

Roswell.N.M.11/16/14.

Dear C.:--

I am sending papers back to you that I got out of office of the Panhandle Assn. In talking with Harrell asst. Secy, it seems that he accepted the pay for the yearling steer from White and as he acted as our agent, I believe we would have to stand by him. So I am sending them back to you.

Did you ever put in claim for the Bull that was killed by the El Paso and S.W.R.R.? John told me he sent you the car #. The E.P. and S.W.R.R. has a claim against us for undercharge on shipment. I think it is derived this way-I put orders in for 36 foot cars and they furnished 40 foot cars-I told them to take it up with the office. You know there is a difference in the charges of a 36 and 40 ' cars-I ordered 36 ' and nearly all the cars they had for me when ready to ship was 40' I called their attention to this but they had no other for me to load so had to use 40-I settled some of this claim. Paid what ever charge they put on us, or rather prepaid the amt before I could ship and now they come back at us for more money. I enclose a small order which explains itself. Also J.N. Freeman letter. The Dempster people sent smaller engine than we ordered-Have not taken it out yet, but saw the Dempster man and he said take it out and try and if it did not do the work we need not pay for it, so will take it and try it. Say 'didn't you forget to put in Telephone for month of Aug and sept. My telephone a/c has run up awfully on account of phoning for men to help dig-I think you will find this short as above-look it up, Will meet Skinner 19th at Littlefield and will ask him who he will draft on and wire you and you can ask them by wire whether they will cash his draft, and then wire me at Bovina. I talked to Horsbrugh to night at Amarillo 1.50 worth about what he thought Bassett would do about cows and yearling steers and he said he thought he would take them, but would hear from him tomorrow and then wire me.

Hope I will be able to close on both with him,

your bro,

George.

Roswell, N.M. 11/10/14.

Dear Bob:-

Got your telegram about getting cattle out, but have not heard whether you shipped or sold. Wire me when you sell and price nett. Think will ship you about 60-Thirty to the car, will try to get 34' foot cars. I enclose letter from a good man I think and will send him with them and if you cannot use him he can come back on pass and I can use him until you need him or when it is safe for him to go to ranch down there. Expect to meet Skinner 19th. and pass on steers the 20th. and start them to R.R. Julian Bassett has been over and looked at the cows, cows and small calves, old cows with big calves and the 2 yr heifers and liked them very much-I priced them at 50.00 throwing in the calves-He is to come back the 20th. to see them. Something like the trade I made last year I am sure this is no more money than shipping on the market. Finally got through dipping double-It took ~~2~~ 2 months, they gave us about thrible strength and we think has killed the itch, and hurt some cattle we think. We have had two big rains ~~the~~ last of Oct. and then about a week ago The Loco is coming fast and I am fearful of it. Saw 2 or 3 yearlings looking like they were getting drunk, all our horses are eating it and have to run a Maize wagon and feed them once a day to keep them from getting drunk. Priced them to Bassett's Co, at 42.50 delivered 12/10/14-He liked them, but said as he started over to see them, his Co, in K.Y. wired him to wait until they knew more about what the Hoof and Mouth disease did-Was scared but Bassett said he would wire them not to get scared but come through and let him buy them. will hear from him tomorrow-I see R.- has gone down to ranch, wish you could run over and help me with delivery and see the bulls shipped and look over the range with me for a couple of days-If you could spare the time and I would go to Dallas with you and we could have a full meeting as the boys insist on it and you would have an idea for next years income. Wire me Littlefield night letter, how many bulls to ship and what your cattle brought and whether you can pay me a visit at this time or not. I am so far behind work that I am balled up, but will try to do the best I can to pull her through. Goodnight-All the folks join me in love to you,

your bro,

George.

11/16/1914.

Chalmers Motor Co,
Detroit,
Mich.

Gentlemen:-

I enclose W.F.Co of Big Springs Tex.covering(receipt) the shipment of Gray and Davis Generator shipped you 8/11/14. Also a letter in reply to mine from Gray and Davis about the Generator you shipped me at Lubbock to take the place of this one about Aug.16 last.It seems Gray and Davis claim that this Generator that you shipped me to take the place of of the one that came on my Chalmers had been out of their shop over a year-What about this- This Generator only lasted about a week and it looks as though you sent me an old generator and charged me the price of a new one. Now you know this is not right-I like the Chalmers Car very much and got my Brother R.L.Slaughter of Douglas Arizona to buy one of your Big 6 Model 1915.He would never have anything before but a P Pierce-Had Runabout and Touring car.

I cannot but honestly think that you will adjust this matter of shipping me an old worn out generator that Gray and Davis claim has been out of their factory more than a year and how much longer I dont know-It seems you can tell how long it has been in your possession-I sent you a telegram for this Generator thinking that the Chalmers Co,would protect me in an order for a new Generator and not send me one that had been outlawed or fixed over.

I hope you can see this in the light that I do.Have been trying to get something for my old Chalmers 6,and if I could sell it at all wanted to purchase a 1915 model.Now please let me hear from you about this Generator business,as I do not like to be writing about this all the time and I cannot help but think that you will treat me right in this matter.After looking this matter up let me hear from you about it,Thanking you for an early reply,

Yours truly,

11/24/74

Dear Bob:-

Your long interesting letter to hand and contents eagerly devoured by me, as I was getting awful anxious in not hearing from you and the news papers telling of the fighting down there. It was very great in R.L. showing the Generalship that he did under the trying circumstances, but you want to caution him about taking too many chances down there, and above all thing tell him I said that he must turn down any invitations to take a Nippy with any one while he is across the line. He can probably hold his own on this side if he wants to lush, but never to touch anything while on the other side. Now you want to keep your eyes peeled and do not let any of those greasers get on the blind side of you and I want you to do the same thing I have advised R.L. to do. I have a man named Ford, that I am sending down to Douglas with the bulls, he has been with John James for 2 years and I expect he is all right. He is anxious to go down there and says he wants to make good and save his money and after we find that he is alright wants to invest in a small way in cattle and run them with us. He gives John James as reference. Think I will write John and ask him confidentially about him. I have not made him any promises, but I told him if you could not use him now that he could come back and work on the ranch until you thought you could use him. Skinner came out 19th. inst. and 1190 steers was all that John gathered, so he cut them and they will be in Bovina tomorrow about 1000 or the rise of it. Have about 900 cows, cows and calves, 2 yr heifers and yearling heifers and about 20 old bulls and some crips and Big jaws. Will ship Skinners steers Thursday and ours about Friday also your bulls. I was so short handed that put them all in one herd and sent a maize wagon along with them to feed the horses as they are eating loco and getting thin. Yesterday I sold R.M. Cook Cashier of and V.P. of Inter-State Natl Bank, K.C., and Jack Puckett our steer yearlings to delivered Dec. 15th. at 42.50 per head, he put up 500.00 and balance paid as soon as can brand them at Ranch and we winter them at 25¢ per head per month in the west pasture with our yearling heifers, and we drive them Yellow House about 10 miles of Littlefield June 1st for him and he ships them to Cooks Ranch in Colorado. We had the grass and they will help the yearling heifers eat the loco that is coming and will not let our heifers eat it all. I sure did do some tall sweating to sell these yearlings for cash as it is awful hard to get since the war, and after I saw that we were going to fall down on the number of steers, and our Div. would not be very large and Dick was about to have a fit, and the loco coming I became nervous. So now we will have what yearling steers that go through the winter and our steer calves and probably some heifer calves to make dividends with next year, and will get down

R.L.S.#2.

quicker to a calf proposition. I sure did hate to see more than 300 of the oldest cows go to market, but we cannot hold the cake and eat it at the same time. We have had some heavy rains at the ranch for the last two or three weeks and still raining now and the lakes all had some water and John was short handed and I am satisfied did not get a clean work on the steers. I am satisfied that when I turned over to Col. last year that 250 or more top 2 yr olds went in with them, John thinks more, but when they are dehorned and about the 1st of Dec. it is impossible to tell a long 2 yr old from a 3yr. old.

Then this spring the steers were poor and long haired when we sold the twos to Col and am satisfied that a lot of small 3's went in with them, which was alright as it evened matters up.

That is one reason that I wanted to put the year brand on them. Now we have gotten the herd where we will have to count only on yearling steers and steer calves, and as I said above some 20% of the heifer calves and yearling heifers and the 300 coming 3 and 4 yr strs that is left on the ranch and about 300 old cows, should make up a dividend, and then have time next year to cut up our pastures with a feeding pasture in each large pasture and not use it until July, so that it will be fresh to turn the cows that have been suckled down and go to feeding cake from 15th. Dec. on until grass, then we can have all on feed by 1st. of Feb. and have all cows strong enough to calve by March 1st. I think the Big steer men have about all decided that their is more money in Baby beef, at least the majority of the ones we have been dealing with think this now.

I am awful proud of the Yaqui serape, and have had Allie sew the ends so it will not ravel. Will keep it with me when I go to ranch in my D.L.F. I hope you have gotten all the Vouchers that we had here as I asked the boys to send them to you a long time ago, and they tell me they have sent them. You want to write Coney to send the ones held by him, as C.C. told me when I was in Dallas that he had never gotten them. How do you like your new Chalmers. I bought Allie an Overland Coupe 1915 Model and it is a beauty and she enjoys it very much. George is on bread and water and walking tours for running a block the other night to come to town to see a snide leg show. He had seen the Adv. and all the legs looked good, and was not old enough to know that they were artificial. Slaughter Land and Cattle Co., are C/D some and ~~Y&P~~ I hope you will get enough out of the steers shipped to pay up the 1st. Nat. and also o/d here. You did not wire me what they nett in K.C., You speak of a Mex. family. How many children have they and about their ages. I want a large family for this Dog Poising. The children could do as much as the grown ones. I have been under the weather for last week and wired C.C. to come up and help me ship

Reswell, Okla 12/2/14.

Mr. C.F. ~~Elcise~~ Slaughter Lola ~~Elcise~~ Eloise Slaughter 1La
Amarillo, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

I wish to purchase some of your old engine flues, from 10' to 12' feet long-I understand you generally sell this as junk by the ton, and would be pleased to have you price me F.O.B. Littlefield. I wish to connect my headquarter camp with the line camps, and thought these old flues would make telephone posts by driving a wooden stay in the top to steeples the wire on.

would be pleased to have you price these to me,

Yours very truly,

J. M. Slaughter

Roswell, N.M. 12/4/14.

