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Judge Bobbitt Hands Down A Verdict

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Voters of all persuasions should read
to the very end the lengthy, eloquent
and unimpassioned statement of opposition
to the ABC system prepared by Judge W.
H. Bobbitt and published by both Charlotte
messpapers on Saturday. It is the most of
fective statement of the prohibitions position of the property of the property of
the prohibition, nor does he fall back upon
the misty and emotional argument that
are so common to his cause. With exact
judicial logic he develops his thesis that
"the use of liquor as a beverage is a primary cause of disorder, human wreckage and
death." Those who accept this basic argument cannot logically quarrel with the
Judge's conclusion that the State should
not engage in the distribution of alcoholic
beverages, or even condone it. They can
only John with the Judge in decleating
themselves to the enforcement of legal
prohibition at any cosyolint on the Superior
Court bench, Judge Bobbitt has seen the
dark fruit of the excessive use of alcohol.
Although he does not dwell upon it, he concedes that he has also seen signs of the
corruption produced by the prohibition
laws themselves. But, weighing one against
the other, he has concluded that the evils
of drink are greater than the failures of
prohibition. The laws, he insists, can and
must be enforced.
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prohibition. The laws, he inists, can and must be enforced.

Judge Bobbitt ofters his verdict as one man's opinion, but it carries great weight, as it should, because of his position and his unquestioned integrity. It should be noted, however, that it is not shared by all his colleagues on the bench. Other Superior Court Judges, who have ridden the same circuit and more collapse, however, the content of the

Down A Verdict

Our disagreement with Judge Bobbitt is fundamental. We do not accept his thesis that alcohol is in itself a primary cause of "disorder, human wreckage and death." This argument, we believe, confuses cause and effect. The drunkard is not lured to destruction, but driven to it. In his effort of the destruction, but driven to it. In his effort of the destruction was a subject of the state of the state of the turns to the bottle, often with dis-astrous results to himself and to others. But removal of the bottle even if this were possible) would not remove the tensions or the destructive compulsions of his own personality. The relation of prohibition to the bastic lills of our society, it seems to us, its that of the bandage to the cancer, at best it can only hidde the ugly outward symptom of inner decay.

It is not the state of the state of the state control of the liquor traffic becomes a necessary precupilste it that concentrated attack (primarily through individual education) which we deem to be the only adequate solution to the problem of drinkenness. And prohibition becomes only an intolerably expensive fiction which serves to delay a real solution, at the same time encouraging disrepect for legal institutions and providing a means of livelihood for an increasing criminal population.

We nevertheless believe he had, "he wrote," if a man who intends to buy lugor goes to the polis and votes against liquor stores." If those who accept Judge Bobbitt's verdict on prohibition also accept his challence to personally support it, there will be no reason to quarrel with the outcome of the

Henry Wallace's Press-Agents

THE only Americans we can think of who
T are currently perpetrating greater absurdities than Henry Agard Wallace are his
die-hard enemies. From sea to shining sea,
it appears, a substantial minority of citizens is bent on shutting Henry up, by fair
means or foul.

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In California the board of directors of the Hollywood Bowl, who once rented their stadium to, Charles A. Lindbergh and the America Piraters for a raily opposing American action against Nazi Germany, have refused to rent it to Henry Wallace and the Progressive Citiens of America for a raily opposing American action against Communic Russier.

But the East Coast produced the ultimate But the East Coast produced the ultimate absurdity. Representative Bivers of South Carolina, speaking at Charleston's Azalea Festival, finally came up with a solution to a problem that has been troubling Henry Wallace's enemies for a long time. Since the former Vice-President's roots are deep in the rich and incontrovertibly American

self of lows, it has been difficult for anybody to suggest that he go back where he
came from. Representative Rivers, however, announced his intention to sponsor a
bill in Congress that would "send that
mendacious indiot back to Europe".

All of which must be the most cheerful
news Henry Wallace has heard since he
was last denounced by the National Association of Manufacturers. Every time he
seems to be on the verge of losing his following, somebody comes along with a frontal onslaught on his civil liberties, the only
effect of which is to create the impression
that there must be more than meets the
sye in his peculiar pointeat theroirs.

If a convinced that if Henry Wallace
there down the strateful by his solution; to
the world's ills, he will seen be back in the
seed business. However, he is in no immediate danger of losine his secure place on
page one; the Society For Pereptualing the
Marlyrdom of Henry Agard Wallace has
never had a more active season.

The Passing Of Old Dobbin

EXCEPT for a few big-footed survivors EXCEPT for a few big-footed survivors between the shafts of ice wagons the borse has long since passed from the city scene in America, When the United States Army mechanized its field artillery and sent its cavaity into battle in light tanks in World War II, he also passed finally from the inilitary seene. And now he seems from the last stonghold—the farm.

In South Carolina, according to a report.

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In South Carolina, according to a report from Clemson College, the horse and mule population divindled from 279000 in 1920 to 191,000 in 1936. The sumber of tractors in use in the state insurance of more than 1,000 per cent, from 1,000 to 12477. Although the process of the p

cultural revolution, not only in farming methods but in farm life itself. In the days when the horse was a means of powering seri-tion as well as a means of powering seri-cultural instruments, the isolation of the farm shaped the farmers' existence. With the tractor has come the automobile, and the farmer is no longer cut off from the outside world.

Sentimentalists of the city variety, we suppose, will shed a tear for poor old Dob-Sentimentalists of the city variety, we suppose, will shed a tear for poor old Dobbin and the good old days. But we doubt if many farmers will. The tractor has opened up new sources of income for them, the automobile has given them a chance to spend it However fond they may have been opened it However fond they may have been revertheless support firends, they were nevertheless, but he could prove the first provided in the provided in the second of the provided in the provided in the second of the seco

Another Voice

Hickory's Good Men And True

pointments appear the time is decidedly premature.

