

Waller'sville - Tex

Feb. 1912

Dear Mother - I am as busy as
a miller getting up camp ahead
for my trip on the road & I will
leave home on the 28th & spend the
29th with Ed & Fern and on the
30th you at home on the morning of the
first of March & I will be by the
Wedding ring from Central Kent

(2)

Out. you will receive my check
about 9 AM when the court
house opens. I enclose you
two letters. Write me again.

Yours truly

Tom

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

Hallettsville - Tex
July 19

My Darling Sweetheart - This is a glad bright-
day and the Sun is shining because my girl
has written me at last - & If you know how I feel
about your Silence you would write me a letter day for
the next month to make up x

As to Sogerton I will not be there & This is
the reason - The Regt has made such a hit
that it will be impossible for me to get
away from my desk for any Encampment - except
one that will be held in September in Graham 18 miles
from here x However this is all for the better x

(2)
What is the use of meeting you and then going away
again x The next I meet you I will have a
marriage license and a home ready for you x I
have already looked up a nice fire room
cottage with trees and flowers around it x
In that cottage I will place my little bird - Venster x
So do not mind if you don't meet me on the 30th
I will be all for the best x

P The weather here is fine x We had (2) good rains
in the past - (2) weeks and the corn and cotton
and garden stuff is fine x This is the best
Port of Texas x What do you think I am

(3)

Living within 28 miles of your old home & Look
at the map and you will see that I was again
Wharton Co &

I enc my love notes to the Charming Bethie
and Alma, kiss the Mütterchen

and please me as ever

Your own

Tom

P.S. I am going to write me (3) times a week

Long

Walleetsville. Tex
June 20-1911

My wife:

I received your letter, (one page)
and am sorry you did not send me
the long letter you promised x

I am working very hard here as you
may judge from the Rehearsal matter x
Now I want you to understand how
things are at this end of the line x
We have ordered a new press costing
\$3.100⁰⁰ and a car load of paper x They
are both due now and when we have
installed the press we will have
the ~~new~~ biggest printing office

(2)

from Houston to San Antonio x Here
are 2 born people working in the
office and I can make a place for
my wife if she wants to come in x
Houston that is for you to say x

Now then - from July 1 until November
of the Campaign will be on and
Every indication is that it will be the
grossest that ever occurred in the
South x It will be my task to
sit at this desk and turn out a
^{each week}
Report that will be greater than
any that has appeared up to date x

(3)

Ernest says that if I do so we
will have 75,000 subscribers on
election day x I know I can do so
~~but~~ if things go right or things
will not go right unless I have an
easy mind and I will not - Can not
have an easy mind as long as I am
separated from my brown eyed wife x
Now sweet heart - Come on keep
me with your sweet presence your
sympathy and encouragement in
this the greatest battle of my life x
The cross must be at once laid

H

by at this time x Will you sit down
and advise me that you are coming
next week? At any rate let me
know when you will be here so I want
to make the necessary arrangements x

I got a nice offer of a house last
week and I could not take it up
on account of not knowing when you
would come x The house has seven
rooms and an acre of ground around
it with shade trees x It is next
door to Mrs Meitzen's and the old
Brads are longing to have you
and myself as neighbors x

(5)

Last week I was in Houston
and was a guest in Frank Putnam's
home x He and Mrs Putnam ^{tried to} make
me promise that I would bring you
on a visit to them in the fall x
I told them I could not promise
that as I would do more than dine
with them x

Now, Mrs Boss, your boy is laying
for you x you will find him as kindly
tender and gentle to cross his pretty
bride in Wallcutsville as he was in
Mass x as far as I am concerned

(6)

The Honey moon is still on and will
be I hope until death does us
part x

W. A. loved me until me by return
mail and keeps me as always

Your loving and devoted husband
Tom x

x x x x x x x x x

P.S. Thank the Mitterchen for the
flower x It is like herself pure
and clean

Tom x

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A. MITCHELL, Merchant
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Mrs. T. A. Hickey,

Brandenburg, Texas.

My dear Wife:

In response to dozens of requests and because of the sickness of some speakers, I have had to leave the desk and make a thirty-day tour. I spoke at the encampment in Belton yesterday and will be at De Leon on the T. C. Railroad tomorrow, and will meet you at Luders, O'Brien and the Stamford encampments and hope to be able to jump into Brandenburg before Luders commences. If not you will surely meet me at Luders.

Yours ever optimist
Tom x

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STAMFORD AND MUNDAY

STAMFORD, TEXAS.

March 4-11

My dear Mother - I got off at Soyerton
and found the Millercher's mine & the
agent could not tell me in the moment & I
had to stop how much the express
charges were & go and get it and tell
the Millercher to drink a glass to
my health (as the same journey) I
feel lonely for my girl and must
plunge in to work to relieve my self &
Be of good cheer sweetest and
don't forget your boy is at the press-
working to finish that dress for his
sweet-hird & with undying love
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Hallettsville-Tex
July 10-

Dear Clara: We're lost! I sent
you a letter and our paper a week ago
and have watched each mail anxiously
but - not a line x Was it lost? Dear

I enclose you another paper.

Will be in Dayton on June 30 x

Love ever
John

(2)

I will see to it - that you get the
first copy off the press & I want to send
the second copy to eds & ~~if~~ He never come
first - if it was not for you & I want you
to treasure it through all the coming
years

From the boy who adores you

Tam

X X X X X X X X X

Rockelle. Tex

April 7-11

My darling: your beautiful letter
received yesterday x This is the way
to write x you ask me where I will be
when Clark is in Sagerston x I think I
will be there x I have very important
business in connection with the party
that I must see Clark about x In fact
the business is so important that I
will have to jump 150 miles to see him
Of course I will see a young lady with
brown eyes too x It may be that Muriel
will arrange for me to meet Clark
elsewhere in that event I will go
to Sagerston x I will receive a
letter on Tuesday at Mercury

(2)
McCulloch Co telling me whether
I am to go or not - x When you get this
before you leave the office drop
me a line saying whether you would
like to see me or not - and if you make
it strong enough I may make the
jump any how - x That is a joke but
drop me a line & name to congratulate
the Mutterchen in person if possible

