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September 8, 1936.

Dear Mr. Carter:

Upon my return from a tour of visiting the fall livestock fairs I find your good letter of August eighteenth.

First, let me say that the "Hired Hand" carried out his instructions to the letter, and sent us the finest melon Mrs. Penney says she ever tasted. She wishes me to tell you that the entire Penney family made the eating of it a festive occasion - that is the entire family with one exception, for I was unable to share in this melon feast.

Mrs. Penney and I thank you for your kindness and thoughtfulness in sending the melon, and I am happy that she and the children enjoyed it so much. You certainly do grow wonderful melons in Texas. I had a melon patch of my own when I was a boy in Missouri, and more recently I tried (without success) raising them in White Plains - but "thereby hangs a tale."

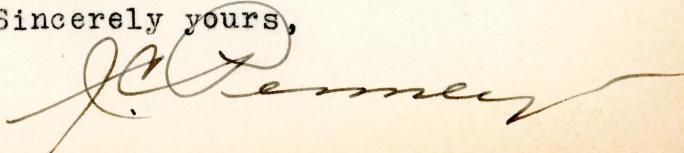
Your cheerful and very amusing letter is heartening. The "boys and girls" wouldn't feel half as hurt to have Texas handed back to Mexico as the rest of the country would feel for we like our largest state a great deal.

I wish I might act on your suggestion to visit the Centennial. Whether I am going to get down before it closes or not I cannot say. I am at home very little of the time. Recently I have been following the Emmadine Farm herd around and have enjoyed watching them judged at some of the State Fairs. We haven't exhibited (excepting at a few local fairs) for a number of years, and it is interesting to enter the show ring again. Tonight I go to Syracuse to attend the New York State Fair and week after next to Eastern States Exposition at Springfield. In October I am afraid I shall have to take a long trip of a different character which may prevent my getting to Texas.

Whenever you get North of course you will be sure to come to see me.

With kindest regards and best wishes, and thanking you again for the "treat" you provided the family, I am

Sincerely yours,



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