

Roswell, N.M. 4/11/01.

Dear Pa:-

Yours received enclosing Catalogue of Engines, but I did not see any mounted ones in the Catalogue, and it seems that all of their testimonials are for large heavy horse powers, but I suppose the lighter ones are equally as good as the larger ones. I think that is the only Co that puts up 1st class goods of that kind. Now if you can reach them ask them the weight of Machine, and the local freight rate to Portales, and Bovina or Hereford which would be about the same I think to the Two last places, also: ask them what the Carload rate is, If the difference is very great, I could probably order some Wind-Mills and some piping and a casing from the same place and put in enough of ~~XXXX~~ either stuff to make up a car-load. If you can get these questions to them in time ere the ship, ask them to look it up and let me know and I will give you enough to fill up the car, I am afraid the Local will eat up the Gasoline Engine, but dont know whether a Mixed car of stuff would be much better Now if the Rates to Bovina will amount to a great difference, I could receive it there. I am using the Rail-Road Eclipse Mill and they are made at Beloit, I also got all my Piping and casing there, Two cars last year I am going to leave here Sunday for Wichita, Kans, to take the Scottish Rite 32 degree, and will be at Wichita, 15.16.17.18. from there, I will go to Nebraska after a 1400\$ cow and probably buy a few heifers so as to make a car-load. We are all fairly well over here and hope this will find you all equally as well, write me when you can, Tell Dick I took the Commandery last night, and that the 5th libation was alright.

Kindest remembrance to all, I am,

Your Son,

Enclosure.

I enclose the J.H. Bryan and Son, Dft for
as they do not think I paid it. ^

Voucher

George, M. Slaughter

But Mixed Cars take local frt

*You cannot ship mixed
Cars without paying
Local freight a straight
car of pipe takes lower frt
a straight car mixed " " "*

GEO. M. SLAUGHTER, Manager.

HARRY W. HAMILTON, Foreman.



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WORLDS FAIR CHAMPION, 1893.

POLAND CHINA HOGS.
BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCK CHICKENS

DALLAS LITH. CO.

ROSWELL, N. M., 10/7/01.

Mr. P. Nation,

Hutchison, Kan.

Dear Sir:-

I have decided to make you this proposition on the 3 and 4 year old steers. I will round all the 3 and 4 year old steers that I have at R.W. Pasture, which will be from 900 to 1000 (not counting Loco ones, big jaws and crips) Will charge you \$30.00 per head for them with a cut back of 25% and will sell you the cut back at \$25.00, you come to pasture and brand and receive them at the mouth of Shute, and I will furnish you pasture for them free of charge and will deliver them at R.R. not later than May the 15th./02. I will want \$10,000.00 cash on them and balance when cattle are delivered. Now if this suits you, wire me at Portales or come down and we will fix up the papers and will round up for you any time after the 15th Inst. provided they are not sold before I get your message I wired you at Portales, Friday according to promise, but Agent told me to-day that you did not get it and he forgot where you said send it.

I will be out at Ranch South of Portales until the 13 to 15th. Inst.

If you want these cattle wire me at Portales at once and I will make arrangements to have it brought out to me from there. If I do not hear from you in reasonable time then I will call it no trade.

Yours Friend.

Geo. M. Slaughter.

GEO. M. SLAUGHTER, Manager.

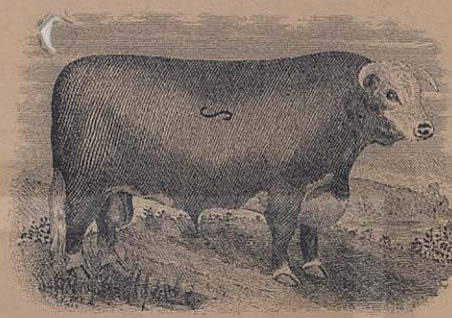
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ROSWELL, N. M., Oct. 7/01.

Dear Ed:-

I think you better set the 19th. Inst. Saturday to work your cattle as that will give you more time to get your pastures in. I have not sold the steers yet, but may by that time. If I am not there or do not write you different go ahead and cut only the fattest 3 and 4 year old steers. and what fat cows you have and Bulls. I wish you to cut all the Locoed ~~XXX~~ cattle you can get to the R.R. with at most do not bring more than 150 head of Loco's. When you start to work gather them and start herd so you can ship from ~~Hereford~~ the 27th. Sunday. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ I will let you not ify the people that you want to work the Pasture. I leave tonight for the White faces to deliver some cows sold on the range. Now this is all I can say to you and you must go ahead and do the work, if I can get to you I will and if not you go right on and carry out these instructions the best you can. Your Friend,

Geo. M. Slaughter.

P.S.

I think that 350 to 400 fat steers will be about all that you can get dont cut any thing unless they are fat. and do not cut any long 2 year olds, but work altogether on the 3 and 4 year olds.



Dallas, Texas, July 16, 1902.

Mr. B. A. Fray,

Blackwater, Mo.

Dear Sir:

I have your favor of the 14th of July in regard to my price on heifer calves for fall delivery in the Panhandle, and in reply I beg to say that I will sell you 200, good grade and quality, heifer calves, cross-bred Herefords and Shorthorns, f. o. b. the cars at Hereford, Texas, this fall at \$16.00 per head. Or if you desire straight Herefords, will deliver 200 head heifer calves this fall, f. o. b. the cars at Hereford, Texas, at \$20.00 per head. Either these cross-bred or straight Hereford calves would make fine feeders; and I am satisfied that I could please you, as the grade, quality and condition will be satisfactory to you. This is for your acceptance within thirty days from date hereof.

Trusting that we may be able to do some business, I beg to remain

Very truly yours,

Hereford is on the Pecos Valley branch of the Santa Fe R. R. between Amarillo, Texas, and Roswell, N. M.

(Copy)



July 16, 1902.

Mr. J. J. Coffman,

Rushville, Ind.

Dear Sir:

In regard to your inquiry concerning some first-class Hereford calves to be fed by you for the St. Louis World's Fair and Chicago Fat Stock Shows of 1904, I beg to say if you wish to feed some good calves for St. Louis, I will make you the following proposition: I will let you pick 100 steer calves out of 1,000 head of our high grade, cross-bred calves at \$20.00 f. o. b. the cars at Bovina or Hereford, Texas; and if you take the premium with 15 of them at St. Louis World's Fair, I will refund you \$330.00, or in other words, will give you your money back on the 15 calves with 10%. Or I will put you up 20 head of our fullblood Hereford bull calves (to be castrated) at \$25.00 per head, you to select them; and if you take first premium at St. Louis World's Fair, will give you your money back on the 15 head.

Trusting to hear from you at an early date, I beg to remain

Very respectfully yours,

Silver Lake Cows 330 Bulls - 368 H. = 698
 South pasture 166 " - 197 H. = 363
 Little Briton 36 " - 44 H. = 80
 1141

7/28/02.

Dear Pa:-

I wrote you in a hurry from Indian Canyon. Bob had to go back to Midland to court, and Jack had to go to Big Springs to court, so I saw there was nothing I could do except to wait on the material to get there and was anxious about my part of the ranch so pulled out and came back to meet the Vat and give it directions how to go. I left Indian canyon about 8 Am tuesday morning and it was raining, rained on me all day to Tahoka, and then nearly all night, and wednesday I left Tahoka to come back to my ranch and it rained all day. I met the Vat on the Jones Co land, and it was riding in good shape, and with exception of a dent in the side, and one small leak it was alright, both of which can be very easily mended before Bob puts it in the hole. Wednesday night I made it to Zavalla, and that night it rained hard, next morning I went out and measured a wash tub that was in the yard and it measured 6" of water. I drove all over Zavalla and every lake was full. The steers are doing as fine as could be expected I judge that 25% are making some 6 6 pone on root of tail. This heavy rain there will puff them some and will soften them for awhile, and if it had not rained was going to have Ed come after some of them, but think now that we better wait until about the 15th to pull the tops to the R.R.

I drove on up to Slaughter and looked through the yearlings, they had seen surface water although the rain was lighter than at Zavalla, but grass good and they are getting quiet and putting on alright. The tank at Slaughter was nearly running over. I learned that the rain had put out a good deal of water in scraped out lake. Went on to Boyds and he was branding there, had branded 1300 calves, and had only rounded at Prairie Dog, North mill and Bull Camp and his mill. Boyd says so far that the calves are showing up more according to roundup than they did last year and he thinks will have a good crop. The calves are growing faster than I ever saw calves grow in my life, some of them it takes two men to bull dog them down.

The cattle are looking as fine as I want to see them at this time of year. There is no surface water except at the Bull camp on this part of the pasture although they have had good grass rains, and grass is fine. The high grass that we burned looks like a wheat field, I think this makes it better for the cows, dry ones, and will put hard flesh on. Penny counted the cattle in the white faces, viz:- Silver Lake 1140 Cows-33 Bulls = 1173

Cows in south pasture 480 cows and 12 bulls Yearling 492
 " " Little Briton pasture 325 cows and 9 bulls heifers 374

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When I got to Roswell, learned that Ancient Briton had passed away, he died at 11 oclock saturday morning, told Harry to take his head to ice house and am going to look for a taxidermist today and will try to have it mounted and send to you at the office. He had been going down hill for a week, dont know what was the matter. Have had rain here every day for a week I am told and has damaged a great deal of hay ,but such is life. The train has just come in so will write you more fully on tomorrows train. Let me hear from you. hope you are all having a nice rest at the springs. With love to all I am your son, serge.

Mr. J. J. Coffman,

July 29/02.

Rushville, Ind.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of 25th. to hand-In reply will say that I would prefer that you come down and select the calves. You want to come to Portales, N.M. and I will meet you there or have some of my boys to watch for you. The cattle are about 60 miles from the R.R. It would be rather hard to arrange for the calves to learn to eat while on the range, but we might manage to move them to the rail-road and put them in small pasture and let them stay with their dams for awhile and get on feed. We can talk that over when you come down. I have just come in from the Ranch where I have been branding and the calves are showing up very well, have had very good rains and are now beginning to grow very fast. I branded 522 bull calves in the herd you are to select from and if we cant pick out a nice bunch of 20 out of this number-I dont know where we could beat them. I shall count on you leaving there about the 5th of Aug, but if anything should prevent you leaving at that time, come on down as you as you can. The calves would show there best about Oct. but I think they ought to altered in august. If you know of any feeder or friend that would like to come down with you bring them along and wire me at Portales, N.M. when you

I have about 3000 very nice 3 and 4 year old steers that would make fine feeders-If there is any feeder friends that you would like to have come down with you bring them along as I can take care of as many as you wish to bring with you, and will show them some nice cattle not only ours, but my neighbors also. I believe you could make arrangements with the A.T.S.F for transportation here and back if you state to them you are coming down to buy feeders. I know this is being done by others, so mentioned the fact to you. While you are down here if you have the time would be glad to have you run over to Roswell with me and see this little valley.

I hope to show you something as nice on the range as nice as can be put up off any grass in the U.S., but you come and judge for yourself.

Wire me here when you leave K.C. and whether you have any one with you and how many? Hoping to see you soon,

I am very truly yours,

I have your letter of 18th Instant and also copy of your telegram which was forwarded to me from the office at Dallas.

GEO. M. SLAUGHTER, Manager.



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SLAUGHTER'S HEREFORDS

Roswell, N.M. July 29/02.

Mr. J. M. Boardman,
Helena, Mont.

Friend J. M.:—

I have just returned from the Ranch and am very glad to hear from you. I assure you nothing would give more pleasure than to accept your very kind invitation to make you a visit, and while I am awfully busy, am trying to make arrangements to get off to come to your place. As your letter has been here several days I will not wire you as it would be an accident if I caught you by wire. I think I could get away from here about the last days of August. We have had fine rains and the cattle are looking very nice here. Old Ancient Briton passed away last Saturday. I have his head mounted and will send to Father to put in the office. I expect to see some nice beef if I get up there and present times point they will bring you some money. Now rest assured that I am going to make my arrangements to get up there, and will be sorely disappointed if any thing turns up to prevent me from getting there. Now wishing you all the success imaginable with your shipment and that you will top the market and that I will have the pleasure of being with you ere many days, I am your friend,

Geo. M. Slaughter

July 30th.02.

Mr. Frank Lower.

Council Grove. Kan.

Friend Frank:-

I have just got back from the ranch, everything is looking fine. I have some 1000 head of the Running Water Steers on the Cochran Co Ranch, they are looking fine and I think are fatter than they have been for several years and are something like the quality of the dehorned steers, a decided improvement of anything we have ever put on the market as 3 and 4 year olds. If you wish to see them meet me at Portales about next Wednesday, if you have any body you wish to bring with you to look at them, wire me how many and what day you expect to get to Portales.

The steers over there are in a small pasture and we could throw them together in an hour. You can say to any one that wants a string of feeders that they are peaches as I am no judge. Every one that has seen them say they are better quality and condition than any cattle they ever saw on the range. Yes I would have liked to have seen the steers you have on feed in the fat stock show, but Father has been worrying too much about them, I never murmured when he wanted to dispose of them. Think it best as it is aggravating to keep them on feed so long, and then I don't know whether they will have a class for them or not this fall. My folks are in very good health. Hope yours same. Regards to all. Your friend. George.

Mr. Chas McCormack,

July 3rd 1902

Plainview, Texas.
Friend Chas.

I have had two or three letters from parties that want to buy my home there, they are parties from Dallas. I think Plainview stands in better shape for a rail-road now than ever in her history, and would not surprise me to see surveyers in that field in 30 days. If Bain wants the place you can sell it to him and give him time on 2/3 at ten per cent 1/3 cash, or if he will pay 1000 down he can give 2 notes one for 500 in one year and the balance in two years. This option will only last for 10 days. I expect to leave for Plainview tomorrow to show the place to a party. I send you some notes for you to collect and I want the money on them, so go ahead and put in the bank or collect them your self, which is the most expedient. Hoping to see you in a day or two,

I am your friend,

Geo. M. Slaughter.

Dear Father:-

8/6/02.

Your welcome letter received and I was very glad to hear from you, and to know that you were well, for I had heard that you all were sick and that you had been confined to your room, but just after hearing this, I got your letter. I went to R.W. after writing you to look at the steers, and Ed had just got a phone from Lubbock from Jack Alley for him to come after the yearlings. Ed left last Sunday morning for Lubbock after them. I suppose by this that the dip killed the ticks and they were passed on by the inspector. I did not order Ed down, but told Bob and Jack to send man to Lubbock and telephone Sale Center for Ed to come down, but that there was no use of Ed going down unless the yearlings could be moved. The Steers were looking well, and we thought that we could get about 600 4 year olds that would be good about the 1st. I tried to catch Chase Bros. and show our steers, but missed him and he bought Bartons for 28.00. They were picked up about the country, they took 1000 out of 1200. I have a letter from Farrington and will wire him today that I will meet him at Hereford the 11th inst. and take him to R.W. to see the cattle. He says he can use about 2100 which is about all that we have at R.W. I will write C.R.A. Cassidy and Rosenbaum today asking their advice about the steers. Ed and I thought that we could cut 600 that would weigh 1025 in W.C., but they have had rains and they might be a little washy. Think it best to sell them by the 1000 or the whole bunch if we can, although we might get a good big price for about 1000 by topping the weights out the R.W. and Zavalla bunches. McCormack seems to think that he can get 3.00 for all our dry or uplands and from 4.00 to 5.00 for the draw land. I think you better write him to go to selling it. I would like about 6.00 or 10.00 for the old ranch section, that is my idea would be to offer it with 3 or 4 others joining for 5.00. He thinks that from now on is the time to sell. When I got on the train at Canyon, Bud and his folks were on. Bud told me about Nations. Anderson was also on and has gone back to meet Nations and will wire if he wishes to go and look at the steers. I am not going to say anything about the steers at Zavalla unless I strike a man that wants just that many, until I sell the R.W. then will tell him I am ready to show the Zavalla cattle. Have wire from Kauffman to meet him at Portales tomorrow to go after calves, am going to try to sell him the calves from the old & cows, and then sell him the cows so as he can make a car load, and will not have to wean them but feed both until calves quit sucking then wean and ship cows. Will try to get him to take them right

and a car or two of good steers and try the market-this will pay for bring
bringing his 20 cows and calves to the R... make about a train load with
his car. I think I can get him to do this, as it appears that it will be to
his interest and will not hurt us, will try to get ~~30.00~~ 30.00 per head
for cows, but might let him jaw me down to 25.00.

