

The oldest inhabitants  
do not remember such  
a long "cold spell" within  
forty years. There have  
been several sleets this  
week, but the weather to  
day is quite pleasant.  
All are well.

As ever yours &c  
Stanley

By the way, we do not  
want to do all the writing.  
Make some of the younger  
ones write when you cannot

Columbus, Texas.  
Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>/87

Dear Papa,  
Uncle Sam  
received yours of 13<sup>th</sup>  
with the enclosed  
draft <sup>today</sup>. He says he  
feels a little better.  
He intends to strike  
out in a day or two  
to see the country. I  
think he has seen  
about all he can see  
in the town of Colum-  
bus. Since he got well  
he has cut him an "o-  
rage horse" (and "shod" it  
with a piece of brass) and  
walked all over the