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HICKORY.

There is no better place on earth than Hickory. This is a broad but true assertion. There are three things which go to make up an ideal place—healthfulness, morality and financial possibilities.

In comparison, Hickory is second to none in all of these.

In discussing healthfulness, two things are especially important,—climate and water.

Hickory's climate being free from excessive heat in summer and extreme cold in winter, and having neither droughts nor floods, will compare favorably with that of any other town in the country. At no time of the year, is the weather such as to interfere with outdoor sports or labor of any kind. Rains are abundant, but not excessive, at all seasons. The town and surrounding country are free from all stagnant pools, decaying vegetation and other disease-breeding agencies.

Our water is as pure as ever flowed from a fountain head. Not one case of contamination, resulting from our water, is on record. Malaria is unknown while consumption and typhoid are extremely rare. In fact Hickory has every advantage for healthfulness.

As to morality, Hickory is far above the average. There are magnificent church buildings in Hickory representing all the leading religious denominations. We also have an ideal graded school with two progressive colleges making our educational facilities all that could be desired. Drunkenness and rowdiness form no part in the daily routine of our lives. Sobriety and industry is our slogan. Kindness and hospitality form a part of our very being.

Our financial possibilities are not to be surpassed. Everything that goes to make financial success possible is to be found here. Our location in the midst of a fertile farming country, gives us no mean advantage, while the natural resources, such as mines, timber, water-power, etc. to be found in the country surrounding us, plays no unimportant part. This, coupled with the fact that the country populace with which we are surrounded, are intelligent, industrious people, places us on high vantage ground as to our surroundings, while our railroad facilities, our manufacturing industries and our wide awake, progressive citizenship gives us an envious position locally.

Our merchants and business men are all intelligent and progressive, every ready to uphold local enterprises. During the recent financial disturbance our people suffered less, perhaps, than the people of any other town.

While other towns were flooded with the armies of the unemployed, practically all our laboring population were employed at good wages, due no doubt to the conservative business ability of our "captains of industry." Our wholesale and retail merchants are optimistic when speaking of the outlook for the future. Business conditions generally are rapidly improving. The banks report increased deposits and that money is in great demand, all going to show that Hickory is the place for all classes whether they be men of leisure or men of toil.

Then in view of these facts, what is the sensible thing for our citizens to do? Get busy and keep busy. Advertise your town. Let the world know that yours is the only town. Let everyone join hands in boosting Hickory and we will see our little town go forward by leaps and bounds. Chamber of Commerce, get busy.

Letter From Rusticus.

Correspondent to the Democrat

A historical sketch of the political parties in old Lincoln county and now that portion as is known as Catawba county:

It is the object of the writer to give a full and lengthy detail of these parties. He can recollect the scenes of the political strife back to 1835, when there were two great political parties known as the Federalist who were led by Hamilton and the State's right Democratic party led by Thomas Jefferson. We use to attend the elections in those days and heard the general conversation of the people about these parties. We remember one occasion that a heated discussion sprung up between these parties and one Michael Link said, who are the Federalist? His question was very quickly answered by a noted Democrat by-stander and he requested—As this party was far 'down the minority and could not elect any persons to office, we will form a new party and assume the name, Whig, then we can catch many a man into our ranks. As the Whigs fought Great Britain and the Tories and established this American government by the force of armies, then we certainly can elect some one for president.

This assumption of a Whig party taken place in the years of 1836 and 1837. Then to elect their president we must raise an important issue so that we can gain the day. Well the issue was the re-establishment of the National Banking system. Upon this issue they elected then president William Harrison who died in one month after his inauguration and John Tyler the Vice-President became the chief magistrate of the governmental affairs. Then these two parties in Lincoln and Catawba counties ruled the county politics. The Democrats were far in the ascendancy and could poll over 2000 votes, while the Whig party could only poll about 600.

Then after Catawba county was found, then two parties still existed, up to 1860 and then the Civil war sprang into existence and after the close of the war, the Whig party south passed out of existence on account of the Republican carpet-bagger mill, and joined the Democratic, with a few exceptions. These claimed to be union men during the war.—We remember that after the war, there were but few who were opposition to the Democratic party why Catawba county polled as high as 1600 Democratic majority. We remember the time that Cline's Township could not poll more than two or three sometimes, perhaps five Republican votes. How is it today it has entirely turned topsyturvy with a Republican majority. What was the cause of this topsyturvy? It must be admitted that the Alliance had something to do with it as there were were two lodges in that Township. We know of one called the maple swamp, they had about 125 members, and they called themselves the Alliance Democrats, but in another year they called them selves the peoples party. We too remember by the election reports on file that the Republicans could not poll more than five Republican votes, where is it today? They polled at the last election, 123 votes, why is this, and why then were two Alliance lodges in this township? And nearly all of them have gone over to the Republican party. So it is all over the county that we now have these two great leading parties today in Catawba county. This statement of the state of affairs in Catawba county can be traced to the Alliance. A few days ago a Democrat told the writer

who was formerly an alliance man, how that the Alliance was the sole cause of the present political affairs in Catawba county, we think that he was able to decide this matter for the present standpoint. Then whom brought on this dilemma, it certainly will point to some one as the leader of this whole affair. Here we stop for the present. One who knows.