Dear C.C.V.-

I certainly enjoyed your visit to Bovina, and I think will be a big thing to have you learn something of what we have to contend with and also something about shipping. I was under the weather as you know and not scared that I would have to go to bed, and by your coming kept me from worrying about this. I want to thank you for coming up and helping me. I think next time we ship Dick and Al should come with you and we will all look over things before they leave the ranch and by that way we would not make mistakes in ordering cattle from the ranch that should not go to the shamble, and you would not criticize me so severely, when I object to these matters. I know you boys have done what you thought best and theoretically you were right, but Theory and practise are sometimes wide apart, and the only way to convince a "E Yonson" is to show him. Of course we have worked our cattle too much this year, but I can't see how we could have avoided it, for we could not have gotten our steers delivered without Double dipping them, and could not have shipped the shelly cows or the knotty short yearlings. Then if we had not dipped them strong we would have the whole herd so scabby that lots of them would have died and the others would have never done any good. Now I hope that while we have suffered from the strong Dip, that it has cured them, and with one dipping next year we will be forever through with this terrible disease. This year you boys have gotten a good idea of what should be done, and what I have tried to get you to do for last 3 years, and I hope that we can work together better than here to fore. I think we are closer together than ever by the short trip you had to ranch this spring and I think will be a big asset for the future. I shipped 97 awful pretty hogs yesterday to the Cassidy S.W. Com. Co. - The car was pretty full, but I think when they get used to the car they will ride alright. We got in all that the car would hold, and have a few sows that were going to pig on the farm for stockers. They were pretty and should sell at top prices. I enclose a R.O. for the Calf houses and as soon as we can put them up and they are alright you may deliver the order to these people. I paid the Portales yesterday as I had asked C.F. Leach to have them made out so we would not have to pay penalty. It seems to me that 1913 taxes should be paid by the people that purchased the 160 adjoining Portales, but as he drew for the amt. I sent it and you can take it up with collector. Will go to ranch tomorrow and help John arrange about the winter work and the delivery of yearlings.

Your bro,
George.

Roswell.N.M.12/22/14.

Mr.H.C.Harding,
Amarillo,
Texas.

Friend Henry:-

Yours of the 14th.was received on my return last night from the ranch,where I have been the last 3 weeks trying to get off the yearlings I had sold and arrange things for the winter at the ranch.Every year I promise that I will get through early and get out of the cold,but it seems that something unlooked for is always turning up.You and I are getting too old to be out at work late in the winter I expected to be up to Amarillo long ~~enough~~ this and see you and settle but you know we cannot always do as we want.I know of no one that I had rather Commission than you.In regard to the steers at the lower ranch-You forgot that I sold the cut backs which you had nothing to do with.That is what made the number over what I paid you for. I dont take any credit to myself for helping make the trade,but you insisted that I come over and help you.I suppose you could have made the deal yourself,but honestly Henry I would not make that trip again for 500.00-It cost me at least 150.00,but we will not talk about that now-I know that when you get this that you will see that I have done the right thing,which I always try to do,and when I do different I want you to show me.I enclose you my Check for 200.00 and will put in order to Co.to re-imburse me.I hope to get you a price on the S's so we can pull off another stunt,but hope that we will wait until it gets warmer,but I assure you unless it is warm you can furnish to Automobile-I dont want any more Auto trips as I made with you.Thankyou. Keep me posted when you have an good prospective buyers and I will see what we can scrape up.Sorry that I have kept you out of your Com.so long,but was sure that I would up to Amarillo when I shipped the steers,but was too tired to make the trip. Then I thought I would be up at Called meeting of the Board,but was trying to ship. Wishing you and your good wife a Merry Xmas,and a happy and prosperous ne year,believe me your friend,

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Roswell.N.M. 1/14/1915

S.G.Cantrell and son,
Harveyville,
Kans.

Gentlemen:-

Your letter of inquiry before me, and in reply will say that my people have 3300, our own raising all in one mark and brand, were dehorned as calves and were then run through shute last fall and smooth-nicely, so this is the largest and smoothest herd of 3 and 4 yr olds steers in one mark and brand that I know of in the State. One third of these are 4 yr olds and 2/3 3 yr olds. They have never wanted for grass, water or salt, are in the breaks and sand hills and have plenty of room. I have always wanted you to see a bunch of these cattle, and whether they are worth the money or not a man cannot tell that until he sees them. I would take pleasure in showing them to you, if you will come down early, and if we do not trade their will be no hard feelings on my part-It will only take a day to see them. I cannot get a price on these cattle yet, but am satisfied that I can close with them for 70.00, with a 10% cut for spring delivery. If party wanted would carry 1/2 of them at 6%, the right man of course. Now you might think these cattle high, but if you could see them I am quite sure you would not think so, I don't think there is a ~~big~~ bunch like them, that they will stand in a class their own, but the "proof of the pudding is the eating.", and I think that the first cowman that sees them will think like I do about them. Would be pleased to hear from you at once, as to whether you would like to look at them,

Wishing you a happy and prosperous year,
I am yours truly,

Geo. V. Sla

Roswell, N.M. 1/14/1915.

S.G. Cantrill and Son,

Harveyville,

Kans.

Gentlemen:-

Your letter of inquiry about steers before me, and in reply will say that my people have 3500, our own raising all in one mark and brand, were dehorned as calves and then run through the chute last summer and all horns or stubs that showed were carefully smoothed, so this is the largest and smoothest herd of 3 and 4 yr cattle in one mark and brand that I know of in the state. One third of them are 4 yr olds and 2/3 are 3 yr olds, They have never wanted for grass water or salt, are in the breaks and have plenty of room. I have always wanted you to see a bunch of these cattle and whether they are worth the money or not a man cannot tell that until he sees them. I would take pleasure in showing them to you, if you will come down early, and if we do not trade there will be no hard feelings on my part-It will only take a day to see them. I cannot get a price on these cattle yet, but am satisfied that I can close with them at 70.00, with a 10% cut for spring delivery. If party wanted will carry 1/2 of them at 6%, the right man if course. Now you might think these cattle high, but if you could see them I am quite sure you would not think so. I don't think there is a bunch like them, that they will stand in a class their own, but "the proof of the pudding is the eating" and I think the first cowman that sees them will think like I do about them. Would be pleased to hear from you at once, as to whether you would like to look at them.

Wishing you a happy and prosperous new year,

I am yours truly,

Roswell, N.M. 1/15/15.

Dear Alexander:-

I got busy at Amarillo the day I came through and went down to the E.R. Roach wholesale Drugs, and got a price of 8.50 per # for strychnine ~~and~~ in either 1/4 # cans or # cans. Took 1/4 # cans, think will change after this to 1/2 cans-Cyanide at 40¢ per # (28¢) pure I was proud of this and knew that you could do no better, so bought 10# each and arranged to allow John to order by letter and send bill at once to me, or give a blank order for the order. I had a visit from the Carbo steel post man, Edw. Gerbereux, special representative, and was talking with him about the steel stays and he said there was a company in Wichita Kans, who sold a machine to make wire stays and that he was going to Wichita from here and would have the firm that sells these machines, send me a sample of the stay also a cut of the machine, so I got him to order enough wire (steel) to make enough stays, when he got to the Chicago office, provided they had not sent another stay in the car-load. I got a wire from John that he had delivered to Bassetta man 39 head of mares and had a receipt and that he sent word that he would mail Note to cover them, expecting it this afternoon train. Wire today "everything looking fine, good weather, will follow with letter" signed S ranch. This sounds good to me, but I am trying to arrange to go out there Sunday and take an inspection of the whole ranch.

I enclose my check for 3 head of cattle shipped in Lemond and Fitzgerald car to K.C. while we were shipping. I took an average of 2 of the best sales and a bull was weighed by himself-98.15.-We owe John one steer shipped Skinner and John owes us for 2 or 3 bulls, will settle with him as soon as I go out and collect for the bulls-We also owed Scott Cochran for a steer shipped Skinner, and as he wanted his money I paid him, as he did not know the brand that was on him, as he was a bought steer, I took blank B/C as John knows the brand will draw for him when I find out the brand and will send B/C to Skinner.

Am straightening out everything as fast as I can, and I think this winds these matters up, except the steers (cut backs) shipped of Col's, which we shipped in 1913, but he owes for some 8 head of good steers, which will more than balance accounts, as soon as I can get the count of our cattle-Skinner has not shipped out yet from last spring cattle.

Will attend to this matter as prompt as I can. We are having pretty weather-I told Amarillo Commercial Co to write you about cake, which I supposed they did. Hope the Posts will come without delay, as I want to get busy with them. Let me hear from you at anytime-Hope you are making good and will always be proud to hear of your success,

your bro,

George

Roswell, N.M. 1/16/15.

Dear Bud:-

Your letter about a shipment of cattle from Spiller received. Now Bud it looks strange to me that you would go to work and try to make the cattle raisers assn believe that the C.C. Slaughter Cattle Co had gotten away with some 9 head of cattle from Col. S. - These Spiller has played the devil writing all of his inspectors that we are accused by you, as Sec'y of the C.C. Slaughter Co, of getting away with 9 head of long S cattle or steers. This is talked amongst the members and executive Committee, and I want you to understand that I demand that you correct this stigma. Why you did this I cant understand. I reported to you about these cattle and gave you a copy of the sales account. These were old Steers, Cripples, big jaws and cancer eyes, which had been on our ranch for years, so when we started the steers sold to Col. S, - I cleaned them up and made up a car by taking curs out of our herd and carried them to Abernathy and shipped them and reported the sale to you. Now when I delivered the steers to long S ranch we put them through the shute to mark them (underslope left ear) there three head of steers got out of shute before we could underslope their ears, some 8 head or more we concluded were not full ages and let them go through without marking them (we have a record of this made at the shute - When these cattle were loaded out to Skinner in the spring we tried to tally them, but the boys made a bust on penning and it was about dark when we got the penned and it was too dark to inspect for a underslope and the ones that were not undersloped, so the only way we could do was to catch them when they come to market. I was waiting for this report before settling with you and tried to explain this to you when I reported about the 9 head, but it seems that you were not satisfied with my report on these cattle, but would stir up a stink with the Inspectors of the Ass'n - Who gave you information about the shipping of these cattle? You know who - It looks strange to me that you should play dectective in place of writing to me. Now I am going to the ranch and carry a Notary, and have the affidavits of John Lemond, Cliff Fitzgerald and myself as to the number and kind of steers that went in this shipment. Will then go to S ranch and have affidavits made of the number of s steers that were there that was not paid for, from Jack, Alley, Bob Ashury and John Lemond and my self, then I will take the matter up with the sec'y and when the Assn meets have the secy read the affidavits to the executive Com. in session. This is the first time in life that I have been accused of staeling cattle, and I am pretty old to start this kind of work. Especially when it would be a case of "robbing peter to pay Raul" - I wish you to explain to me why your men brand thy S cows calves in the Long S brand?