With all the best time love and kisses
your own boy

Tan

With love instantly to T A Hickey

General Delivery

Mercury

McCulloch Co

Tax

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AND
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Fort Worth, Texas,

March 24 - 1911

Sweetheart: I am in the middle of a very
hot campaign here & I am speaking twice
a day & at noon at the Rail Road shops and
at night in halls and on the street & The
Spring campaign is on - Election day is on
April 4 & I went to the post office every day
this week looking for a letter from the only
girl but she is a pretty mean girl because
there was no letter for me & When are
you going to write me & I will be over
my desk on Monday and then I will go

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(2) Fort Worth, Texas.

to a department store and buy a little
present x Keep cheerful and in good
spirits because the time will quickly
more around when you will be a happy
wife and your Tom will have quit the
road for good x My senior to notice
will be one of the features of the South
Western Farmer x I love the Editor to
send you a copy x Write me a long
letter and consider your self kissed a
thousand times your ever boy

Tom x x x x

March - 22 - 1912

Dallas - Tex

My wife: I hope you will not
think unkindly of me because ~~of~~
I have not written to you sooner & the
Rebel next week will explain why in a
measure & the fact is that I do not care
to send you postal cards & I want to send
you a long letter every time & unfortunately
I have been ~~so~~ worked to the limit of
human endurance as the enclosed letter to
Ernest will show & hence I have kept
putting off writing from day to day

(2)

Until I could send you a long letter,
I did not feel that I could do the
right thing by writing through a
stenographer. So I have dictated
14 columns of stuff for the Rebel without
writing my name a line & I wish you
and I were together for 5 minutes and
I would be able to explain the matter
more thoroughly & do not worry your
sweet self for a moment if you do not
hear from me you can rest assured that
your boy is at the front fighting and
working for you &

(3)

The Rebel Staff has sent us a
beautiful wedding present. It came
to Ennis in a big box four feet
square base - measuring x It is an electric
lamp with 3 32 candle power globes inside.
~~Inside~~ It is a beautiful of stained glass
frame about two feet square with
gold beaded fringe hanging down all
around x It - more here cost \$50⁰⁰ at
least x It shows you how the Rebel
and his wife is loved by those who
know them best x sweetest, Sam.

(4)

longing to see you x I wake up in
the middle of the night - and look for
you x I will count the days and
hours until I take my wife in my
arms again x Fortunately it will not
be long until I meet you in the old
house where I wrote for you and the
miserable monster and did so under the
inspiration of your presence

Your husband while life lasts
Tom.

X X X X X X X X X X
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Nollettsville, Tex
June 11- '21

My darling mother: Clara
got here this morning and
found me well & I am
all right after my
operation and will be able
to go to work next week
if Clara lets me & she is
well but tired and will
send you a long letter

(2)

tomorrow I hope
you are as well as ever
after all our Fred Attorneys

your own son
~~Tom~~

Ich werde morgen
näher schreiben
heute zu spät
es ist nicht alles
da sein soll doch seit

ohne dass, dass

Woburnville

July - 11 - 1911

My wife: I am still waiting for a
reply to my letter x

Is it possible you don't want
to write or is it simply carelessness x

I am in the midst of the greatest
fighting my life to make the Rebel
a good paper and I need your
presence your sympathy and

encouragement x

Write me by return mail saying

When you are coming to me x I am -

Love this dear

Your boy
Tom

x x x x o x x

P. J. I think this is the best -
Relax never got one - x Come on
more a better
Tom

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CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS, Oct 22 1911

My sweetest: your letter received & since
I wrote you from Temple I met Ed & Ben and
he tells me that I shall, if possible, make the
last speech in Haskell Co. ^{on Nov 4} Then I will go to
your home and carry off my beautiful bride
on Nov 7 & you will go with me to Wallisville
there to make your home for good & I am
tired of the strain of double work so you
must hold me down to the desk and you will

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CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS. ————— 191 ————

Succeed x I am in my usual good heart
and spirits and if there is any gray days
it is only because they are days away
from you

Your loving husband

Tom
x x x x

Hallettsville Tex

Nov 16 - 1912

Sirs & Theat:

Enclosed find a
fine letter from Frank Putnam x
Also the Reel just of the Press x
I think it is the newsiest edition
I have gotten out of a date x I am
catching up with my work that was
away behind on account of my absence
from the desk x I am working with the
patience of job to hear from my brown
eyed wife x I want to know when she is
going to quit the farm and come to where
she can smell printers ink instead of
corn on the stalk
Your loving husband
X X X X Tom

Waller, Tex.
Dec 7-1912

My wife:

your picture pose
being x needless to say I recognized
you in the group altho the figures
were faded x Look for me around
New years day x Enclosed find copy
of this issue Rev x I think it is
great x What think you?
your own loving husband

Tom x

x x x x x x x

P.S. I speak in Hausen
tomorrow x

Hallettsville Tx

Nov 14x

My Sweetheart:- your letter received

Am washed as usual

Look for more important letter in
24 hours

I want you here and I want my
brown eyed wife bad

every thing is o k, financially, physically
and otherwise

Free details tomorrow

my Land pamphlet is coming of the press

Wayland is dead and I am grieving

I suppose it's all in the fight

Renters Union was big success

From the boy that loves you
your husband

Tom xxxx

(over)

Enclosed is from a 60 year old
lady cousin the sister of my
dear old male friend of my
boyhood days. Vate will be 25 years
Tom

Tyler - Tex
Aug - 27 - 12

My dear wife:

I am rushed to death x
I would have miles to write - Mark
I enclose you story of Samson
from the News x advise
Alma to go out at once x
Enclosed card speaks for
itself x will see you in 10 days on
election day and then we go
home

Your faithful husband
Tom



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Walnut Springs, Tex.,

July 3 1912

Sweetheart: Can you leave
Bradenburg on Tuesday evening
on the train going to Stamford?
I will make the morning 8 o'clock
at Gorman and come to Stamford on
the afternoon train. We can stay
together in Stamford on Tuesday night
and go to Lucena on Wednesday morning.
Come down on Tuesday evening train.
Sure as I want to buy you a fine present
Your ever optimistic boy
Tom x

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THE REBEL

T. A. Hickey, Editor

Hallettsville, Texas,

Feb 13 - 1912

Your precious little son here:

Forbear me for now writing & I thought
you would understand why & the plain
truth is that I have been worrying
night and day and keeping up with
my work on the Rebel as well & I did not
like to send you a line; I wanted to send you
a long letter so waited until I got
back to the desk & now I write you
much because it is not necessary as you
and I are together in less than two hours
we are married inside of 15 minutes.