We have had fine rains all over the country, will raise enough roughness
to winter the line horses and mules and etc. It has been raining slowly here
here all day and seems to be general, ofcourse we dont want the rain here
but cant kick. Everything was doing as nice as could be expected when I was
was at ranch last, and there is not abit of loco showing at Running water,
but saw a little putting up at Slaughter Co ranch, but not enough to do any
any harm if it does not keep on raining up in the fall.

When you get tired of Eureka, remember we have a very delightful climate out
out here and would be glad you all pay us a visit at any time.

I believe I can run about 3 or 4 hundred pretty nice cows right away, for
I am like you, when everybody goes to running cows they will drop down to
nothing. I will do the best I can as my judgement dictates and will try to
raise all the money I can off the ranch in the way of cows.

Let me hear from you soon and often, and advise me on all matters pertain
ing to the business, for I need all the advice that you can give me.

All of us here hope find you all equally so, with love to all,

your aff son,

George.

9/20/02.

Mr. C. R. Thomas, Secy, A. H. B. A.
225 west 12 th Street,

K. C. MO,

Friend Thomas:-

I wish to enter the following entries on page 23 of your catalogue. No 9 Car load of steers any age (grass) 15 head to the car, to show preponderance of hereford blood-Premium 1st \$125.00-2nd- \$75.00 #10- same page- car-load heifers that have never been bred or had a calf 20 head to the car-load-1st Prize \$50.00-2nd Prize \$35.00-3d Prize \$15. #11-1 car 1 year old steers and one year old heifers(same prize) #12-1 car steer calves and one car heifer calves(same prize- Please let me hear from you whether you will accept these entries and state in your answer to this. These cattle are all grass fed and have never had a chance to eat any thing except grass. Please let me hear from you at once whether this is right and whether you can enter them for me or not, and tell me when I have got to have them in K. C. and give me the moment to have them there. I have not selected them yet, but thought this would help the exhibit and am willing to take the trouble to ship them there, if it would assist the hereford range man and show him what could be raised on grass. I do not want to show against people that have roughed their cattle on Hay, Grain, Cornstalks, cane, Kaffir corn or anything except the natural grass that they will get on the range. Please let me hear from you at once so as I can go to work to round them up and select same. Wishing you all the success imaginable in your show,

I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

Gee. M. Slaughter

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2/7/03.

Col. C. C. Slaughter,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Father:-

I received letter from C. R. Thomas, which I enclose to you-
It seems that Thomas is to blame about the Bull New Era, as Dick has letter
I think will show that he reported the cow and also the calf within the
time specified. Tell Dick to look the letters or correspondence up with Tho-
mas and if it is the Sec'y's fault we might get the board to yet let him in
I enclose you for your signature 10 applications for entry, which you will
please sign and send in at once to C. R. Thomas. as follows-Viz-

***** Bulls *****		***** Cows *****	
C. C. Slaughter	Roswell Chief	✓ Viola Briton.	✓ Bredwells Tommie
✓ Lord Wellington	Constellation	✓ Queen Bredwell	Dean Bredwells Rose-Chiefs Ameli
	Bredwell's Lad	✓ Clear Morning	

I turned the note over to the Bank here for credit of Slaughter Farm
for 2847.70-The cattle at the Farm look well-The old Bulls with the ex-
ception of Pearl and Protection are in fine shape-Am in hopes of selling
a car of Bulls to a man at Marfa Texas. The calves are doing well and I
think we will have enough hay to run them alright-We are all reasonably
well and hope this will find you all the same,

Your son,

George.

*The note above referred to was the one
I had for the old 4 cows Saco lost in 1902*

Mr.C.R.Thomas Sec'y,

2/12/03.

Chicago,Ill.

Dear Sir and Friend:-

Yours of a few days ago at hand, and I am very sorry indeed to learn that through carelessness or ignorance New Era has been knocked out of a number. I reported the calf in plenty of time to have him in-Is there no way to get him in yet? I dont see how Bonnie Maid would be transferred without Bonnie being also.

I enclose you for entry 10 calves-

Bredwells Lad-Bredwells Tommie-Clear Morning-Queen Bredwell-Roswell Chief-Lord~~y~~ Wellington-Viola Briton-Rose Chief's Amelia-Constellation-C.C.Slaughter.Please Record and draw sight draft on me for amt of same.

I am going to Elpaso with about 5 head that they will know I am there. I would like to have the last Vol of the records if you can send to me and draw for it.

Yours truly,

Geo.M.Slaughter.



Col. C. C. Slaughter,
Dallas, Texas.

2/13/03 .

Dear Father:-

I wrote you some days ago and on account of not getting through with some work I wish to report to you, I did not mail it-I have changed the letter a little, where I said in first letter that enclosed pedigrees for you to sign, I signed them by me as manager. I went to work with the old bulls-Clipped the place where they were branded, then got a razor and with the work of a glass traced out all the brands and ~~made~~ identified all the first purchase and also Security and Donnybrook-Then took the tattoo irons and put the same numbers that were on the thigh and put in the ~~y~~ ears or rather left ear, so from now hence all will have to do is to rope the bull and look in left ear-I run all the thoroughbreds on the farm the same way and now if I should make a change in men or should drop off whoever too took the farm would have no trouble in identifying the cattle, and when one is bred it is put down in the herd book-We worked three days with the old bulls in finding their brands-they look well and am going to show them in the spring looking like they did when we brought them down from the north. Alfalfa is the thing for old bulls-I sold yesterday 40 cows that I intended to try to sell at El Paso for 35.00 per head, but have to wait until they can kill them before I get my money, which will be 25 days-This will be 1400\$-am getting some enquiry for bulls-Alfalfa King is the sweetest thing you ever saw and I think I have him placed for 500\$-C. C. Slaughter Viola's new years gift is the best thing I ever saw for his age-Constellation is going to be show calf-he is some 5 months old out cow that I bought from Rat. we are going to try to capture the Yearling blue ribbon on Alfalfa King the calf ribbon on either Bredwells Lad or Constellation-the cow on Viola or Bonnie Maid-The yearling bulls are better today than we ever had them The steers are picking up-In fact I am very muchly pleased with everything on the farm, the reports from Ed and Boyd are flattering up to date-Will go to the ranch as soon as I can get things in shape here. This is about all I can say to you now-would be pleased to hear from you any and all times you have time to drop me a line-any suggestions you may make will be appreciated-Think can sell the 100 acres accross the road if I cut it up in 10 acre blocks for 175\$ per acre-what do you think about this am offered \$5000.00 for Adcock place and 6000. and think I will get it. we paid 3200\$ for it. all well hope you all the same,

your aff son,

George

Col.C.C.Slaughter,
Dallas, Tex.

2/17/03.

Dear Father:-

I enclose you a copy and the breeding of all the Registered cattle we have on the farm. We weighed Alfalfa King and Ak-Sar-Ben last week Alfalfa King weighed 1030 and Ben weighed 1070-New Era 1400 strong.

I think we have two show Bulls in C.C.Slaughter by Sir Bredwell the Omaha champion and 5000.00 bull and out of Viola a 3/4 sister to the invincible Dale-2 dam Vivian 1/2 sister to the Great Dale and 3d. Dam Rose Blossom THE Dam of the 10000.00 Dale-He is perfectly marked and runs and kicks up his heels everytime anyone comes around-I cannot see any defects in him and if he develops right I want to take him to St. Louis-The other Show calf is constellation out of Stella a cow I got from Rat by Rose Chief who stood 6th at Omaha. I wish also to call your attention to Viola Briton she is bred as sweet as any heifer in the U.S. The calves and heifers by Beu Donald 2d. you will remember by ~~him~~ him by the fact that he stood 2nd. to Aaron the time you bought him and was sold to Rhome for 1200.00-I think the cattle I send you are hard to beat anywhere and I doubt according to numbers whether any one can beat them. I would like you hang this pedigrees of the cattle on the Slaughter farm on the wall of your office and when there is a hereford man in the office call his attention and let him give his judgement on them.

I have a man that wants to buy 40 grade heifers to put on a farm of Alfalfa

Col.C.C.S.#2

and I have offered him 40 head of the grades at 75.00 per head. This man Orr has just moved in here from Canyon and bought one of the nicest 160 ~~ea~~ acres of alfalfa just below us, and wants to buy a good registered bull to put with them and breed up a nice herd. El Paso is offering a premium for 10 yearling heifers and I have selected out of the grades by Bredwell and Briton and am going to take them over-they are good and uniform and smooth. We have 75 head of grades here yearlings up. I looked over the Bulls and selected Sheriff

Briton to take the place of Ancient Briton-he is nearer like the old bull than any of the Britons, and is about as well bred as any of them.

We have several bulls I want to get a calf out of before taking them back if I can get a cow for them in heat before they leave-Pearl - Protection-the Lars bull(Lee) Donnybrook and Brilliant and little Briton.

We have had some awful cold weather for the last three days and nights, it came up with a 3 hrs rain Saturday night and then turned into sleet before morning and then followed by a days snow, all the pipes in town are busted the thermometer stood 7 above understand. The cattle on the farm did not show any effects from it, but am fearful R.W. and C.C.S.C.Co, were damaged.

The sun came out nicely here for 2 days and thawed on the east slopes some but this morning is hazy and am fearful that if we have another storm on the heels of this one we will hear from it. I will try to get away the last of the week to go out and look at Slaughter ranches. We are expecting Roswell Maid to drop us a calf in a few days from Ancient Briton also expect winners out of the cow Columbine the 10th. The 1700# cow I got from Rat by Bredwell she is Royally bred, her third dam being the dam of Corrector. If they both through bull calves, we ought to have Briton and Bredwell reproduced.

We are all well-Jo-dick has his c cut short and looks like a boy and is get so fat that he has to have new clothes, out growing everything he has. I think Mineral wells brought the kinks out of him in good shape. Hope all at home are well, hoping to hear from you in a few days and with much love to all

I am your aff. Son,

George.

Col.B.C.Rhome,
Fort Worth.Texas.

2/21/03.

Dear Sir:-

I write you to find out what the Cow Amelia R,2nd. #73729 was bred to,when you sold her to S.T.Howard of Quanah Tex. I think this cow was sold by you to S.T.Howard and he sold to Rat Jowell of Hereford and he sold her to Col.C.C.Slaughter of Dallas Tex.

This cow dropped me a heifer calf on July 12th-1902. Rat Jowell reported to me that she was bred to Rose Chief and it seems that Thomas sec'y.was under the impression that she was bred to Beu Donald the 2nd.

I will be obliged if you will look this up at once and write me as I am anxious to get the calf registered.

If you will kindly give this your prompt attention,you will greatly oblige.

Yours truly,

Geo.M.Slaughter.

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Mr. S. T. Howard.

Hereford, Tex.

2/21/03.

Dear Sir:-

I write you to know ~~he~~ what Bull Stella #94047-Mildred #98159
and Amelia R. 2nd. was bred to when you delivered them to Rat Jowell.

Please attend to this at once as they all have calves and I am anxious to ~~to~~
have them recorded at once. Please give dates of service to each one.

How are your cattle doing after the storm.

Yours truly,

Geo. M. Slaughter.

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2/25/03.

Mr.H.C.Myles.

El Paso. Texas.

Friend Myles:-

I am preparing some 12 head of Registered cattle to bring to your show and want you to reserve me a reasonable place to exhibit them. What do you think of me bringing some bulls (high Grades) to exhibit as range stuff and sell there if I can. Do you think I would have any chance to dispose of 2 cars of 2 year old high grade bulls and one car of yearlings Please let me have your opinion on this matter at once. If you think there will be any chance to dispose of this class of cattle I will bring them over. Wishing you a big success at your meeting and appreciating the efforts you have made to get a respectable show of cattle,

I am your friend,

Geo.M.Slaughter.

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2/23/03.

Joe Anderson,
Portales, N.M.

Friend Joe:-

I got your wire yesterday-expected to get letter from you last night telling me when they expected any corn in at Portales. I went down here to try to find Cottonseed and could not. They want \$ 45 cents per hundred pounds to ship it from here for corn and we cannot afford that- I will write today to Hereford and see if I can get some cottonseed there. The grain men there ought to have corn in there in a few days. Did you sell the hay below the springs and how much did you get and what did you do with the money. Have you sold the cane that you raised on the home place last year-if not you better sell it right away. Would you know the bull Donnybrook, you remember there was two bulls that came from Kansas City by themselves and I think you carried them out to the Ranch. Let me hear from you at once about these matters. Let me know how things look on the ranch cattle and bulls. want to hear from tomorrow mail, if you get this in time write me on todays mail.

Yours truly,

Geo. M. Slaughter.

2/25/03.

Mr. J. W. Fisher Prop,
Hotel Sheldon,
El Paso,
Texas,

Friend Fisher:-

Sometime in Jan. I got a letter from you asking me to let you know what I wanted in way of rooms-I wrote you from Dallas asking you to reserve a double room and also asked requested you to let me know at once at Roswell whether you reserved them or not, up to the present writing I have heard nothing from you. Please let me hear from you at once.

Wishing you all the success imaginable in your untiring efforts to pull off a great and successful meeting,

I am,

your friend.

Geo. M. Slaughter.



2/25/03.

T.M.Brown and Co.
Fort Worth,
Texas.

Gentlemen:-

Please send me to Portales.N.M. by freight -Six all brass Cylin-
ders MARQIA thirty inches long for 4 inch standard pipe.Make me lowest price
you can and send bill to me at Roswell and I will remit on receipt of B/L
Please wire me here if you fill this order as soon as you fill same,so I
will know that it has been filled.

yours very truly,

Geo.M.Slaughter.

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2/28/03

Dear Dad - The three cars come in here
Monday all billed to Revenue in house of
Dad's. And as there is no bill to be
given in here the billing is all up
I unloaded the whole shipment
here. The man at Japanese sent me the
bill. I tried to Revenue. I had to pay 44.00
for freight on the 3 windows of lumber, I
went to get after you, man there about
Giles. This way. I am thinking now
of building a barn for the poor red head.
I at the same time went after you water to
see what you can do in buying Shingles
to cover it. I have been unable to see Hays
man about the post, but think I can
contact him with him also some at Potosi
with the merchandise there. How long do you
expect to be there? I only need the 140
on 2nd Street next to where the red above
is on 80th and trying to plant it in a place
where it will be. But I am all up. I am
at the 2nd Street front of our Red in
100000 pieces and I think I can get 100000 per
cent for the 100000 so cut up and set

We are not doing any thing with it. I think
it would be better for both of us to make
a partition of this property as I do not
want to sell my 80 but keep it with my
160 for my children, unless I get hard up
and have to sell. Now you can have your
choice of the 80's either 2nd Street or the
Side next to me. It is doing us no good
the way we have been doing with it.
And I can put another man with
Wagoner & they can have my 80 in com-
munity with the 80 with very little
extra expense to me. You can have
40 of your 80 and rent the 40 and get
some money out of this property to work
your other property. I am willing to
give 40 to you but you will have 10000⁰⁰ in-
cluding the well and a tank and some
little fencing. Now let me hear from you
at once about this division. I think
it will be best for us both to divide
this property as the way it is running
is costing us money in place of making
us something. You take your 40
& I will have the partition papers
made out at once.

the freight and posts is less from M. V.
or P. P. than down there -
Now please let me know about the
Corn fodder in S & V - Prater claims
it is not divided also let me know
about the Raffer Corn - please
write me fully about your trade
with Prater & about the Corn Stalks
& Raffer Corn - & about other matter
is - Mennin is as well as some
but my folks are enjoying the best
of health and the boys are full of
bravos -

Your Brother
Joseph

Rush up Brown and waiting at Rail
for this stuff - Hung him up all
you can

5/21/03.

