ting the reparation of their debts they owe to this country.

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I have been laid up off and on during the year past and now, at this writing, I feel as if I would get my strength back. We had some very bad weather this past three months. It rained at times unusually heavy all over the country, with the streams swollen mostly to danger line. The farmers are behind with their work. There is and has been more sickness and deaths during these winter months. Yetta had to stay in the hospital for close to two months, but is now at home, still with a nurse who attends to her needs day and night. She had a close call. The hospital charges are very expensive and many leave that place broken up financially, in body and all else. One feels sorry that there are so many who need assistance.

The oil wells at Urania are most all good producers. The rains in the last week were regular down pours, as a result of which, it floated thousands of barrels of oil down the streams. Tullos had the fourth fire and is about burned out.

Alicia is now in Cincinnati still at her music. She still believes she will make good at vaudeville traveling. Of course, she is in a good physical and financial condition which keeps her going. She shows great endurance and it may be it was the best when she left Miami just before the hurricane struck the town which stopped all play grounds of the big rich and a fall down of the poor. But the cry for help from outside was a shame and only showed to what extent the real estate swindlers would go. They bought up the press and all agencies to tell the outside world to send money and even tried to hoodwink the Red Cross and the President of the United States. I saw only part of it as I left when the forerunner of the storm came and I suffered during the twenty-four hours from Jacksonville which