THE REBEL
T. A. Hickey, Editor

Hallettsville, Texas,

after you get off the train on the first of
March x Leave Brandenburg on Thursday
Evening Feb 29 for Stamford x Take
the train at 8 ⁴⁵ PM for Waco x you
will find me on the platform waiting for
you and then we will be married and happy x
The Houston Chronicle has an article
today in which the Chronicle predicts
that I will be the nominee for Governor x
Kiss Miltershek and the girls for me and
shake hands with Fritzy
Your Obedient boy
Tom x x x x x

(1)

Hallettsville - Tex

Monday, AM - Feb 26,

1912

Oh you sweetheart: just a few
days more and then the wedding bells
will chime x I have made arrangements
with the train company to stop here two
weeks so you see we will have a long
honey moon x Remember: take the train
on the evening of the 29th and you
can sense that nothing but death
will keep your boy from meeting
you at the depot. When the train comes
into town from Stamford x

With oceans of love

Your husband this week

Ed x

Wallerstovill Tex
Feb 27 - 1912 x

My dear Simeon: I am going to my
the good wedding my today x 2 heps
it will fit you but you does not we can change it
I am longing for Friday

Yours boy
Tom

x x x x x x x

(11)
Debs on Oratory.

No man ever made a great speech on a mean subject. Slavery never inspired an immortal thought or utterance. Selfishness is dead to every art. The love of truth and the passion to serve it, light every torch of real eloquence.

Had Ingersoll and Phillips devoted their lives to the practice of law for pay this divine fire within them would have burned to ashes and they would have died in mediocrity.

The highest there is in oratory is the highest there is in truth, in honesty, in morality. All the virtues combined in expressing themselves in beautiful words, poetic phrases, glowing periods, and moving eloquence.

The loftiest peaks rise from the lowest depths and their shining summits glorify their hidden foundations.

The highest eloquence springs from the lowliest sources and pleads trumpet-tongued for the children of the abyss.

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Denial of one's better self seals the lips or pollutes them. Fidelity to conviction opens them and truth blossoms in eloquence.

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There is no inspiration in evil and no power except for its own destruction.

He who aspires to master the art of expression must first of all consecrate himself completely to some great cause, and the greatest cause of all is the cause of humanity. He must learn to feel deeply and think clearly to express himself eloquently. He must be absolutely true to the best there is in him if he has to stand alone. From the "Secret of Efficient Expression," by Eugene V. Debs in the Coming Nation.

Dear Clara: I have
just cleaned up my den
and found this x How true it
is x A man or woman can not
make a really great
speech unless they feel
it in every fibre of their
being x so you remember
but I can't make an
Lueders x So don't and
tell me about it

Your own boy
Tom

425-Broome St.,
N York
City.

Dear S.A

After a long time
I am answering your letter.
I know you will forgive me.
I tried to think it out how
it was possible for me to go
*Phoenix, placed as I am.
My Mother, is becoming

Mentally worse all the time
and very hard to get along with.

As I have to bear most of it,
that is just how I am fixed.
And do not see that there is
going to be ^{any} let up as she is
becoming bodily stronger.

About two months ago Will, wrote
me asking me to go to Dry. I
had said nothing about the
trouble ^{at} home until then so I
told him, he advised me to

have the Authorities look after
her but up to date could not
bring my self to do it. I have not
heard from Will since. —

Do you ever hear from him?
If you do not, ^{always} remember
there is the possibility that he
has not received your letters.

He is very much elated over
your success. I need not tell
you how very pleased I am that
you ~~are~~ without saying —

Now don't you think you were
mean not to write and let
us know you were going to be
married, that was no way to treat
an old friend, however I will
forgive you. Give my best love to

Mrs Hickey and hope you are both
very happy as you deserve to be.

I wish you both health, and some
more of the world's good and Happen-
-ess and then some more — You
are having some stirring times in

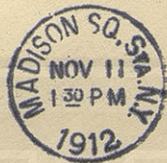
Letas, when I read about you &
always picture you, as you used
to speak in the Washington St.
Hall - You made a fine Camp-
aign in Letas, I am pleased at
the result just. Imagine more
than 1.000 000 votes - Did Will,
ever tell you that we have a
little place in Phoenix? When
I go there both you and Mrs
Hickey must come and pay

me a long rest- This is a long
letter for me. I must close.

With my best love to
You and Mrs. Hickey

If you answer this send it
to my place of business —
H. Whaley 425-Broome St.
N York City

private



*Mr. J. A. Hickey.
The Geibel,
Hallettsville,
Texas.*

Temple, Texas, October 13th, 1912.

Mrs. T. A. Hickey,
Brandenburg, Texas.

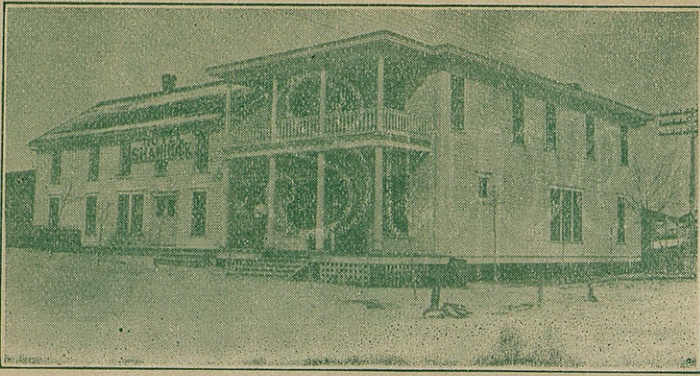
My dear Wife:

Enclosed you will find a page advertisement of the Cotton Palace at Waco. You will notice that it begins on November 2, and continues for 16 days, and big reductions in railroad fare is given on all railroads.

