

# The Shiner Gazette.

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SHINER, TEXAS

## EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE.

Kansas is again coping with high water.

A farmers' congress is to be held at Ardmore, I. T., Sept. 1 and 2.

James Morgan was stabbed to death near Lake Charles, La., by Peter McClain.

Mack Tweedy's bond has been reduced from \$5000 to \$2500. He is charged with complicity in the murder of Ben L. Thompson at Sherman.

William Hale was arrested on the charge of putting deadly weapons in a cell in the county jail. The pistol, it is alleged, was taken to pieces and put in the cell.

James K. Vardman was nominated candidate for Governor of Mississippi Friday over Frank Kritz by a majority of something like 10,000. The contest was a remarkably hot one even for Mississippi.

During a heavy rain and electric storm at Guthrie, Ok., the Presbyterian Church belonging to the colored people was struck by lightning, and totally destroyed by fire. No insurance.

The largest factory of chemicals in the world is said to be the aniline and soda establishment of Baden. The works employ 148 scientific chemists, seventy-five technical engineers, 305 clerks and more than 6000 workmen.

The recently incorporated Cheyenne and Washita Valley Railroad Company of Oklahoma, with John B. Harrison of Cheyenne, Ok., at the head, will put surveying parties at once to run the lines.

Miguel Covarubias has been appointed minister plenipotentiary and envoy extraordinary of Mexico to the South American republics, with residence in Santiago de Chile. He takes the place of Jose Maria Gamboa.

The sharp advance in the price of bar silver in the London and New York markets during the past few weeks has carried it to the highest mark since November, 1901. For nearly six months the market has been on the upward movement.

The Tishomingo and Durant baseball clubs will play a championship game at Ardmore Sunday, August 20, for a \$1000 purse. Both teams claim the belt, and as they are recognized as the crack teams of the Indian Territory, a big bout is looked for.

As was anticipated, all talk of an extra session of congress at early in October has disappeared and the general opinion now is that congress will not assemble until after the November elections.

The report of the French commission appointed to confer with the United States monetary exchange commissioners has been delivered to Ambassador Porter. It contains a note from Foreign Minister Delcasse showing that France is not prepared to express binding conclusions until she has consulted other powers.

A school of 143 small whales has been driven ashore at St. Marys Bay, near St. Johns, N. F., and was unable to retreat. The residents—men and women—waded waist deep into the water and killed them all with hatchets, scythes and pitchforks.

The baby boy recently born to Mrs. Grover Cleveland at Buzzards Bay, Mass., has been christened Francis Grover Cleveland, a name selected by the other children after their father and mother.

The owner of the American schooner Oliver which was towed into Sabine while in distress after the recent storm has been fined \$400 for not accounting for one of her sailors who is said to have left the vessel at Vera Cruz.

Mrs. Mabel McKinley Baer, niece of the late president, has been successfully operated on for appendicitis at a private hospital here. The doctors said that her condition following the operation was not alarming.

George H. Perry, a prominent Chickasaw Indian, is dead at Conway. He drank a liquid of some kind and died suddenly. Perry was an extensive land holder in the Chickasaw Nation and one of the best known Indians in the Territory.

# COTTON OUTLOOK

## THREE WEEKS OF WEEVILS AND WORMS WORK CHANGE.

## NORTH TEXAS CROP THE BEST.

### Prospects Better Than Last Year, Though Early Promise Will Not Be Fulfilled.

Galveston, Texas, Sept. 5.—What is the condition of the Texas cotton crop at the present time, and what promises to be the yield as compared with that of last season? These questions, so often asked by people interested in the staple, both in Europe and America, the News of this city has endeavored to answer by publication of reports from 441 correspondents regarding the crop conditions in their vicinity. These reports cover 143 cotton growing counties in Texas. Naturally, many conflicting reports were received, one correspondent reporting conditions that indicate an increased yield of 50 per cent, and his neighbor correspondent reporting a decrease of the same percentage or more. Such reports indicate varying conditions and spotted crops even in the same locality, the improved crop possibly being due to a better cultivation and an earnest fight against pests.

A few weeks appear to have made a wonderful change in crop conditions and crop prospects. Three weeks ago correspondents reported that conditions warranted the belief that Texas would have a record crop of cotton, an increase in some cases of 100 to 200 per cent over the yield of last year. However, times have changed. Boll weevils, boll worms, sharpshooters and other insects have been busy at work, and the farmer who once looked over his field and calculated his large profits is now figuring on picking one bale to every five or eight acres and praying for prices to stay up until he gets that to market.

Not all sections of the state have had like experiences, and even in sections where weevils and worms have been particularly destructive there appear to be localities where the damage done has not been sufficient to destroy all hopes of a much better harvest than was gathered last year. These localities, scattered through East and Central Texas, together with the promising prospects in North Texas, if conditions become no worse, will give the state a larger yield of the staple than that of last season.