Roswell. N.M. 1/17/15.

My Dear Father:-

I laid over at Amarillo 1/2 day and tried to get a line up on the 3 and 4 year old steers, and find that they are asking 65.00 to 70.00 for 3 and 4 yr steers respectively-you understand all of these steers are on cake from Nov. until they are sold in the spring while you have the advantage in breeding and all in one brand and virtually out of the same herd, they have cake in them, which will make the weight in Kansas-Another thing very few men want 3 yr steers to go to Kansas, unless they have been caked-The weight is what the Kansas man figures on, and by giving them cake at coming 3's and coming twos they gain a year, or rather the cake makes up for a year in age. I enclose a copy of letter to Cantrill and son-You know that a man wants a price on steers before he goes to see them. You told me that you had about 1100 coming 4 yr olds, I am quite sure that you are misinformed about the number of coming 4 yr steers that you have-At least from my information that if you have 600 you will do well-I get this information from talking with Jack and Bob. I wish you would write Jack at once to give you the best tally he can of the 3 yr and 4 yr steers that you have, so that in case that we make a contract that there will be no shortage of what we represent. I am going to do my best to help you sell these steers, and all I want would be my expenses, if I make a good sale and you do not have to have to pay regular commission to any one else and want to give me the 25% com. I would not refuse it, but I will leave that at your option. It seems to me that 65.00/3, or rather 3 strs to the 200.00 would be a good sale. What do you think? Now you know the buyers will want to cut them to 65.00. If Cantrill and son come back at me with 65.00 my idea was to try to split the difference of 70.00 and 65.00, which would be 67.50. So now I wish you to let me know at an early date, the lowest I will be allowed to go-of course I will get all I can for them anyway and will not go the lowest until I have to. Make up your mind the low dollar. I am writing two other parties today on the same lines that the copy of letter enclosed. But we must be careful not to contract more cattle than you have and not to represent more 4 yr olds than we can reasonably show, so as not get any damage suits on hand. I have a telegram from John saying everything on ranch looking good, but I am going out Tuesday to see for myself, so as to put more or feed if they look worse than he represents. I have found out by experience that you cannot always count on what others tell you. I dislike to go out in the cold after coming from Mineral Wells, until my blood thickens up a little, but when others are depending on you, one cannot do as he would if he was the only one interested. This "trust" business makes a man move whether he wants to or not, if he has a conscience, and I hope the day will never come when I will lose mine. Your son, George

Dear C-

I wish you to look up R.O. 625 to Higginbotham Bros Cattle Co given them 11/8/13. and send to me the a/c's attached thereto. I wish to see if we havent paid our part or 1/2 of a Street and Street hardware bill-My recollection is that I paid our 1/2 of this bill and he claims he knows nothing about it. Now C.C. you remember that I was paying the Auto bills, until the D.L.F. was purchased in Aug. You will notice that you did not send me any part of the Aug. allowance for Auto expense, but did not get the D.L.F. until the 20th. of Aug. so now I wish to call your attention that you should pay me for 2/3 of Aug. which would be 40.00-Also that I had just purchased 3 new tires and tubes. One of them was a 30X3 1/2 and tube, which I used on the D.L.F.-The other two were 30X3 and was on the car-I had a blow out in about 2500 miles caused by a snag and had the new 30X3 1/2 extra and tube-Now I bought this at Lubbock and will expect only what wholesale price for tire and tube. I was talking with the Carbo man at Lubbock, and he was putting up the fence for advertisement. If you can make a better trade with them, I think they are just as good as the other posts, and some things I like better. See if you can get them to let us have what we need right now at Carload rate and take them as we need them. We will agree to put them around our tanks (all of them). Let me know at once about these matters. It has been raining for last 3 days. I am fearful it will rot the grass, but will ensure early grass in the spring. Your bro. George.

Jan. 17/15.

Friend Nath:-

I am going to Ranch tomorrow and get a line on the Chick en and Goats-If I can locate a bunch of either will wire you, but I do not want you to make a long trip out here and be disappointed. I had a big bunch located at one of the wind mills, but some hunters got into them and have scattered them, so my man writes, so will have to locate another place to find them when we want them. The roads have been a fright and we could not run on to any Goats until the ground dries up. Am afraid it will be Feb. before the ground will allow us to travel fast enough to get close enough to bring one down. Will write you after I go over the ranch and see how things look. I am not going to have you come so far and expensive a trip on a wild goose chase. To have you come out and go back without a full bag, I would never get over it, while it is disappointing to me that I could not have you on time I talked to you, matters have come up that I had no control over to prevent its fulfillment. I know you are busy, and so am I, but I hope things will show up better later on, so do not count on coming until you hear from me. With best wishes and a hope that things will show up high on my inspection of the ground,

I am your friend.

Roswell.N.M.1/17/15.

Dear Bro:-

Yes I had the Amararillo Commercial Co to write you about prices on cake as it was a little cheaper than what price you had given me. I am taking up the stay matter with a house at Wichita Kans. It seems to be a sensible stay and by getting a machine we can make them ourselves. Have sent for a sample and will put it in fence and see whether it is practical. Am enclosing Bassetts letter and also note bearing 10% for 6 months. This was according to agreement. He made it to me and I enclose and endorse to the Company without recourse. This note ought to be good at any Bank that has money to loan, if we should want to discount it for face value. Now about hay I am trying to get some one here to take our hay in place of shipping it, but so far ~~will~~ have not found anybody to take it. Will lay over tomorrow and see parties that have been out of town who handle some hay. If do not find any one tomorrow will go to ranch wednesday and look it over. John wrote me he would be gathering some poor cows, starting today so he would not be able to take a trip of inspection with me, but if I leave wednesday and get there thursday, he should be back and able to go with me. I will let you know as soon as I get back from ranch about how much cake to order. I think you better contract 2 cars for about Feb. 1st to 15th. now and will let you know about what we think will need later on, after John and I figure. I want to see John before paying Johnson anything. I paid the draft for post~~age~~ and wire today and sent the B/L to A.G. McAdams man to have unloaded when it arrives there. We are having pretty weather here. With best wishes I am your bro,

George.

Will take matter of O/c on cake houses as soon as I get to Littlefield also some undercharges they have against us there. Will also look up the Higginbotham a/c and Flint Walling Co, difference.

George.

1/18/15.

Mr. Julian Bassett,

Crosbyton,

Tex.

Dear Sir:-

Yours with Note received many thanks-I guess your mares will look a little thin, but they are good producers and will raise you some good colts. Hope to be able to do some business with you in the future. Sorry I did not get to see your bulls-We did not want them, but I had told my Father about them and he wanted me to go to see them for him. He wanted coming 2 yr olds. Anytime I can serve you in this part whistle. Wish you could see the Stallion I have here on the Farm-He is a peach and I cannot use him any longer, so somebody is going to get a bargain. He weighs about 1600, and I refused 1000.00 for him when a 2 yr old.

With best wishes for the year,

I am yours truly,

Roswell, N.M. 1/30/15.

Mr. Nathan Adams,
Dallas, Texas.

Friend Nath:-

I have just gotten back from Ranch and hasten to write you. I located two bunches of antelope, some 50 in one bunch and 35 in the other, but they are ranging along the foot of the sand hills, and unless we could cut them off at the start, it would be impossible to run on to them. The snow is on the ground yet and prairie is soft yet. My foreman thinks that as soon as it dries up a little the goats will come out on the hard ground. Located one bunch of Chicken about 40, but have man at one of the camps looking out for a few bunches and let me know, and I will wire you when I think the goose hangs high. Has been raining all day here and the roads are a fright. C.C. and Bob Stewart just from Dallas in their cars and got here at 3 A.M., say the roads are under water near here.

Now this is the wettest winter I have seen in years and am afraid it will knock us out of this hunt-I had my heart set on giving you a hunt of your life, but am afraid I cannot make medicine with the weather man.

Now Nath I want you to do some thing for me. I was anxious to take dinner with my Father on his 78th birthday, but am afraid I cannot make it and have decided to get one of my friends to get some one to have a birthday cake and place 78 candles on same and have it delivered at Col. C.C. Slaughters residence on the morning of 9th. day of Feb. and see it placed on the table. So I have decided to call on you to attend to this for me and send me the bill for same-I want something nice and I know you will see that it is done.

I know you are awful busy, but I want you to attend to this for me. Thanking you in advance for putting you to this trouble and hoping that I can repay you for your trouble in the near future, and that the weather man and the game will soon be ripe, when I expect to see you and thank you in person,

I am as ever your friend,

Roswell. N.M. 1/30/15.

Dear Bro :-

Just got back from ranch night before last. I went out last saturday morning and I was leaving Roswell a snow storm came up and a last saturday night was the coldest night we have had out on ranch. Went out from Littlefield sunday in the snow and you better reckon it was cold. Stopped at yellow house to warm and they say it was 6 above zero saturday night. Found the ranch and cattle in better shape than I expected and settled all the old a/c's I could get to. Saw all the cattle except a few bulls down at Scraped out camp. We have about 3000 on feed and they are doing fairly well also the cows that are not on feed look better than they have for several winters. Have had the prettiest Jan. except saturday and sunday we have had for years. I bought 25 cases of angel food molasses to use with poison to kill dogs. Got it at \$2.00 per case, which is wholesale. The mexicans are at work killing them while they are slow I think they are thorough. John seems to be getting things pretty well in hand. We have all the cake hauled out from Littlefield also from Lubbock. We tried to figure on the amount of cake that we would need, but that is impossible as we cannot tell what kind of weather we are going to have. Got your telegram about the 2 cars to Littlefield. Now I want another car about the 10th. at Lubbock. Send it in care of Rankin and sons, like we did the other car. Am in hopes that this will be enough to go to Lubbock for the Zavalla cattle. Think the original order of 300 tons will last us, but cannot be sure. Will try to keep you posted in time to order more before we run out. We have only 30 Barrels of salt, and will place it in feeding pastures this week, so will need another car. Was talking with Phelps White yesterday and as he was going to order a car I told him to order us one also in his name and send me the Bof L, I got a chance to purchase 100 # of Sudan grass seed and bought it at 25 cts. as they are selling it at 1.00 at Lubbock, saw it was cheap and bought it, and it is at Littlefield ready to go out as soon as we need it. The posts came in and was unloaded and is being hauled out to ranch this week. Think they must have sent us the heaviest Corner posts, but did not see them. am working on the stays now. The Kokomo stay is good and heavier than the one I am working on, but if we can get mine cheaper, and get the machine right think will close with them. Have not sold hay yet, but will try to sell next week. I enclose letters from Bassett be sure and stamp the note for him. C.C. and Bob Stewart got here this am at 3 oclock. Elma and baby on train today at 3 P.M. Mrs Stewart did not come. write me soon and often and keep me posted, and I will do the same. I want to go to ranch again about the 15th. unless I hear from John that things are going wrong. Have enough work cut out up to that time. Told John to give Mexicans 5.00 more and let them board themselves. I think I have told you about all I can at present.

your bro,

George.

