

Terry, Kansas

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Dear Irene:

I flew down to Texas and spent the holidays with Helen and family as usual. Arrived back home Friday night Jan. 8 wanted to be home for the sale up at the Stein farm. There was sure a big crowd and things sold rather high. The farm brought \$54,225⁰⁰ and the personal property a little over \$1,500⁰⁰. Several things sold for more than new items. As a matter of fact the lawyer said he was going home and call a sale and buy new goods. The auction man said he was going to stay at the hotel for a week, so as husbands, or wives, who had bought things too high, could not call him up and give him hell for letting their wives pay so much for things.

My trip to Texas was much more pleasant than a year ago; however it was foggy and rainy all the time I was down there except four days. To day has been the foggiest day I believe I have seen! I am sure glad I dont have to be out tonight, as it would be extremely hazardous.

This has been an exceptional good year for crops, but a very poor one for fruit, as a matter of fact there just was not any. Late freezes got all of it, at present time wheat looks as bad as I ever have seen it for this time of the year. I have been told that it has no root system, that you can pull it up easily. The weather bureau said we had the coldest November ever record. No moisture until the day after Xmas. However during the year the rain were sufficient for good crops. In this immediate vicinity we never had more than 1/2 in. rain at any

one time, while at Topoka and
similar distances, they might
have 4 or 5 inches, or in other words
a gully washers.

I w regards the pecan tree
they are slow growers, and you
get the impression that they are
about to die, but that is the
nature of them. Take trees like

the one I sent you they have
been pruned so severely, that
look like they are about to die.

I have fourteen and they all look
like yours; however in digging
around mine I hit one with
the disk and peeled the bark and
it is sprouting up below the
graph. I have planted several nut
buds they have long limbs which
bend toward the ground.

In regards my health, I be-
lieve that I am feeling better
than I have for several years. How-
ever when I exert a little, I get
short of breath, but nothing like
I did a year ago. I weigh 170 lbs

while before I had my sick spell
I weighed 198 lb.

I have just heard the weather
man say the temperature is 67° in
Topeka, which is a record breaker.
I should go to a funeral at Topeka
this afternoon, but it looks ^{so} rainy
that I am not going. The body is
being brought from Kansas City,
with graveside services only.

you are certainly a good trapper,
but then with all the fur you
mention your place must be over
run with them. When my sweet
corn started to get ready to use
the coons took over I began to set
traps, and caught five and one of
my best cats. I use to be a profes-
sional coyote & fox trapper but ^{am} too
old to continue in the profession.

Dr orders for me is long stockings
that come almost to hips, with
a garter belt to hold them up. I told
the Dr just get a bra & a
dress and I would go as a woman,
I'll close for this time before I
shock you. The stockings are for varicose
veins. Got