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Dear Father:-

I received a message last night from Fort Worth. L. E. Com. Co, steers averaged 1000 brought 7.15-Market bad"-Well I should think it was bad-I dont want to try any more early markets. I shipped these cattle Saturday night and they were not sold until Tuesday morning-I dont yet whether got in Monday or not-They never got any fill I know that:Ofcourse some 150 head of these cattle were the old rough ones-I ought to have better sense to have shipped them at all this time of year. Old Man Knorpp shipped some double wintered panhandles from panhandle weighed 1025 brought 8.25. I guess they had a big run on the day we were there. I suppose I will get a letter from the Commission man saying if they had been dehorned would have gotten 50cts more for them-that the feeder does not want horns-They were certainly horned and big ones at that. I think I will let the market for feeders alone and find some one to go to ranch and see them after this. I know I can beat the com.co's. This shipment makes me sick. I dont suppose it does any good to worry over it, but I cant help but think I should have kept them at home, but when the Commission men keep saying they think that it would be better to run a bunch in early, so as to show the feeders what I have at home and they would bring more money now than at anytime later-what can a man do. The R.R. has all she can do to bring passengers down here and the local freight has been piled up at Amarillo in big stacks so I am told by the train men. Everybody has quit thinking about cattle and have gone into the Real Estate business. I got a letter from Sotham-He is down at Midland looking up some cattle-will be up a little later and I want to take him to the ranch and get his ideas about calves and other matters for the feeders. I know he is slick and will try to keep my weather eye on him. Letter from Dr. Veal says it is 159 miles from here to Lubbock. He had a telegram from Maj. Waltham (The T&P.) saying "Chief of party advise that he expects to Reach Haskell by Aug 31st. He will continue west-ward in the direction of Lubbock from Haskell"-This a survey they are running from Mineral wells. Now the surveyor we have with Veal from here is Walthams chief assistant, and this looks like business. Dr. says he learns that the Santa Fe has a surveying party from Graham to Texico and one from Big Springs to Hereford. I think the one from Big Springs to Hereford is the one I wrote you called the Panhandle short line and I have never heard of the Graham to Texico, but if that line is running it will not miss the Co ranch but very little if any. C. C. French mngr of Fort Worth Stock-yards

tells me that the Talk in Ft Worth is that the L&N. are going to lease

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the L.P. to Mineral Wells and then build from Mineral Wells to a connection with the ~~santa fe~~ D&R.G. at or near Albuquerque. Now this is what we expect out of the survey we are having Dr. V. to run, and if it is so, these people could come by Roswell and up the Auto Line, which is straight, to Torrence where they could buy the Santa Fe Central, which is in the hands of receiver, and which belongs to the defunct Enterprise Nat at Pittsburg and no doubt will be ordered sold under the hammer to satisfy the depositors of that defunct Bank, and if this is done the people would have a Gulf and Pacific connection—the old Santa Fe central runs from Torrence to Santa Fe where the D&R.G. ends. It looks good to all the men in this surveying party. We only risk about 200.00 apiece for the work and if it is accepted we will make good money out of it—it will help our lands any way and I thought it a good investment for the chances of success.

Williams as far as I can see is doing very well with the farm, is getting up quite a lot of hay, and as reasonable as could any one I think. Of course we have got to be at some expense in tiling ditches and draining the lands. All of our neighbors now believe that we all ought to go together and drain—I am satisfied this the only thing to do and while it will cost some money it will come back later at interest. Roswell is growing slowly, and if we can get that T&P road I believe property will go up, and theondo gets full, it ought to make lands here go up a good deal. Our home people here are getting wild over lands in the Panhandle and every once in awhile they want to know where they can buy a section, by paying a partial payment and balance on time to hold for a raise. A good many people are coming into Texico and Portales taking up land—I have been offered 20.00 per acre for the 160 at Portales—what do you think about it? I don't believe it will ever be worth less do you. I am talking slowly about cutting up the 60 on south 2nd St. in 5 acre blocks and selling it for 250.00 per acre. Some think it would sell at once, but I thought would wait until you are out here again and we would look the matter over. They are building an Oddfellows home on the north side of 2nd St. just west and adjoining our 1000 acres—This will help to bring the idea for suburban property into good repute. When do you think you will return home? I know of no other news at present. all well. Hope you have been enjoying the summer, and I feel sure that you have—would like you to arrange if possible, a trip with me over the ranges this fall. With much love, I am,

Your son,

George.

