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AND HIS NEWS OF NEBO VALLEY

Mrs. Horace Hord won a year's subscription to the Herald up at the Lions club, so I didn't get that \$2 they were saving for me. I'm glad when our readers win. Yes they are going to vote for the right man, I mean Horace and wife.

This is a lovely spring day. I get some happiness from the change and face and the beauty of these spring days. Let's not be in such a big hurry, not so tense and hectic, that we can't see the beauty of these golden spring days. This great old world is going to roll on by just the same, and much in the same way. We are not the only stars that glitter on this great old planet—just a speck or a bubble on the great sea of life. Then dreaming, loving, dying, so what more could we ask?

The folks who prayed so hard fast and loud for rain in April are praying for a hot dry spell. We can't handle the weather. Can't handle ourselves.

I've got just this to say about Father Truman, if he wants to try out his Bold New Deal Plan, he'd better try it out here at home where there are millions unemployed, reforms as well as charity should begin at home and quit trying to look after the man in the moon. If we'd

mind our own business we'd always have work to do. Yes sir, since I come to think about it we need to keep a man on the Sheriff's job the size of Logan. He's not too small, not too large. He's just the right calibre and I would have you know he's got the ability and understanding to be an honor to this our beloved county, the greatest in all the 99 counties. Since we are justly proud of our Piedmont county we must strive to keep a sheriff like Logan, it would be progressive and hold high honors with ninety and nine of our sister counties in our great State, North Carolina, the home of the truly great and brave.

I called to see John Fisher down at his Grill on highway 29 just below Grover City. I picked John for all I could get. My business was to meet a big bunch of Kings Mountain men so I could talk Logan and other good men that's running for office like a house on fire. Well, this is what John out and said: "I have been bawled out, bawled up, held up, held down, hung up, bulldozed, black-jacked, walked on, cheated, squeezed and mocked; stuck for war tax, excise profits tax, State dog tax and surtax, Liberty tax, bonds and bonds of matrimony, Red Cross, Green Cross, and double cross. Asked to help the Society of John the Baptist, G. A. R., Womans Relief, Men's Relief, and Stomach Relief. I have worked like hell and Texas, and have been worked like hell. Have been

drunk and got others drunk. Lost all I had now because I won't spend and lend all the little I earn and go beg, borrow and steal. I have been cussed, dis-sussed, boycotted, talked to and about. Lied to and lied about, held up, hung up, robbed and damned near ruined, and the only reason I am sticking around now is to see what in hell is next."

Very well John, I've been cal-hauled and Devil-drugged 'till I can't say which side of the fence I'm standing on. Yes, I hope to keep the ball rolling up to the 27th evening in May. That's when Logan goes in to stay. You know we can't fail to keep Logan in.

Solomon said there was nothing new under the sun, I tell you something new down at the Cora Mill. Just looks like everybody and his brother is going to vote the Logan way. You remember when the Bridges was running for the House, what he promised to do for those who voted for him? I'll paint the back fence, fix the screen on your door, clean out the hen house, change the diapers on all your babies. He didn't say a word about washing the diapers, and I think he did go around and take in washing. Well you got to tell a whole lot more than you can do. You boys, if you won must be on hand and tell us lots of things you can't do. But always be on hand and tell us you'd try. Lots of good men running for the spring show. If you fail don't blame me because I told you so. I want all worthy men to win. Just because I've got Logan's name on the winning road, don't stop, fret and fume. A faint heart is said never to have won a fair lady. Truman won over Dewey. Never was a man so shocked as was Truman, and the nation too. Truman's been fishing all this time.

Now, boys and gals, we voted Logan in one time. Let's do it a-gain. Then we may say time a-bout is fair and vote another in. Mr. Logan has done so well, why swap a good man off. I can't see no reason in the world to take chances with another, as well as this man is liked by all.

I want you to vote for Whitney Wells too. He'll help us with our schools, I know the Wells family for years. No better people could we find, progressive too.

It's a fact as you will find—the only thing on the farm that has an easy time is the dog.

Blessed are those who have nothing to say, and can't be persuaded to say it.

A caller with great interest stood watching the little son of his host driving nails into a baby grand piano, turning to the father inquired, "Mr., isn't that quite an expensive pastime for your little boy?" "Oh," replied the father, it is not so bad. See I bought the nails wholesale and the piano is not paid for.

The fool and the dead never change their views. Nothing sure but death and taxes. Yes, we can move across the line, then I'd like to see 'um collect taxes.

I was asked the other day by a man I thought should not have been so great a fool. Said he, Belk do you believe its right for women to vote? I asked, why in the hell not? He said, well, back in Bible times woman didn't fool in men's business. I said, yes I know, but now women have business of their own. I left that fool. I hope I meet no more like he.

Yes, I'm a Democrat, but not dyed in the wool. Good men in all parties. I will not vote for XYZ. You see this is the day when the cry should be—God give us men, not rubber stamps.

I wonder what they done with Hen Wallace, He's as mum as a mullet, old pig killer, its astonishing.

When God sends a man to the Lions den He goes there to protect

him. Look old Daniel in there with all those lions. Oh, Boy.

We see men a bottle of whiskey and then turn around and put the poor devil in jail, while his wife and children do without bread and beans, without clothes. Is that fair? And their preach prohibition. What is that, who started such a thing, Noah.

Blessed is the man who is too busy to worry in the day time and is too tired to be awake at night, for that's when most devilment is done.

Now, understand me, the man that gets voted in for our Sheriff must be a mighty good man. No better could we find. All three can't win, so let's put Logan back in—he's good enough for me.

Now the one that wins irritates our step heavy on the gas. It's a big contest. Work like the devil. This is May. Not many more days to go.

I remember when backslapping was an ancient method of patting friends on the back. These days backslapping has gained a new roll. They don't backslap—they just talk about so-and-so.

Now this is what one can hear from the men who are running for Sheriff, win lose or draw, I'm going to keep on fight until I just can't struggle any more. Sure I must fight. If I should win, Increase my faith. In my fellow man. After the 27th we'll all be. As happy as a May-bird. Pardon me—not all.

WAS I AT THE WRONG DOOR? John H. West said he went to the wrong door; to get a bottle of Jno, made a mistake (he went to the wrong door.)

Jno, said he thought! Old Geo. got mad at him too; in as much! Old George made remark that: ("John had better be careful.) that he aimed to inform the Veterans bureau about the way John

was doing, probably John has about as good a reputation, as Old George.

West said, that if the Veterans Bureau wanted to know anything about the way he is doing, he would welcome their investigation at any time. ("to my opinion,) Old Geo better let West alone.

John said he thought! they all acted a fool in regard to the mistake, ("I.e. by him going to the wrong door.)

John told me that, if he be-

came involved with the Veterans

Bureau; that Old Geo. sure would get soaked; George you better attend your own business.

West said that he would bet \$25 to any man's ten-cents, that Old George (had more weekly customers) than all five bar-rooms at Blacksburg.

West said; he thought! several of what he considered, was his best friends, were doing all they could to get John's Land-Lord to evacuate him, ("but he intend- ed.) to stick-em until he died.

and that he did not know of a better place to die than where he now lives.

("Old George) you better let John alone; West will bet \$25 to man's dime. John don't care if he loses.

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