

POOLE'S MEDLEY

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I believe the "ceiling" idea will prove beneficial, but inflation and depression are both at work in our country at this time, and I do not pretend to know the results. The wages of farm labor defines inflation, and the price of cotton indicates the other.

One thing is certain there can be no farming done with inflated labor wages and depressed cotton prices. And grains are as depressed in price as cotton. The prices for tobacco only kept farmers from "relief" this year. Farmers who had no tobacco are "on the hog".

I remember a January, (1871 I believe) when every day in that month was dark and drizzly, except one, which was one of the prettiest of days, as fair as a whistle all day. The other 30 days were as cloudy as they could be—about like Friday, Dec. 11th.

"The Old Codger" in the News and Observer, last Friday morning, was disgusted with the women, who were crowding in among negroes to register for liquor. It did look bad, but no worse than it really was.

Women drink, it is said, and I see them smoking wherever they are. They are shameless in this bad habit. Tobacco is doing much harm. Wonder if these smoking women light a cigarette for their little girls?

Drinking is right, let every body get drunk and stay so. Moderate drinking is not convincing. But to drinking you may charge most of the blood-urding accidents, airships crashing, collisions on the highways, fights, murders and all else bad.

No one enjoys life so well while under the influence of liquor. And, the worst of the matter is, the habit fastens, soon gets its victim where he cannot liberate himself. And, it is no respecter of persons.

Since we came to Raeford in 1905, there have been a number of snows. As I was coming across Main street one day after an 8-inch snow, Frank Walker was shovelling the snow from the first filling station ever in Raeford, and I said: "It reminds you of Pennsylvania doesn't it Mr. Walker?" and he said: "Yes, it is a good deal like it". And Dr. Dickson near by, remarked: "We never had any such weather as this until after these darn Yankees began coming down here". And Walker said: "It is not saying much for your town to let one man revolutionize your climate like this".

Human life is entirely too cheap;

too many violent deaths are occurring too frequently, and accidental deaths are homicides often.

The death rate in this war far exceeds that of any other war of his tory and the destruction of property, ships, planes and buildings are beyond counting. The wealth of the world will be at its lowest known degree.

A man's intelligence service is not functioning correctly when he thinks intoxicating liquors will be of benefit to him. I will rejoice when everybody learns better than to drink intoxicants.

At the Oregon State Hospital for the Insane one evening recently, 47 patients died from eating scrambled eggs for dinner, it was said in the news the day following, but since, doctors have decided a deadly mineral poison used in killing insects had been put into that dinner, and the authorities investigated.

Governments are not economical Courts are not doing as much functioning as they might; nor are towns, cities, counties, states nor Federal governments using tax derived mon ey with any sense of saving.

Courts used to convene as early Monday mornings as on any other morning during court weeks, and we saw old Judge Buxton driving a nice black horse to a buggy Sunday after Troy court had adjourned Saturday afternoon, to his home in Fayetteville, or perhaps to hold another term of court in some other county—didn't have time to visit his home.

Judges used to stop at the best hotels in the towns where they held courts, and they lived there until after the dockets were cleared. Gas rationing should apply to all citizens living in the United States just alike

Three or perhaps four Hoke County boys have returned to their homes because of failing health, most likely from malarial poisoning, or some thing of that sort—I am guessing, but Hoke County is a health resort, and they will likely recover in a few months.

It's the truth. We little appreciate our pure water and air. There is little to contaminate these essentials to good health. However, there used to be considerable typhoid fever in the sandhills, and the doctors never could account for it.

I knew houses in Montgomery county, and in Richmond in which all who occupied them had typhoid fever, and in one case in particular, every one of them died, and those houses rotted down tennantless.

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(This lovely little Poem was clipped from the Christian Science Monitor, printed in Boston, Mass.)

GOVERNOR DUDLEY'S GARDEN

(Wilmington, N. C.)

Autumn comes gently here, along the banks of the Cape Fear—

A cool wind shakes the rustling palmettos overhead, Magnolias glisten with golden light and red seeds flare among the leaves, The heavy pomegranates hang, sagging upon their branches, —strange fruit which held Pers-phone— and yellow quince. A mockingbird feeds quietly upon the camphor-berry bush and fragrance of sweet olive fills the dusk.

All time moves softly here upon the banks of the Cape Fear.

Ulrich Troubetzkoy.

The Army and the Navy are chest X-raying all the men coming into the service in an effort to find tuber culosis.

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W. P. Butts,

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The 'lectric train that wasn't there

SOME things are hard to understand when you're six. Long before Christmas, Daddy explained why there couldn't be a new electric train this year. But Jimmy kept on hoping... maybe... somehow... Santa Claus...

Jimmy's a good soldier. He'll get along with his old wind-up train that jumps the track. And Daddy will tell him again how the wonderful electric locomotive, with its light and whistle—and all the shining cars—are going into guns and plane parts now.

And maybe Daddy will add that the same electricity which drives tiny trains is also driving the big machines that make bombers and battleships. We hope Daddy does mention it. We're proud of power's part in war production.

Every war plant has had ample electric power when it was needed. Millions of extra kilowatts have been installed—until today America has far more electric power than all our Axis enemies combined! And seven-eighths of all this flood of power comes from the

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