Dallas. Phonograph Co.

Roswell. N.M. 2/2/15.

Dallas. Texas.

Gentlemen:-

I received the records alright and as they were a little late, my wife had purchased a good many that you sent, so I am keeping what I want and sending the others back to you by parcel post. I am returnig 15 and keeping 8.

Please find enclosed my check

13.50 for number 82516-2.50

83013-3.00

80178-1.50

80108-1.50

82048-2.00

50138-1.00

50140-1.00

50078-1.00

13.50

Thanking you for sending me the records to select from,
and hoping to do more business with you,

I am very truly,

Geo. M. Slaughter

Roßwell.N.M.2/2/15.

Mr.J.Lanham Higginbotham,

Lubbock,Texas.

Friend Lanham:-

I enclose a/c rendered to C.C.Slaughter Cattle Co, sometime ago.I never could find the Street and Street a/c but am satisfied it is alright,for I never could find where I paid an A/c of this kind.Wd want to be more prompt,you to put in bill ~~some~~ sooner when made and I to pay them more promptly,which in the future is one of my new year resolutions.I was in your office last week to see you and settle,but you were not there.I think this winds up the Company a/c between our companies.Sorry I did not get to see you when you passed the ranch and missed you in Lubbock as I have something to talk to you about,but it will keep until I can see you sometime soon. Sorry you had to use coal oil to run your new Ford,will try to keep gasoline hereafter.I got in the same shape went by your place to Portales or rather just north of it,and John said you had no gas,so in 8 miles of Portales I got out and had to hoof it. Less both resolve to keep gas.

You remember I gave you an old a/c last fall of car of hay that you owe me-I have never heard anything like a check yet.Suppose in your strain of trying to keep up two ranches you have forgotten it-So look it up and lets get square once more. Say throw that wife of yours in car and bring her over here sometime and see us-No hotel goes-remember this-Expect to be out about the 15th Weather nice over here-best wishes,

your friend,

P.S.Any time I can serve you over here command.

Roswell 11.N.M.2/2/15.

Miss Jennie Warford,

Dallas, Texas.

My Dear Jane:-

I wrote Nathan Adams Cashier of the Am-Ex. Nat. bank, day before yesterday to have some Caterer to have a large Birthday cake baked, with 78 candles delivered at the house on Feb. 9th. (in the morning). This is to let you know about this, so that you will not do the same thing. Now Jane don't say anything about this, as I want it a surprise. Just before Father comes in to dinner light the candles. I was awful anxious to come down and take dinner with him, but I am afraid that I will have to go to ranch about that time, so I wanted to be represented at his 78th Birthday and this is all I could think of. Tell him that day that I had intended to come down at that time, but business prevented me-I will be down about the 20th. of March on my way to the Cattlemens Convention at San Antonio, and will stay a few days and visit him before the convention. I am thinking of bringing my wife with me. Yesterday was Joe Dicks Birthday 14 yrs. and Our Anniverary 22 yrs. We had a dinner for Mr and Mrs Donohoe, A.C. and Elma and Ann Ella, Geo. Jr. Joe Dick, Prof Pope and three of Dicks Chums. We had a birthday cake with 14 candles at small table for Dick, his 3 chums, Ann Ella and Eloise and the balance at the big table. It was a 12 course dinner and the Cook had everything in nice shape. Mr and Mrs Donohoe have been over here visiting some 6 days, Mrs D. has an awful cold and grip, but is feeling better today. With best wishes and love to all the folks,

I am your friend.

George.

Roswell.N.M.

2/3/15.

Dempster Milling Co,

Beatrice, Nebr.

Gentlemen:-

The Engine you shipped last Oct. did not get to destination in time for us to try it out, and , have been waiting to get a time to test it.

As you guaranteed that it would do the work I will send you ranch order to cover, as I consider your guarantee good. I have one or two inquiries about the machine, and the parties are anxious to see it tried out and if it works alright they want one just like it. I hope it will prove satisfactory when we put it on our wheel to pump with.

I wish to be remembered to your Mr. Dempster and say to him that I expect him to make me that promised visit at the ranch the next time he comes down in my country. If he will let me know any time he can come to Littlefield Station, I will gladly meet him in auto and take him over my ranch and show him some land, that I think he and I will be interested in.

I wish you to understand about this account not being paid heretofore-If it had been sent when promised I could have used it last year, but was delayed, so I thought I would find time to try it before paying for it, which was the understanding when we purchased it.

very truly yours,

Roswell.N.M.2/9/15.

Wallace Good Pres.

Range Cattle Com.Co,

Kansas City.Mo,

Dear Sir and Friend.

I wish at this late day to thank you for the handsome rock book you sent me-I was needing just such a book.I enclose a letter and a copy of my reply to it.

I think you can do some business with this man.

When you think you can sell 3000 steers all in one brand all dohornrd nicely,about 1000 4's and 2000 3's.Never have wanted for grass water or salt.at 70.00 let me hear from you.

I think the best st stings in the State of Texas.Spring delivery.

They may look high,but the quality and growth and thrifty condition is there.

If right party,can carry 50¢ at 7¢ for balance until time to market.

Any time I can serve you down this way command,
your friend,

Roswell, N.M. 2/13/15.

Dear Bro:-

You wired me that you had purchased two cars of cake and I expected you to send them to Littlefield, so far have only heard from one of them. I wrote you to send one car or rather buy another car for Lubbock. I tried to figure on how much more we will need and told C.C. to tell you to arrange for 3 more cars any way. It all depends upon the spring whether we will need more cake or not. I want to feed all that look like they are going to get weak. Phelps White got back from Ranch and did not order the salt, but concluded he would order from Kans. Med salt-It seems he did not have any contract with Norton at all. The salt we got last year was on the contract of Littlefield and White of Mason Co, So I will have to get permission from some other man that has a big car contract. In regard to the coal bill of Higginbotham Co. 1/2 of 5 tons, was an old a/c of dipping cattle in fall of 1913.

We ordered a car together and we used more than he did, so you can charge it to dipping cattle. The 7 tons of hay that I made order for was sent to Fortales to feed poor cows during the high winds of April. The Slaughter farm had sold all their hay, and we could not find any one that had that much hay, so I happened to have it and of course let it go, had Lee Cannon to ship it out as I was away at the time, and supposed Lee would report it as from me. After quite awhile my man at my farm was going to leave and when he turned his books in to me I learned that this hay had not been paid for-I at once got after Cannon and he wrote the office about it, but some way failed to have the B/L so in checking my farm again I learned that it had been overlooked, so got the Agent to look up a copy of the Bill of Lading and drew for it. I promised John I would go to ranch tomorrow, but as I learn that C.C. will be back tomorrow at Noon I will wait until he gets back and go Tuesday morning at 2 A.M. We have had very pretty weather since I wrote you last, but I am fearful that the long grass we have had so much fall rains that I am afraid that the strength has been washed out of it. From now on until grass rises will be the hard time on Cows. I have tried every way to sell the hay ~~the~~ but cannot find a man that has the money, so yesterday I let Talmadge handle it on Com. of 75cts. per ton and he will begin Monday to ship it about 3 cars a day. Am going out this morning with him (Talmadge) to arrange with Lee to class the hay as it is loaded. I did not write you sooner on a/c waiting to see if I could not sell the hay.

Your brother ,

George.

Roswell. N.M. 2/18/15.

Mr. R.C. Hopping Sheriff,
Farwell,
Texas.

Friend Hopping-

Yours of 12th. to hand and contents noted-Will say that I cannot sell you the cow at any price, but will appreciate you taking good care of the Cow and Calf, and I will send over after her as soon as I can, and be sure and feed them cake with yours and what expense you are out on them I will gladly remit to you. Hope to see you at the convention. It looks like there is going to be something doing over at El Paso about that time-Anytime I can serve you over here command your friend.

Geo. M. Hopping

Roswell, N.M. 2/14/15.

Dear Bob:-

Yours from Tucson reporting on your trip to Los Angeles to see Woodward at hand and in reply will say that it seems that W is determined to give us trouble as long as he can.

I have studied the matter of the Notes quite a bit, and the worst feature is the "Innocent Purchaser" clause in our laws. Now I am sure that Ellis did this to protect his bank-You know Ellis as Cashier of the Douglas Natl. knew these two notes had a string tied to them, of course he got Mrs. J.H. to take one and could not discount the other so transferred it to one of his strings of Banks and it looks like this ought to be sifted in time to answer these things when you have to go to court with them. I think that the Court will stand by you if you can prove that Ellis as the Cashier of the Douglas National knew that the contract had to be complied with before he could collect these notes, that the trial Judge will find in our favor. Ask Richardson if this is not the best reply we can make and what weight he thinks this will have on the court if we can prove this-?

