Aus Balley Mills, Teras,

Bertes Bolfeblatt! [12. Des. 1912. Do ich icon lange nichts mebe berichtet babe, fo will ich beute ein paar Beilen auffeben. Die Bitterung eperbaltniffe find trube requerifde und infolgebeffen giebt's recht viele Ertaltugen. Bas bie Erute anbetrifft, fo ift fie eine gute gemejen . Cotton' gab's. beinah Ballen, Beigen 15-25 Buichel u. Berbithafer 40-60 Buldel, Grubjahrebafer 18-20 Bufdel vom Ader Corn ift febr gut. Much haben bie Graebopper febr viel Schaben angerichtet, Unterzeichneter fitt auch fehr unter ber Grashopperplage, Dos 26. Ader Baumwolle blieben ibm noch 10 bis 12 Ader übrig; wovon er 41 Ballen erutete. Es war eine furchtbare Blage mit ben Grashoppera" biefes Jahr. Ge baben viele Leute Schaben burch bie Biefter bies Jahr erlitten. Mich babe ich bon einer Dochgeit ju berichten, welche am 21. Rob. fattiend, nämlich; heer Auguft Somant, Schwefter bes Untergeichneten, troten am genannten Tage in ben Stand ber beiligen Che. Ale Traugengen fungirten Die folgenben Berfonen: Dermann Sumant und Minna Bastamp, Beinrich Retilel und Anna Symant. Rad ber Tranung, welche burch Baftor & Ermifch vollzogen wurbe, begaben fich alle Gafte nach bem Saufe ber Braut-Eltern, wo man eine wohlbebedte Rafel vorfand u. ein Jeber fich bes Dafeins freute. Somit verftrich bie Reit leiber all. suidmell, Beibnachten ift wieber por ber Thure; fomit wuniche ich allen Befern bes "Bolfeblattes" recht frobliche und gejegnete Beibadte Beiertage, fowle ein Gluddes Renes Jahr 1913,

Guftab Symant

From Valley Mills, Texas

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Since I have not reported much for a long time, I want to give out a few lines today. The weather conditions are cloudy, rainy, and as a result there are quite a lot of colds. As for the harvest, it was a good one. Cotton gave almost ½ bale, wheat 15-25 bushels and autumn oats 40-60 bushels, early spring oats 18-20 bushels from the acre. Corn is very good. The grasshoppers have also done a lot of damage, even the undersigned was under the grasshopper plague; of 26 acres of cotton, he still had 10 to 12 acres left, after which he harvested 4 ½ bales.

It was a terrible plague with the grasshoppers this year. Many people have suffered damage from the beast this year.

I have a wedding to report, which was held on the 21st of November, namely Mr. August Gaskamp and Miss Maria Symank, sister of the undersigned, joined on the named day in the state of the holy marriage. The witnesses were the following persons: Hermann Symank und Minna Gaskamp, Heinrich Kettler und Anna Symank. After the wedding, which was performed by Pastor K. Ermisch, all the guests went to the home of the bride's parents, where you found a well-laid table and everyone was happy about the occasion. Unfortunately, time passed too quickly.

Christmas is back at the door. I wish all readers of the *Volksblatt* a quite happy and blessed Christmas holidays, as well as a blessed year in 1913.

Gustav Symank

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