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Dear Father:-

I have been thinking about getting a competent man to put a large farm in on the Running water lands-You know we were talking last spring of getting Campbell to put one in-I enquired into how much it would cost us, and I learn that he gets something like about 175.00 per month and employs a man to do the work and visits the place once in awhile. I have had a man to talk the man and wife that stays at the Farm above Bovina, and learn that I can get them by raising them some. Now it seems to me that this man has been doing the work under Campbells supervision and ought to be able to do as good work as Campbell-Campbell pays him 50 per month and the man boards himself. They have one boy about 8 yrs old and are anxious to send him to school and I think we could give him a sectein near the school at Olton and give the boy an old pony to ride or drive to school we can get them for say about 60.00-What do you think of this move-It will cost some money to build a house and barn and start this-4 mules and the necessary tools to work this farm, but would be a big card when we get ready to sell some land. It is now snowing hard, a regular soft gentle snow, and this on top of the one in Oct. is making wheat look fine around hereford and if it keeps up this winter and is not too dry in the spring the Panhandle will have a bumper wheat crop and you know what affect that would have on the land next year. It looks good around hereford and they have the land in good shape for the first time and they are beginning to farm right-Conditions are as fine as can be asked for so far. The man that is doing the work on the Campbell farm is a swede and every one says that he is always at work and the crops that he has raised and harvested show that he has been at work, for it is no accident when he trashes out 33 bushels of wheat off sod land. I got acquainted with the swede at Bovina, while waiting to ship cattle, that is selling Farwells lands, and he is not satisfied with the way Farwell has treated him in the lands, and I got him to broach the subject to

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these people and he thinks it will be alright. Farwells Swede Commission man is anxious to get some land to sell later on when we put the lands on the market and ofcourse will do all he can to do what I want him to do. I talked with a man that is doing some plowing with a steam plow for Kelly at the Star Ranch at 1.50 per acre for sod and he runs a night shift and can turn something like 25 acres in a day and night. We could get lumber down there by the 1st of Jan. and by first of Feb. be ready to start the discs and putting sod in shape for next spring. Think over this and let me know at once whether you think this a good move. We have a man here that is trying to put in a girls school non-sectarian-I am on the committee to try to arrange some way to get it on foot. I think it would be a big thing for us to give the site say from 5 to 10 acres on the south side of 2nd. Street on our lands. Dont you think this would be a big thing for those lands after awhile. I dont know that I could pull this, if they decide to build in this town, or not, but I could try. I would put this land in at 500.00 per acre that is claim that would be the least I would sell it for-Which if they accepted it would be giving them 5000.00-

It looks like the cows that I shipped from Bovina which will be in N.C. today will not get much of a fill and will look bad tomorrow when put on sale, but it looks to me if they put them in sheds and give them lots of hay they ought not to look very bad, but will not weigh. I still think that they will beat 19.00-Rat will give the old cows some hay if the weather is bad and grass covered at Hereford-I am paying two cents a day for the pasturage on them. It seems to me that we ought to bring suit against this road for damages for waiting for cars. What do you think about putting a claim or suit, for actual expense and for shrinkage?-I enclose clipping that bears on this point. Our R.R. Co here that had the survey run to Mineral wells from here are feeling

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very good over the outlook for the T.&P. running from Mineral Wells Via Roswell to Terrence to a connection with their D.&R.G. to California and make a connection with the Gulf. Everything looks fine and will know next week whether Gould will take an interest in it or not and will let you know. Good deal of Talk about the Rock Island building from Tucumcari to El Paso, if so we will run a survey there and try to get them to come through Roswell and take up the line that Hagerman surveyed to El Paso from here, which would give them about a straight line as they could build and save them from Leasing from the Phelps Dodge people and pulling so many hills, and open a better country than is a long that Route. Major Ransom has brought th his family down to Hereford for the winter and is getting the bonus up for the panhandle short line and he told his company told him to go ahead and if he could the bonus as ked for that it would be a go. He says he is standing by the Slaughters and only want them to stand by him. He feels fine over the outlook. Says his Atty will be in Hereford next week to draw contracts. I dont like to bother ya you reading these "air castles" but would like to have your advice on the m-Be sure and let me know about the Farmer and what you think about the land for Girls School. We have 28 days to decide on the Girls School, but I want to what I can promise them. They will not go out as far as my 160 In other words they do not want to go anyfarther than City limits. Snow looks about 4" deep and still snowing I have been out in the yard knocking snow off my willow trees around yard to keep them from splittin g-Wind has begun to spring up a little and it will pack so much now. Dr. Veal has been complaing and has not been out of the house for 10 days We invited them up to dinner today, but on a/c of the snow they did not show up. Will leave about wednesday to go down to R. and shape steers for Gregory.