I promised you that I would come after you on November 9th, and I still stand to my promise if you insist upon it. However, it will suit me splendidly to have you come down on Friday, November 7th and Ed. Green will meet us with his touring car and we will go to Rockdale Monday and home to Hallettsville the next.

What do you think of the idea? Write me and say exactly what you want. What's the matter with Bertha taking advantage of the round-trip rate and having a good holiday. If, however, you hold your original idea, that I should come to Brandenburg on the 9th, I am, yours to command. Write me your wishes on the subject

L. A.
x



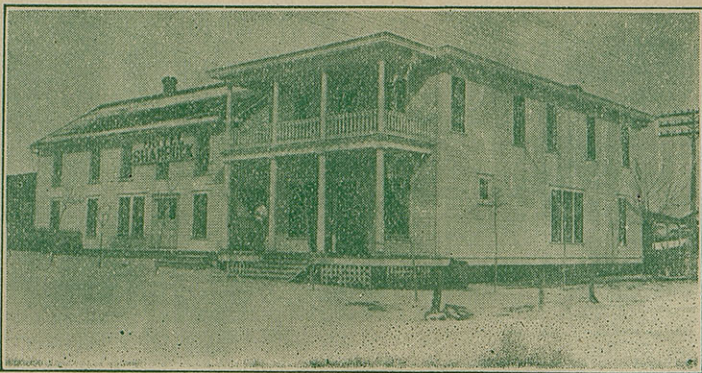
HOTEL SHAMROCK

R. M. STONE, MANAGER

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SHAMROCK, TEXAS, Sept-28 1912

My beautiful wife: Your letter with enclosure to
Ballettville has just caught up with me x
To say that I was astonished when I saw the
money order expresses my feelings mildly x
I was delighted at the warm tone of your letter and
I promise I will make you an apromise before
long just because of the happiness with which
I will surround you x you made a good natured
mistake in sending me the money x That is what I should
do and goodness knows I have not done much
on that end ~~and~~ I am going to Stanford where I



HOTEL SHAMROCK

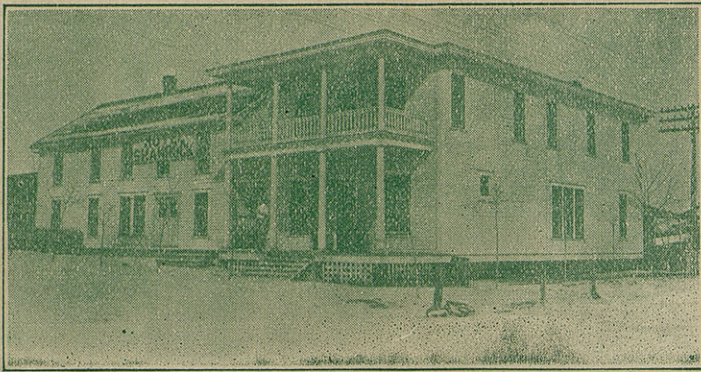
R. M. STONE, MANAGER

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SHAMROCK, TEXAS,

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Speak on Monday March 7 x I will be in
Orosby on Saturday next and will be
conveyed by auto to Spur x I will come down on
the Evening train to ~~Brandenburg~~ Stamford
and expect to meet you on the platform at
Brandenburg on Sunday Evening x "Have you
go to meeting" clothes on and come with me
to Stamford where we can spend Sunday
and Monday together x Don't disappoint me
in this as it will be the last chance we will
have to see one another until Election day x



HOTEL SHAMROCK

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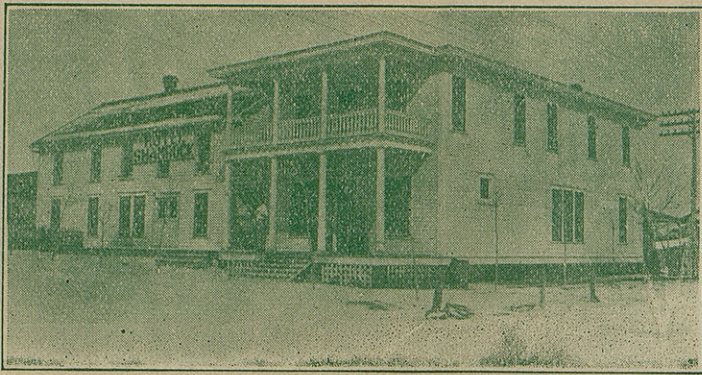
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If possible I will get out of speaking at
Crosbyton and will thus leave Spur on
Saturday and will be at Brandenburg when the
Evening train comes in & don't fail to make ~~the~~
both trains

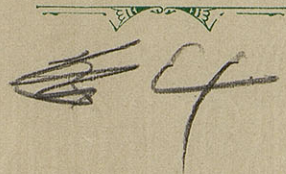
Ed Green has bought a \$2.000 touring car
that goes 60 miles an hour & he said to me:

Wish your charming wife & Rockdale and I will
give you both a ride to Hallettsville" & I told
him that that would be entirely up to you



HOTEL SHAMROCK

R. M. STONE, MANAGER



SHAMROCK, TEXAS,

191

I am loaded with news for you and will tell
it when we meet x It is good news x There
is the Argentine Olive? I was right about
Mexico x Miss Bertha and Mutterchen and
give my regards to Fred

Your loving husband

Tom

P.S. Glad you like the Rebel and its editor x

SOCIALIST PARTY OF TEXAS
E. R. Meitzen, State Sec.

Hallettsville, Texas,

June 5-1912

My darling wife: Your letter received x
Needless to say I am delighted to hear
from you x Now this is how matters
stand x I have secured a beautiful
six room house with bath with front
and back gallery and an acre and a
half of ground x I have 150 dollars
worth of new furniture to put in it x
~~that~~ I and Ernest and Mrs Meitzen
and a dozen friends are longing to
greet you and of course your husband
wants you more of all x Come down
here and see us and go to work

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Hallettsville, Texas,

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Hallettsville, Texas,

in my ^{own} office when ever you want to x
When will I see you a check for
Rail Road fare and expenses here x
Can you come in a week x sure then
I want you I am longing for my wife

SOCIALIST PARTY OF TEXAS
E. R. Meitzen, State Sec.