I was over the Ranch for 5 days and the cattle look better than last year, for this time of year, of course we are feeding about 3000 and they are mostly sucklers, and as we branded some 4000 calves, I would like to have all the cows and calves on feed by the middle of March-The dry cattle looked fairly well, but of course some cows that are showing calf will need help, and 2.00 per head cake will help them, I believe in giving it to them. We have had very pretty weather since Jan. 1st. but Dec. was a hard month on them and so much ~~warm~~ grain that it rotted the grass. C.C. and Bob Stuart are staying at the Gikerson, with their families, and were called to Dallas last Monday on a/c of some Hardwood Co. they are trying to form. They are expected back tomorrow morning. I think they intend to stay here a day or two, and then go to Santa Fe but will leave their folks here until time to go to the convention at El Paso and then drive over there in their cars, from here, as they can not take their cars to Santa Fe on a/c of the snow. Florence is at Mineral Wells. Now Bob on Jan. 18th I sent you deposit slip, showing where I placed to her credit 783.62. as the Natl. Banks have been ordered by the U.S. Comptroller to not allow overdrafts in Banks. Last night her a/c was 500.00 overdrawn and I will have to cover that, which will make 1283.62, since Jan 1st. 45 days-With my large family it is impossible for me to keep this up. I hope you will give her a monthly allowance, and place it 1st. of each month, and she should run over. I will gladly take care of anything that should run over, but you know my a/c will not stand it if every 45 days the sum of 14 or 1500.00-I enclose you copy of what our Banks here have signed up to do. I hope you will remit to me at once as my personal a/c is getting low at present. Write me fully about how things are looking on the border and what steps you are taking in the matter of the notes and also the Corporation report to the Government. Do you expect to be in El Paso at the Convention? If so I would like to talk matters over with you. How does your Pen work?, by not hearing from you that it might of gotten out of fix. Kids ask to be remembered to you. Your bro. George.

Roswell.N.M.2/16/15.

Mr.W.W.Newsom,
Imperial,
Texas.

Friend Newsom:-

It has been so long since I have heard from you I am beginning to think something has happened to you. How are you getting along? It seems that we have had a good winter and a good season in the ground that you should have a good year. It has been a long time since you paid me any interest, and now I feel like you should send me some interest. Have you paid the taxes on the property at Portales that I have mortgage on, I hope you have and that you will send me what interest you can-I cannot think you will lay down on me, for I certainly made a sacrifice in letting you have this money to save you and it seems that you should have appreciated it-I know times have been rather hard, but you should try to help those that help you. Now Newsom you promised me faithfully that you would see that I did not lose anything on you, and I am prone to believe that you will wifully lay down on me. I would be pleased to hear from you and how you are getting along and would also like you to make an effort to pay me some interest. Remember me kindly to your good wife and wishing you a prosperous year,

I am very truly yours,

Geo. M. Slaughter

C. C. SLAUGHTER CATTLE CO.

INCORPORATED JANUARY 30, 1902

FOUNDED BY C. C. SLAUGHTER

DALLAS, TEXAS.
Roswell, N.M. March, 11/1915.

Dear Allie:-

I did not get your letter until I got back from El Paso, but as soon as I got it I wired you that I was not able to go on account of bad cold, and I would not go from El Paso to San Antonio until I could hear from the ranch, on a/c of the snows and cloudy weather I had heard that we were having in Texas while at the Convention, caught an awful cold the last night at El Paso, and it kept getting worse until I have been under a doctor two days. Phone from John yesterday morning and he said that the cattle so far are holding up awfully well considering the snow and rain and cloudy weather they have been through-I am fearful that it will tell on them soon if we do not have some sun and warm days. I hope that I will be able to go out there Sunday and see them, will be through my course of medicine Friday night and will stay in Saturday and want to leave for ranch Sunday morning at 2 A.M. and get to ranch about 11 AM same day. While at El Paso I saw J.D. Jackson, Pres. of the Cattle Raisers and asked him to allow us to order a Maximum car of the Norton salt on his Ten car Contract (annual) which saves us 40¢ per barrel or 80.00 for the 200 barrels, so I did not take time to make an order for same, as we needed it and was afraid that the Jackson order would be filled by somebody else, and we could not use a 10 car contract ourselves. I cannot say that the Norton salt has kept down the creepies like a good many claim for it, but I know we haven't any creepies to speak of since we began using this salt, but I attribute it mostly to the wet weather we have had, either that or the salt, I don't know which, so I think we better stay with this salt and see whether it is salt or not. If so, we will keep it up. The ground has more water in it than I have ever known at this time of year and if we can only have some warm sunshiny days the grass would be here by April 1st. If this is the case we will have enough cake to run us, but should it stay cold and cloudy will probably need a little more, but think can buy it at Lubbock as cheap as by the car east. Will look into this when I go over to ranch next week. I don't see how we can keep from losing some cattle this week for they have been snow, rain and cloudy cold nights and very little sunshine in the last two weeks, it seems impossible for the weak ones to live standing on wet ground that long. I am awfully uneasy about them. The Convention was a success in every respect, but as the lid was put on at the beginning of the convention, and our Executive voted to uphold the Gov. there was very little if any trading, but we felt as though we did not want to take any chances for the Foot and mouth scare to tie up our cattle. I never saw better prospects for the western ranges, and if we can only come out of this two weeks damp cool spell, I think it is getting too late for us to any more long spells anyway. Will start the plows as soon as can do away with freighting and feeding cake to them. We are using 5 teams feeding cake and two teams hauling it to the camps. Was lucky in getting 24 cars of hay into Texas, before they quarantine was put on. Have about two cars we did not get out. It should be making returns next week. Expect it to average better than 10.00 per ton. Write me fully your impressions of the convention when you return. Will write you as soon as I get back from Ranch and hope that I am more scared than hurt. Remember me kindly to your wife and baby, I am your bro, George,

Roswell.N.M.3/12/15.

Mr.Sam White,
Mebane,N.C.

Dear Sam:-

Your letter together with the Ad.of your mills received.

I took it up with the Belt Bros,who have leased the ";Mont Miller" which has stood unfinished for about 3 yrs.,and which has lately been taken overby some parties who are going to finish it nicely,and lease it to the Belt Bros,who I understand are good hotel men.This will be a nice building with elevator-The Belt bros,claim that they have abott closed a deal for furniture somewhere else,sorry that you were a little too late,for I certainly would have been glad to have had them close with you and you could have sent old Dave out to see it well done.I know the parties quite well who are improving and also the management and if they were loose + am satisfied I could get them to order from you.I remember you quite well,but not as well as I do Dave and Will-Tell Dave to throw down things and come out and see me.

We have a nice place to fish here and + ranch some 100 miles east of here,and will turn him over a good gentle horse and saddle and he can play cowboy to his hearts content and it will re-juvenate his old bones,besides they are quite a few "Widow Cow Boys Ranchmen" that are awful anxious to meet any old Bachelor,and are continually after me to invite some of them out to ranch.Your Bro-in-law has a little place adjoining a little farm of mine here.Remember me Kindly to Dave and Will,and be sure and tell them anytime they can come out in this country that the latch string hangs on the outside.

Yours very truly,

Roswell.N.M.3/15/15.

Judge W.B.Slaughter Pres.
Bankers Trust Co,
Slaughter Building,
Dallas,Texas.

Dear Bill:-

Your letter received and I at once saw W.A.Johnson, and I asked him whether he purchased some of Bobs individual stock or from the Bankers Trust and he told me he bought the straight stock, paying 1.15 for same-- told him that was what I paid for mine, and he also said he had a little money laid away and took a fly at this much now and later on wanted more of the same stock.

I talked to him in the Masonic lodge where we had met to pay respects to one of ur brothers here ,who was drowned in a pool in his yard. I asked him the question whether he bought Bob stewarts stock or straight Bankers Trust and he replied from the Bankers Trust.

This was the best I could find out in the short time I talked with him.

I caught an awful cold at El Paso and have been taking medicine ever since, will go to ranch tomorrow.

Your Nevy.

George.

3/24/11.

Mr. A. A. Slaughter Secy
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Bro:-

Yours just received on my return from ranch--We have had some 3 weeks of hard weather, snow, cloudy, cold, rainy days, the sun only shining just once in awhile during the day--It did not get extremely cold, but the ground was wet and the cattle had to stand in wet ground the nights would get cold enough for a little skim of ice, and this has been continuous for 21 days, $\frac{1}{2}$ the grass could not grow without a sunshine--In fact it looked more like grass would be out in a week the last of feb.--The roads got so bad that freighters could only haul a half a load and they struck for higher freight rates, and some quit altogether--All the ranches were getting out of cake and all were trying to hire each others freighters, and we had an awful pull to keep a cake coming--Everybody is losing a few cows--We are now having a time with what we call water belly and some of the cows in best shape are having it and lay down and calf dies in them and they die--I am taking it up with our local veterinaries and see if I can find anything to relieve it. We had to buy some cake at Lubbock at 30.00 per ton for Zavalla, as was afraid we would get out, before the grass was strong enough. So now have enough at Lubbock and Zavalla to run us until the 12th. of April--We figured that we only had enough at the other 3 feeding places besides Zavalla to run until the 5th of April, so I ordered yesterday 200 sacks more from Lubbock shipped to Littlefield, which will cost 50.00 F.O.B. Lubbock, I thought this would be a good buy if we dont need it--If it does not keep sunshine warm weather we will need it at the critical moment, and then it would be too late to get it to them. This 200 sacks will run us up to the 12th. of April at all the feed pastures and we will be sure of grass by that time. I am now getting in the sales of the hay, first 10 cars in which averages about 10.80 per ton, which is more than our neighbors have gotten for the same grade of hay--We mixed in some #1 and 2 with our pea green, and think so far have done fairly well. If we can get the collections through for the rest I will be satisfied. Of course it will take a little time to collect this, but looks as though it will come through. I suppose the Bank sent you a duplicate Deposit for this hay, but if not I enclose $\frac{1}{2}$ one any way and as fast as it comes in will send you duplicate. The day I made this Lubbock coal and grain, we were begging freighters to take out some cake, and I got 78.00 in my head on the 70 sacks, as soon as you sent this in to me, I looked on my order book and it was figured out 105.00, but when I was bothered on getting out cake--I wrote 70 in place of 105.00--I came back Sunday evening and Monday morning heard that a bunch of Slaughter cattle was being driven across to old Mexico, whether they are curs or not dont know they might be Johns, and there might not be anything to it, but have the inspectors hunting up the trail, and am waiting to hear from them. Dont think they can be curs, but it pays to look these things up when you hear them. Hope to be able to report in a day or two about them. They cannot possible get through without some one seeing them and the inspectors say they will find the trail, and report in a day or two, I told them not spare any expense. I am making inquiries of every man that

Roswell, N.M. 3/25/15.

Dear Bro:-

I am working a scent of some cattle stealing. It is reported that there was a bunch of about 200 head of cattle driven across to Texas hill about 60 miles below here and that most of them were Sa Slaughter Cattle, either ours or J.B.'s. So I got busy and last night had the Cattle Raisers Inspector to come up here, after he had ridden all day looking for trail, and did not find it he came into Artesia last night and caught the Midnight train-I had a long talk with him and had him to talk to my informant, so as to get everything straight and he went back to Artesia to find the first informant, but he was away at A.C., so he phoned he would take a Ford and go out to Texas hill this evening and would phone me tonight. I can hardly believe that big a bunch came over the line, as the quarantine is on, but it is possible for old hands to do this after night and lay up during the day. I am leaving no stones unturned to sift it out thoroughly before quitting the trail. You will see that the Car of salt has arrived and unloaded, and we were beginning to need it.

