

Poole's Medley

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While Herbert Hoover was President, he said every other row of cotton should be plowed up, and when Franklin D. Roosevelt was President he plowed up cotton and tobacco. Folks thought wise. They got some cash they needed very badly.

There has been expense connected with that stuff plowed up that has never been replaced. Folks think money is the most desired thing, but it is not. Those crops planted, fertilized, and cultivated should have been harvested and stored until a time came when they were wanted. Nothing else was sensible, after it had been produced.

Thomas Jefferson had extensive areas of lands. In that he was

wrong. Too large ownership of any property increases a man's ego, so he will not love his neighbor as himself, or is not likely to. A man is not a socialist because he will have LESS, but he has a hope of having a good deal he has no right to have.

Yes, I have seen stinging cold in September, but none colder than one Saturday in this past September. Maybe our grasshoppers froze. There are more of those insects than usual this fall.

The President advises to stop wasting foods, and to eat less. That is sound advice, but not comforting to those now hungry.

Recently H. F. Seawell, Jr., of

Carthage, wrote for the paper that if the beer consumed by Americans was loaded on railroad cars it would make a train 65 miles long. Some beer.

The fellow who was carrying the ball, wins the apploudits of his fellowcountrymen, while the studious fellow who "burns the midnight oil", and learns his textbooks, wins no praise.

I am hardly able to justify any man's position who says, "Liquor is evil, and nothing but evil", and then votes to license the sale of EVTL.

I have equally as much confidence in a man who says outright, "I want some money", and gets a position in connection with a business which is evil, and nothing but evil, but needing money badly, "I am justified in selling liquor."

When the U. S. made a shipment of grain to starving Europe several years ago, our Uncle Sam

had to pay a bonus on the price of wheat and that bonus sticks to the price of bread material; same is true on meats.

If Henry Wallace ever gets a nomination for the Presidency, it will not be from the Democratic party. No, Henry, no!

"Love your enemies, do good to them that spitefully use you and persecute you". That is what Henry Wallace wants us all to do. But to do that in this instance means to sell out to Russia, and we have plenty of Russian ideas, contrary to the best ideas of political economy.

A good farmer in Montgomery mortgaged all farm lands and timber he owned one year to get money to pay his just debts, when farm produce were at their lowest prices, and the man who lent him that money saw his chance to get very richer. He advertised the sale of that property in my paper. But, by accident,

that land owner found a man in another part of the state who had the money and let the distressed farmer have the money as long as he could pay the interest, and that was done in something like twenty years, when he had a chance to sell the timber only and pay his debt. He had half a million dollars left with which he bought U. S. 4 per cent bonds, giving him an income of \$20,000 a year.

In another paragraph I said something of the weather, and I want to add: I do not remember a fall in which there was no frost at all before this season of the year, October 23rd.

The Farm Bureau is organizing, and we hope 100 per cent, of the farmers will join this organization, for social reasons, if no other.

Harnett County has bought two cotton pickers, because they find they cannot hire it picked. People dread work. I remember when everybody worked, including father.

Paul said that "Power that be are ordained of God," and I say that powers so ordained should be respected more than the average citizen respects the officials of our government.

Where legumes follow small grain in crop rotation system, lime is very important. It is advisable to apply 1,000 to 2,000 pounds of finely ground dolomitic limestone on soils which have not been limed recently.

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