due me something. I've been a heap of help to it, Judge, for I am a man that the party can trust in a close time. The Commissioners knew that last fall when they appointed me a poll-holder. They knew that they could rely on me to do execution." His honor's face grew stern and fearfully inquisitive, and his petitioner continued: "Don't think now, Judge that I am not a fair-minded man. I am. I believe in the fair thing always. I believe in working night and day and out voting the other side." "That's the right way," said his honor. "You are right Judge, that's what I say. But sometimes we get in mighty close places. You know how it was last fall, Judge. I knew what I was appointed for, and it a man puts confidence in me, I'm not going to fool him. When you see you can't out vote the other side, although you do work night and day, Judge, what are you going to do then? Why, I say, just do the best you can, even if you are fair minded, and that's the way I did. There were so many third party men and republicans in the west end of W_____ that we saw we couldn't out vote them. So I just did the best I could, and we beat 'em. I think I deserve recognition by the party. I want an office. I want you to help me get one. I'm a poll-holder democrat, and that's what the party needs."

A GOOD THING FOR EVERYBODY.

A Populist paper from Missouri come to us with the item, "Down with monopoly and oppression and up with competition and prosperity." The brother should re-read his political economy. Competition never brought prosperity. Competition is war, and is destructive. Let us learn from the trusts that not competition but intelligent co-operation is the best method of creating and distributing wealth—the way of prosperity. Of itself a monopoly is not oppressive. You never hear anyone complaining of the extortion or injustice of our postal monopoly. Monopoly is a good thing for all those who are in it—the trouble being that the great majority are not beneficiaries. Now let us get on the inside of the monopolies just as all are inside on the postal system and there will be no kicking against them. Monopolies are only oppressive when they are used for private profit. All the teaching of the age is against competition. It increases the non-producing class and adds cost with no corresponding benefits. Does the editor think that fifty stores, each with its entire quota of expense, can distribute goods as cheaply as one store? The public have been duped for many years by the lie that "competition is the life of trade;" but thinkers the world over know it has not a scintillation of truth in it, even in this rotten wage-slavery system.—Coming Nation.

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ANOTHER GIDEON'S BAND.

(North Carolina.) It is believed that Marion Butler is organizing the "Industrial Legion" in North Carolina; and that, after the next State Alliance meeting, he will be all his energies to promote the organization of that order. Already the order exists in quite a number of counties of the State, and if it goes on it will be quite a dangerous political organization. Those who belong to it claim that it is not a secret organization and that their meetings are secret; yet practically it is a large does not know when they meet. It will be for a jury to say whether or not it is a political organization, and not for those who are propagating it.—Charlotte Observer.

THE ABOVE PARAGRAPH TAKEN FROM

the Charlotte Observer is going the rounds of the press. The Editor of this paper will state that he is a member of the Industrial Legion and approves of the organization. Now unless such papers as the Observer and the Carolinian are lying we ought to be arrested and put on trial for violating the laws of the state. And as a man who has respect for the laws of the state, we call upon them to have us arrested and let the matter be settled in the courts. If they do not they will stand before the public as self-confessed liars.

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