You will also notice that I purchased some more cake at Lubbock for Zavalla and also for the other feed pastures as when we were about to run out at Zavalla during the rain and snow, I could get freighters by buying the cake from Lubbock Coal and grain Co. at 1.50 per 100 or 30.00 per ton and as we did not have quite enough to run us, or at least from the looks of the weather, it would be safer to buy 1/2 car for each place-I have just gotten the accounts from Lubbock coal and grain -

164 sacks for Zavalla and 200 sacks for Bull Camp, Whiteface and Lipscomb. John and I figured this closely and am quite sure that it will run us until grass. This makes 365 sacks that we still owe for I will send Lubbock Coal and grain Co. Ranch order for the 164 sacks and wait for the b/l for the 200 shipped to Littlefield.

I wish you would order from Kokro Ind. 3000 4 1/2 foot twisted wire stays-I am quite sure they are the best wire stay on the market. Still having nice weather, but this morning tried to stay in the north but fell down early in the day. Yesterday was a heal fly, grass grower alright. We are awful anxious to get all our cake at Lubbock out, and had to send out 6 mule team down there to haul it, so we can go to farming. I am quite sure the under ground Silo is the Dope-Willwood has tried them all and he thinks so too. Our Mexicans are poisoning some dogs, but it will take them a year to get over the whole ranch. John and I are going to reconstruct them. Will let Higginbotham have the Boss mexican, who has two little Tots and another which has just arrived or will do so soon-he is great on the talk and promises, but does not do much of anything else. your bro. George.

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Roswell, N.M. 3/28/15.

Penn Publishing Co,
923 Filbert St.
Phila. Penn.

Gentlemen:-

Enclosed please find N.Y. ex. #1526. National Park, for 2.00
for which please send me the following books,

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Bridge and how to play it by Boston	.50
First Aid to the Injured by R.J. Warwick	.50
Dances of today	by Albert W. Newman. 50
Law and how to keep out of it by P.H. Cessins.	50
	<u>2.00.</u>

yours very truly,

Geo. M. Slaughter.
Roswell.

N.M.

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Roswell.N.M.3/28/15.

Mr.J.Lanham Higginbotham,
Lubbock,
Texas.

Friend Lanham:-

The man that has been taking care of my little farm is anxious to leave here,and as I had let it out on shares,wishes to settle his affairs,and has on his books a car of hay to your Co, in Dec.1913,and has asked me to write you about the payment of same. I cannot understand what the trouble is,as I gave you this a/c last Dec.

If the man on my farm failed to ship it to you let me know at once, he reported to me that he had shipped it and prepaid the freight,but you cannot always tell about these reports,so please let me know at once whether he shipped the hay as he has claimed to me.

I want to get this out of the way one way or the other and would be glad to hear from you about same-My man showed me the B/L where he had shipped it you at Littlefield,and also an expense bill of where he had prepaid the freight there,as there was no Agent there at that time.

I hope by this time that the grass is growing fast enough so that the saddle can make their own living and not die anymore,we are having very pretty weather here.Will be over in a few days and hope to see lots of green grass.

Comeover and take a fish with me,
your friend,

Gus M. Shaw

Roswell, N.M.

3/28/15.

Mr. A. A. Slaughter,
Dallas,
Texas.

Dear Bro:-

I got uneasy about the Inspector that went out to Texas Hill to see if he could find any trace of the cattle that was reported stolen, and yesterday morning I put in a telephone call for him at Carlsbad. He said he could not hear or see a thing of them and thinks it a hoax. He promised to write me today and I have not heard from him by letter, but yesterday I took it up with our sheriff, who is going to morrow over on the east side near the line and said he would make inquiries at every ranch and every cowboy he could see and find out if any cattle had been driven in that country, also in the afternoon I took it up with our deputy sheriff, and told him if he could find a man that was close ~~to~~ to the man the thief told that he was preparing to do this, and offer him 200.00 if he could put us next and I would promise not to use his name. I am leaving no stone unturned to get at the bottom of this affair. will keep you posted.

Please send me a couple of Ranch Order Books, used the last one today. Am about out of letter paper and stamped envelopes also. Would like you to have Cash Auto to send me one over sized tire and two over sized tubes to Littlefield at once. I have one oversized tire but no tube to use in it, and am afraid of a blowout. These are for the D.L.F.

Wish you would call Earl Freeman up and ask him if he has sent me the tires and rims that C.O. ordered about a month ago. Have not heard a thing from them. For my Chalmers and Overland Coupe. Today has been a grass grower, got telegram from John says everything getting on all o.k, and that he would start 3 listers tomorrow, which will be the dope, that the Mexicans have at last got out of the White face pasture into the Headquarter pasture.

Uncle Bill seems to have it in for Bob and has double crossed him in the Mexican deal Notes. I dislike this very much and to write him what I think of him in a day or two as soon as I can get the straight of it.

Would be pleased to hear from you about things these
your bro,

George.

P.S.

Give me if you can Mrs Ethel Joyner's address and her new name. I think it is Coger or something like that. I want to write her about the bull calves that we are to get this year.

Roswell.N.M.3/29/15.

Dear Bro:-

Last night was very warm and today has been another grass grower-I have not seen the deputy today to find out if he had found any one that knew the man that started all this talk about the Slaughter Cattle being stolen, but will see him when he comes in tomorrow and find out. The Telegraph news gives out that the Mercantile National at Pueblo Col. Closed its doors, this is the Bank that Coney was Cashier of-It seems Coney resigned last thursday and today the bank was Closed, but it is supposed will open up at once again, and that depositors will not loose anything- hope so. Hate to hear of these banks closing.

I enclose another Duplicate deposit slip for hay sold, this is all but three cars to come in.

1360.80-

All well here hope will find you all the same,

your bro,

George

Roswell, N.M. 4/1/18.

Dear O.C.-

Yours just received, yes I had the news through the papers, about this Bank. Am afraid that W.B. got most of that \$200,000.00 from

the Col. through his Atty at Dallas. We are getting letters from Stockholders of the Trust Co, asking about this failure.

It looks bad for Coney. I suppose Bob wrote you about him applying \$6600.00, which was a note given by R.B. and myself (jointly) for Bob. This is awful that a Cashier would allow this and then to be done by both Pres. and Cashier is unheard of.

We had 4" snow at ranch last night, just got a wire from John a night letter saying this, and still snowing. Cattle was standing it fine and we have enough cake to feed until the 15th. Inst. which by that time we ought to have grass enough to run them. Everybody is losing some. We are now feeding something over 6000 head.

Have received about \$400.00 of the hay money, and only about 3 cars out that is still owing. It averages a little better than 10.25. per ton. The ground is in better shape for grass and lots of it than I ever remember seeing at this time of year, looks as though will have the biggest apple crop ever heard of, if no hail hits it.

We started 3 Listers at work laying out ground to plant and if cattle will stand up, we are going to try to put all the feed we can.

Havent heard from Alexander for several days and dont what is going on in Dallas. Dr Veal and Minnie are at home, and all are well at this end of the line. Sorry to hear that the little girls Vaccination is paining her, but hope by this time it has entirely healed.

I expected to go to ranch today, but am out of ranch orders and will have to wait for them.

Remember me kindly to the Stewarts and your folks,

I am your bro,

George.

Roswell, N.M. 4/1/15.

Dear Bob:-

Your three letters to hand and contents duly noted.

Sorry to hear that your house was looted and I guess from what they did to the Cattle, horses, mules, hogs and farm was a plenty to make up for one visit. You must remember that while we are in a war ridden country, we will have to take our medicine.

Now in regard to the Dirty work of your friend from Dallas, all I have got to say it is rotten; and looks like his son is a chip off the old block.

I want to let you know that I did not sign this note until the night of the 21st. of March, mailed it to Coney the 22nd. and the bank could not get it until the morning of the 24th. or night of the 23d. I left for the Ranch the morning of the 17th. and your letter waited my arrival which was Sunday 21st. at Noon when I got back from the ranch. Now in your letter from, W.D. Crisard, which was dictated by W.B.S.-b. "says your letter to Coney was received the 18th. and it was too late to stop the Credit of the W.B.S. Note which was sold by him sometime ago, so Bill claimed. This was 6 days before he could have gotten the note, and the 18th. the day he claimed he got your letter telling him how to dispose of the money, was 3 days before I signed the note. My Bank Cashier, and myself think if we had done this the doors of the pen would await us. I am like you Bobby, and this has made Christian out of me. The first time I got leary was when he witnessed a trade for me with Father, and bragged that he would see that it came out as he witnessed, and then to lay down on me. Much to his surprise it came out all o.k., but I took it that he wished to get Father and I into a quarrel. I suppose by this time you have learned that their Bank is closed and in the hands of a receiver, and it is intimated that Coney had some forged paper in his Bills receiveable. That Bill went to Dallas and got 200,000.00 to take up the irregular paper, or Wooden Mens paper. This will set the Ball to rolling in the Bankers Trust Co, I am afraid as we are getting letters now asking about the Trust Co. We are feeding some 6000 cattle on the ranch and have enough cake on hand to run us until the 15th. Inst. which I think will be long as they will eat it as we should have good grass by that time. Our losses so far have been light, but everybody is losing quite a few. Too much rain last fall and the grass was washed out, no strength, although it looks like we have not had any cattle on it by riding over it. C.C. car still at Capitan. Now Bob I think the best thing that you and I can do is to hit the train to Pueblo and stop this Note business as you will virtually lose 6600.00 and the credit would do you no good. I am ready to meet you any day you say at Albuquerque and go with you and bring all your letters and get copy of all Telegrams that you sent Coney and the Colo. Banks., be sure and get these copies at once. As soon as I got your letter I packed my grip to go to Dallas, and see Father and show this up, but had such a cold my wife and doctor talked me out of it, as we are having lots of pneumonia in this place and I was under a doctor, but if I had only done this I expect I could have kept Father from allowing W.B. too much of this 200000.00, for I am quite sure that he got most of it from Col. through G.S.-Your brother

Douglas International

4/5/15.

Douglas, Arizona.