Hallettsville, Texas,

tell me darling when you will come
It is a shame that we should be
apart x

Your loving husband
Tom

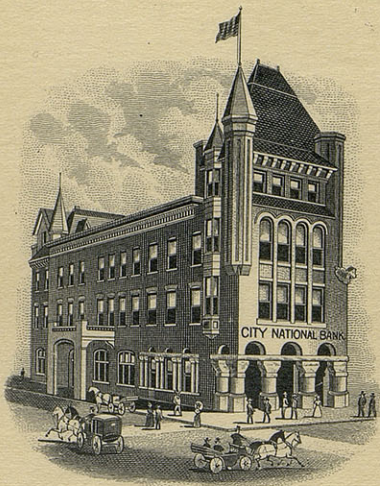
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Spanish Fort - Tex
Sept 10 - '10

My dear Clara: I will be in Stamford on
Thursday, Friday and Saturday x I am then going
to Stennis for 15 days x Then I go to Hattiesburg
La for eight days x So I will be in your
neighborhood for nearly a month x We can
have all the big long talks we were talking
about x Drop me a line to Stamford c/o
Walter Sample saying where and when I
can see you x Can you drop down to
Stamford on Saturday next x I want to have
you along to buy you a nice present x
You ought to come down and do some shopping
then x If you can not come write me to
Stamford saying when I can see you x Well
I go to Sagerton on Sunday morning or
to Brandonburg or - Where x I am in
fine health and spirits and longing to
see your sweet face x

With love to all especially, yours
Tom

x x x x x x x x x x x x



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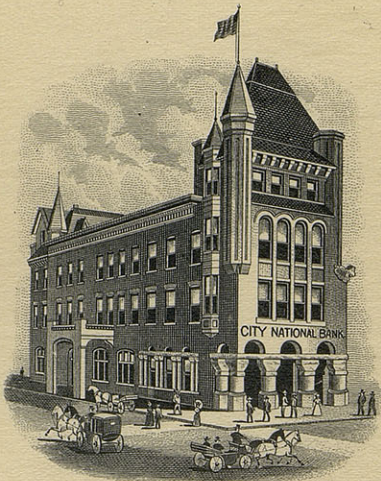
BOWIE, TEXAS.

Sept 13, 1910

My sweetest Clara: I made an enormous
hit in this town and am now the guest of Mr
C.H. Boedecker, president of this bank and the
mayor of the town x It was my Frangier Finance
week that did it but he says ~~he~~ it is my
pleasing personality x (Now what do you think
of that)

Convey to Sister Louise my warmest congratulations
on her latest arrival x Tell her to kiss the young
lady for me and say that I hope all her
troubles in life will be little ones x

The Kaufman essay is good; I hope he



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BOWIE, TEXAS.

princicually applies his philosophy by
supporting the Socialist movement that will
make all friendships enduring and that can
never be sundered by the teeth of the poverty
wolf x

As to ourselves: I am sorry that you can not be in
Stamford on 15-16- or 17 x The best thing to do is to drive
over to Brandenburg on Sunday morning next and
meet the train coming in from Stamford x I will be on
it x Will the buggy hold a 100 lb box of fruit?
if not bring the Survey x I go to Aspermone on
Monday and will be off the following Saturday evening
and Sunday until Monday afternoon and may be
until Tuesday x So you can see that the Congress
talk and planning will take place and then we
can have some knowledge of what the future holds
for both of us x With love kisses
P.S. Drop me a line to General ^{Stamford} ~~Stamford~~ as once

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Loans on Articles of Value

Mart, Texas,

Jan 18 1911

My dear Clara: The time is drawing near for the big time at Waco x Enclose find a letter for the postmaster at O'Brien x send it to him (the money order) and bring the rest of the money you have to Waco out of which pay your expenses for the trip x This treat is on me x you deserve it, little girl, and I want you to have it x I see that the great spectacular show - Ben Hur - The great historical Roman play will be given on the 27th and 28th at the Auditorium in Waco where Leo speaks x I want you to take it in x

Leo's Bronchitis on Wednesday Jan 25 for Waco x I will be at the depot in the morning of the 26th waiting for you to get off the train x Don't disappoint me and you will have the time of your life x

With Love and kisses

Tom x

Burk Burnett
Mitchell Co. Tex
May - 16 - 1911

My Sweetheart: I know
you will be anxious about
the paper project so
here are the facts:

First

The location will be Hallettsville

Second, I will be Editor in
Chief

Third J. L. Hicks will be
Associate Editor but
will stay in Chilene

(2)

Fourth: The farmers journal
will be given up by Hicks
or rather will be merged
into my paper

Fifth: Meitzger will not
be on the paper because
he is state dec. (That
may come later)

Sixth: Arrangements

3

Or being made to start
before the "encampment"
Season begins x

Serenth: If a young lady
whose initials are Clou B
will write the editor nice
letters twice a week
she can have any job
on the paper she wants in

(4)

fact she can do any
thing she likes with
The sportsman Editor x

Now dear I'll let you
know of all happenings
as they come up but

I must ask you to keep
this information quiet
until I tell you reversely

5

too early publicity
may spoil some of
my plans -

You can depend on me to
work my head off for
its success because

thereby I will do the
two things dearest
in life to me namely

(6)

push the best movement
on earth and marry the
sweetest purest
prettiest girl in Texas
I'm the % Meigs

With love and kisses
and a hope to meet you
Soon your own boy
Tom

Waco, Texas, Feb. 1, 1911.

My dear Clara:

I feel sick and sore and sorry since leaving you. I wished a hundred times that we had Reddin Andrews go through with the ceremony, but seeing that you were so tired and worn it may be all for the best. I have finished up my work and will leave for Temple at 7:10 A. M. I have written Mitzen a letter, instructing him to push forward my dates so that I can be with you in old Stonewall in the near future. I hope when I come to Stonewall to be able to take a week off to rest up. I am in splendid health and spirits. I have decided that it is best that the financial arrangements with Mitzen shall continue, because it is only for a few months and then by settling down you shall be mistress of the purse.

I was overjoyed to learn by telegraph this evening that Fred Warren has been pardoned by Taff. I enclose a clipping, explaining the pardon.