Mr. W. L. Furgeson,

Wellington, Kans.

Dear Sir and Friend:-

I have 400 head of 4 year old steers, nearly all being the straight long brand, on alfalfa-they have been on alfalfa hay since the first of dec, 1902. have had a liberal supply of hay at all times since beside the grazing of 130 acres-they are a better bunch than you got last year and are in better shape. I will take \$6.00 per head for them-

I am satisfied you will like these steers and they ought to get fat early. I am on the eve of closing a deal for a pasture for them in Kans, but should like that if you would take them I would not bother with them, as I have my hands full on the ranch. Please let me know by wire whether you will want to look at them or not-if you should want to see them get on train at once and cored down, for I expect to close contract by the 25th. inst and if I do not hear from you ere that time will close for pasture and would then not sell as I would have pasture on my hands. I will have some 1500 tons of hay left over. so you see that I have not been stingy with hay-if you can use them I know you will like the cattle,

your friend,

Geo. A. Slaughter.

Mr. J. R. Stanton.
Hereford,
Texas.

Dear Sir:-

I have just gotten back from El Paso where I have been for a week. I am sorry that you got your account so mixed up-if you had carried out my orders to you that is to weigh the stuff you hauled and had Ed Green to the accounts you would have had your money a long time ago- now I will pay this a/c. but if you will call on the Dyer Boys you will find out that I have paid you for lumber that you never hauled. but when I see you at Hereford we can settle that-I know you need the money and I wanted to pay it, but when I could not make head or tails of the way it was kept I did not know what to do. I expected to run up and look at some cattle there and thought would see you and we could settle better than by letter, so put off sending you check and other things turned up that I could not get away, and your a/c escaped my mind until you notified me by wire- sorry these matters got mixed up- Hope it has not inconvenienced you very much, but it is not my fault- let me hear from you as soon as you get this-I enclose voucher which you will date and receipt in the lower left hand corner and put in bank same as a check.

Yours truly,

Geo. W. Slaughter.

Col. G. O. Slaughter,
Coronado Beach, Cal:-

3/25/23.

Dear Father:-

Was very glad to hear from you, and that you were nicely situated, and above all that you think that you will get some rest there- we have had very pretty weather since the Convention, one night some ice- think the peaches are about all killed- I enclose letter from Ed Green- The trees are putting out nicely here and every thing is looking like spring the salt grass is greenig up a good deal- have about got the farm irrigated for first crop of hay- The old bulls are looking like show bulls- am going to get me some small rope and employ a lot of boys to lead them through the streets of Roswell when they get ready to go back to the ranch- it will be quite an ad- I cut out 35 head of old horses including the ones that Jack sent over and started to sell them in bunch, but could only get an offer of 15\$ around, and as I have some alfalfa flesh on them- I have concluded to keep them until we get through delivering the cattle and make them help deliver after starting the herd and let the horses that we work getting up the horse rest while the trail work is going on, and then let them rest until fall on the grass and sell them for what I can get- I think will get about as much now- I have been figuring on swapping them for bronks, but these fellows cannot gather their bronks until grass rises and then would be too late to do any work out of the bronks- I wrote Mr. Surgeson about the steers have here

Col. C. C. S. P.

pricing them at 36.00 10% cut-I enclose you his letter and it sounds like he will take them-I write him to night or rather will wire him asking how soon can I expect him down to look at them-If I can make this sale I feel like I have done well by bringing the steers over here. I sold the dehorned cows yesterday to head of them bred to Bredwell at 100¢ per head and put in the grade bredwell bull to head them at 100¢-makes 100¢-these cows are the J hock cows-I sold them to Plott a small ranchman 60 miles south of here-Got 650.00 cash and balance one year at 10%-cattle as security-I also sold him 40 2 year old heifers at the ranch to be delivered while putting up the steers at 25.00 per head same way-1/2 cash balance one year 10%-I have the yearling bulls off the alfalfa and am now feeding them hay in a dry lot-takes about ten loads a day for them-they are riding badly, but think they will do better after weaning off the green alfalfa-The Chloro-Mapthe leup people have been to see me-they have quit Richards and Constock and tendered me western Texas and Eastern New Mex as sole agt-I have accepted they are to put the price at 1.50 to 1.25 according to amount wanted and stand by these prices, give me at 25¢-30¢ I will get a royalty on all that is used in these territories-Think will get Bob to handle at Midland and Condy at his part of the country-The children both came down yesterday George with Tonsoliti and Joe Dick crumpy, but are better today. We have a 3d Pan at Roswell-I to 1000

Mr. A. D. Applegate, 15

Wichita, Kan.

Dear Sir and Bro:-

Yours of the 20th before me and in reply will say that I don't think that Mr. Morris knows Mr. Woolf-I think that Mr. Woolf sent the petitions to C. F. Willingham already signed-The man that has the credit for Mr. Morris is Cape Willingham-During the cattle Convention during the Rush Mr. Morris and Willingham came to me and wanted me to make out the petition for Mr. . . and send it in to you-I took Mr. . . to where we could write material and filled out the petition and when I looked around for Bro. Willingham to sign we could not find him, so I signed under Woolf and forwarded the petition to you. I ought to have a credit of 15 candidates-please let me hear from you as to how many you have placed to my credit there?-Now in the case of Bro. Jaffa of this place -when I sent you the 15-Bro Jaffa was to go along but something turned up and he did not get away, and last fall got away-I asked him about this and he said he had promised Billy Woolf the first name-I am glad you mentioned this to me-I do not want only that which is due me from my own exertions, but this I ought to have-I will always do what I can for the order without hope of fee or reward anyway, and would work no harder on account of reward-The New Mexico class I think will state to you that it was to my exertions that this large class went on-I was unavoidably detained

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on account of delivery of a bunch of cattle-was at the train to go with them when receiving a telegram that man would be here that day to receive a herd of cattle I had contracted so had to stay-I went further than that I procured a concession from the R.R. for rates and had a special sleeper for the comfort of the candidates-I never heard a word from the Consistory whether I or who was credited with this class, but knew that if it was not attended to rightly that it would adjust itself sometime. I did not collect any fees, but sent my own draft of \$50.00 for their paymt. and after they came back they refunded me later on. Hoping to hear from you at an early date and hoping I will be able to run up and meet with you this spring.

I am,

Fraternally yours,

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Col. .C. Slaughter,
Coronado Beach, Cal.

4/2/03.

J. C. Slaughter

Dear Father:-

Furgeson came down and looked at the cattle and all I could get him to do was \$10500 for 530 cattle-I have about 540 head in the bunch some of them were coming threes and a couple of them long yearlings- So I let him have them-this about \$2.00 per head and I wanted to irrigate the farm-Harry and I figured they had eaten about 250 ton of hay-Harry thinks about 1500 dollars worth, but I dont think we could have sold the hay for more than 10000-I wanted to ship them this week and we had bought no hay for them at the pasture I was going to send them to, and got a letter from Clay-Robinson man saying that about the 25th would be about as early as I could turn out and I can get 9 dollars a ton for the hay that would take to run them until then I concluded to let them go-They were pretty hard cattle last fall a good many of them had a touch of loco and a touch of the mange- I think they are very well sold-It would have cost me \$2.75 per head to ship them and \$3.00 pasture and 50 cts to sell them, which would have amounted to \$6.25 per head and the way the market looks I could not have made very much on them-I think I can get 1000 dollars for the hay that they would have eaten until grass came in Kans-So considered that it was about the same as getting \$5.00 per head for them-Will ship tomorrow-all well-love to all.

Love off son. Gentle

Friend Coffman:-

Yours received yesterday -stating that you had sent corn
and some maple syrup-Mrs. asked me to thank you kindly for remembering her
with the maple -Many thanks for the corn-yes I received the pipe and think
it one of the handsoomest pipes I ever saw-I smoked it once and put it in
my pocket and Joe-Dick had been used to taking my old pipe and knocking it
out and while eating my dinner he slipped it out of my pocket and broke the
bowl and I have sent it to New York to have a new bowl put in, and I thought
I would get it back before I wrote you about it and then would not have said
anything about the breaking of it-Many thanks Old Man for the nice pipe and
everytime I smoke it -I will smoke to the success of the calves and that u
will walk off with the blue and if you do there will be something doing in
St. Louis that night-Glad to hear that Black likes the calves-Have you seen
Blacks yet? Go see them-an anxious for your opinion on them-an awful busy
getting ready to roundup the cows for Boardman-will write you more soon,
family all well and join me in best wishes for you and your calves-Joe Dick
can talk as good as anybody-your friend in haste -write often-remember me
to Phil-train just in and I will have to stop-your friend and well wisher,

Geo. M. Slaughter.

Sold 370 cut backs out of Harringtons cattle last year for \$2.00 per head
have roughed them on farm-will ship tomorrow-

4/4/03.

Dear Bro:-

I enclose a check on Security State Bank Wellington Kan-for \$10500.
for 330 steers I sold him this day-These cattle are the cutbacks out of
Farringtons herd last year-purgeson loaded '11 to the car to day so you will
know that they are not very large -they are in very fair flesh but are cutb
cks and as we were irrigating and there was danger of them getting out at
night and getting bloated I got uneasy and sold them-Please have the bank t
endorse for father and pace to his credit-Train is here and I am pushing th
is to get it on t his train-All well-hope yours the same-love to all,

Your Bro,

George-

please let me hear from you on receipt of this check.

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4/13/03.

Mr. Avery Turner, Genl Mangr.

Amarillo, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

I have been waiting to hear from Mr. Arnett as to what he is willing to do in the trail matter, but as yet nothing from him. I saw Mr. Garwood here a few days ago and told him tell you that I would like to go over and look at the proposed line or trail before making a contract for same-but have heard nothing from you-also on account of land and water privileges or trail I would want trans. over you road, as more than likely would have to make several visits on that account alone to the ranch on account of men not staying on the trail-I expected to see you on your return from Carlsbad, but you failed to stop over as you planned-If Mr. Arnett has agreed to your Contract, with proviso you can count on me-I think as I told you one stopping place would be enough in my pasture would be sufficient,

yours truly,

Geo. M. Slaughter.



4/14/03.

E.W. Green Foreman

R.W. Ranch. Hale Center

Running Water Texas:-

Friend Ed:-

I expect to be over with you in about 10 days-Yes I sold the 2's to Boardman again and they are contracted for the 15th of May or thereabouts-You will want to keep your eyes peeled and try to give them best treatment and grass so as they will be able to start on the trail about the 20th of May-about horses-I will send you some help as you will have too many cattle to start in one herd, but we can talk that over when I see you-Let me hear from you about twice a week from now on - Telling me how they are doing and whether the grass is coming or not- I am awful busy here at present but hope to get away by day after tomorrow to go to Boyds and then on to your place-It seems you are working a good many men for this time a year-what are you doing with them-please let me know why you have to have three men besides your self and what you have got them doing- Your friend,

Geo.M.Slaughter.



4/15/03.

Mr. M. C. Campbell,

Topeka Kans:-

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of a letter from Dr. Norgaard, asking me to write you what my experience with Chloro-Naptholeum-Will say that I have used it quite a good deal and like it very much-I believe it will cure all the skin diseases we have in our country also lice-

Yours truly,

Geo. M. Slought

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4/15/03

Friend Coffman:-

The pictures arrived all O.K. and I think from the looks of them that the calves are doing very well and are in good hands-glad to hear that Mr. Black thinks they are good, but you do not want to take too much taffy from Black-I want you to see his calves and when I hear from you as to your opinion of his I will feel better-You and I know that you have got good calves they have got to be good and I cant see where they can find any better, they all right have good calves but when they say they have got better-They will have to show me-You know that I did all I see could for the selection to go to St. Louis, not sparing or reserving anything to get them to you and it is up to you not spare any expense or feed to push them at the proper time-We are up against and if feed costs good money you will have to get it for them, and when your credit gets shaky for feed or care of them, then I will come in and use what little credit I have-~~THEY MUST HAVE~~ ALL THEY NEED REGARDLESS OF EXPENSES- we have gone too far to stop now- Dont think by this that I think you are weakening on care or feed, but want to tell you about it-Wish to thank you for the nice bag of corn and every seed will be planted I have sent some out to the ranch and when you come down will show you what we can do with it-Have planted some at the home of the calves and next fall if nothing happens to it, will see if Indiana corn planted at their home will help them any-Mrs. S and the Children enjoy the maple very much-I got the pipe fixed all O.K. and am now smoking it -it is certainly a bird and the only one I ever saw like it-I am now on my way to the ranch to arrange for the delivery of my two year olds-it is getting a little dry down here, but looks very much like rain this morning and if we can get a nice rain I can show the good calves this fall-I am going to prepare early for the Royal at K.C. and will want you down to help me cut them Have the little roan horse on alfalfa and he is fat and sassy and will keep him in good shape for you to ride while helping trim out the Royal stuff for K.C. will not send any more cutbacks to the show, but go there prepared to storm the village-I believe with your assistance we can do ~~with~~ the work- Now wishing you all the success in the world with the little ball faces when they get ready to go to St. Louis and hoping to hear from you soon

I am as ever your friend,

George.

Mr. J. B. Slaughter,

Fort Worth, Texas.

Dear Uncle:-

I got a letter from Dad Wright saying that you thought you could get your cattle ready by the 10th of May on a/c of being dry. We have had some awful cold nights and mornings ever here which will set the grass back some-I have not heard from Boardman yet as to how the spring is opening up in Montana, but as soon as I hear from him will let you know what he thinks about when he wants the cattle-my recollection of the contract was that he wanted them as soon as he could move them, that is conditions of Montana would govern him and I suppose that our conditions would govern us. However I will write Mr. Boardman that our spring is backward and dry and that he will have to hold off as long as he can-However you better make your arrangements so as to be ready when he calls for the cattle and will notify you as to what he desires in the matter. I sold the little girl after the 8th day to the butcher he weighed 220# dressed and I got 6.00 per pound for him. I have had him on alfalfa all winter and think that 5.00 will be about right for care I have given him. This is the little steer I was telling you about in the winter. I would have waited a while on him to kill but he got to whipping my yearling bull off from the cows-I think he was an Riddgeling; so my man kicked a out him so I let the butcher have him. Will settle with you when I come down with Boardman to receive your yearlings. I am on my way tomorrow morning to look over our delivery-to see what shape they are in-We hope we will get a warm rain soon which would put us in very fair shape for delivery. Let me hear from you at once what you think about the delivery of yours so I will be able to report to Boardman on the matter if he should make any inquiries about how we are hooked up for delivery. Remember me kindly to Aunt Belle and the children.