We say this because Hickory is likely to have an ABC store election this coming Summer, and we are thinking about the proper approach to the problem of choose the proper approach to the problem of choose the proper approach to the problem of choose the folial problem of the state of liquor is reported to the sale of liquor is reported. On the would compose the local Alcoholic Board of Control should be by a process of letting the office seek the proper personne. In Eastern Carolina counties where the ABC system has operated most successful business and professional men, are considered for places on the Board Softrely and personal integrity are, of course, prerequisites when it comes for filling such posts.

There are many local citizens of the type

CHARLOTTE ne wap a pera tell of a strainble on the part of apprintment to the Alcoholic Board of Control that must be set up in Mecklemburg Country, if votors, authorize establishment of liquor stores; here. Inasmuch as the special election to decide the issue of liquor stores; also to be bed until June 7, the contest for piaces on the board is somewhat "premajure", according to officials clothed with the appointure power.

The Record is of the opinion that whenever a group of "aspirants" for such appointments appear the time is decidedly premature".

We say this because Hickory is likely to This newspaper is editorially supporting

in Hickory in a generation.

This newspaper is editorially supporting the local movement for establishment of an ABG store here, and we pledge the community that when and if the time comes for appointment of an Alcoholic Board of Control we will insist that those named to the posts must be clitzens in whom the public has the utmost confidence.—Hickory Daily Record.

The boss Communist was unable to recall any of his six other names, a remarkable showing which in a quiz hour would entitle him to the ill-expense Yellowstone tour accompanied by dozens of household appliances.

'I Seem To Be Getting Smaller And Smaller'



People's Platform

Liquor And The Bible

Editors. THE NEWS:

THE Bible should be the final word with a Christian. Jesus said on one occasion. "And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I

vs me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I are a considered to the construction of the construction of the construction of the construction of the many in the Bible axis about furpor with a few comments. This is only a few statements of the many in the Bible.

What the Bible was about drink. "Wine is a necker, atrong drink is rearing and whoever is necessive thereby is not size." For 20.1. Here is necessive thereby is not size. For 20.1. Here increases the construction of the

at about license money? Matt 27:6 "It is not to put it into the treasury for it is the price

from the ground."
What does it say about sending to office those
would advocate the laws spoken of here?
Ims 12.8. The wicked walk on every side when
vilest men are exatled. Have no fellowship with
untruitful work of darkness but rather reprove
m."

-E. L. HENDERSON, Paster First Wesleyan Methodist Church.

The feeples Platform is available to any reader who comes to mount it. Communications possible and on only one side of the feet and the composition of on only one side of the feet anything ones Each letter must be signed adjusting to Each letter must be signed at the will suitable the writers are expected to the composition of the writers are expected to the will suitable the writers are excellent.

Senator Soaper Says:

Marquis Childs

Coalition Mischief

mittee.

Taft lost his fight in committee to include more drastic provisions in his bill. But he is contident—and with good reason—that he will win on the floor after ten days or two weeks of frenctic oratory on the "labor problem."

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He can count on the votes of about twelve Southerners who want because the country of the

ANTI-EVERYTHING

say, is that I think he needs some lessons in boomerang throwing.

DUBIOUS STRATEGY

The political strategy of the Republican majority is certainly dusined as the second sold in the middle, the President can write a powerful wto measure the can point out quite proposed. The political series as substitute Republican strategy was put forward that would seem to be far word that would seem to be a powerful that would be contracted in a somewhat militer character of a somewhat militer character of a somewhat militer character would reach him In this way he would be on record in unmistakania. Playing politics with labor legistance.

Stewart Alsop

A Tale And A Moral

MAKING POINT

Drew Pearson's: GOP Would Like To Forget OPA Words Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON

WOTTS which some people would like to tepre! Senator

Wherry (Neb Ren, June 12).—Mr Bovies has said that
it price controls were eliminated, the price of meat would so
up 50 per cent. Mr. Bovies is trying to scare us. My prediction is that without price control meat will cost less than
the senator that (Ohio Ren, July 1).—The Preddent's figures on possible increases are a wild, guess and for the most
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residence to support the claim that termination of OPA would
result in runaway prices.

(OPA) has put out to much propogands and false statements that the people no longer head their cry, of wolf!

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Congressman Schwabe (Okia Rep. June 26)—What uld another increase hur? Not even close to the direct edictions of Bowies, Winchell, Pearson, et al. The agr OPA continues to operate the worse the inflation is by to become. couger OFA continues to operate the worse the inflation is likely to become."

Senstor O'Daniel (Texas Dem., June 27)—"The OPA grinds the poor people of America down and makes slaves of them"

of them.

Congressman Hoffman Mich. Rep. June 25—"OPA and its operator Chester Rowles are responsible in part for the fact that the cost of living has gone up." June 1846—"If a distinct the distinct of Manufacture and 1846—"If we will be supported in the control of the contro Midwife Mark Clark

en a diplomat friend gibed him about the long treaty

celes when here him in Moccos Clark resided.

No only on I soling to miss the best but I have had ness from Venna. You remember my coker spaniel, Pal's nine sears and And remember my vice-hainet terrier.

Smootly Sides nine months old. Well, the ness is that the search of the searc

in Macrow. Little viole home.

Palestine Veto

I've pale it is years every American President, from Wood
Tow Wilson to Harry Triman has declared for a Jewish
homeland. So have both political parties at almost every
national conventions.

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Congressional Shrinking Violets

PRESHMAN Senator Herbert O'Coner of Marsland is still hanging onto his seat by an organish, pending his diction recount. But meanwall O'Conor has seen to it that posterity won't lose out on the high spots of his career—even if he later has to leave the Senator.

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