I am engaged on a Saturday Evening Post story that I sincerely hope will be a big winner.

#2-C

The weather continues beautiful here and the only cloud of my life is due to our separation. However, cheer up as it will not be long. Kiss the mother for me, and don't fail to write at once.

Yours ever
Tom

x x x x x x x Kiss there x

Antelope Gap - Tex
Feb 16 - 1911

My darling sweetheart: your
welcome letter received yesterday

I'm sorry to hear you are not
feeling good but I know you are
too beautifully healthy to feel sick

Very love x I am in fine shape x

Did you read the announcement
in the Appeal of my new paper x

I'll come out on October 13th

(12)

This is my last trip & I leave
the road after the encampments
and go to the good grimes at
Waller's place where I become a
writer in the new paper & rather
I will be the managing editor,
& R. Meigs will be business
manager and half owner and you will
own the other half & what would you
say if it should become a big one

(3)

The appeal - stranger thing
has happened x

said the mütterchen like the wine x

Tell her that it is absolutely pure

The only addition to the grapes

is sugar x Tell her that a couple

of glasses a day will do her good

and I will send her another gallon

when that is out x also to

(4)

you having \$18³⁵ for me x you
are mistaken and I don't like you
to come about - owing me some
thing when you owe me nothing x
I invited you to Waco as my guest
hoping to make you my bride and
your expenses must amount
to at least that x If there is
any balance use it for paying

(5)

Expressage on my presents

May send x

Tell the Sisters that Leo
is taken up and I will double it -

if necessary x Tell me how

the or is getting on x will Bertha
have him?

I enclose you a false article
written by a fool man who

(6)

does not understand women x
I wish you would send him a
reply roasting him for his
foolishness x

I enclose you a letter that
Meitzen sent me some time ago
so I may be in ~~Alameda~~ Co
sooner than you expect x
The sooner the better x 2

(7)

will do as you wish and
will not bother about what you

write me soon give my
love to all and a thousand kisses
for yourself

x Tom x x x
x x x x x x

Waco. Tex.

Jan 5- 1916

My dear Clara: It is time you
had a letter from me x

I send you under separate
cover a Sebo poster x Is it
not fine? Did your mother get
her mine? x How did you enjoy
Xmas? I am within 200 miles of
you now x I had a long talk
with Meitzen and he has agreed
to switch my route so that
I will make Enith, Jones, Harker
and Stonerale co x I hope a
beautiful young lady that I know
will be Elgin Co Sec and that
she will get busy and see to
it that a certain dashing

(2)

Oryunger stays in the vicinity
of Brandenburg for a good
long time x

I must tell you that I have a new
Partner - E R Meitzen x He and I
are going into partnership and I
am to give the road and settle
down for good in Kullersville x
He already has a good bunch of
~~my~~ money and he is going to keep
it ^{for me} so the enclosed letter shows x
With my money and his own he will buy
machinery necessary for our business x
So you see my dear Clara that I am
settling the money question
as quickly as possible x I don't

want you to talk about this to
any one ~~at~~ at present x When
you come to Waco I will tell you the
whole affair and a great deal
more x

Don't leave for Waco on Saturday
because you will be riding all
night and will be too tired to
~~rest~~ enjoy sets on Sunday x If
you would leave on Thursday the
26th it would be better and I will
meet you at the train Friday
morning then you could rest up
take in the theatres, do ~~some~~
some shopping in the big
stores and altogether have

(4)

The Holiday of your life x write
me immediately in care of
Meitzen and tell me how every
thing is x you can not get
• Rates for less than a party of 12 x

Keep enclosed receipts for me x

So now young lady dress
yourself up real nice x put
on all your flannels for it is
angel coal here x get a new
turban it becomes your style
of beauty x consider yourself
kissed 1000 times by your own
boy Tom x

Jan 30 - 1911
Mueo

My darling x I send you
under separate cover the
local paper with the
account of meeting

Come over to the post office
tomorrow and get several
letters particularly one for
Bertha about our good
friend Foberg x He is ok x

Remember me to Mütterchen
and Fred and their sisters
and brother in laws

With undying love

xxxxxx Tom Hickey

Jan 23- 1911

Waco, Tex

Dear Clara: Whether you leave
Brooklyn on Wednesday night
or Thursday or any other time you
will reach Waco on any morning at
7 A.M. x Don't get off at East Waco -
Come on to Waco Union station x I
will be there waiting for you x If
you should miss me which, I can
only happen if I drop dead you
come to the hotel proctor - the
address is on the corner of this
envelope

It is awfully cold here so put
on your warmest clothes x

Write me when you leave, address
me c/o General Delivery!

As ever
Tom

Waco

Jan 22 1911

My dear Clara: I received your
positive cards mailed in sec 23rd
today x I can't account for
the delay x I was down at Mart's
lost-work and secured a nice
present for you from a comrade
who is a jeweller x I met the man
or 2 of old who sold me the chickens
he says they are white Wyandottes x
He was glad to hear that you liked them x
I attended the sets arrangement-
meeting ~~here~~ today x The comrades
are full of enthusiasm x I alone was
feeling blue because my girl
has not written to me for such a
long time x I alone care now
whether you write or not because
(over)

it will soon be time to meet
you x don't fail to leave on
Wednesday night or Thursday
at the latest x

Drop me a line, postive
card or letter to General
delany who saying at
what time I may expect you x

Don't fail to come dear because
I want to see you so badly and
I have such an immense deal
to tell you x

With love wishes to the girls
and mütterchen and love to
my precious flower
so ever

Remember me to Tom x x x x x x x
General delany

Austin Tex

Feb 12 x 1911

Sweetheart: Just a Valentine
to you x Hope you are well x
I am longing to hear from you
and rejoice that I am headed
in your direction x
please write as once

Your own

Tommy

DELEON, TEXAS, March 13 1911

My sweetheart: I am going
to Fort Worth: I will take in the
Stock Show for 4 days and
will then speak every day until
April 1-

Now, young lady, I want
to warn you; don't you dare to take
that licence and get on a train and
come to Fort Worth because if you
do I will be at the depot waiting
for you and make change



(2)

