

For The News.

Letter from Texas.

Crops this Year in the Lone Star State Cut Off by Excessive Rainfall, which has Also Caused Much Sickness--People Dissatisfied and Moving West--Other Matters of Interest.

Mr. Editor: Yes, I experienced a degree of sadness when the announcement was made that I had received my last issue of The Review. I felt as if I had lost an old friend. The Review had been making its weekly visits to my Texas home for the past 10 or 12 years, and during the time I only lost one issue. The day that The Review arrived at my office it would be the first for me to scan, in preference to all other mail. Now, as The Review is succeeded by The News, with the same editorial head, I have the consolation of knowing that I will hear from my old home twice instead of once a week.

Well, I have nothing much to write that would be interesting from lower central Texas. The agricultural class as a whole has not had a good year. Only favored localities have made anything like a full crop. The rainfall during the spring and summer months was unusual for Texas. All the low lands were overflowed for weeks, consequently the crops were lost. And the wet seasons and overflowed lands have caused more malaria than I ever saw in Texas. Take the entire county, and I venture to say that scarcely a family has escaped shills and fever, and a number of cases of black jaundice, which was very fatal. The old Texan says he never saw anything to equal this year; and it has caused the people to become restless and dissatisfied, and the migration West is enormous. It is claimed that the West is the coming country for certain crops. Getting beyond the line of the boll weevil is the cause of this migration. You can notice very perceptibly since the appearance of cotton weevil in central Texas.

The country, financially speaking, has been going backward, as cotton was the main money crop. Land has depreciated in value here to what it was before the appearance of the weevil. It is true our farmers have not overlooked diversification; and last spring they went into the potatoe business heavily, but at gathering time they were not offered enough per bushel to pay for digging. Really, cotton is the main money crop for this country.

Our cotton farmers of Texas seem to be in sympathy with those of other cotton states in the movement to hold their cotton and push the price up to 10 or 11 cents. And if there is enough concert of action among them I don't see why they should not realize at least 10 cents in spite of our Mr. Peters's advice to sell. Peters may be false in his judgment and advice; still he has considerable following in this section.

I notice Lancaster is again try-

ing prohibition. We have that law here in this county, but the tiger makes his appearance very constantly. I hope old Lancaster will be able to enforce the law, but it is almost an impossibility.

It is sad indeed to me to notice through your paper how fast my old friends in Lancaster are passing away. And I will say to those of my friends who are still left that I, too, am getting on the shady side fast. It seems that I have lost my health entirely, and this may be the last that my friends will hear of

CATAWBA RANGER.
Bazette, Texas, Oct. 30, 1905.

Elections next Tuesday.

Nine States to Hold Elections --Also Municipal Elections in Several Large Cities.

New York—Elections will be held Tuesday, November 7, in seven States and six of the larger cities. In Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Virginia and Ohio a Governor and other State officers are to be chosen, and in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Nebraska minor State officers, Judges or regents of the State University. In New York, Indianapolis, Louisville, Salt Lake and San Francisco a mayor and other city officers, and, in Chicago, sanitary trustees and Judges are to be voted for.

The Democrats and Populists have fused in Nebraska, the Republicans and Democrats against the Union Labor party in San Francisco, and the Republicans and other parties against the Democrats in Louisville.

In Pennsylvania there has been a miscellaneous endorsement of the Republican and Democratic candidates.

THE PROHIBITIONISTS

have a ticket in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Ohio, Nebraska, New York, Indianapolis and Chicago; the Socialists in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Nebraska, Virginia, New York and Chicago; the Socialist Labor party in New York, and the American party in Salt Lake.

There are six candidates for Mayor in New York and four in Indianapolis.

Crop Figures.

Estimate Made by the Southern Cotton Association.

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 31.—The Southern Cotton association today issued a statement compiled from the reports of 17,000 correspondents throughout the cotton belt, estimating the present crop at 9,444,314 bales. The statement estimates that 61.3 per cent. of the crop had been picked and that 54.7 per cent. ginned Oct. 21.

Arthur Balfour, the British premier, never reads newspapers, it is said. According to the gossip of the lobbies, Miss Alice Balfour, who keeps house for her bachelor brother, is a diligent reader of the papers and clips out whatever she thinks he ought to see.

The Brice Law

Before Judge Pritchard, of the U. S. Court--Howell Petition Dismissed, but Case to Come up Again in Another Form.

Asheville, N. C. Oct. 31.—The argument of the South Carolina dispensary case, in which J. G. Howell of Union, S. C., seeks to compel the board of control of Union county to allow him to reopen the dispensary in Union by claiming that the Brice bill, under which the election which resulted in the dispensary being closed, is unconstitutional, came to an abrupt end today before the merits of the case were reached. Judge Pritchard, on his own motion, raised the point that the relief demanded, a mandamus, would be improper in any event, that writ being used only to enforce decrees of the court, and after a brief argument he dismissed the petition without prejudice.

Immediately thereafter, on motion of Howell's attorneys, the court issued a rule to show cause why a mandatory injunction should not be granted, directed against the same defendants and in favor of the same complainant. The hearing was set for Nov. 20, before Judge Pritchard, at Richmond.

Ex-Attorney General G. Duncan Bellinger and R. H. Welch of Columbia and District Attorney J. G. Capers of Greenville represented the relator. P. V. Barron of Union representing the board of control; ex-Congressman Stanyarne Wilson and Judge Elect D. E. Hydrick of Spartanburg and B. F. Townsend, V. E. Depass and J. A. Sawyer of Union, associated with Mr. Barron, and representing the anti-dispensary interests, are participating in the case.

What's the Use?

We stew and fret and toil and sweat
And try to win a name;
We strive for years with many tears
To win a little fame;
And by and by we up and die,
And all is just the same.

So what's the use?

We grow old in search of gold
And slave our lives away;
We sell our souls for greenback rolls
And barter love for pray;
And by and by we up and die,
And then we turn to clay.

So what's the use?

For love we cry, for love we sigh,
To love we fondly cling;
For eyes that shine we peak and pine
And wince at Cupid's sting;
And by and by we up and die,
And everything takes wing.

So what's the use?

We join the race for social place
And hope at last to shine,
And spend our cash to cut a dash;
And when we get a line,
Why, by and by we up and die—
We're planted 'neath the vine.

So what's the use?

Just do your best, and leave the rest
To late or what you will;
Go play your parts and break your hearts
And drink of life your fill,
For by and by you'll up and die,
And all your hopes be nil.

So what's the use.

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Miss Rose Elizabeth Cleveland, sister of former President Cleveland, is now a wealthy woman. A score of years ago she invested \$4,500 in an island off the Maine coast near Camden. Fashion has turned its eyes in that direction, and Miss Cleveland has just sold part of her island for \$200,000.

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