Yours truly,

Geo. J. Slaughter.

Mr Jack Alvey,
Lubbock, Texas.
Friend Jack:-

4/15/27

I got a letter from you right saying that you were afraid you could not get your cattle ready by the 15th of May - please let me hear from you as to how many you think you have? when you think they would be able to hit the trail - how you are hooked up on horses - write me fully - I am giving you all the information you can as to what shape you are in - I have not heard from Mr. Boardman yet as to how things are opening up in Montana, but a/c of cold nights here I should judge it to be backward up there. We write me at once so as I will have some idea about how to write him when he asks me about the cattle down here - I wrote John F. this morning asking him to report to me at once so as I would have some idea about how to write Boardman - I leave tomorrow morning for the C. ranch to see how they are doing - will be back in about a week. let me hear from you at once. are the old horses that you sent over here last fall any a/c? They are big fat - do you think any of them would do for trail work this spring if they were fat. how many do you consider would make a team on the trail if they were in good shape. Remember me kindly to all your folks and let me hear from you about all the matters asked about. I have no orders to give about your cattle or work not getting any from others. I suppose you will hear from the Boss in time, but I want to be posted how you are hooked up. I don't know whether Bob will assist you or not - I say this so you will not lay down on me and say that George did not give you instructions - we are having some awful cold nights here which will keep the grass back, but hope we will have a warm rain soon when we will have grass enough to carry us. Be sure and let me hear from you at once about how many 2 yr olds you ought to have and about the old horses you sent over and any other matter pertaining to the interests.

Remember me kindly to your wife and the young lady,

with best wishes your fr
George.

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Dear Father:-

April-26/07.

I sent 115 head of horses yesterday to the Ranch, which will arrive there about the 1st of May ready to go to work and will have the 2 year olds rounded up and ready to move about the 1st. I have decided to take the 2 yr olds with them-This will probably take a herd of some 21 to 2500 head-Orrett of the Grand Ranch and myself have given the R.R. a trail through the Speds and P. Castanos and I think it would be best for Jack Wiley to send his herd up through the Speds ranch to Panning and let Boardman pass on then there-it would be a round about way to send them to the C.O.R. Co. ranch-Think we will have to take care by running on the way to hereford-As the way we carried them last year has settled so much west of hereford, think it would be difficult to get them through that way-it is awful dry and hereford has promised to put some water out Orrett- we got heard a word from Boardman as yet as to when he wants the cattle. I count on Ed having 2800-Royd 1500-Jack says he has about 1000 I think Bob has about 500-this will take about 5200-I think I will be able to get about 600 2 year olds-which will take about 610 counting the 2 yr olds-Counting 500 off for cots will take 5200- which will take 3 he Jack says he is short of horses and Ed is the same way-Think I could send Jack 20 head and 10 head which ought to mount them alright-Then do you want to come out to the ranch? let me know at once so I can make arrangements The L.R.D. sold their farm here yesterday to a Pittsburg man for 150,000 1852 acres-the new owner takes charge the 1st of May-is going to raise a fine stock farm of horses and cattle-has been showering all around the country a little, but no rain yet-looks very much like rain now-wind in east cloudy and showering a little-let me hear from you.

Love to all,

George.

Enclosed check for 35⁰⁰ part of Phelps
white order for Chloroform.
Dad will follow tomorrow[®]

Dear Jack:-

4/27/03.

You know what time we want to pass on your 2 yr olds-I suppose Bob will send what 3 twos he has and his own up to you on time and you better have things ready so as not to detain them when he gets there, but I suppose he or Father will give you instructions in time-I merely suggest these notes for your government of the drive-I could send you some 15 or twenty old hordes, but I suppose will put in one or two mounted men with his own 2 year olds and that would be about all you would need to get to R.W. The Spades and my self have made arrangements with the R.R. to let cattle destined for Hereford for shipment, to pass through the Spade and R.W. pastures so when you get your herd pull through the Spades up to R.W. ranch in place of coming to Slaughter and we will pass on them at Ed Greens pasture I write you this so that when the 2 yr olds that are down and Bobs show up you can be ready to pull the whole bunch including Bobs on up to R.W. pasture to be passed on-I have not heard a word as yet from Boardman as to whether the conditions are favorable for early shipment to Montana, but as soon as I hear from him will try to get you word as soon as possible after I get the information-If Bob should give you instructions about the drive by letter please let me know what they are and if he comes up to your place tell him to let me know about what is going on towards the delivery of the cattle from your place as well as the S ranch. I dont know anything else to say. Hope you have had rain by this time as it has been cloudy for several days with best regards to the family.

I am your friend,

Geo. M. Slaughter.

*I think we will have the CCSQ
Cattle at Dew about 7 to 16th ®*

April 27 /03.

Dear Ed:-

I think the herd from Slaughter will be at your place about 7th to 10th. Will bring you some horses to help you up to the R.R. you might look out and arrange so you can throw your cattle together on short notice. I will notify you as soon as I hear from Boardman as to when he will be there-The spades and myself have agreed to a trail to come from the south to go through us, will want to plow a furrow on either side some 300 feet wide through the pasture and let them water once on us. Will talk this over with you as soon as see you-will try to get over there as soon as I can. I think you will try to save everything you can on the ranch-when you see that anything ought to be done go ahead and do it-I do not want to economize a nickel and thereby lose a dollar-let me hear from you as to how you are arranging your cattle so as to throw them together quick notice-please tell me how long it will take you to throw them together.

Yours as ever,

Geo. H. Slaughter.

Messrs. Richey & Dwyer
Land Agents - City -

April 20th. 1902.

Gentlemen:-

I have concluded to take all the land, that was placed in your hands
for sale, off the market-I enclose addressed stamp envelopes, which you will
kindly acknowledge receipt of this communication, and oblige,

Yours very truly

Geo. M. Haughey

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Mildy Realty Co.

City:

Sents:-

I have concluded to take off the market all lands that
I have placed with you for sale. I enclose a stamped addressed envelope which
you will kindly acknowledge receipt of this communication,
and oblige.

Yours truly,

Geo. H. Stewart

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4/27/05.

Williamson and Turner,

City.

Gentlemen:-

I wish to cancel the sale of any lands that
have ever placed in your hands-that is I wish to take same off the market
I enclose stamped addressed envelope, which you will acknowledge at once,
and oblige yours truly,

Geo. M. Foughter

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Wulker and Allison,
city.

Gentlemen:-

I have concluded to take all lands that I placed
in your hands for sale off the market-I enclose a stamped addressed envel
ope which you will mail with receipt of this communication and oblige,
yours very truly,

Geo. M. Slaughter

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4/27/03.

Hon. Jerry Simpson;

City.

Dear Sir:-

I wish to take off the market any land that I have ever placed with you-I enclose stamped, addressed envelope which you will kindly acknowledge receipt of this notice and oblige yours in bonds.

Geo. W. Knight

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4/27/05.

Dear Dick,

I enclose check from Phelps White for 75.00 he let Lewis have one barrel and it ought to have been 37.50 and he sent me 75.00 I have ordered Lewis to send you the other 37.50 in a few days you will get that. This was the three barrels that Phelps got. Did you send the money to those people you ordered that stuff from I did not. BE SURE AND LOOK IN THE PEDIGREES you have of the Bulls and cattle and see if you cant find something certificate of registration or certificate of transfer of Bonnie-You must have it, you remember I did not get all the papers, but left you a lot. I am pretty sure that you have it. Please look this up as soon as you get this and send to me. I understand the man that bought L.F.D. farm is going to buy the Milne Rush place, if he does our farm will be worth 200.00 per acre, I had some of it on the Market for 100.00 and some at 150.00 but took it off the market today. The bull trade is slow this spring.

Have not heard a word from Boardman yet. Love to all,

your bro,

George.



Mr. M. M. Marcus:-

4/27/03.

Dear Sir:-

I was at the Ranch when the car-load of Dip came here-when I could get back the Dr. Worgaard was here and he and I went down to look at it-there was 20.20 charges on it-He paid the charges-We went into the car and found that the car had a piece in each end of car stove in and some of the barrels were on a tippie, showing that it had quite a jar-the car was leaking in three or four places and the dip was nearly all over the car-I could not receive that kind of car as there is no telling how long the leakage would keep up, as the barrels have been sprung, and if a man had to hold it for 6 or 7 months I do not know how much would leak out and every man that handles in barrels would more than likely have to haul it from 40 to 50 miles from the R.R. to the ranches before the barrels would be opened and when they found that the barrels were short they would a rebate on it-I talked with Dr. and told him that I would not agree to the clause in your contract Net 30 days cash-That I was willing to handle it pay you every thirty days, all sales that were made and take my profit out what was left after paying you for the car-When we talked at the farm you talked that you were going to hold up the prices to at least 1.25 on barrels and 150 cents per gal on smaller packages-When I talked with the Dr. it seems that he thinks that we ought not to sell by barrels for more than 90 cts. This would only allow me 15 cts per gal for the storage and sale of this stuff-I don't think I could do anything with it for that small a per cent-I understood that your company had a man at Portales handling it, but the other day the man was over here and found out that he was handling Car-sul that he offered me Car - Sul at cost-he stated to me he thought that he could sell it for 90 cts per gal either in barrels or smaller pkgs. Now it would not do I don't think to charge more for Chloro than for other dips-I think the Dr. has about closed out what he wants here-I gave him the name of the Mcl co that I was going to have handle it at Portales and told him I would assist him every way that I could to dispose of it-without charge-I will receive what I need at Portales and pay cash thirty days-have already worked up some trade amongst my neighbors and I believe by fall I will have them all dipping in Chloro-I received the pipe it is a dandy-many thanks-I am sorry that the car had the misfortune it did-I told the Dr. that I wanted some changes made in the contract and he said he could make what changes we talked without sending back to you. I have written you about what I think of the future on the contract, and will await a reply from you on these lines-I hand the Dr. the communication from Hereford rest assured I will do all I can to get people to use some dip and if they have no favorite will advise what I use. Yrs. truly.

Geo. M. Stoughton

4/30/03

Dear Father:-

on train

I am on my way to Rorsch
The boys are getting the 2 grades in position
by themselves and getting 3 grades cleaned
up. My idea was to dip the 3 grades as
Kasson has passed a law against. Brown
or Manger + several of them are affected and
are I believe. I have heard nothing from
Boardman yet - I told him at El Paso
that I would give him notice - So write
him today - "Can meet you Portales 9th -
letter follows - Geo. M. S. - I had a letter
from John saying he would be ready by 15th or 16th
morning from him wanting to make it 18th - Do
I thought better with Boardman not come be-
fore 9th - Will write you on my return about
4th how things are progressing - I am trying to con-
form to your ideas as to your letter on arrangements
I enclose letter from Ed - Matt Ryd in yesterday says
he had good grass rain Monday - Gerroth's also re-
port rain so we got some - which will be fine
This is all I can say - Your son
write me on receipt of this your ideas - George.

4/30

on train

From John in
Your letter received as I was leaving
Roselle. I have not heard a word from
Dorothy. I wrote him at Helena, Mont.
that I am bad & have sign. I called that
Round up so would like him not to
come to see yours until 15th or 16th.
Wrote him I called meet him Portale
9th & go to CCS Co Roselle 10th
I pass on those 11 & 12th. So I
don't think he can get to you before
15th. So do the best you can to be
ready by 15th. Will try to keep him
back for you - your nephew

Geo. M. Slaughter
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Mr. Bonshon

4-30-03.

Helena, Mont. on train -

Dear Bonshon - I have been waiting to hear from you, but so far nothing has come on my way to Ranch. Received your last night's mail which was dated this morning. Express train left nothing from you, so I will be in train & wish you to meet 9th in connection to go to see cattle. My recollection I told you at El Paso to give me a written notice as to conditions. I have enjoyed my table, but I know we have had some in stock. I know as Bonshon, I will be back at Portals the 4th. I have a letter from R. Slaughter, saying he has been sick & cannot work and wishes you would call on him before 15th to 18th. There will be about 4000 at Slaughter for you to see by 10th and then about 2400 at Running Water which are in pasture. Then Slaters - no work to do on them. Snow came yesterday - frost & 1/4 inch. Secret Room will grow not growing as at Slaters in a cold night - If you have come down about 6th night by please to have you visit me at Roswell. I think father will meet us 9th at Pth. Very truly yours, Geo. M. Slaughter

5/3/03.

Mr. C. R. Thomas Sec'y.

Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sir:-

I have looked high and low for the certificate of entry of Bonny but cannot lay my hands on it and I fear that it is forever lost. I brought some of the papers out with me from the office in Dallas and some I left there-They have been having some improvements made in the office at Dallas and it is possible when they get things arranged again they might possibly run accross it-this is the reason of delay on my part since hearing from you about New Era-I have been trying to get brother to look over the papers in the office and find it-It has been misplaced amongst the papers either there or here-Will make affidavit that it cannot be found at present I enclose a transfer signed by me-Please let me know what to do about it-Please write me how much we are due you in full-I have heard from Mr Rhome also from Mr Howard about the other matter-the calves I sent you were right they were by Beau Donald the 2nd in place of Roseland Chief-Now Thomas you know I am green about this register business and I want you to give me all the information you can about it and I will try to learn it. Have some more entries to send in to you and will attend to it today-Please let me know whether I can do anymore about this matter of New Era-and what I must do. Please writeme fully what to do-

Yours very truly,

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Oylor and Watts,

Bovina, Texas.

Gentlemen:-

I wired you today asking if you could get some one to unload a car of posts for me and have them stacked at or about your place of business-I spoke to Mr. Baird while shipping there and he said I could have them stacked on his lot --I will not leave them there long, as will send team as soon as I can go to the ranch--now if you can hire someone to unload them for me right away so that there will be no demurage on them and look after them until my men can get over there after them--I will consider it a great favor and will pay you for the trouble you have been put to--I received your letter with a small enclosure, for which please accept my thanks also for attending to the Nichols account--I had forgotten what it was but had an idea it was all O.K. Please wire me whether you can get the posts unloaded or no I will be up against it if you cannot get anyone to unload for me, for I cannot get away from here for the ranch before Sunday and my teams cannot possibly get over there before next week--now old man make every effort you can to help me out and I will not forget you--hoping to hear from you by wire that you can attend to this for me and rest assured anytime I can help you in this part of the Territory command,

yours very truly,

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July 1st. 1903

Mrs. John Armstrong,
Bovina,
Texas.

My Dear Mrs Armstrong:-

I wish to express to you my appreciation of the kindness shown to Mr. Boardman and myself and later on to my little family Mr. Boardman was disappointed that he did not get to see you ere he left so as to thank you in person also myself, but we ran off with the train of cattle and did not have time to go up to the ranch before the train left.

