Albany.

Berifes Bolf beatt! Da icon tange nichts im Beltsblait aus unfrer Gegend ju lefen war, fo will ich bas. Benige bringen. In Albany ift eine große halle gebaut worden, um barin Reben abzuhalten. Auch wird ein großes Schulhaus aus Steinen gebaut was 15,000 Arbeitetobig toften foll, der eifte Stod ift bereits fertig, es wird ein Brachtechtube.

Baumwelle wird bier mehr gemadt als erft gebocht murbe. es giebt einen. Ballen auf 3 Ader bei aller Eredenheit wenn es Cinem und Regen nicht bet. nidiet. Bir botten leine Conbfitrme Bu tier bot nod Beber far fein eignen Bebroud gemadt, id bin mit meinen Crob aufrieden und balte es mit bem Elben it. Dilen noch aus - Bes bier le Bente abideedt bon ben tieften if, bağ bier fein Pier v. Bhille abbt. id babe bier nod feine Roth gelitten, blet bot man mehr får fein Gelb cfs in Sib wab DR unb bellert Bere Bir betommen bier befferen Bris für Baumwolle id babe bis jeht aber 13c. erhalten. Bieb ift bier fett Gras beben wir bei aller Erodenheit in Dalle und Hale, fo beh wir bis Beibaad. ten nicht fättern brauden, wenn fein Souce lemmt. Ginige baben foon Dafer gefact aber a tlommen wirb er nicht, benn es if an troden.

Um Montag ben 18. hatten weir elnen fosnen Regen, to daß ich erft am
19. gor Stadt tounte, als ich unterwegs war, fab ich eine groß Alappero
ichtange, mein Sohn wollte für tot
ichtagen, ich fagle, taß fein die tonnte
dich beißen und wir haben leine Medigin. Als wir zur Stadt tamen, war
meine Medizin dort und ich bechte,
jeht tonnlen wir die Echlange fot
falagen.

Dit Gruß an alle Bollablatilefer und berandgeber,

Albany

Dear Volksblatt:

Inasmuch as nothing from our area here has appeared in the *Volksblatt* for some time, I bring you the little I know. In Albany a large hall has been built for the purpose of making speeches in it. Also a large schoolhouse is being erected – a stone structure which is to cost \$15,000 in worker's earnings. The ground floor is more or less complete. It is an imposing building.

The cotton harvest turned out better than expected at first. In spite of the drouth it is yielding 3 bales per acre if rains and storms did not ruin it. We didn't have any sandstorms. Everyone received enough feed for his own use. I am satisfied with my crops and holding my own with the South and East.

What frightens many people away from the West is that there are no beer and whiskey here. I have not suffered any need. Here one gets more for his money than in the south and east, and better wares. We are getting a better price for cotton. Up to now I have gotten above 13 cents. Animals are fat here. We have plenty of grass in spite of the drouth, and we probably won't need to feed the stock until Christmas if there is no snow. A few have already sowed their oats but it won't come up because it is too dry.

On Monday the 18th (of Oct) we had a nice rain so good that I couldn't get to the city until the 19th. When I was on the way, I saw a large rattlesnake. My son wanted to kill it. I said, "Let it be. It could bite you and we don't have any medicine." When we go to the city my medicine was there and I thought, "Now we could kill that snake."

Greetings to all *Volksblatt* readers and to the publisher!

Wm. Grothe

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