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Dear Volksblatt readers:

Don't you want to buy cheap and good land? You will say, "Where is there still cheap land that can be bought?" I'll tell you – here in Albany, Shackelford County. I am from Corn Hill, Williamson county and moved out here. I was astonished when I came here and saw how the land here was lying unused.

There is nothing to see except grass, mesquite, and lots of animals. There are few farms here, but those that are here are a sight to see. Here are cotton farms that make from one to one and a half bales per acre and also the corn is beautiful. The soil is black mesquite land and is very []. Here there is opportunity also for a poor man who can make only a small payment.

It is a very beautiful region, not far from the railroad tracks, and the business arrangements are good. Cotton prices are as good here as elsewhere. Everything has a good price here. There is no church here as yet, but if German Lutherans come, also that will be provided for. Many Germans west of Walburg territory have bought land here, and many more want to come. So don't let yourself get misled, but come.

An acre costs 10 to 12 dollars, so come before the land gets too expensive. You will never have any regrets, and you will have a home for yourselves and your children.

Friendly greetings to all readers.

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