

Poole's Medley

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In some of the histories I have read, I recall that atheism spread wide over the United States. The reason given was that the French, friends to Americans, were atheists, and that is why so many were atheists in this country.

But from the same history, I learned that religious revivals followed in the currents of unbelief and washed them out of existence.

If anything known to humanity has a firm foundation, it is the Christian faith. This is the only thing known to banish the fear of death.

Some wicked men have no fear of danger, or even death, but that is because they are unable to do sound reasoning. Recklessness drives men into danger.

Peter, while he was in Jerusalem, thought it would be a good idea to practice what he preached, liberality, but found it impractical. Common sense must direct all things, if it succeeds.

We are told that the object of the Reds is to put out of the world all who oppose their views. There are people who are prompted in all they do by selfishness.

My father was captured by the Union army in the latter part of July, 1864. He was clad in a summer uniform, and that was all he had to wear in Elmira, N. Y. the following winter.

When he was discharged the latter part of April, 1865, he rode on top of a boxcar to High Point, and then walked home on 1 meal served him at Gillis Bros. five miles from his home.

Numbers of Southern soldiers returned to a spot marked by a blackened chimney that he called home, where the crib and smokehouse were both empty. For the first years after the Civil War, the price of cotton and other farm products were good, and the south prospered.

But from the autumn of 1873 till World War I only a few bright spots appeared. People lived on scant allowances and there were few opportunities for half a cen-

tury to get ahead.

The first cook stove brought into our neighborhood was bought by Daniel McKenzie. The second stove was purchased by N. D. J. Clark in the 1870's. I was small enough to be allowed to hear what the visiting neighbor said to mother as they discussed the neighborhood news. They debated which was better cooking, fire place or stove cooked victuals.

The plows were home made from a bar iron. The stocks were made of hewn or saved timbers. It was an altogether homemade farm implement.

I have helped to gather flowers to be used as dye to color cloth.

Over 1 year ago the Democrats said the rottenest politics in the world was Quay politics, directed by Quay and nobody else had much to do with it.

Game was scarce in my ear-

life, but more plentiful than now. Thirty men in a hunt up in Little River killed only two deer one day recently.

Ang Bailey, in upper Moore county, was in a turkey blind one morning and a tensnag buck came along and was eating his turkey bait. Ang shot him not a yard from the muzzle of his gun and then got out, got his dogs and followed the deer up and down Deep River all day, and did not get him.

The government inflated the currency in 1917, and cotton brought \$100 a bale in September of that year, for the first time in the history of this country. There was no cotton offered during the 1860's.

Proverty is not a disgrace in this country, for the people have had too many reasons to lose all they could make.

I remember when the ladies

wore hoopskirts, and when the other boys and I wore wiregrass hats, when we did not get to plait straws for a better one.

Turkeys And Pork Head Foods List

Turkeys, pork, cranberries, cabbage, and sweet potatoes are the foods featured on the U. S. Department of Agriculture's plentiful foods list for December, the local home demonstration agent for the State College Extension Service said this week.

December shoppers will also find their favorite holiday fruits—apples, oranges and grapefruits—in plentiful supply on retail markets. Vegetables on the list are carrots, onions, and Irish potatoes, the home agent said.

In addition to turkeys from a record crop, and pork, resulting from heavy hog marketings, December menu-planners will find abundant supplies of hens, broilers, fryers, and fish on the market.

Broilers and fryers should be especially good buys in December, the home agent said. With supplies heavy and prices reasonable in relation to other meats, food buyers might consider stocking the home freezer or locker with broilers and fryers for future use, she pointed out.

Plentiful supplies of lard will be available in December, she reported, as well as cheese, peanut

butter, eggs, and honey.

The 1951 crop of cotton will be supported at 90 per cent of parity, Secretary of Agriculture Brannan has announced. The national goal in cotton production for next year has been set at 16 million bales.

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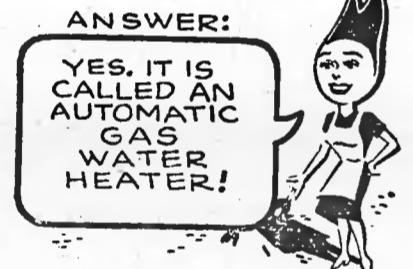
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ANSWER: YES

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