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From all accounts the Democ-
rats are not to have the sup-
port of the Populists in the next
Presidential election. President
Roosevelt has captured that
crowd lock, stock, and barrel.
The deal was made through the
Chairman of the Populist Nat-
ional Committee, Marion Butler,
of North Carolina. Butler, by
the grace of a combination of
Populists and Republicans, rep-
resented North Carolina in the
Senate of the United States for
six years. The President has
commissioned Butler his ambas-
sador extraordinary, minister
plenipotentiary to the South to
gather in delegates favorable to
him in the next national conven-
tion of the Republican Party. He
has entire charge of the South-
ern situation, and all Republi-
cans, Populists and Socialists vis-
iting Washington for the pur-
pose of pledging loyalty to Roose-
velt are referred to Butler who
receives their manifestations of
loyalty, records their pedigrees
and measures their strength, all
of which is carefully noted and
laid before the "doer of all
things great" in his most seclu-
sive chamber at regular inter-
vals.

There is little surprise in
Washington political circles over
the action of Butler in turning
the Populist organization over to
the President, as it has been
known for many months that
Mr. Roosevelt's extreme Populist
and Socialistic policies have
outstripped the fondest desire
of the veterans in the cause of
calamity.

Attorney General Bonaparte's
opinion on the new immigration
law is another lesson to the South-
ern men in Congress to be very
careful about giving their sup-
port to administration policies,
and it will greatly hamper the
Southern States in their efforts to
induce desirable classes of
European immigrants to go into
the South. When the bill was
pending before the Senate its
passage was resisted by the
Southern Senators and the Re-
publicans could have been forced
to amend it if it had not been
that assurances were given the
Democrats, both by the Republi-
can Senators and by officials of
the administration that it would
not interfere with the action of
Southern States in encouraging
immigration of the kind desired
by the industries in their borders.
Placing faith in these assurances,
the Southern Senators withdrew
their opposition, But no sooner
had the bill become a law than
the Department of Commerce and
Labor asked the Atty. General
for an opinion as to its effect on
the activity of the Southern States
in securing immigration. Under
the ruling of Mr. Bonaparte it is
no longer lawful for a State to
raise funds for bringing over
immigrants by accepting contri-
butions from the industries that
are to be benefited, and any work
of this kind engaged in by a
State must be paid for from its
general funds. In other words,
the expenses, instead of being
borne by those directly benefited
by the increased labor supply,
must be imposed on all the tax
payers of the State.

Mr. Victor Motz of Lincolnton
was here Monday.

Open Letter to

Hon. E. Y. Webb,
Shelby, N. C.

Dear Sir: Since phoning you
about our freight rate, Dr. Moore
of this place went to Washing-
ton to interview the Inter-State
Commerce Committee. They ad-
vised him that the existing dis-
criminations were wrong, and
requested Mr. L. Greene of the
Southern to adjust the differ-
ences, and stated further that if
he did not do so to take the mat-
ter up with them again. We
wish you to lend us your assist-
ance with the Inter-State Com-
merce Committee. This is a
question of vital importance to
Hickory and unless corrected,
confines our commercial future
to a narrow sphere, to say noth-
ing of the heavy tribute we are
paying the Southern.

To make a long story short,
Hickory's freight rate is about
20 per cent higher than States-
ville's. For example, take first
class freight from Boston to
Hickory, the rate is \$1.12; the
same rate to Statesville is 96 per
cent. The discrimination is the
same from New York and any
other given point on any given
class in favor of Statesville.

Take 6th class from Chicago,
potatoes to illustrate, the rate
car loads to Hickory is 56 per
cent, while on to Statesville via
Hickory it is 45 per cent, and
you can ship potatoes back to
Hickory locally from Statesville
at 10 per cent and save money
over our through rate. You can
see how impossible it is for Hick-
ory to do any jobbing against
Statesville with this discrimina-
tion by the Southern in her favor.
We intend to have a square deal
and appeal to you for assistance,
as this outrage hangs like a mill-
stone around our commercial
neck.

Besides retarding our progress
in commerce and manufacturing
it forces Hickory shippers and
receivers to pay the Southern
railroad an unjust discrimination
in dollars and cents of more than
ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000)
a year, on incoming and outgo-
ing freight. We mean that much
in excess of what we would pay
were the rates equalized.

This burden is not on our mer-
chants alone, but it reaches every
home and each individual within
the bounds of Hickory's traffic.

We are only taking Statesville
as an example. Gastonia, Salis-
bury and all points between
Salisbury and Statesville have
the same advantage over Hick-
ory. We trust you will lay this
matter before the Inter-State
Commerce Committee and advise
us how to proceed.

This thing is not done in a cor-
ner. The Southern railroad rates
are published to the world, and
a glance at their "How to ship,"
"Virginia City," and "Carolina
Tariff No. 12" will verify the
statements contained in this
letter, and we feel certain will
appeal to the Commission for
equalization.

With personal regards, I re-
main,
Yours very truly,
E. L. SHUFORD.
Hickory, N. C., April 15, 1907.

Mr. E. L. Shuford,
Hickory, N. C.

Dear Mr. Shuford: I have just
received your letter and have
noted same carefully, and in ac-
cordance with your request I am
to-day taking up the matter with
the Inter-State Commerce Com-
mission at Washington.

Of course, it may be necessary
for you to employ counsel in
Hickory to get up the evidence
for you and put your case before
the Commission, in case they
should ask for this.

I assure you that my hearty
co-operation will be yours in your
effort to prevent the unjust dis-
criminations, which you point
out.

With best wishes, I am,
Very truly yours,
E. Y. WEBB.
Shelby, N. C., April 16, 1907.

M. H. Yount, Esq.,

Attorney at Law --
Hickory, N. C.

Dear Sir: Your letter to the
Attorney General, in reference
to the matter of discrimination
in freight rates by the Railroad
Companies against Hickory, has
been referred to this Department
and I am directed by the Com-
mission to say that they will do
everything in their power that
can be done to aid you in the
matter. The law provides that
they shall receive, upon applica-
tion, the service of the Attorney
General of the State and he shall
represent them before the Inter-
State Commerce Commission.

Very respectfully,
H. C. BROWN,
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We sometimes hear pesan-
nists say that real estate in
Hickory is too high, and will
depreciate in value. In our
judgement this is not the
case. We have the best coun-
ty and town in the State, and
our people are the most enter-
prising. Our property own-
ers and business men are con-
stantly offering inducements
to new enterprises. And our
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great PIEDMONT section has
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of any one now living. Our
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