Albany.

Beries Bolfeblatt! Es wäre Dielleicht wieber an ber Beit eines bon unfter Gde boren gu laffen, fonft werben ble Bollsblattice fer benten, wir find bier im Beften beitroduct. Es ift gegenwörtig fein ftoden,- aber fumer noch nicht fi febr, wie ich is bei Balge erlebt babe. Denn wir baben immer noch Baffer fårs Bieb und Deusgedrend. Golie es nun nicht bald regnen, fo wirb es wohl feinen Bater geben und bas Rorn weiches gepflaust nicht auffommen. Rit ber Bennwolle beben wir noch Belt, ben biefelbe ift noch fras genug in Rei au pflangen. Gegenwärtig ift ef noch immer giemlich falt und ftillen fich Die Rochet noch fatt ein, u. folange biefe anhalten wird es mobi nicht tranen.

3d mar bei feinem Freunde, ber batte einen Beief bon Baige betom wen, wo barin ftand, er follie bod weiter nach Bastel mufen, ben bort beite Berr Citter in einem Jahr fold eine Ernte gemacht, bager fich aleich cinen Blas laufen lonnie, Bir ba ben jedoch erfahren, bag bort legtes Jahr wenig gemacht ift und es tommen Bente von Bastel um Her Band ja faufen, weil baffelbe beffer ift als in Bestel, Ded will ich bemit bestel uicht beruntermachen; benn miffen allerwärts Kente wohnen. Dier ift meift alles fowerter, fowerger Dogwallerboben. Dil bem Regen ficht es ja folcal ans, aber er mit fdon -wieber fommen. And brauden wir bier nicht fo Diel Regen. Benn im Commer 3 Regen fallen fo maden wir Grale.

Begenwärtig ift aves mit Bflaugen befchäftigt. Baumwolle, Millo-Raige. Auch find pir immer noch tächtig beim Reuland machen.

Doch genug fit Diermal. - Der Echidel ift noch immer tuchtig hinter die 22dife ber. Geften Gruf an die Boltsblattiefer. - Pm. Grothe.

Albany

Dear Volksblatt!

It would seem to be time to get a little news from our corner, otherwise *Volksblatt* subscribers will think we are dried up here in the west. It is very dry at present but not as bad as I experienced drouth at Paige. We still have water for our animals and use in the house. Should it not rain very soon, there will be no oats, and the corn that is planted will not come up. As far as cotton is concerned, there is still time, for that can be planted in May. At present it is still quite cold and strong northers are quite common. As long as these continue it probably won't rain again.

I visited a friend, who had just received a letter from Paige, which contained the message that he should move to Haskell, for there Mr. Stüber had such a bountiful harvest that he was able to buy a place of his own immediately. We have found out though that little was made the last year, and people from Haskell are coming here to buy land because land is better here than in Haskell. By that I don't mean to run Haskell down because there have to be people living also in areas like that. Here the soil is mostly heavy, black

"Hogwallensoil." The prospects of rain are bad, but it will undoubtedly come again sooner or later. Also, we don't need that much rain here. If it rains three times in a summer, we can get a harvest.

At present everyone and everything is involved in planting cotton, milo maize. Also, we are busily preparing new ground.

But enough for now. Schäckel is busily on the trail of the wolves.

Best greetings to the *Volksblatt*. Wm. Grothe

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