Of the five cotton districts into which Texas is divided, the coast district raises the smallest amount of cotton and Southwest Texas raises next to the smallest amount. Central Texas raises the largest amount, and North Texas raises next to the largest amount. This condition of affairs must be taken into consideration by those who may try to figure more in detail on the 1903-04 crop.

Southwest Texas is infested with weevils and boll worms, Central Texas with the same pests, while East Texas and many parts of North Texas have had their greatest difficulty with the boll worms. One encouraging feature reported from East and North Texas is the fact that the boll worm is becoming less numerous and is doing less damage. Another feature of the reports that seems to stand out prominent is the fact that the early planted cotton is giving to the farmer the largest part of his crop, while that which was planted late, though rich in stalk, has fruited poorly and has become the food for boll weevils and boll worms.

Texas being a large state, the fact that some correspondents reported too much rain during the summer months, while others reported their fields to be suffering from drought, is not inconsistent, yet such reports are of record from the same county.

All cotton is from two to three weeks late in every section of the state, due to the same cause—too much rain in the early spring. For this reason some apprehension is felt regarding the possibility of early frosts.

Collector of Customs Resigned. Washington, Sept. 5.—Thomas G. McAllister, collector of customs at Vicksburg, Miss., has resigned and Albert S. Pierce of Mississippi has been appointed to the vacancy. Mr. McAllister's resignation was entirely voluntary, and it is said he will receive another appointment in the government service.

## LEVEE TIED UP.

### No Work on Ships Affected by Longshoremen's Demand.

New Orleans, La., Sept. 5.—The levee front situation was not improved last night. True to their declaration, the ship agents and stevedores locked up the port's shipping at noon yesterday, and there is no immediate prospect of resumption. When the longshoremen failed to give a conciliatory reply by noon the agents met and passed a resolution ordering all ships to stop that came under the new demand of the union for four men on a side. The result was that in an hour every ship in the port stopped work with the exception of three small boats which were not affected.

The longshoremen's executive committee met last night and at midnight voted to stand pat and not budge in their demand for eight men to a hold. This will be the reply sent to the agents this morning.

Down at the Morgan docks, which are not in the general tie-up, but have a strike of their own, the day developed a firmer attitude on both sides. The union appealed to International President Daniel J. Keefe of the longshoremen, in Detroit, and he replied referring everything to Seventh Vice President James E. Porter, placing him in charge. The Southern Pacific determined on a debate policy to fight the strike. The steamer Aransas was added to the commissary ships and arrangements made for bringing in another big batch of strike-breakers from off the line. The company is mobilizing men all up the Mississippi river. A large body of secret service agents will be here today to take hold.

## Official Denial.

Paris, Sept. 5.—The report published by the Patrie that the government might expel Cardinal Gibbons from France owing to his alleged statements to Breton and other French clergy, is officially pronounced to be false and absurd. The government officers also express indignation at such careless use of the cardinal's name. Cardinal Gibbons wrote to the Associated Press Aug. 28, saying his alleged meetings with Breton and other clergy of France were fabrications without truth in them.

## Two Women Robbed.

New York, Sept. 5.—Mrs. Wood Martin of New York, and her aunt, Mrs. Hewing of Chicago, are reported to have been robbed of cash and jewelry amounting to more than \$3000 at an Alexandria Bay N. Y., summer hotel. The women were boating and left the valuables in their room. The loss was discovered immediately upon their return, but no trace of the thief was found until several hours later when it was discovered that a female servant had disappeared.

## Mexican Cotton Crop is Short.

Eagle Pass, Texas, Sept. 5.—A passenger from Durango reports a prospective short cotton crop about Torreón and San Pedro, the chief cotton producing centers of the Laguna country, due to lack of water in the Nacsa and the appearance of various pests. At Tlahualilo, however, that by its big ditch nearly drains the Nacsa, a fine crop is expected.

## Honey Business.

Floresville, Texas, Sept. 5.—The Hyde Bee Company will let the contract in a few days for a large building in the north part of town, which will be used in their business. The honey business in Wilson county has outgrown the wildest expectations of those who first embarked in it, something that few in this section know anything about.

## First Jennings Rice Marketed.

Jennings, La., Sept. 5.—The first rice to be put upon the market here was yesterday purchased by A. M. Arthur, buyer for the National Rice Milling Company of New Orleans. The quality was A1 and brought a good figure. Harvesting is becoming very general in this locality.

## La Grange Compress Started.

La Grange, Texas, Sept. 5.—The La Grange compress made the first run of the season yesterday, pressing 300 bales. The city cotton receipts up to date are 215 bales. The present dry weather is causing cotton to open freely and the receipts next week will be materially increased.

## Timberlake Well Abandoned.

Edna, Texas, Sept. 5.—The Timberlake oil well was abandoned yesterday at a depth of 1,374 feet. Arrangements are being made to make another test at once, but at a different place. This time of the Timberlake property just above town.

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