Ordered my team toovina tomorrow and will drive from there

love to all-four son. George,

Dear Bud:-

I enclose you a report of what is on the CCS cat co Ranch except the cattle and the Running water ranch and the Slaughter hereford here-I wish you to have it run off on the type writer and send me a carbon copy and I will look it over and change any values that are too high-I took Williams to the Farm and told Hamilton that I would put Williams on the pay roll for awhile with the day outfit and that I wanted him to train him so as he could take the place later on-that I would let Hamilton stay until he could build a at Artesia, but that I wanted him to give Williams every chance and see if he was capable and if he wasnt I would keep getting men until I found one that was-He was to keep this quiet and not tell any of the men-I like Williams talk, but the only way you can tell a man is to try him-erson is supposed to be worth about 12000.00 -His wife about 50.000. The report of the Ranches and farm I had Gordon Wandal at work on for 6 weeks and I guess is about right get it out in in proper heads and send me a copy and I will then send back to you with any corrections I may find,

Let me hear from you-In haste -train time-all well -love to all-your bro,

George-

If Bob there tell him to write me at once in answer to my letter.

Gibson, Well Co,

Mineral Wells,

Texas.

Gents:-

I sent you Ex for a/c of Case of water received sometime ago and in a hurry I did not write you about it-Our Mr. Emerson tells me he wrote you about while I was away-

I wish another case of water and will send the empty case I now have back to you, which you please give me credit for on the a/c of the case you now send and then send me the a/c and I will remit.

Yours very truly,

Geo. W. Slaughter.

Kirk-Miller-Josey Grain Co,
Beaumont-Texas.

Gentlemen:-

On Saturday 17th. Instant-I billed you two cars of Alfalfa-
In loading these two cars the men that were loading them got mixed up
in the weights of the two cars, and I did not find it out until they
had left, so I thought the best thing to do was to bill them to you and
you have them weighed on arrival and keep the weights straight and re-
mit me for what you receive-I hope you will weigh these cars and keep
count of weights so you can report on each car as to exact weights.
One car A.T.S.F. # 30470 and one car #2374 23270 A.T.S.F.

I could have
had the men to come in and run the car to the platform and unload this
and count the weights again, but would not have been positive about the
weights in each car, so I billed them to you and hope you will straighten
out each car and if they are short deduct the shortage to me and send
me the amount that is left or coming to me. Please let me hear from you
at your earliest convenience in reference to this letter and when you
will need more hay. We start on the new crop today to bale.

Yours truly,

Geo. M. Slaughter.

Mr. John. T. Lytle, Sec'y,
Fort Worth.

Texas.

Dear Sir and Friend:-

I tried to shape my business so I could be with you in the Executive meeting, but have two trains of cattle at the Rail Road awaiting shipment and on account of the scarcity of cars cannot tell when I will be able to get them off. Please express my regrets to the meeting. Wishing you a successful and harmonious meeting and that no other member is enjoying the pleasure of waiting for cars and is unable to be there on that account. With best wishes,

I am your friend,

Geo. M. Slaughter

H.P.Saunders.Cas.

Mr.A.H.Rockefeller,
Evart,
Mich.

Friend Rock:-

Yours just received, and will say I am glad to hear from you-Yes Sanders and I have bought the controlling interest in this bank and will reorganize it throughout and change the name as soon

as we can hear from the Comptroller-Our intention is to hook it up as good as anybodys old bank-Now as to the position you speak of, it is not open as H.P.Saunders who has been in the Banking business for 21 years will have the Cashier ship and I will take the pres.We would like a good man for asst.and you know what I think of you-I would be glad to have you make me the best proposition you could and I will take it up with the Directory as soon as we get them hooked and get them together. Wish you to state what would be the lowest salary you could come in for the first year and let the bank raise you according to what business she should do.Personally I would like you back here in Roswell and no one I know that I would rather have hooked with me than you-Mr.Saunders is merely accepting a living out of the position until the Bank can afford to raise salaries which they would do as soon as they were justified-Ofcourse I do not draw any salary.

Remember me very kindly to your wife and Babies.

Your friend as ever,

J. M. Slattery

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