If you have any mail there for me kindly forward it to Roswell-we had an awful hailstorm here and knocked off a good many of the early apples, but as soon as the June apples get ripe will send you over a box as samples, thanking you again for the many kindnesses shown, Mr Boardman, Mrs. S and children and myself believe me very truly,

Geo. M. Slaughter

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Roswell

10/2/00

My dear Sir,
I am writing you on my return at home. I have been
wanting to buy some land for some time but
I have been so busy that I could not find time to do so.
I have now more money than I need and I have
wanted to sell it and have been looking for a
good place to buy. I have now found a place
that I like very much and I have ordered the
deed to be made for it. I have also ordered
the block at once. Now you better come out
and contract the removal of old fence & construct
a new one. It was ordered to put a good side
walk & we did that and you got some thing
for it. We ordered to put a good walk on it & I
did that & sent you a bill & you received it
of wanting you to pay for it. I am now
so now it is up to you to have the work
you can trust me to make & contract for

get enough + build a new fence - As
let Doc + I keep order - Or if you
rather have the town bring suit I am
willing to stand my foot either way
Notice has been served on the flock -
It seems some lady has had her
dress torn on account of walking close
to the fence - Please answer this
as soon as you get it as I will
leave day after tomorrow - I think
we ought to put a nice fence on main
it will add to the property what
say you - Do you think we better
put the main St property as for
\$5000.00 less 5% Com - Worth like
this would pay us - All well - Love
to all yours Sam. George -

2/5 7/1/03

Friend Coffman:-

you no doubt think that I owe you an apology for not writing you, and I dont blame you, for you do not know the circumstances, but when I tell you that I was about 5 weeks trying to get off the 2 year old str at which time I had not time to write anybody, in fact expected every day to get through and did not have my mail for'd to me and only read your letter a few days before this last one came in--e have had fine rains for the last 6 weeks and the calves ought to be fine--e had a veru cold backward spring but no losses to speak of not as much as winter before last--ont you ever get it in your head that I am not keeping up with the little calves that you and Luell are feeding, if I dont write I am hearing good reports from them all the same--no one is prouder to hear of their developement than yours truly--I think you will get just as good a bunch and they ought to be better and you now ought to have a good idea about what to select to come quick--you may come down anytime you wish, but Mrs. S. says if you dont bring Mrs. C. she will try to get me to turn you down on the calves and I have about promised her that I would--so you better bring that good woman down if you dont want to get in trouble with the Slaughters--my wife says you bring here your wife and she will take care of her while we are out to the ranch.

I will leave for the ranch about the 5th. inst. and be back about the 15th

you want to come about the right time of the Moon so that they wont swell
when we get to work on them--I would like awfully much to see the little
fellows, and would run up if I had the time, hope to be able to see them
this fall--hoping to have the pleasure of shaking hands with you in the near
future, believe me your friend as ever,

George M. Slaughter.



July 2 1903.

Thompson Drug Co-

Canyon Texas.

Gentlemen-

I just opened your letter this morning-while awaiting cars for Montana my mail was forwarded and in some way your letter was overlooked and this morning while answering other letters I ran across yours unopened- sorry this occurred- I have ordered Donohoe Mercantile Co, at Portales to forward you at once 2-5 gal cans- I have agency for this road from Marillo to Pecos and if you want the agency there can fill your orders from Portales and will allow you 10 % off dealers prices on all Chloro-naptholeum &c. &c. Portales-anytime you wish any order from Donohoe Mercantile Co and your orders will receive prompt attention as I am away a good deal-I enclose price list-will wire Donohoe Mercantile Co to send you today's freight 10 gals- would be pleased to hear from you-

Yours very truly,

Geo. M. Slaughter

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July 6th 1903

Mr. C. R. Thomas, Secy,
Stock Yards,
C. M. O.

Dear Sir:-

I am very proud that you got Sir Fredwells new bra fixed up at last-in looking over my papers I found Bonnys certificate and also transfer. I gave them to my foreman to take to El Paso when we were showing over there and he was not called on to show them and placed them amongst his papers and they were filed away-in cleaning up his desk I ran across the letter I enclose from you, which I thought had been mailed to you-now the mistake was on our part about the calves being by Rose Chief in place of Beau Donald 2nd. You say you have the record of this in transfer I did not send to Howard for his signature as it is a matter of record. Please let me hear from you at once and if I owe you anything more let me know and I will remit. Hoping to hear from you at an early date and that we will get things straight once more, I am yours truly,

Geo. M. Slaughter

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Col. C. C. Slaughter,

7/22/07.

Dear Father:-

I carried Coffman out to see the calves and we cut 30 head-
He was very much pleased with them-After we got back here Mr. Monte and
our little family carried them to the lakes and we had a nice fish staying
out there one night and had a delightful time catching all the fish we could
eat-I then told him that we would give him 10 calves to feed for yearlings
at the World's Fair and let him have the balance of the 50 at \$30.00 per head
which seemed to tickle him immensely-I proposed to him that he take a 40 ft
car and this fall ship the cows with them and feed the cows all they would
eat so as to give milk as long as possible and then ship the cows on the way
out and the calves would not shrink-This has never been done by a feeder-
He thought this would be a good way-He either to pay for the cows if we could
agree on the price, if not he take the cows and feed them and ship them on
the market for us without any expense to us-He 30 head would be shipped to
his neighbor to gather with 20 of the grades so as to make a full car to
Buell at 18.00 for the 20 grades-Coffman having a contract with Buell to al-
low him at anytime during the feeding of the calves to let him select any or
if he wished to make his 15 show cattle good-Coffman to pay him his price
for any calves that he should want-This would be a better way in case Coff-
man should have any bad luck with his calves or lose any of them by black-
leg or otherwise-When I got back to the ranch from Dallas I had gone af-
ter an injunction-Then I stopped at Clarendon to see Bud I told him I thought
this would be done and my impression was that Bud thought this would be al-
right as it would bring the fight up by them instead of us-I am sorry that
I did not attempt to move the cattle out and ride a line until I got a fence
up, but this would have probably mixed things up in worse shape as it would
have been awful hard to keep the cattle from mixing at night and would more
than likely throw us in a bad light to the court-which would have been ver-
damaging to us both, but it is done now and we will have to do the best we can.
Silver Lake was getting very low when I left also Dempster and Prairie-dog
out water at all the other mills-I am waiting to get three barrels of gaso-
line as soon as it can get here to send a wagon from here with it, so as to
start the engine to running I enclose a letter from Howard-I answered it as
it was misleading and he must give me a roundup and I would send a man and
help him tally-Please send me the letter I send back at once as I wish to
file it-I will go to the ranch as soon as can start the gasoline and give
a good look-Will be back about the 5th. and would be glad if you can come
out on my arrival here-we could then talk over matters and if necessary
make a trip to the ranch. Love to all. your son. George.

R.H.S. Perkins.

Big Springs,
Texas.

Friend Henry:-

In cleaning up my desk today I forgot to tell you that I have
have 20.00 at the Sheldon Hotel at Big Spring last evening - no doubt you have
not thought of it since - please let me have check for same at your earliest con-
venience and oblige,

yours very truly,

Geo. Slaughter.

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August 2d. 1907.
This instrument of writing witnesseth that Geo. Slaughter of Roswell, N. M.
has this day sold to J. J. Kirk of Stigler, N. M. one horse Larro three split
left ear and branded on left neck and on right shoulder for the sum of
five dollars (\$5.00) cash in hand the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.

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August 3d. 1903.

Col. S. T. Howard,
Hereford, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

I send you letter addressed to C.R. Thomas and also an entry filled out for you to sign as breeder of this calf-He is a dandy and you will hear from him some of these days if he keeps on growing-I thought it would be better to have you sign as breeder on a new application as Thomas can file it much better and will not have to file a letter with it as we had it before-I do not send the letter that you wrote Thomas and myself in regard to the entry but send you this for your signature instead -If you will kindly sign this and then mail this letter with enclosures to Thomas on first train ,you will confer a favor on yours truly,

Geo. M. Slaughter.

If you should visit Roswell soon would like you to come out and see the cows and the little heifers you bred on alfalfa and see the growth of the whole bunch. Hope you have had rain ere this and that your cattle are doing nicely and when you tally they will turn much better than you expect.

G.M.S.



August 3d./1903.

Mr. G. R. Thomas,
Stock Yards, F. C. I. O.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose you draft or Voucher #4977 for 22.00 and Check on City Nat'l Bank of N.C. #91 for 33.75. and Application for entry of Ancient Briton's Last and a new application signed by S. T. Howard for Roswell-Chief-I hope this will be satisfactory, but if I am not straight with you write me and I will remit if I owe you anything and if you owe ~~you~~ ^{me} may remit and after this will try to send you the entry's as they fall.

I return you the Voucher as you did not receipt same I could not send it for C. C. S. signature, but if you will sign it and send it to Amn. Nat. Bank, they will have C. C. S. sign and send you N. C. Exchange if you will ask the Bank to do so-Will you have carlots of Grassers this year? Will yearling heifers that were never bred be classed as Martin heifers? Please send me catalogue I want to enter. Please send me a few Applications for entry as I am out. Hoping to see you at the Royal, I am yours very truly,

Geo. R. Slaughter

Claim

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\$70.93

August 4th, 1901.

Mr. J. C. Conrad, Auditor.

Ararillo, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter of May 20th. will state that as this has been running so long, that the men that received this stuff are not with me any more-that is the man that received the Grader from the train-I have his letter when he went to load the Grader from your platform at Portales, telling me the main casting was broken, but thought our blacksmith at the ranch could fix it-he could not so I ordered a casting by express and it did not fit-so you see I was out the freight to you on the grader and also express on a piece of casting-which together was a good deal-I then found out that the machine would have to be returned as there was no casting molds this side of Fort Worth. The harness I could not get from the ranch for sometime and found I could use the old harness, so concluded that was too small a matter to attend to or rather it slipped my memory until it had run for sometime and I had used the old harness and let it go-There is no doubt but that your road was the cause of all the breakage that I claimed for-I did not see the Grader when it was loaded on my wagon, but the man that reported it has worked for me for 3 years and I will vouch for veracity-The Gasoline Engine I was present and helped unload it also had an expert engineer from Roswell to start it for me, assisting in unloading it-Now as this has been

Running so long and you have lost the agents that delivered the goods-
I will accept your adjustment as per your letter enclosed-So please attend
to this old matter-and lets get it through with.

Yours very truly,

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Mr. J. F. Hamilton,
1 Paso,
Texas.

Dear Sir:-

I received your letter from you about sending out to Mr. Driver
and had Mr. Hamilton to send it to his bank for his signature - ^{not} he did refuse
to sign, but sent it back with request to have two other men sign, before he
did - this was attended to as soon as I heard from you - this notice was the
first time that Mr. Hamilton or myself knew about you wanting any one else
to sign. I have written the two parties that Driver wanted asking them to
sign. Also to Mr. Curston asking him to report on Coulson.

Yours truly,

Geo. W. Slaughter.

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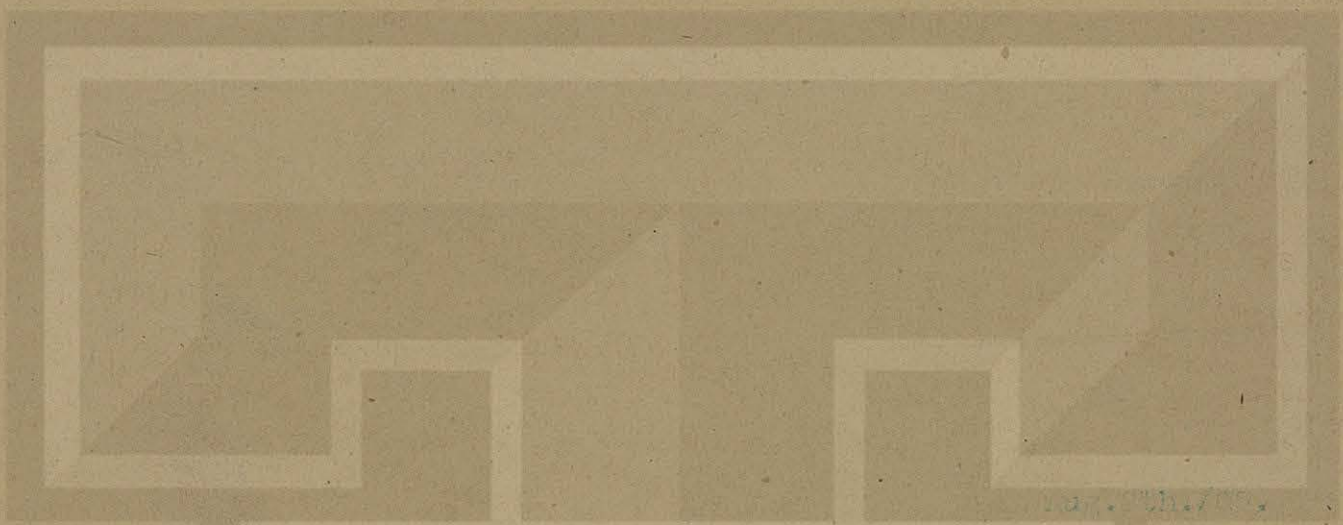
August 8th-03.

Mr. H. E. Crawford,
Portales, N. M.

Dear Sir:-

I want you to go to Donohoo Mctl Co and get 160 feet of 5" back casing -and fill the balance of your load with Galvanized wire and take it to Boyds camp-You will meet Joe Anderson on the road and he can tel you how to go there-If Donohoo Mct Co sent out the casing by Milt Sherrill the other day-Then you load wire altogether and not take casing-Milt was in day before yesterday and he might have taken the casing if so I dont want anymore-Be sure and get some wind mill leathers at Donohoo Mctl Co that they have for the ranch-See W. E. Stewart and get a pair of mules that I bought from him-If he has not got both in town, take the one that is there you better see Stewart right away and he could send out this eve and get the mules-Tell him Joe was gone yesterday when I went to look for him, and that you will take the mules with you, so that I can get them in with the horses that are coming over from the ranch to Roswell. Donohoo Co will know whether Milt took the casing and he would get it from them-

Hope you will get off tomorrow and go to ranch-You can show this letter to Stuart so he can get the mules in for you and then show it to Donohoo Mc Co and they will fill the balance of load for you-You receipt to them for what

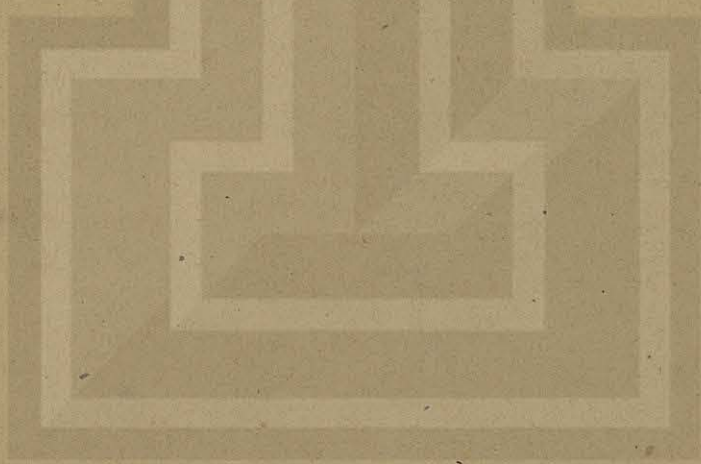


May 21/1909

Dear Ed:-

Have just got back from Ranch, which is very dry and hot your letter-when do you expect to be at Lubbock? let me hear from you at once- wire me if you leave before you can a letter back to me- Ed will be there the 12th instant at about- have wire and ports at ranch a force half- if you want Boyd there before the 15th let me know at once-

Yours truly,
George.



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Dear Father:-

Roswell 8/10/05

I went out to the ranch-it is awful dry-cattle looking very well-grass is getting short on the hard ground around the water-water is short, but the cattle have not suffered to any great extent yet for water-If the wind blows either at night or day they th will get water-have started the engine at Boyds so as not to let the tank get low enough to kill the fish-Boyd was branding at Prairie Dog-He had 4000 and was satisfied he would get another thousand at Prairiedog and north mills-He branded 1350 at the white faces and did not brand the small calves-Think we will get 6000 in the grade ranch, as he missed lots of calves and the small ones he did not bother to cut-He finished branding yesterday-I told him to let the outfit go until it rained and then we would try to get out the dry cow and ship-it was cloudy over towards the ranch last night and night before-have had a little rain at Portales and north of here also south-I have posta and wire ready to go to fencing Edwards if Wright can get the injunction busted-Hope you will be out in a few days-all well,

your son,

George.