Gentlemen:-

I enclose my check to cover sub. from 5/8/14 to 5/8/15.
\$5.00-it seems that you have made my a/c \$5.00 for years sub. and I see
that your sub. advertised as \$5.00. I suppose this a mistake on your part.
I do not wish the paper any longer than this payment.

yours very truly,



Roswell.N.M. ~~7/7/15~~
4/10/15.

Mr. A. A. Claughter,
414 Claughter Building.
Dallas, Tex.

Dear Bro:-

I enclose duplicate deposit slip for hay that I have sold for us.

We set Wednesday last to castrate our 19 colts, but it has been showering every day, had arranged to go out today and do the work, but last it rained and the wind is in the east, and am afraid they will take cold-I laid over to day to attend to it myself, but have put it off until Monday, so will hire some good roper that can tie them, and Dr Jenkins says he can do the work Monday if it is fair.

The country has more moisture than was ever known at this time of year and if it would turn out nice and warm would have fine grass at once, but it keeps on clouding up and getting cool at night, and grass is coming as fast as it otherwise would, but we are having very little high winds. Will write you fully as soon as I go over the ranch.

Dr. Veal and Winnie left for Mineral Wells-I certainly feel for Uncle Bill-Coney will about ruin him, if he has not already done so.

I understand he kept up three or four families in style-You know what this will do for a young man-at least that is the history of all that call themselves sporty. All well at this end of the line, hope yours are as well. your bro,

George.

Roswell, N.M. 4/20/15.

Dear Bro:-

I have been out to the ranch for the last 10 days, and last Sunday got a wire from my wife saying come home as we are surrounded by water another flood had come down from the Hondo, the water got about two feet all over the town, but went away the same day and I don't think hurt anything except a few ditches and culverts and bridges. It rained 3 days and nights out at the ranch and all the holes and lakes are full. The ranch is as green as a wheat field and the calves are coming fast, a good many already here, mostly -W. I never saw as big boned calves that are coming and they are strong and getting lots of milk, the grass being strong enough to fill up the cows. I never saw a better prospect for a big calf crop, nearly every cow looks as though she is springing. This shows what feed will do. I am quite sure when we meet on the ranch in Aug. that all the Directory will holler for cake to everything, with this in few I am now preparing small pastures to keep after the July 1st. and not allow anything on it until we go to feed in the fall. The only thing I can see that is a drawback, is the loco, which is coming as fast as the grass, but am in hopes the grass will be so much sweeter that only those that have the weed bad will hunt it. The Mexicans are killing the dogs alright, but are awful slow but sure-it has been raining so much that they could not work only about 1/2 the time, but seem to be killing as many on the green grass as in the winter, they have been unable to get you a badger yet, but all are looking out for one. They killed one of their mules the other day, by letting get to eating out of wagon where they had been carrying their poison, so I am today trying to buy them 4 burros to work in place of old mules. The one they killed was old enough to sleep by himself any way. So far I am glad to report that we have only found one Bull with any scab, but will dip once as soon as they get strong enough, and am quite sure that we will rid the ranch of this pest. Think we have only lost about 150 head of cattle all winter, which I think is fine considering the way the cattle were worked all the year. I never saw the ranch any prettier at this time of year and unless the loco goes to giving us trouble it ought to be a paradise for the cattle this year. We have been putting in some Tank fences and failed to find any dry dirt. Have quite a lot of farm Listed ready to plant as soon as it gets time and expect to put in all the feed we can this year. Am also figuring on having the Mexicans dig a Silo or two at each farm. It has been demonstrated to my satisfaction the under ground is the best and cheapest. I have watched several and they are all a success. The horses are looking fine and will start them to ranch the last of this week. Bob I could talk to you for a week about how pretty the ranch is and for this time of the year, I never saw it as promising for grass water and calves. Will go down to Mrs. Joyner and receive the calves about the 1st of May. Got all the money for the hay that we sold all right, and you never saw a better prospect for hay and apples over here. I think we are strictly in it alright. I expect the Pueblo affair is awful, but I don't think that boy knew anything about it. He must have it in for them. I am quite sure it will be bad enough at best. What have you done to get credit for your note? Be sure and

Roswell.N.M. 4/29/15.

Dear Frank:-

Your letter just received and I take pleasure in writing to the Sec'y, which I enclose a copy to you.

I also enclose a Ranch Order for the Loco Cure you left at the ranch last fall-Have not used any of the 6 bottles you left with me, but as soon as we use it will send you and order for same-Please mail this to C.C.Slaughter Cattle Co, at Dallas and they will mail you "Dallas Exchange" as soon as they receive it.

We have had a flood over this part of the country, but today it is fair and the grass is humping itself:

Anytime I can assist you command your friend,

Geo. M. Slaughter

Roswell, N.M. 5/17/15.

Dear Bro:-

I got your letter about the cement at Littlefield and wired you immediately. 3.00 per barrel was local price, and the nett price was 2.15 per barrel. Now we do not know how much cement it will take, as it will depend a good deal on the sharp sand, if it has lots of gravel in it, it will not take as much as fine sand. The arrangements I have with McAdams is that I return the sacks to them, otherwise we would have to pay freight on them to Dallas, another thing is I can get what we want and will not have any on hand, which we would have if we ordered by the car, or we would run short and then have to buy local at 3.00-So I figured it was best as the Contractor was ready for the cement at once. Now as to the plans will say that the Partitions will be Dobies 8" and the outside of course is 18". I see you figure partition lumber-The closets will be lumber. The only thing I would suggest is that there ought to be a window in front of each room as well as the door. You understand that when the door of a room is closed it will be awful dark in the room, so I think by all means there ought to be a small window in the front. Now you go ahead and figure on the lumber, nails, doors, windows and etc. I knew that the cement would hold up the contractor and would amount to more than the difference, out of his time and would hold us up without a place to stay. We are now moving the fence from the Bull pasture, putting it 20' east of west line of Knox Co.

Will then go to work to get out the yearlings and the steers we intended dipping at the same time, but on account of the soft green washy grass, we are afraid to dip until grass gets more mature and drier.

A.A.S. #2.

John and I were talking with the O6.man(Mokernuts Man.and he says that he is dipping steers and that they squirt a sluice and has about 200 all drawn up in a knot-We saw one of his steers on the fence and was telling him about it and he said that was not ing that he had 200 in same shape,but he had contracted them and had to dip to save his contract-You know I told you that we intended to wear our yearlings at the same time we dipped,but this scared us from dipping,so will go ahead and work the cattle for the steers and yearlings ,and will have that out of our way.Calves are coming awful fast and they are good healthy strong fellows and the cows are giving them plenty of milk.

While the boys are finishing up the fence on Anox,I ran over here to see if could contract some hay out of his first cutting.Will go back day after tomorrow night.

ay,I wish you would see what you can buy a car of coal P.O.B. Littlefield,also a car of Dip in Iron Drums. Get prices at once.I think 15 ton car coal will run us.We want it for steam you know to heat the water in the vat.Take this up at once as we will need it by the time it can be shipped-Take the coal up with Lubbock Coal and grain as well as people there,and rush it as soon as you can-What about the truck?.If we are not going to get a truck,will have to hire teams and they are hard to get this time of year,or will have to stop our farms and tanking to do it ourselves.

let me hear from you at once about this-I saw Elwood and had a long talk with him about our calves and he said he had not decided yet whether he would buy calves or not but would let me know in a few days and if he bought would give me a bid first.I told him to hurry up as we had a fine bunch coming and we are getting on

A.A.S. #3.

coming on every day and would be glad to show him.

Will settle with Mexicans and then contract all work that we need them for, as it would run a man crazy to watch them and pay them by the month and board them. I expect to have some trouble in settling with them, but John and I are going to treat them what we think is right and let them beelyache.

Everything on the ranch is doing as nicely as we could expect, never saw conditions any better, but will have to hustle to fence for winter and dipping and fixing up tanks and getting fireguards in.

We are going to make every effort to get things ready in time to go into winter quarters early.

Your bro,

George.

5/12/15.

Chalmers Motor Co.
Detroit, Mich.

Gentlemen:-

I am enclosing Credit Memorandum #46950-Acct #384-
Claim #25910 A-Returned by Compton and Watts, Big Spring, Tex.

Supplement to Claim 25910-

1. R3575 C&D gen with-drvg pulley and sprocket
25960-A 8301.

75.00

I turned this into my bank for collection twice and it was returned
with notation that I would have to take it up direct with your Co,
Bunchathene@lbatedboughblaeobdmanyrrapentk Bernmpa@bdltbba you close
this matter at your earliest Convenience, Yours truly.

Roswell, N.M. 5/18/15.

Mr. F.O. Harding,
Amarillo, Texas.

Friend Henry:-

I have gotten my Company at last to price the yearlings at 40.00 June delivery and 42.50 fall delivery.

Henry these yearlings ought to be a pud at this price, either spring or fall delivery-last winter is the first time they have been fed cake with their mothers milk and are still with their mothers-Will start about the 22nd. to wean them. They are all dehorned-

I think they are by far the best bunch of yearlings that we have ever had, and have had all the advantages to growth and flesh.

Will be pleased to hear from you on receipt of this letter as to whether you have any one insight for them. I dont believe my Co. will stand this price long.

With best wishes ,

I am very truly,

Geo. M. Slaughter

Roswell.N.M.

5/18/15.

Mr. Fred Hogsbruch,

Amarillo Texas.

Friend Fred:-

I have gotten my Company at last to price the yearlings at 40.00 for Spring or June delivery and 42.50 for fall delivery. Now Fred these yearlings ought to be a pud at this price, either spring or fall delivery. Last winter is the first that we have ever fed our calves cake and let them suckle their mothers, and they are still sucking them-Will start to wean them about the 22nd. Inst. They are all dehorned.

I think they are by far the best bunch of yearlings we have ever raised, and have had all the advantages as to growth and flesh. Will be pleased to hear from you on receipt of this letter as to whether you have any one insight for them-I dont believe my Co. will stand this price long.

With best wishes;

I am your friend,

Geo. M. Slattery

Roswell, N.M. 5/26th. 1915.

Mr. H. W. Skinner.
Medicine Lodge, Kans.

