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Greetings to the Volksblatt readers in the far away Texas,

The year 1914 has started with snow and ice. The flowers on the windows with their icy covers offer a great picture in the morning. One could design some interesting painting as you have looked at the different designs in the window which formed during the silence of the night. At the present time the farmer is resting in his home close to the heat of the stove while some poor children wander along the road asking for something to eat and accept their fate. The human race is offering an interesting picture of themselves. Now I need to draw your attention to the fact, that as of January 1st I have started a new job as a policeman in my settlement. I hope this news will be of interest to my close relatives and friends in Giddings, Lincoln, Lexington and Thorndale. I and my wife think about you and believe that the son of our brother-in-law and his wife will visit with us in the coming weeks. They have let us wait a long time for their permission. Maybe one of you readers will share it with us. If you would enjoy visiting with us, then do not hesitate. We will welcome you as happily as you have welcomed us some time ago. Soon the time will come when winter will have to give way to spring and its first flowers. That's when people will start to work outdoors once more. On January 18th we had an agricultural meeting at which it was emphasized what should be done with the deteriorating vineyards. Should the land be left desolate or should we plant something else. I wrote to you about the vineyards of the future in another letter.

Be happy and think of your Texan from Baden who thinks of you, Adam Herm

Translated by Margot Hendricks