(R)

Aug. 10th. 1903.

Mr. J. J. Hagerman,

South Springs Ranch,

Dear Sir:-

I received a letter from you dated July 11-1903, stating you had sold me a piece of land and that you had never received pay for same-and as you had heard nothing from me, you concluded that I did not want the land and wished me to move my fence from around it" that you would thank me to move my fence from around it"-Now my dear sir, I would thank you to make a deed to C.C.Slaughter Cattle Co, of Dallas, Texas, at your very earliest convenience and send it to me-I hold in my possession a receipt for \$20.00 paid you on July 3d. 1902 for 80 acres of land-and a contract for deed, if there was more than 80 acres I was to pay you \$4.00 per acre for all the land over 80 acres and if there was not that much you were to refund me, at the rate of 4.00 per acre for the land I did not get. So please make deed at once and send to me, and if the land is more than 80 acres attach a sight draft and I will pay same, but if there is less than 80 acres I would thank you to send me your draft for balance-I have been waiting over a year for this deed to be sent me-

Yours truly,

Geo. M. Slaughter

Mr. Sloan Jensen.
Lovina, Texas.

Friend Sloan:-

Last fall while the boys were driving the 300 head calves to Portales for shipment they brought one of your white faced steer calves-I noticed it as soon as they were unloaded here, and it was in your rack and I could see a round topped horn on the hip, and it was in your rack, but never saw the V on the jaw until the other day-I thought all the time it might be yours about a week or two ago the cattle were brought up out of our salt grass pasture and of course the V showed up on the jaw- but shall I do with him? He is running on the alfalfa with mine and is eating in very good shape. If you wish I can sell him to the butcher and send you the money, or if you prefer I will keep him on the alfalfa and bring him back to you next spring when I take my bulls back, of course there will be no charge on him.

Please let me know what to do in the premises-I regret this was done, but those kind of things will happen.

Your friend,

Geo. W.laughter.

Dear Mother,

I have just gotten back from the ranch-it is shorter in water than I ever saw it- a very longer in water than I have ever seen it- it was so still during the night of July it went away-I think the wind will certainly blow from south- if the wind blows it will water almost, but it may be any way it is very hard to get caught up- I had some rain on about north half of range, and the south half is actually dry-Anderson went from Boyds to Martins and the little lakes had water in them, and he thought it had rained all over the range, hence his firing as that it had rained a good rain. The ground is so awful dry that it will take a good old soaker to do any good- We ran the engine at Boyds in his third well one day and it got out of fix and I rushed back here last night to get an engineer to go out with me

this morning and fix it if he can- I am moving the Slaughter fence, so as to throw out the well at Slaughter and also Dunlap- we are running the fence from Boyds pasture south to Courdivine, cutting the distance between the Martin Co wells and Dunlap- which will make a pasture of about 4 leagues- will throw the yearlings I have in Slaughter in this Martin Co pasture and if we get the Edwards it will make an 8 league pasture- I have a letter from Ed which I enclose- we cannot roundup until it either rains or the wind blows- of course it will not take but a week's wind to fix us up so that we can roundup. The cattle are looking very well considering the shortage of water- when the bulkup at one mill the calves get separated from the cows and sometime do not get together for a few hours- I don't think anything suffering so as to seriously hurt anything yet, but you know how a man feels when you are short of water- The bull camp had a nice grass rain while I was out there- the trouble of the wind not blowing enough to water or run the wheels, is that it clouds up every day or two and the wind lays- am in hopes that we got rain yesterday as there was a big cloud hung in that way all the afternoon- rained a little on us between here and Fortales- light shower here- sprinkling at Fortales when I left there- will let you know as soon as we have rain-

Yours truly, John T. Sloan

Forest Lumber Co.,

Aug. 15th. 03.

301 Keith and Perry Bldg.,

Kansas City, Mo,

Gents:-

I enclose your account in full less the freight-The freight I have failed so far to find out by part- your account stands as follows, viz,

For one dipping Vat----- 114.00

Less 10% discount ----- 11.40

102.60

Less discount of lumber and repairs to fix same, enclosed- 8.95.

93.65

Then I see Mr. Hagerman will settle less 25% on freight.

This is the way I understand the account, if wrong please correct me as soon as you detect the error.

Yours very truly,

Geo. A. Slaughter.

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Dear Mother:-
I have 4 letters to hand-carry to home. Bob has had
his first-cold nothing serious-I got back from ranch day before yesterday-
at the engine running alright-battery was burned out-and a nice shower all
over the ranch. The boys are all well. I will do some good-later is collecting a
and don't think will have anymore trouble-I do not know but what the long
frost we have had out there will grow a blessing-Raynor was telling me he
passed through the Jones Co. pasture-they had a big rain or two that we did
not get and he says the loco is coming faster than he ever see it-
we have no loco-I think the calves are about the only cattle we have that
have suffered any from water-Cattle are looking well-Harry has 4 crops hay up
now-will get 5th. good and strong-day looks like it will be worth some money
this winter-News of the Santa Fe central building to Roswell this winter, if
so we will want to sell a lot of hay-Boyd and Sherrie will be down at Lubbock
to meet Wright-I will be at the ranch when Boyd gets back to help him rush
fence if Wright gets the inj. broke-we have the material close by so we can
run a good out fit and rush it. He fence? Can move the engine down there and
put over the well and run her day and night-the wallists have no water except
as the wind blows-I will not run any cows until I hear from you again-you
watch the signs and let me know when you want them-as can throw a herd of
us into R.R. in ten days after hearing from you. Love to all. Your son, Earl.
P.S. I forgot to mention the notes of 10-15-

Gen'l. John B. Gordon,

August-23th. 1903.

Wirkwood,
Ga.

My Dear General:-

Yours 24th Inst. at hand- Glad to hear from you- The Blanket you enquire about was presented by the "Val Verde Camp #1412 U.C.V. and the young lady who presented it was Miss Ella Lea- The daughter of the capt. of the camp- I saw the Adj. of the camp as soon as I got your letter- I suggest from what he says that it would be nice for you to write a letter of acceptance to the camp here so they can file it- also to Miss Lea. I will explain all of the camp as I see them personally about the blanket and how proud you are of it and the reason you have not formally acknowledged the same. Mrs. S. and the Children are away visiting their Grand Parents at Canyon. They often speak of the delightful visit of Gen. Gordon- Anytime Gen. you can would be glad you to pay us a visit- The latch string hangs on the outside of the door- Hope you have made it through the hot summer months all O.K. Would be glad to have you visit me in latter part of Oct. and take a bear hunt with us up in the Capitan Mts. have a nice party of old Gents who have promised to go along- The bird dog I was going to send you was killed by some one soon after you were here. Anytime I can be of service to you in any part of the world do not hesitate to command me- Wishing you all the success in the world- I beg to remain your friend.

Geo. M. Shaver

Sept. 19th./03.

Dear Father:-

I looked over Running Water, except the little south pasture- The yearlings are looking better than they were last year-I think they have done fairly well-the old steers, and the cut backs of Boardman 2 yr olds are in fair flesh and some of the big steers are fat-it is awful dry over there as every where else that I have been, while the grass is short I think what is there will winter very well and we might be able to carry not over a thousand more there, after taking away the steers and what dry cows and heifers we have there- Syd is rounding up now for 200 dry cows and will try to ship them on October the 4th. and 5th. I dont think they will be as good as last year but some of them will be very good-We are now catching up with water and there will be no trouble on that line- I did not get the rain that fell north of us in spite of that- Really we have not had a good rain since June- we have had a few small showers in places over the ranch- the grass is awfully short around the mills, but is better away from there. Old timers in this country say it has been the driest year in 18 yrs. Have a letter from Bob asking me to ship all I could so as to make room for some of his cattle- I dont think it would be advisable to bring any up to my pasture, unless it was the last chance- I see in the papers they had a good rain around Colorado and Big Springs and am in hopes Bob got some of it and that it will help some- The mother cows and the calves look worse on my ranch than I ever saw them at this time of year- The dry cattle look very well considering the drouth and shortage of water- I have entered some cattle in the Royal at Kans City- I thought I could surely get a car of calves out of the 5000 baranded in Boyds, or rather out of the 2500 steer calves- I thought I would pull on the whiteface herd for 20 yearling heifers and 20 2 yearold heifers- they are good- Say Oxsheer ought to have some grass, I have not been over there, but the white face pasture is the best grass we have and I understand Oxsheer has good grass and has had but very little on it. I saw Johnson on the train yesterday and he says they had frost at Bovina Thursday morning. I would like very much to have you come out as soon as you could and run over the ranches with and we can figure on whether it is advisable to move anything up here or not. I have grey hairs in my moustache and one side of my face is grey and my eyes are strained on a/c of looking for the rain that never came. Carrie is looking fine and having a big time- all of the other folks have suffered nicely- Hoping to have a visit from you in the near future,

I am your son,

George.

Sept. 10th./22.

Geo. W. Warner,

Running Water,

Texas.

Friend George:-

I have bought a corn binder and I thought I could get you and Sol to come over and run it for me, and then you could run it through day and night and would not take you long to cut my feed and then you could get your bulls. Now if you can do this let me know at once whether to count on you or not, answer this as soon as you read it, so, if you cant come I can get someone else. I saw Jeff yesterday - he is alright and well.

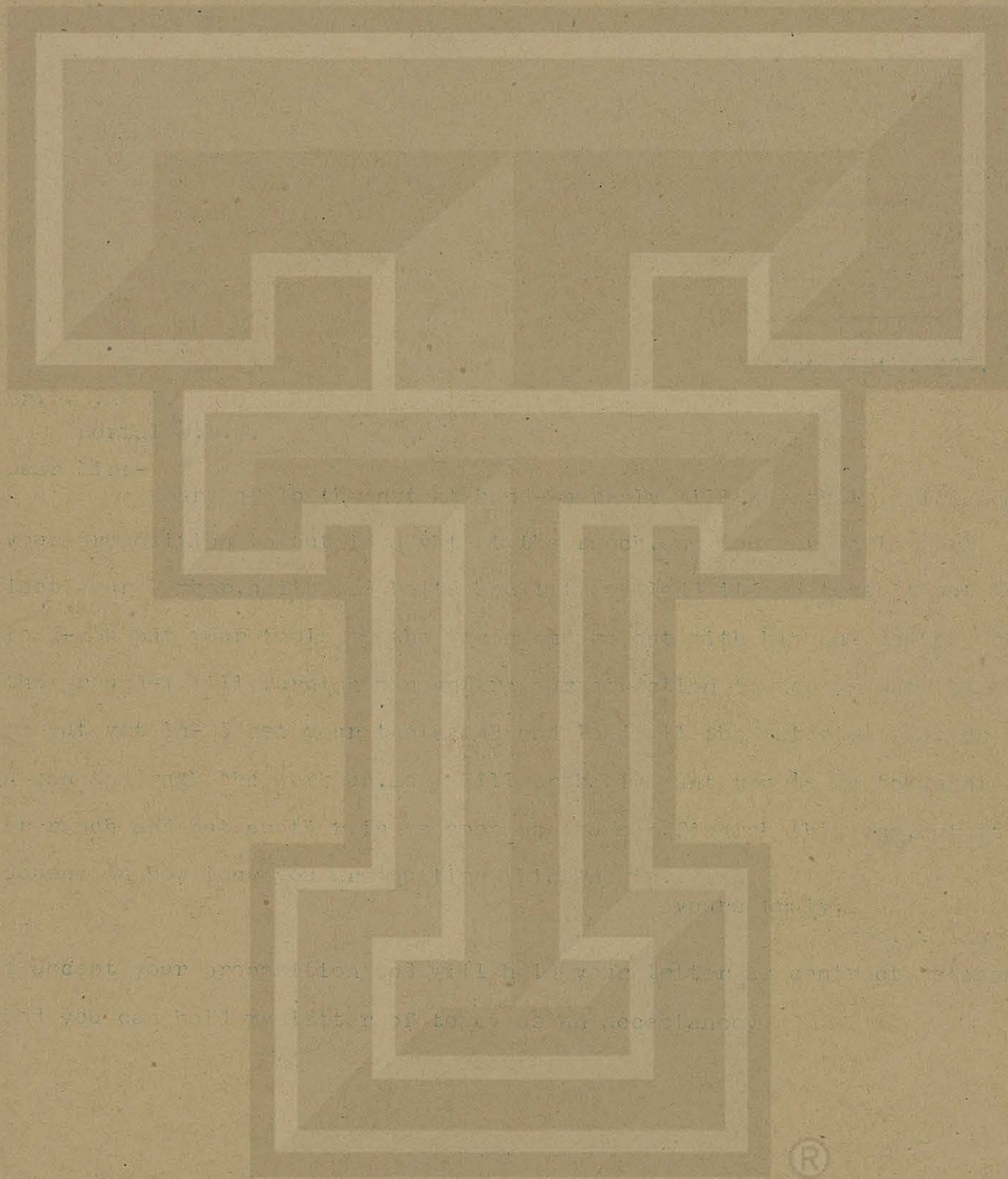
Your Friend,

Geo. W. Slaughter

P.S.

Make every effort you can to come over and put up this feed for me and I can credit you on your bulls and it would beat giving note and paying interest and I will help you all get you some nice bulls.

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Oct. 15/07.

Clay Robinson and Co,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sirs-

In regard to the Crocker cattle there was 3 in first shipment and I cannot find the tally now of the last 4 cars- we have enroute to Nevada and expect to ship on Friday 18th. instant- one car load 2 yr old hfrs (hereford) - one car one yr old heifers - one car str calves - 1 car hfr calves and one car of yearling steers- 5 cars or lots- they will be shipped over the N.V.M.R. and Santa Fe- I am promised cars, but the R.R. does not always come up on time, would be glad for you to jack them up a little- They ought to get into K.C. Saturday afternoon or evening- last year they kept me on the road for 58 hours- Now I want to say that I am bringing something good this time- I think the best car of calves that will be there- the best car of yearling heifers and I think the best car of two yr olds ever bred on the range- but you will see them - I am afraid I will not be able to come up this time as we have got lots to do between now and winter to get things in shape for winter- All I can say do the best you can with them- where there will be two entries (one of hfrs and one of strs) same age you can put one in as C.C.S. and the other as C.C.S. Cattle Co or you can make one Geo. M. and the other C.C. anyway you want to fix them. I have never got any report of the Kans strs sale except 183 head- please send me a copy of the other sales. Geo. M. Slaughter.

Oct. 15th. 05.

Mr. P. B. Penny,
Lubbock,
Texas.
Friend Penny:-

Your two letters before me on my arrival from ranch-
I enclose you a draft for \$102.10 being \$3.00 per acre for your
four sections in our pasture-I hope you will pay your interest at once so
there will be no forfeiture-Boyd was telling me he had made a trade with you
~~edgely*****for this land-am glad he was for he~~ for this land-am glad he was for he
can hold it down on a/c of being on the ground. May the little Chihuahua bitch
has pups now and your wife spoke of wanting one of them-if you will let me
know at once whether she still wants one I will save one for her-several are
after them-I can take it to ranch and somebody going to Lubbock from there I
can take it to her-let me hear from you soon.

Your friend,

Geo. J. Slaughter.

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Mr. J. Boardman,
Oswego, Ont.

Oct. 15th. 95.

