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ANDREW CARNEGIE



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LETTER FROM TEXAS

Lee Dadisman Writes From His New Home in the Southland.

Newberg Graphic:—Dear Readers of the Graphic in and around Newberg, to you greeting. As I promised some of you a letter when we got located in this new land, I feel this morning that I must not delay longer. When we think back to the time when we associated with you, it seems that much time has already past since we sojourned among you but when we consider the time through the interest we have had in developing our new home, it has passed swiftly. I might here add that there has been no time in our remembrance when the days, weeks and even months passed as slowly and monotonously as when we were waiting for my wife's father to come from Kansas. As some of you knew we were to get an 80 acre tract from him as a gift. We had word from him that he would be here when we would get here but there were hindering causes that figured in the matter and instead of him being here when we arrived, it was around near February 1st. We stopped temporarily with my wife's brother, who by the way was living in a tent, as they had arrived here but a few months previously from Kansas, and "Stopped" tells it all, for a time, which under most any other condition would not necessarily seemed long, but one tent was inadequate to accommodate two families, one of seven children, the other, two and they would not be children if they did not feel their rights should be respected.

Now, going back to the time of our departure from there, it goes without saying that our anxiety began to increase when wife and the dear little ones and I separated for a time, while we sped over the speedy highway, wife and little ones coming by Tourist Sleeper and I coming with our car we had chartered to bring the young stock, canned fruit, etc, we thought best not to sell at our sale. Our journey was a safe one. No accidents more that should be expected on such a journey and we were indeed thankful. My wife and little ones did not start for some days after I left with the car and should have reached San Antonio (her last change, about 70 miles from her destiny) two days and one night sooner than she did but was delayed and consequently reached that place only about ten minutes before I did, as we learned afterward by comparing notes. Had I known it I could have had dinner with them that day in San Antonio but I had no way of knowing and one hesitates to leave an emigrant car while it is being shifted about in the car yards of a large city. She reached Green (our destiny) one evening at 5 and I reached there the next day at 11 a.m. She was seven days coming and I lacked three hours of rounding out a full two weeks. I soon set about to get our horses out for the first time in that two weeks. The law requires that stock be unloaded every twenty-four hours, while in transit, to feed and water unless loaded so they can lie down, and are regularly fed and watered. Our stock had these later provisions.

I will add here that we made no mistake in shipping the stuff we brought unless it would be the apples crated. We barely came out on them. In fact counting the time and bother we were out on them we lost some on them. At that time choice apples could be bought almost as cheaply here as there. Our cargo for the most part was temporarily stored in a cottonseed house in Green and after some unavoidable delay already mentioned, the eighty acres of land was given us and we bought another eighty acres adjoining it

so we have 160 acres in a square. It was the 1st of March when we finally got located on our land, having previously had a well drilled and were successful in getting good water and plenty of it, we were ready to begin the slow tedious but interesting task of developing the land from the raw, covered with timber, in size from brush up to trees good size for fence posts, and prickly pear, for variety, into what we believe will be a productive congenial home. The grubbing and clearing is all done by Mexican laborers. The "Mexican" as the term is used in this instance is evidently a half-breed of Spaniard and Indian. As a rule they are not as dark as the Indian and while they are more industrious than the Indian, they are a decidedly shiftless non-progressive class of people that "live from hand to mouth." We procured one family of these peoples, to start with, to work for us and later, for a time, we worked five men. One has to furnish them a tent or house to live in and keep on hand a stock of eatables. "Provisions" such as meat, beans, lard, potatoes, sugar, etc., with which to furnish them with the necessities of life which of course is charged against their work. They speak the Spanish language. While I had men grubbing and set about to build us a house. I am no carpenter, but thought to build it myself which by the way has been a very slow task as I looked after and waited on the men, done all my own hauling and trying to build at the same time it is necessarily slow. However I have the house well enough along that we have gotten into it at last and it begins to look as though I may get it done some day. It is 14x30 one and a half stories with a 7 foot porch the full length on the south side and a 10x14 porch on the north side from the west end. It is a box house ceiled.

The climate, seems, so far, to agree with us. The summer was not as hot as we expected. They all agree that this has been an



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unusually hot and dry one. 107° is the highest temperature I have heard reported and that was in town and only one day. We are almost continually blest with a cool and pleasant gulf breeze. But little thorough farming is done, it practically all being of the shallow "go as it may" class. It is our judgment that the country has a bright future, though the "bright" may be further in the future than some are figuring. Loving regards and best wishes to all. Lee Dadisman. Kenedy, Texas, Sept. 11.

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