

SUNNY TEXAS

E. J. ERSIN WRITERS OF THE
BEAUTIES OF THAT STATE AND
HAS DECIDED TO CAST HIS LOT
THERE.

Alvin, Texas, April 22, 1908.
Mr. Geo. Farries,
Courtenay, N. D.

Dear Sir and friend:—

After looking over considerable territory along the Gulf coast of Texas I have finally decided to locate here at Alvin, which is a town of fifteen hundred population, entirely white, as a negro is not allowed to stay over night, and the the town and country is settled by people mostly from the north, representing every state in the Union. Here they make a specialty of raising oranges, figs, strawberries and all kinds of garden truck.

Alvin is situated on the Sante Fe railway twenty-three miles south of Houston and 28 miles north of Galveston, and has a better market than either of the above cities. I will enclose a small pamphlet telling something of the place. I have purchased twenty acres one and one-fourth miles from the depot and just outside the city limits. I have six acres of figs on the place and intend to set the balance out in oranges.

The climate here is simply immense and I feel better than I have for some time.

The following lines describe this place very thoroughly.

Where the summer's heat is banished
By the salt sea's cooling foam,
Where the balmy gulf breeze ever
Bids the Frost King cease to roam,
Where the silver moon so softly
'Tints the arched skies azures dome,
Where all nature bids me welcome
"Alvin" There I'll build my southern home.

Will see you in about ten days.

Yours very truly,

E. J. ERSIN.