Friend Boardman:-

As I received your letter and also one from the Denver Fair in reference to the two steers short and I enclose for them in this letter. I should have done it on receipt of letter from Denver, but I was figuring on being up in your parts and thought I would see you-but have been so awfully busy this year, as usual had no time to run around-lad to hear you have had lots of rain, but hope it will dry up in time to cure your grass-I am afraid you are going to strike an awfully hard market with your cattle-it seem the bottom has about dropped out of the business-I was very much surprised to hear what Andrew had tried to do-You cant put any confidence in any cow-boys anymore-He must have been drunk or crazy-Rest assured if he comes back in this country he will get a cold shoulder-I have posted every body that recommended him to me-I will say this that I never will again recommend a cow boy to anyone. Enough about this C.B.-Butler should have followed him and ri the country of such as he-we have been rather dry, but cattle are weighing more and bringing less than for some time-How are the little hfrs? How did Butl like them? Let me hear from you-all well and Mrs. C. joins me in best regards
your friend,

Very truly yours,
Wm. J. Boardman

Geo. W. Boardman

West Disinfecting Co.
New York.

Oct. 14th. 25.

Gentlemen:-

I have been out over the Texas ranches for some time and on my return was presented with a sight draft for \$100.00 which I had sent back to you - Mr. Rice, Jr. of Donohoe Oil Co. of Portales. N.M. who has the management and keeps books on weights of the dip has been away sometime just buying his goods - I have ordered him to send you a record of what we had done - I think he has sold some \$150.00 worth of can goods - I have had moved out to the ranch some 10 barrels, but only have used about two barrels of it so far, but my neighbors and my self will soon then likely use all I have there and more for this is about the time they will all begin to dip. I advanced \$105.00 freight charges on the dip that went to Portales and was to take this out of the first dip that I used or sold - so will send you \$50.00 N.Y. exchange on a/c, and guess by this time Mr. Rice has reported what has been done with the dip or rather how much we have sold - I had a talk with Mr. Tannehill here the other day and he says he has only sold a few cans, so as it is so small a stake sale I thought I would let him alone until he made more sales. The people around Roswell don't seem to want to take hold of any dips, but think they will wake up later on - I still think in another month we will be able to dispose of the barrel dip we have at Portales and may use of some of the Roswell depot dip - if you wish I will have Stringfellow and Tannehill report direct to you about what they have done with the dip - You will remember that the car came in here in bad condition and was leaking and I have had Mr. Price have each barrel weighed out as it is ordered - we do not want people to pay for dip they do not get. I had an order the other day for three barrels from Stringfellow and Hume at Hereford and had Mr. Rice to send to them promptly - They are the people that have been ordering from R. D. C. so I guess they referred them to me.

Yours very truly,

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Oct. 14th. 23.

Mr. C. A. Tate,

Dimmitt,

Texas.

Dear Sir:-

In looking over my letters I find one from you enclosing an order for \$5.00 from Ed Green for taking care of a cow- I hasten to send you a \$5.00 bill which you will find enclosed- hope the delay has not inconvenienced you to any great extent.

yours truly,

Geo. W. Slaughter.

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Oct. 27/03.

Mr. H. H. Boyd Foreman,
C.C. Cattle Co. Ranch,
Amarillo,
Friend Boyd:-

Father and I have had a talk about dipping the entire herd in have about come to the conclusion that we better not try to dip all the cattle, as he is anxious to get some of the oldest bulls off to ship. This letter purso of if you that wanted to dip the whole herd, but I want you and Rogers to look close for itch and when you see one that has any signs however that they have itch or is going to take it out in the shipping bunch-I think you better work all the bulls out of the herd close and about the fattest cows and all that show signs of itch-I would cut all the bulls out first and hold them in one out and then you can cut your dry cows and keep them separate and when you send them to the bull pasture but the bulls in one of the bull pastures and the cows in the other and your itchy ones in either the bull bunch or the cow bunch as you think best-send a man with letter to me at Portales about 3 days before you think you will get through with dipping the cattle and I will order the cars and come out and assist you in getting out about 200 of the big bulls and about 500 of the fattest cows- if you have of him whether you shipped him or who you turned him over to. If you fully about how you got on with your men Friday and whether you got your fence up and all the news you have. As the grass is short and we have so much to do and our horses would certainly get in hard shape if we tried to dip or wean I think we will try to get the bulls all out of the herd at the same time we get the shipping cows and we will then let the cattle alone and they will have time to put on some flesh for winter. Then you can plow fire guards if it should rain also build up some tanks that need it. Hope you are not in jail when you receive this. Hoping to hear from you soon and that you will get all the bulls out of the herd also all the fattest cows and everything that shows any signs of itch and that you will have pretty weather.

I am as ever your friend,

Geo. H. Slaughter.



10/24th./35.

Mr. Frank Johnson,

San Marcial, N.M.

Friend Frank:-

You remember you wrote me about a little halifer you lost in my pasture-Well we got hold of her and I had no way getting her to you and the only thing I could do we be to ship her or sell her-my foreman had a small bunch of cattle and I sold her to him for 15.00 for her and her calf-this does not seem very much but under present conditions and circumstances I thought best to let him have her-So if this suits you-you may send me a bill of sale making same to H.L. Boyd of Lubbock Texas and I will send you a draft for that amount-You owe me nothing for pasturage or gathering her ,as I was proud to be placed where I could be of service to you-Anytime you ever get a chance to come over to Roswell I shall be mad if you dont come right up to my house in place of going to the hotel.Hoping this will be satisfactory to you and hoping to hear from you in the near future .

I am yours in bonds,

Geo. W. Slaughter.32

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Oct. 28nd. 1905.

Friend Ed:-

You may go to work as soon as you can get ready and cut all your four year old steers regardless of flesh and all the fat three year olds you have and also any bulls or stags and all the fat dry cows or any old shelly cows and bring them to Lovina also any strays that you have in the pasture. The association inspector asked me to have you bring them up in your herd and he would ship them and allow us a dollar per head for gathering and driving- as soon as you get this bit right down and write me about what time you think you will be at Lovina with the herd, so I can order cars- how many you need this figure how long it will take you to gather the cattle and drive up to the rail road and then write me. I will give you your check when you come up with the herd- haven't my check book with and am in a hurry. Remember me kind to your wife-

Very truly your friend,

Geo. M. Slaughter.

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Clay Robinson Co.

10/23-03.

Gentlemen:-

Yours of a few days ago before we on my arrival from the ranch.
In regard to the number of steers sent to Texark- the agent at Bovina and my-
self counted them and there was 515 head as follows, viz: 2
1st, train car : 25.5100--51 head--27.0--21--2500--20--5142--20--2001--21--
711--21--2000--21--2000--21--2000--21--2000--21--2000--21--2000--21--
2000--21--2000 head- the last shipment was four cars and were loaded at Bovina
Viz: 2345--23 head--2000--20--2000--20--2000--20--2000--20--2000--20--
body's word as to the count- I am quite sure that this many cattle was loaded
on the cars at Bovina- there is none of us perfect, all make mistakes in count-
sometimes, but it looks out of reason for Crocker to say that the Agent and my-
self made a mistake in three cattle, when we both were very careful and beside
my men in running them up the alley agreed with our count which makes four of
us counting them and all agreeing- I have no doubts whatever about the count-
am as sure of the number as can be- by the way if you know of anyone wishing to
feed a nice bunch of bulls- I am preparing to ship about two hundred bulls 5
years old, all in one mark and brand full bloods, but not registered and ought
to be smooth as all are bred alike- It will be some 15 days before I ship them
would be pleased to hear from you at your earliest convenience- telling me your
opinion of the cattle at the show and what was done with our little bunch-

10/23/07.

Dear Dick:-

I wired you last night about sending Rogers interest on his section-11 lays along side of the Cameron land next to Jeff Davis- I guess he had it attended to or should, but I got a letter from him which has been following me around and is two weeks old saying if I could send him Rogers payment he would forward it- so to make things sure I wired you to forward it and as soon as I can see Rogers will let you know whether he paid it or not and if he has you can ask land office to refund you. I saw Ed and Dave yesterday and got the a check for 18 months from June 20th. to Dec 20th for 4580 acres of the Sherman land-I looked at N.W. Smiths field notes and had a surveyor to figure what they had over a league and it was about 152 acres-I charged him the same as we are paying-I think it is three cents, is this right? Please write me at once how much we are paying per acre on this land- also when does our lease expire-I got caught on the Jury and as I have been drawn for three years and always got off it is impossible for me to get off this time-U.S. court keeps Tab on a man-It is going to worry me a good deal to have to stay at this time, but what cant be cured must be endured I expect to ship Eds 300 steers about the 10th of Nov and Boyds about 15th Did not Father get home alright? Love to all write me on receipt of this.

Your Bro, George

Mr. J. J. Teel,

Portales, N.M.

Dear Sir:-

Yours received and in reply, will say that I sent the other lot of running water as soon as you can put the gate in-I expect to pass through Portales on the 10th. instant and if you will meet me at the gate on that day I will tell you what time and when to go to running water to put in lot.

I enclose Voucher #1100 for \$100.00 in full settlement of putting in lot a/c to your contract-let me hear from you on receipt of this letter.

Yours very truly,

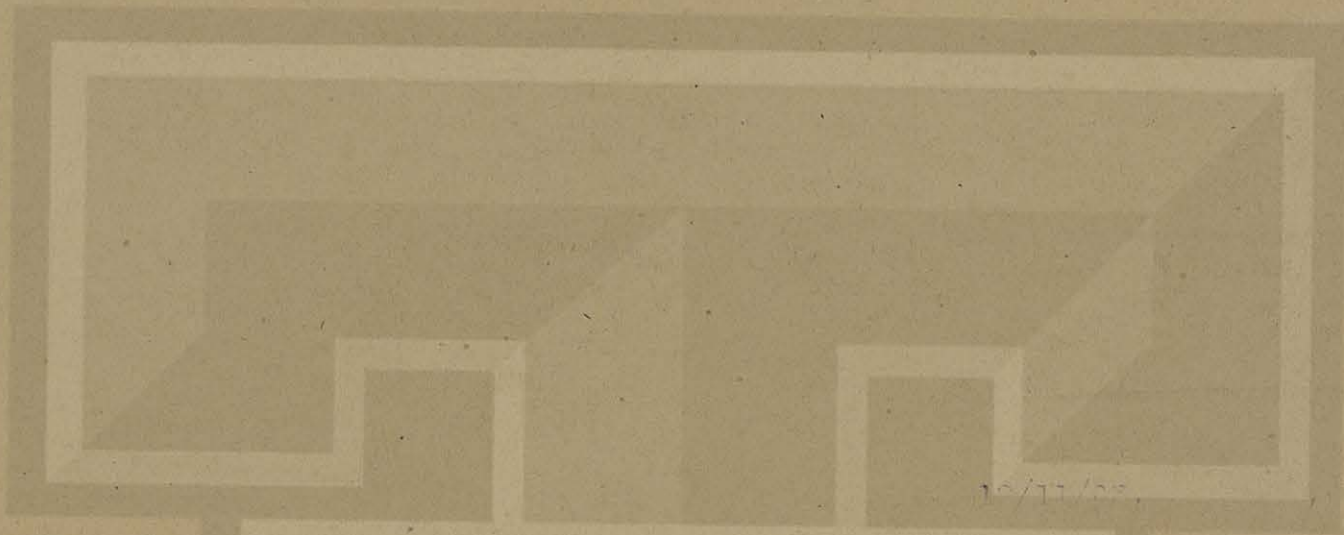
Geo. S. Slaughter.

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Carvers Outfit was there to take cattle when I left Portales Friday at 3 oclock
Ben was going to help hos men hold the cattle friday night and start down here
saturday morning-I gave Ben a draft for 100.00 as he said some of the Boys n
needed some money and he can account to Bob for it. Bert Belcher had a Voucher
from Bob which I enclose so Dick can make it straight. I took up this voucher
and gave him mine-It seems Bob wrote 5.00 in Body of draft and put 25.00 in
figures and as Bert needed the money and was going so far from R.R. I took it
up for him and enclose-I also enclose a check for \$600.00 on Rush Co Nat Bnk.
for 20 cross J calves that Kauffman bot for Buell. I also enclose a deed
from Hagerman for 40 acres of land in the Salt grass land near the Big orchard
that I bought last year when I sold him the 2 yr old heifers. We are going in
to two murder cases this morning one of them is Minch Mullins that I used to
work for Bob. Ed was to be at R.R. tomorrow with his herd-I am afraid I can
get away to ship them but if I cant will get Oyston to run up and help
Ed. they will have to cut out and hold over all that show itch as they will
quarantine the whole herd if they find one in the bunch. I am going to work
all the schemes I can to get off, but am afraid that it will not work, as I
have been drawn every court on either Pettit or Bran and have always got off
and the record shows that, and it will be a scratch if I work them this time
I understand that Levitts out fit cut the fence the 2nd time. Have not heard
from Boyd. I had Joe to take the wire from Bud the night I received it. Joe
told me that They had cut the fence second time. We have had beautiful weath
every since you left. never saw its equal. all well, hope find you all the s
with much love from all to all.

I am your affectionate son,
George.

and I turned over the bill of sale to Carver and will send
the rest of trust (R) Santa Rosa to get and as soon as I get note from
I will forward to you. I expect Ben to be with his outfit.
between was actually cleared with the way the cows looked-There was lots of
that would have made good meat and I never saw a thin one in the bunch.



10/11/55

Mr. J. L. Lonsdale,
Richita, Va.

Dear Sir:-

Please find enclosed P.O. order for \$2.00 amt. of my dues for /54.

Fraternally yours,

Geo. J. Lonsdale

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12/11/03.

Mr. E. B. Carver,

Henrietta, Texas:-

Friend Carver:-

Yours received on my return from Chicago-I am sorry to inform you that we lost two of your horses out of the first lot that you sent down, and I think that we will loose two more, but the others look alright and I am in hopes that we will not loose anymore-the last lot that you sent we lost five head the next day after they were turned in-This looks awful, but considering the condition the horses were in and the fact they were alkalied - I am in hopes that you will not censure me too heavily-my men might have been careless in not riding the ditches as close as they should, but the way the horses looked when they got here - I am of the opinion that nothing would have saved them- I think now that we will not loose anymore-hope not any way-I started 125 head of mares to the the ranch the other day and the boys let them water in salt water about 15 minutes and the consequence was that they lost 15 head in about two days-they were in good fix having been on alfalfa for 5 weeks-One thing we have all got learn and that is not to drive anything on the salt grass after frost-Your horses are getting all that they can eat and I am in hopes that I will not have to report anything like this anymore-a few of them are in bad shape with Distemper-The ones that were not alkalied are doing as fine as can be and putting on flesh. Yours truly,

Geo. W. Slaughter.



R.P. Witherspoon,
Gainsville, Tex.

12/1/08.

Friend Phil:-

The first bunch of horses you sent down are beginning to look like horses with the exception of two, which I am afraid will have a hard time getting through-they were badly alkali-ed-one died the next morning and a day or two after we lost another-but from the looks of them I think they are alright with the exception of the two that I mention-Now as to the last bunch you sent down-they were the hardest lookers I ever saw to be alive-we put them on alfalfa patch that had not been cut-was nearly knee high-but the next day there was seven of them that could not get up and ofcourse died-this is awful and I hate it badly, but I cannot see that I am to blame for them-one thing you will have to learn and that is not drive horses on salt grass after frost-I sent my stock horses over to the Texas ranch and the boys lost 15 head-they were fat-but the alkali kills them all alike thin or fat-I am in hopes that I will not have to report the loss of anymore-Now are the cows doing? The man that came down with the horses said they were locating nicely and were on good grass-Please let me hear from you as how they are doing-From the loss of the horses I am reporting to you, does not look like that I am taking very good care of them, but I assure you that they shall all they can eat and that I will do all I can not to lose any ore-Would be glad to have you run over and see that I am giving them all the chances a horse ought to have, but you know the condition when you started them down here and then add on to that they had to live on salt grass all the way down here and then you imagine how they looked when they came in here-hoping that you will pull through in good shape with your cows and wishing you all the success imaginable

I am very truly yours,

Geo. W. Slaughter.