Independent Sons of Rest.

Mr. Editor:

In this weeks issue of your paper, you make kindly reference to our organization known as the Independent Sons of Rest. We give a short outline of the workings of our order and what we hope to accomplish. First ours is purely a social compact to pass the time pleasantly, made up of men who have passed the age of business activity, which (our warm implies) though we do affiliate with and take in younger men and practically we try to make room for every man out of a job regardless of age. We have few by-laws, they are simple and inexpensive, but we cling to them with bull-dog tenacity and enforce them right now. As aforesaid there is no initiating fee, no salaries officers, no tax and no treasury, therefore we are immerse from all the evils that beset other organizations. Such as log-rolling for office defalcation, Graft and absconding with the bag. Ours is a peculiar order strictly up to date in practice as well as theory in which all temptations has been removed. Where the weaker brother need never sin or fall by the way.

Our order is not perenial in its workings. It is necessary so, it goes and comes with the weather. Since we own no property and nothing over our heads except the canopy of heaven. And by the way we hope for recognition by the City Fathers as becomes all progressive towns all along on the line of civic improvement (or civic righteousness if they prefer, we are worthy) quiet a lot of us are bending over with the burden of years and our scanty locks are being bleached with the frost of the snow that never melts on this side of Jordans waves. Now understand we are just throwing out a little hint, we are every inch of us, just what our name indicates, The Independent Sons of Rest. We reorganize once a year in the early summer time. Our officers are President and Vice President and a select committee known as outlyers or a kind of watch-dogs (so to speak.)

All our meetings are informal any time from sun up to sun down. Now this savors of the slipshod, showing a want of that snappy ten o'clock sharp method which other organizations boast of. But lest you forget we guard our freedom unceasingly, zealous. We allow no inroads upon it. We mean freedom in the broadest sense of the word.

Referring to the notice in your paper, you state that we expelled one of our members for building a fire for his wife after she had chopped the wood, this is an error. Our committee admonished him charging that he must avoid domestic infelicity or at least keep his troubles from the ears of the public lest he bring odium upon our order. We as a whole recognize the fact that there is a little friction in the best regulated families and quiet a number of our members are infirm and short on business qualifications.

We adhere strenuously to our freedom in our deliberations, we go from the sublime to the ridiculous. We are liable to change from the discussion of the gamblers to that of deep theological research at any moment. And

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we are happy to state that the D. D. ministers gives us passing recognition and occasionally exchange views with us.

Incidentally we will say that we will have an investigation of suspicious conduct on the part of one of our members within the next fortnight, if th weather permits.

The charge is that he stole a yaller goblin from the big drove for his Thanksgiving dinner. He is an ex-confederate, possibly he will explain that it was the force of habit contracted during the four years struggle.

Now heres to our order the noble Sons of Rest,

We have a good number, they're all good, better best

We have a knightly host, a brilliant personel,

We revel all together, the Yankee and rebel.

We have all kind of politics Tom Watson, Taft and Bryan

We have socialist and populist and every other kind

Free trade and protection and the tariff and combine

Just every shade of theory we have them all down fine.

We have ortodox and heterodox we have one Infidel

Evolution pre-history and some claim there is no hell

Just every shade of doctrine, that ever you heard tell,

Reward and future punishment, for beasts and birds alike.

We tell much reminescence, most all live in the past

Of well bred cows and horses, of horses that were fast

Of dadies smoke house full of meat that fattened on the mast.

His tater house and still house we tell of this the last.

On drams and prohibition we're just a little sore

Good mountain dew and brandy, we can't find any more

The wave of prohibition ran over us with power.

Our stomachs and our good heart are wearing every hour.

Base and football games, we most heartily despise

The sight of automobiles makes our indignation rise.

This rising generation don't heed our good advice;

Our duty's done, our skirts are clear; we've told them more than twice.

If some young buck should say of us, they're old and out of whack,

Just let it come to our ears, we'll give his head a crack,

We all go armed with crooked sticks, and we will find his track;

We will give it to him, just below the small of his back.

—W. L. W.

Eat all the good food you like. Quit dieting. You don't have to diet to cure dyspepsia. In fact you can not cure dyspepsia or indigestion that way, but rather you must add strength to the weak stomach by taking something that will digest the food which the stomach can not digest. Kodol is the only thing known today that will do this, for Kodol is made of natural digestive juices found in a healthy stomach, and it digests all food completely. Kodol is pleasant to take, and is guaranteed to give relief in any case of stomach trouble. Sold by C. M. Shuford & W. S. Martin.

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