DELEON, TEXAS, _____ 191

your name inside of 10 minutes
 But I suppose ~~it's~~ it's too late

you would rather wait until
 Tuesday or 1 bulletville - Oct 1st

Write me a long letter to General
 Delaney Fort Worth and
 Consider yourself kissed one
 thousand times

With undying love

Your own boy
 Tom

x x x x x x x x



DELEON, TEXAS,

191

P.S.: How do you like The
Scout? You will notice your
boy wrote the prose-article for
the prose-issue

Tom



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BOWIE, TEXAS, March 31 1911

My Sweetheart: No letter for O'day
If for you are an anxious boys girl x

I have that Progressive woman and
the American magazine in my grip
and will send them to you later x

I wrote Meitzger about the band and
you will see something about them
in the Appeal in about 3 weeks x

I got through in Fort Worth last
Monday x I had a strenuous time x
Look out for the vote next Tuesday

Did you see that we carried Wichita
Kansas last week - the third
biggest city in the State x



X - CO. DALLAS

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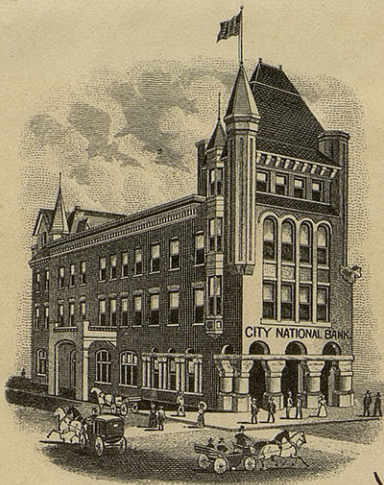
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The tide is beginning to turn and
the battle I have fought for years
will soon be won x

I am glad to hear you are starting
on your a b c's x Keep at it x
The little poem I sent you back
is good x Feel that way and all
will be well x

That was a nice young lady but
she is not to be compared with a
girl I know whose initials are
C B x

now laugh, be happy x writing
a long letter and remember
this that the wedding day is



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BOWIE, TEXAS, _____ 191

(3)

October 1 at the very latest and
that it may be at the Cruaders
Encampment in August if you
so desire. & so young lady you
are now going into your last
six months of single blessedness
and then you will laugh and be
happy for all the rest of your
life.

I will send you that poem soon

Consider yourself kissed 1000
times and then smile & kiss
Mullerchen for me, regards to the
girls

Your own boy

Tony

X X X X X X X X

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100 ROOMS, 25 ROOMS WITH PRIVATE BATH
NEW AND MODERN STEAM HEAT
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AND BELL SERVICE



SAN ANGELO, TEXAS. May 4 1911

My Sweetheart: I received your
sweet letter & I think it is the best
one you have written so far & The spirit
was good and hopeful & I have been
so busy writing for Warren on this
McNamora Kidnapping Case and
speaking twice a day in the Sinner
and in a church that I could not
write you sooner & now I am headed
back to the School house so you
can look for a letter that will

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(2)
make your heart glow in a few days x
Every morning when I awake I say
Thank God it is one day nearer
to the girl with the brown eyes

With undying love

Your own boy

Tom

x x x

P.S. Enclosed find me of my articles
as I got it from the Stenographer
It is not punctuated but you
will understand it Tom

Tulsa. Coleman Co
April 21 - 1911

My Girl: To say I was disappointed
at your non-arrival at Tulsa
only faintly expresses my emotions.

I went to my train from Sunday
night until Tuesday afternoon
and then I gave up hope x

Was unanimously selected for
Chairman for both nights x

Clark gave the Rev Ham the most
unful beating ever witnessed x

So badly did he do him up that
Ham quit on the first night

and Grogan was substituted
for him x The beating he got

(2)
The night - sweet Alma was
there was not a marker to what
Clark gave him this time x
The debate occurred in the
open House; seating 1100 people
with 200 standing x
Comrades were there from 10
Counties x It was a glorious
Victory x I must have enjoyed
it more, dear, if you were present x
Why did you not come?

I am longing to see your sweet
face x I have to wait until
Encampment times x Now please
do this - Ask Bertha as she is
about to visit the County
Secretary of Stonewall to

(3)

Arrange some dates for me
in Aspernuit, Brandenburg
~~and~~ Oriana and Sorenson x
Tell her to do this at once and
may be I will get to meet you
and greet my beautiful little
dutch girl in six weeks

Trixie Sorenson marries the night
of the debate

Write me to San Angelo at once x
consider your self kissed 1000
times x Give love love

Tom

x x x x

Coleman, Tex

April 15-1911

my sweetest: your
letter received & of course
I will be disappointed
if you do not come to
Abilene & However, must
let you know to see you do
not come if it will cause
any friction at home &
If you do not come I
will live up knowing

(2)

That is only a matter
of a few months when
we will be together for
ever or until "Death" do
us part" x Then for
Continuous sunshine on
the Cloudless days x
Write me if you can not
Come C/o of L. Hicks, Abilene.
Your own boy

Famy

x x x x x

QUEEN HOTEL

H. N. COOK, Prop.

RATES \$2.00 Per Day

BRADY, TEXAS, April 10 1911

Sweetheart: I can not get away
and I am not sorry because I
learn that Clark is going to debate
at Abilene & Alma went the last
time why can you not come this time
to Abilene and you and I can be
two days together & you could
stop with Mrs J L Hicks or Mrs
Gatlin & write me about this to
General Delaney Coleman - Tex
With love and kisses Tom

Waller'sville - Tex
June 26 - 1911

My girl: Don't blame me if I
have not been writing to you as I
am busy working 16 hours a day to
get my (our) paper out on time &
I am Editor and owner and you will be
delighted when you see it & I send
you the first line that came off the
linotype machine for my first
article & I am sure the paper will
be a propaganda on criticism
and financial success and then
for the home in Waller'sville for us

1 Sulleville - Tex

July 3 - 1911

Sweetheart: This is the first copy of the
press x I save it - as a memento x It will be
valuable in years to come x I am in fine health
and spirits x I am getting the home in shape x
I will meet you at Sweden or O'Brien in a few
weeks x try and take in both encampments x Notice
what I say about Sweet Home on the second
page x I love Fritz x so ever