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Mr.B.J.Reagen,

12/14/03.

Portales,

N.M.

Friend Reagen:-

I enclose you 15.00 in full of my account with you-My recollection is that I gave you 6.00 in cash ,and the bill was 21.00-If this is not right I will make it right when I see you-

Yours truly.

Geo.M.Slaughter.

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12/14/03.

MR.N.S.McGee,

Portales,N.M.

Gents:-

I enclose Voucher #4215 in full of account rendered for corn,grain and seeds for ranch-Please send me receipt by return mail and oblige, you will notice in the lower right hand corner of voucher which you will sign and then endor se oh back where it says endorsements and the put through the bank as same as checks,

yours truly,

Geo.M.Slaughter.

12/14/03.

Mr. W. L. Neel,

Portales,

N.M.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose you Voucher #4286 for 260.15 in full settlement for Vat and drain table put in at Running water Ranch in full settlement-

Now Neel dont you think you have made the drain table a little steep on me- When you take in consideration that you get your lumber cheaper at Hereford you make a great deal on the Vat-You figure this over and let me hear from you and if you find you have charged me too much you can write me and send me back any overcharge you may have made on this account-I am placed where I can be of service to you and think I can get you several Vats to build but you must figure them down to where a man can live and put in vats- If you will figure so as you can make wages it would be alright.

Let me hear from you on receipt of this and acknowledge draft,

Yours truly,

Geo. M. Slaughter.

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12/15/23.

Dear Father:-

The next morning after you left I got up early and went out to the yards and talked with all the men that were feeding for the show and with out a single exception they all advised not to send the calves back, as they would get stale-Herrin the man that took sweepstake emphatically said not to send them back-I was very anxious to take them back, but after getting advice of the oldest feeders-I was afraid to go against their advice-Only one man said take them back and that was O.H. Nelson and he was drunk all the time he was there and also had sold a lot of cattle that were going to show next year Coffman had sold his place and as he has 26 head that are very near as good at home and he is feeding the 21 he got this year & after studying the matter over I was afraid that he would have too much to do to look after a place to feed three bunches-The biggest argument of the feeders were that as the cattle had been crowded for 60 days on sugar that it was harmful to get them back on less feed without making them stale-that the ones that were back and had no sugar or crowded would do better and put the flesh on gradually would be smoother-I talked with Dan Black and he said it would be a hard matter to keep them from getting lumpy-that he had to starve his a few days before coming to the show and also while at the show he kept them off feed-If Coffman had not sold his place and has to give possession in June I would have had him take them back regardless of what the feeders thought, but it looks like the others would be fat enough with 11 months feeding-Coffman will have to find two places to feed the two bunches he has at home and if we had made him take the others back he would have had to secure a third place, so after thinking the matter over with Coffman we decided to take the advice of old feeders and not experiment against their practical advice-So I told Coffman if he would get to work and give the two bunches he has all his attention and not spare time, labor & expense I would not insist on him taking them back and he has promised to do all he can and push them for all they are worth- The bull calves got in the day before I got back-502 head-they look very well and the boys cut them from the cows and brought them right on without having them to stay out there and travel the fence until they were weaned and I think they look better as they were weaned as they come in and saved all the travel on the fence and then the trip to Portales-they are now getting quieted down and eating alright-I received 449 calves and one part Buffalo stag from Bob-Most of them look fairly well some are quite small-We have had some very cold nights, but most of the time weather has been fine-Both our children have awful colds and we have been up with for three nights they are croupy, but think they are all O.K. now-Hoping this will find you all well-That you got your hay and what things you need for Xmas-I am with love your aff, son, George.

12/15/03

Mr. James Moore,
Hereford,
Texas.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose you Voucher #6052 for \$48.12 in full settlement for 19253 pounds of freight hauled to Running Water Ranch-In full settlement. You will please sign your name in the lower right hand corner where it says "In full settlement of above account-and then you endorse your signature on the back where it says " all endorsements and then put in the bank the same as a check-Please acknowledge receipt of the above as soon as you receive this,

yours truly,

Geo. M. Slaughter.

P.S.

I have a car of cypress posts at Bovina to go to the Hockley co Ranch, if you wish to haul them for me-I will give you 30 cts per 100# delivered at what is known as Boyds camp, which is my Hdqtrs-It is called 50 miles, but never has been measured and might run over that a little-There is some sand I think about 7 miles where you will probably have to double up, otherwise the road is very fair-Please let me know at once whether you want the job to haul them out there for me-if not I will send my own teams over there later and haul myself, but my teams are now hauling some piping and have a car of corn also to haul so it will be late ere I can haul from Bovina, so thought would ve this to you if you wished to haul it-

Geo. M. Slaughter

12/18/03.

Mr. Avery Turner, V.P. and G.M.

Amarillo, Texas.

Dear Sir and Friend:-

Yours of the third Inst. before me -Have been so busy since I got back from the Inter-National have not had time to answer it. I got third prize on our yearlings which I consider good on a/c of the company they were in-Yes, I think it would be a good idea to keep up the trail- I wish to call to your mind that you have not remitted me for the two sections of grass that you were to pay for-You remember I wrote you that I thought one section would be enough in my pasture, but to tell you the truth I honestly believe they used nearer 5 sections than one-As I agreed to two or rather you contracted for two-I will let it go at that-I have a car of Cypress posts at Bovina and can get no one from there to haul them to my Ranch-Could you assist me in getting them over to Portales where I can get wagons to haul them? I have never used any cypress posts in this country and it is an experiment. If it would prove alright it would be a big thing for you-as we can make arrangements in East Texas at good figures-and they are so much nicer than Bois-d'arc as the steeples are easy driven and will stay better and you could load twice as many on car-I ordered these posts to Bovina thinking I could get wagons there to haul them, but find I cant-am up a tree-They are now on the side-track there-let me hear from you at once-Your friend.

Geo. M. Langston

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Mr.H.D.Sherrill,

12/18/03.

Portales, N.M.

Dear Sir and Friend:-

Yours received and was very glad to hear from you-I wish you to write me at least once a month-I note you say you got Dunlap in good shape-am proud of that-also that your part of the business is in good shape, am glad to hear that and hope you will always keep it good shape, which I know you can and will-I notice what you have asked me to get and I send it out to you at once-Now, old man I want you to put several troughs down at scraped as soon as you can-You know that is going to be the place for the cattle all to drift and if, you havent got lots of troughs there the cattle will suffer ere they can get water-so I believe you better put 3 or 4 troughs there- if you think best put in another feed pipe like we have at Boyds-Now I am depending on you to keep the cattle watered and when you see something they need go ahead and put it in-I know you will do this any way, but I want to impress this on your mind, so that if any cattle are lost it will not be your fault-I will try to get out to see you immediatly after the holidays-Now I want to feel that Hardy is doing his work where anybody else is or not-and you know you have my confidence and I am quite sure that you will not betray it-I feel this way and I will haveto see different before I will believe otherwise-

Now wishing you a merry Xmas and Happy new year, I am as ever your friend,

Geo.M.Slaughter.

12/18/03.

Friend Joe:-

I enclose Check For \$70.00 for Oct and Nov-Now Joe go ahead and haul out what corn you can-I dont want you to buy anymore feed from any one while you have this corn to haaul and I want you to leave enough for ou to h haul on,your team does not need any oats or chops,if you feed them corn that is enough for them-if you wish you can soak some of it for them-Tell Hardy I will have Cylinders and Plunger and floats ready for you to take out next load-Take good care of your teams-You have got lots of stuff to haul out-Get my tent and roll up in my bed besure and put in the poles and roll the bed around it and send to me also My guns and tell Mrs Semour to send me my valise at her house-I do not want you to make any arrangemants about moving to the ranch until spring-It is too late to move your children out there- it will be dangerous-probably give them Pneumonia-Now dont buy anything you can get along without-Try to sell my hay down at the Spillers place- I am depending on you to move things with as little expense as possible- I notice you buying whip stocks every few days-

Your friend,

Geo. M. Slaughter.

If my family falls down here I might be able to move you over here on my little farm,cant tell what tomorrow will bring forth.Now you behave yourself and dont blow me any more than you can help-Your friend,

Geo. M. Slaughter.

12/19/03.

Dear Ed:-

Now you want to pick a warm day and dip your cattle-Before they go in the vat have a man on each side of the chute with a curry comb and curry any scabs they have on them before they go in the vat-If you have a bad case hold him in the dip and curry the scabs good-in about ten days dip them again. I would make the dip about 4 gallons off dip to 100 gallons of water. or one gallon of dip to every ten gallons of water-I think you better cut out all that show the itch and put them in separate pasture and dip them careful and curry good in the chute before they go in the vat and repeat in ten days-the other cattle that do not show the itch you can run them through once-I think you better charge the outside people 10 cts per head-12 1/2 would be nearer what it would cost you-I would ask them 12 1/2 cts and if they would not pay h that you can let them dip for ten cts. The vat will cost us about 350.00 to put it in-Please let me hear from you every week and always tell me exactly how your cattle are doing-Run your pasture as cheap as you can, for times are getting awful dull-I think you can run that out fit with one man besides your self-I am cutting down forces on all the ranches and the farm. Remember me kindly to your wife and tell her to look out for some honey and apples in a few days-will probably start the apples and honey monday morning to hereford and get someone that is freighting down your way to haul it to you.

Your friend as ever, Geo. M. Slaughter

12/20/05.

Mr. C. R. Thomas Sec'y,
Kansas City,
Mo,

Dear Sir:-

I enclose four entries applications for entry in Record-
namely-Bredwells Pride-Bredwell-Slaughter-Morning Bredwell-Mildred Bredwell-
Please acknowledge same and send me the bill,

Wishing you a merry Xmas and
a happy and prosperous New year,

I am,

very truly,

Geo. M. Slaughter.

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12/20/03.

Mr. W. P. Burchfield,

Beming, N.M.

Dear Sir:-

Have just gotten back from Chicago where I had been to the fat stock show-We got third premium against the U.S. and Canada which I consider good-My Foreman Mr Hamilton has just told me about writing you prices on bulls-Now, Burchfield I am very anxious for you try some of my bulls and will make you the following proposition-A man by name of Witterman has 10 yearling bulls by Imp. ancient Briton and the Omaha exposition Champion, Sir Bredwell, the \$5000 bull-These bulls are good and are the cheapest bulls in the country-the man that owns them is a laundry man from Colorado-I sold him the cows bred to these bulls-he paid me 60.00 per head for the cows-not one of them would weigh less than 1200 pounds-If you would fill the car with yearlings from my herd I will put the balance in to you at \$40.00 per head-as cattle have been off this year I will price you these at that price and as I am anxious to get you to handle some of my bulls, for I am quite sure if you buy and take them over here your neighbors will want bulls in future from me-I consider the 10 head sired by the above bulls cheapest things in the U.S. and mine at 40 is 10\$ less than I ever sold for-Now to show I mean business, if you will come over here and look at the bulls I will pay your fare here and if you buy you can catch them on the passenger to Pecos and there get on a fast freight and go

home with your bulls-I will pay the ticket over here whether you buy or not
You need not buy unless they suit you, but I am willing to do this to show you
my cattle-Now let me hear from you at once whether you would like to enter-
tain this kind of proposition-If you should want to fill the car with my bulls
at \$40.00 per head I would have to have them shipped from the Fortales ranch
they would be off grass, they were on alfalfa last winter, but have been on grass
all the year, are in good shape, but would not be quite as fat as the ones
that have been on alfalfa all the year-I would let you select out of 100 your
the ones I have-Please let me hear from you at once whether you care to look
at these bulls or not-Hoping to hear from you on receipt of this letter.

Yours very truly,

Geo. M. Slaughter.



Mr. J. M. Donohoo,

12/21/03.

Canyon, Texas.

Dear Father:-

Yours in reply to Judge Words Dip - Will say that I instructed Your Mr Price never to send a barrel of dip without weighing it-The barrel should weigh 500#-I notice you say he is short 7 gallons @ 80cts. it should be 1.00-I pay 75cts.by the car-There is some mistake in this price-I saw the V.P.of the Chloro-Naptholeum People at Chicago and told them I was weighing up this stuff to all customers-So Mr Word will have to give me the weights of the barrels he got and I will forward to them and try to get it adjusted-I will say this I will do all I can to make it right-But under no consideration can I let any one have dip for less than 90cts.F.O.B.Portales-The rule we have been working under is if a man wanted as many as 5 barrels to let him have it at 90cts.otherwise for less than that at 1.00 f.O.B. Portales or Roswell Please let me know if you have not made the mistake in price-I have been trying to contract the cement walk on main st.of our property and the best I can do is 21cts.per foot which will cost us \$630.00 for the 6 lots of 50ft. each 300 feet by 10 feet wide-I guess I better close,others have been paying 22 cts for all the work of that kind on main St.please let me know whether to close at that or not? Shall we cut the trees down they are in the middle of the walk and if the town should ever cut them down we will have to pay the extra to have the new cement put in where they are cut down. We are thinking of going to dallas tomorrow-Loveto all,your son,George.

Mr. W. C. Meachum,
Pates ville, Ark.

12/21/03.

Friend Meachum:-

I let the Gosset family go last sunday week-Have a family the from Mich. I think the place was the dirtiest place I ever saw when the Goss-ets went out of there-I had everybody to take their horses out here in town and all that we have there now is our own and the clubs-the clubs sent 8 men down the other day-I have the man clean up the house, the lot and chicken house and sold all the turkeys but 21 head, all the ducks-am still feeding the 6 hogs and do not want to kill them until in Jan. am trying to fatten them so as to get some lard out of them. It seems carelessness on your part to lose the club horses in Slaughter and Veal-you should have rode the ditch as you knew they were liable to get in the ditch-Gosset said you were careless in letting the water run over the ditches and flood the north east corner of the place so he could not plow-Have the house painted and looks very nice-When you get back here, keep the family that is there until I get back or until they get a place to go to-They are there for their board as it was costing them 2.50 per day for board in town they thought it better to stay out there and let me board them to look after the place-I have had the drain ditches fenced off in SW place so we will not lose anymore horses-Now I want an invoice of everything on the place when you get back and the harness hung on their on pegs in place of being thrown down and ruined. So when you get back start out by keeping

everything in its place and taking care of what I have and not buying everything you can think of-I want that farm to pay and the way it has been run would break Morgan or any one else-You understand what I mean, of course Tom Dick and Harry have been on the place and it is hard to place where the blame is, but now you and your wife want to check up everything that is there when you get here and keep books on everything and run the place in a systematic manner also to have a place for everything and always put everything in its place. Have changed the pigs in new pasture and they are looking better-have cleaned up the chicken house and doctored them so they are doing better and will now commence to lay. Young Wilson went with Gosset to the mountains-I think Wilson boarded there while I was at Chicago. The people that are there now are very nice people and are clean any way. treat them nicely until they find a home or until I get back. Hoping you will have a nice and pleasant journey during your matrimonial trip and that you both will come to N.H. with a firm intention of doing something and make a success in life and that your wife will like it here and will do all she can to help you make a name and a home,

I am with best

wishes to you both,

your friend as ever,

Geo. M. Slaughter.