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Friend Bitter

Your very interesting and
welcome Epistle of a late date is
at hand a few days ago, its
contents valued and highly appreciated
by me, but it may surprise you
when I tell you I was at a loss
to know who it was written to.
I could not think for some time
who it M. Rawlings was until I read
the letter the second or third time.
This leaves me in as good health as
could be expected as the weather is very
warm and the Climate so different
from that of Va or Geo. I am often
ful of life having a spell of sickness
and have but taking medicine
a time or two this Summer.
The health of the city and surrounding country is at this time very good and is generally as this is the most healthy climate in the world I know. There are people here from almost all parts of the world. It is the worst mixed population than in any other town in the U.S. about one third are Mexicans, third Americans and the other third Germans, French, Irish, Poles, and a few others besides the Spaniards. Most I fear I shall fail to interest you even at this late period it is true I have seen a great deal in my travels and since I've been to Texas but I can't think of much to write when I take my seat for that purpose but if I could see you I could tell you a great deal which was quite different from anything I ever saw before for instance the Indians I never saw or Indians before but have seen several since I've been to Texas besides the soldiers in the army the artillery, the government trains, the trains of camels, the firing of cannon, the S.A. fire company, the Alamo the place where Crockett was killed. The different missions and a great many curiosities which would be a show to any person who never saw the current government trains of about 60 wagons.
With light and Ten Miles to each wage-
all going in would be a show to most
any of us and the common teams
I mean ox teams, from the country farms
from 3 to 9 and this applies to a wage-
but this is not very interesting I guess
I am very sorry to learn that our family
as well as many others has been visited by
sickness and death but we ought not
to complain we must all die sooner or later
and we must while we are blessed with health
prepare to meet death or we may never see our
faces the place, while on the other I am truly
glad to hear that you had such an
interesting Meeting at Rock Church I hope
much good has been done and that
those who have made a profession of religion
will hold and faithful that they may
dot their light so shine that others may
see good work may be constrained to
Glory, God, Savior I hope to hear from
you again soon and please that the
meetings at other churches are productive the
same effect
You spoke of my getting any walking papers
from Miss Sue I assure you I know none
she is now good a good for that
I wonder what caused Joe Carpenter
To come back to us to that poor country
To settle. I am surprised, and what has been
Of farming, I suppose he is in Missouri now.
You did not think of this turn I would not
Be surprised. To learn that he was married
On the head in this but hope he will
Well turn out much better. These people
I will have to close this writing letter for
Want of space. This money it is so very
Spare. My prudent hand is well with inspiration. That I
Can hardly hold up. I cannot tell you much about
Cost as these in this a farming country but if you want
To know any thing about Stock business and the great
ness of Stock that may be true. I will tell you something in this
In regard to that business. I suppose I have seen 2000 head
of Stock within a days travel across the Prairie. Stock
Raising pays better there an an average of say 75c.
The day time horses in Mexico at an average of say 75c.
You can buy a horse here at 50 to 70 that would be
worth 125 Dollars in Osage. People have horses there
And buy some of them as many 3rd and 10th.
Horses there. Bound I suppose from 500 to 1000 both.
A year some almost double every year. So
You see Stock raising can pay well even if you
sell them very cheap but it is quite an isolated
life. To live out in the Prairie perhaps
20 miles from any house. The Country is so
Thinly settled. I will stop or I will lose your
Patience.
I am sure to see many friends except a day
Or two you will see to you friends.
Laid B. King