Tom
P.S. Meitzen has just informed me that I will be in
O'Brien on Sunday July 31 about 1 pm (Afternoon) Tom
Kiss Mutterchen for me x

Wallertsville, April 15th 1842

My Darling Wife: I am the most-disappointed
man in ten Counties. This is the reason. After I
had worked myself to a thread I came back to
Waller'sville and had a heart-to-heart-talk with
myself. I said to him: "Friend - I am married
to the sweetest little woman in the world and I
believe it would be sound sense and good business
policy for me to sit down at my desk here

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and have my wife come on and make a home here
and I could put all my energies into
making the Ref the biggest weekly in
America & Ernest agreed with me and then
there came the vote for delegates to the National
Convention & when Ed Green heard I was not going
he set up an awful row & he even got me on
the long distance phone and asked me if I was
going to desert him in the face of the terrific

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fight that is coming off at Indianapolis.
Ernest went down to headquarters yesterday
and came back with the message that I must
go East because the Texas program is in danger.
This means that I must work day and night until
next Friday week; then I must leave on a speaking
trip that will lead me in Terre Haute, Ind., on
May 11. Then Indianapolis May 12, the 8 days
fighting and back to Texas to stay. This

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Means that I must be without a sight of my
babe until May 25 or 26 x Am now ~~sure~~
next I will be back in May and you will come
here and I am through with the road for some
time x We will make a pleasant home then and
your boy will have a chance to take it - easy x
I am disappointed, nervous and tired out laying
for you x I will send you some money next week x
I have made a tremendous hit - with 41
I got your lost letter x wrote me by return mail -
your loving husband - Tom

Hallettsville-Tex

Nov 15 1912

My wife:

Enclosed you will find
The article that I was engaged on
When I wrote you last night & I am
rather proud of it & I hope you will
like it as well as I do & it is a just
tribute to a fearless fighter & write me
what you think about it &
Under separate cover I send you the
first copy of my land pamphlet (edition
10,000) If the press & you will notice
that it is thumb marked and dirty as first
copies always are & keep it as a souvenir.

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that we may hand down to our children x

The Vote in Texas will be about
2,500,000 and in the U.S. 1,000,000 x
God knows we have worked hard
Enough for this success x Every
thing looks well; the boys in
Louisiana are free and they are
good enough to say that Jesus
their greatest friend x As well as
thus the Renters union convention was a
success and the Rebel is growing and
Meitzen and myself are closer together
than 73 weeks ago when our
Partnership commenced x So for all the

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Now I want my wife so that
clear head^{ed}ly and with nerves like
steel I can continue the fight *
for it is going to be a fight - until
I drop * All I have to say is this:

1st - Come as soon as you can and
remember I want you now *

2nd - Write me by return mail saying
when * Then I will send you a check
for expenses * Mrs. Lince
Smith will meet you at the
T C depot and put you in the

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S A and AP Train x I will
meet you at Junction and take
you home to Fallsview x
3 I will ~~follow~~ respect your
wishes and leave the arranging
of the time to yourself x

4 I hope you will write me that
you will be ready to start in a
week

Your loving Husband
Tom

xxxxx

Kiss the folks for me

PERSONAL

Hanover, Germany, Oct 17, 1912

My Dear Tom: My little wife wrote me a report of the Debs-Hickey meeting in Houston, praising you extravagantly for your friendly allusion to me. You quite won her heart, you old rascal, by that happy touch in your introductory address. I read your own synopsis of the speech in the Rebel, and it was one of your very best, notwithstanding you rose from a sickbed to deliver it. I wish I might have been there to hear you and Gene. But this trip is doing me a world of good, both mentally and physically. I have at last got all the tropic heat out of my blood, and have laid off my winter flannels--worn since reaching mid-Atlantic--the first of the present week. I was cold until I became acclimated to the north once more. Also I have got back the ability to sleep soundly, which was not mine for years.

I do not know to what extent my weekly reports are being published in Texas--have seen but one, in The Chronicle, but venture to hope they are getting published and read generally over the state, as I planned.

I have met but one German socialist--Sudekum--at Dusseldorf congress of cities. He is a Berliner. A brilliant big man. I sent the Debs letter of introduction--after using it one or two other places successfully--to John Burns in England, and he has neither replied nor returned the letter. My dear Tom, our folk, when they rise to power, ought to observe the ordinary amenities, but they often do not. It makes me wonder, sometimes.

I am in correspondence with officials of German cities, I visit them and inspect their public works, I read English books on modern Germany, and I mix with the German people almost exclusively, talking little but the fragmentary Deutsch which I have picked up since arriving here Sept 20--a month ago. Ich bin Deutsch, but nicht goet Deutsch, not yet. However, by adopting a sort of primer Deutsch, composed of object words, plus conjunctions and prepositions, with a handful of verbs, I manage

to get my ideas across in conversation, and even undertook to tell an American funny story in Deutsch a few nights ago, but the group of civilized men and women around me found my Deutsch so much funnier than the story that I never did get a chance to finish. But I got a hearty laugh, which was what I was after. I find them very courteous. I took lodgings here in Hanover primarily because I had American friends here, secondarily because it is a railroad center and a typical German manufacturing city, well developed ~~on modern~~ modern German lines. I have made trips to several other north German cities from here, and about November 1 shall start on a tour of the Southern cities--Munich, Dresden, Frankfort, Liepsic, and others. I hope to finish my work in time to sail for America about Dec 3, then to spend a month in a Boston hospital curing my rupture, thence home by way of Chicago, to reach Houston about January 15, and spend the time to February 7, the date my contract with the city expires, revising my notes for publication in book or pamphlet form. After that, I shall have probably to form a new business connection, since I have pretty definitely broken with The Chronicle ~~man~~ in consequence of a dam'd impudent letter Foster wrote me here.

Give my very best regards to your wife and to the boys and girls at Hallettsville. I am hoping the ticket will poll a big vote in November, but that will be as American whim dictates.

Faithfully,



Thanks for copies of the Rebel--but don't print this letter, Tom. I ~~find~~ find my work here in Germany so much harder than it was in the English speaking countries that I shall probably not have time to send you anything for print until I return. I was far more tired than I realized, when I started, and have a long way to go yet before reaching a physical normal again.