Dear Skinner:-

I received a letter from C.C. Jr. saying that I had never acknowledged the pictures you sent me of the steers-I immediately went to work to trace them, and it seems my wife had placed them unopened amongst other 2nd class matter, in a room on an old desk, and when I returned from the ranch, I did not look them over-

I am framing them today and will display them in my room at ranch. Skinner I appreciate this very much and sorry I did not run across them sooner-

I am enclosing a bill of sale to one of the steers (odd brands) of which there was two. I have carried this in my check book since Jan. 13th. waiting to get John DeMonds B/L of his steer which is branded "Rocking X-1" spoke to John about this every once in awhile, while riding along, but when I got ready to leave would forget to get the B/L, but will take it up with him as soon as I go to ranch, the last of the week, and send to you. Will also take up with the office and Ass'n, about the 2 steers you got last spring.

What about the Big Jaws, or have you ever disposed of them.?

C.C. writes me that you did not make any money on the S cattle, sorry to hear this and would like to know if it was the fault of the cattle. Johnson the man that bought my yearlings last fall, resold them at 2.50 profit, and is kicking himself for selling and the man that bought them is well pleased, and the man that sold them paid me 40.00 last week for my cur coming yearlings 1914 branding. Also is trying to contract our 1915 crop for fall delivery.

Yr. Ltr.

From Wm.

Roswell. .M.6/4/15.

Dear Bob:-

I closed with Puckett for our 1915 calf crop of Steer calves upto and including July ages, that is all born before Aug. 1st. with a 10% cut. To be delivered in two deliveries-1st on Oct. 20 and balance Nov 1st.

Am weaning the yrlds and will deliver them about June 15th. to 20th. at Bovina. Jack offered me 40.00 for 150 straight cut of the yearling heifers to be kept on his place abot 15 miles north of us, but about 5 fencees between us, and will bind himself not to sell them to any one in the state. He wanted me to give him option on the 50% straight cut of our heifer calves at 30.00, but I would not give him option, but would sell him one and one advise him if possible so as to let him have preference provided party did not want to close at once. The house is getting along slowly, have the wall of one side of buildings up and Carpenter going to work on cutting rafters to day for it. Think got every ready now and on at Littlefield to complete it-if don't freighters dont quit-One hauling rock, one hauling sand and one hauling Lumber and cement.

I have just closed a deal with Puckett Bros, for the heifer calves (1/2 of 1915 crop with 10% cut, straight cut off) for 30.00 less 25% Com. by phone and will go tonight to Clovis where he will sign contracts and put up 5000.00-to be delivered about 15 Oct. will only drive them about 10 miles to his place. Now I have sold everything except the cut back steers and will get them, on this work and sell them and then wish to take a month off to California. The best way is to get these things off hand before it gets late and then we know what we

We are doing all the best we can for you.

C.C.S.#2.

This fence I am talking about is the North end of Armstrong and Randall Co. We would then pull up the cedar posts and take them to ranch to build feeding pastures with. This would give us 2 leagues of cedar posts or $5 \frac{2}{3}$ miles of posts. The balance of iron posts we would replace the cedar posts in the tank lots and bring the cedar posts in for feeding pastures, would also save some wire around the tank lots as it would take so many for the iron posts, so if the

iron posts and stays do not make a car you better put in wire up to 50 spools. Have you heard from the man that is fencing - Sherman? What shall I do about this, you know the North and south ends of Sherman fences. If you have not heard from this man - I better have man in charge to agree as Landons agent to let us have this fence as soon as he fences away from us - See our atty and send me instructions at once as they will close us off with fence by the last of next week. I am afraid of injunctions and getting in court. Give me full instructions about this at once at Littlefield.

I sold the mares to Julian Bassett, agreed to round them up and cut them $1/2$ in two and then keep the colts, all that are old enough to wean at 40.00 per head. He did not look at them, but said he would take them when he came up to look at cows again, or about Dec. 1st. if we did not trade on cows. Fred Horsbrugh Com. man from Amarillo brought him over, so will have to pay Com. B. did not put up anything on horse deal, but was witnessed by his foreman and Com. man of ours. The loco is coming fast Wednesday night we had an inch of rain and the ground was already wet - The grass where it is short is as green as spring - Bassett thinks the grass that has not been eaten down is cured in fine shape. Our horses are all eating loco - I had John to cut the worst ones out and put them on stalk fields and am feeding the ones we are using Milo Maize, keeping an extra wagon with chuck wagon hauling maize for them and John tells me they have about quit eating it. We are awfully behind with work on a/c 2 months dipping and short of help, but think will catch up as soon as can get herds off. Got through dipping last Tuesday thank goodness. Will have both herds ready by the 19th. Inst. Expect to meet Skinner 19th. at Littlefield and cut cattle Friday morning and start them to Bovina the same afternoon - Will try to start the Cows about the same time running 2 outfits if possible - I am going to try awful hard to sell these cows to Bassett, as I am afraid of the market, since the foot and mouth disease scare. The heavy runs for at K.C. looks to me that people are scared of this disease. Have just received your letter in answer to my wire and glad you got the cake to hold off, and if cake houses come promptly I think we can take care of cake without Storage chgs, although their might be a little on these. I think so. Have a letter tonight from Felix. Frank

WBS #2

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T.B.S. #2

I am like you about Bob not having a book-keeper on the ranch as that is all arranged for by having our Voucher checks, and the Sec'y and Treas. can keep all the books that are necessary, without charge, as he can have his bank clerks do that, or rather they will show for themselves and can have them make a monthly statement as well as not. We must go slow on expenses. I don't believe in running short-handed or curtailing on necessary expenses, but study over all these things and make a dollar go as far as possible. Bob has not got Col. S. behind him now, and we do not want to be making paper all the time, for pay day will run around before we know it, and interest counts up awful fast. Now as to the bulls you and I can attend to that and let Bob and Woodward attend to the Tex. part of the business. I will get busy at once to get prices on calves, both beef breeds and we can decide later on about that when we go to close. I am writing to Harry Brown and see what he has in the way of the big bone rough-ates Durhams, also to S. J. Co. about a car of the Hereford calves out of the old midnight herd, which is the best in that breed I know of, if we can get them right. I would prefer these two herds to any Red-claws in the north as these herds are grown on the prairie and are hardy, for they come from cows that have to make their own living, not large growthy calves and ship them down as soon as they would seem well and as soon as it gets cold enough down there to keep them from fevering. Double vaccinate them, so as not to carry any chance of black leg in that range. I have it in my head that we will find ticks on that ranch. Brown thinks that the ranch is only about 2500 feet altitude, and seems to think it is ticky, but I don't see Bob ought to be able to see them when they go through state if there is any. I have given this ranch lots of thought and you need not think that I am neglecting to give it thought. I am very glad as we talked about getting insp. to go down there also about the small pastures to turn loose at night in place of holding or night herding. I am sure that this will pay in the long run, and now is the time to buy these things. Now as to money for expenses. I think it would be well for the Co. to make an assessment of 1000.00 each and place it with Sec'y and Treas. to meet these pay rolls until something comes in. You should make arrangements to give the slaughter cattle Co. a cr. after it is in done, so that we can make sure to tide until something comes in, so as not to take too many assessments. I was called home last Saturday and my little girl developed pneumonia, fever 103.4-5 for 3 days, was an awful sick child, today is 8 days and her temperature went to normal this morning and the doctor thinks she will be alright now if she does not get re-infected, which in this climate is very easy to do, but we have a fine nurse and are giving her every attention. Just as soon as her case is well have George take the family to the Gulf coast for a month and get the salt breeze. Coney was wanting us to go the Tex. ranch and if we could get away for 10 days and you and Coney meet me in El Paso. I could call meeting of Co. at Douglas and spend a day or two on business and then we could go to Ranch and you could go back if you could not go with us to ranch. We certainly must hurry up the receiving the cattle, so as to get those steers off to market and the quicker the better. If we bought any cattle we would not want them held on Ranch until these steers are off there. If we contracted them, could make the delivery after steers have left pasture. I cannot think that Woodward would not make good. I have utmost confidence in him, after he makes a trade to stand by it, and will not believe otherwise until he does it. I don't believe that he will get cold feet after he goes into a thing. Tell Coney that I wish he would send me that other 1500.00 note cancelled and if I owe any Int. to let me know what it is and I will remit. He figured the Int. to about the time he should have got the Dallas TX. Tell him I sent his letter to Wright and told him to jack up the Am. Ex. Nat. and have them come across with that 20.00. With much love to you and yours from all here, I am your Devy. George.

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Mr. Chester Allen Arthur,
Colorado Springs Col.

Dear Sir:-

I have been away for some two months and visited the Ranch the other day, and party said they would ship you the two older Antelope about 1st. of next week from Lubbock Tex, by Express and will wire your Mr. McCarthy at Mortimer. The small one was killed by a dog. These two older ones have been well wintered on Kaffir corn and Milo Maize and slops and are in good condition. They will have to haul them by wagon some 85 miles, and will Crate and ship as soon as they can get away from their little bunch of cattle. Sorry that have been so long in getting in communication with these people, but I am quite sure that if nothing happens to them you will be pleased with them. You may send me the check and I will pay them.

Yours very, truly,

Geo. M. Slaughter

THE TRINCHERA ESTATE COMPANY
COLORADO SPRINGS
COLORADO

Colorado Springs, December 6, 1912.

Mr. George M. Slaughter,
Roswell, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

I am writing at Mr. Harrison's request to say that The Trinchera Company is willing to buy the male and female antelope for \$30 apiece, and that we are willing to pay \$25 for the younger buck. In making this offer, we are depending on your information that these are really fine specimens. The crating would be at your expense, and we will pay the express charges at this end. They should be consigned to John McCarthy at Mortimer, Costilla County, Colorado.

Will you please let me know before shipping the animals if this offer is acceptable to the owners of the antelope, and in case it is, we will send you a check for the amount.

Faithfully yours,

Chester Alan Arthur

Game Warden of The Trinchera

Estate Company.

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NIGHT LETTER

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY

INCORPORATED

25,000 OFFICES IN AMERICA

CABLE SERVICE TO ALL THE WORLD

THEO. N. VAIL, PRESIDENT

BEVIDERE BROOKS, GENERAL

RECEIVER'S No.

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MONEY

SEND the following NIGHT LETTER subject to } Roswell April 3rd 1914
 the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to }

TO Dallas News
 Dallas, Texas.

Development of irrigation providing for
 growing, fattening and marketing livestock
 in same district, taken in connection
 with already developed agricultural,
 fruitgrowing, manufacturing, mining and
 lumber interests, and relationship with
 trade interests Mexico which can now be
 financed closer to base, will make one
 of strongest banks in system at Dallas.

Geo M. Slaughter.

Collect, night press rate.

NIGHT LETTER

ALL NIGHT LETTER MESSAGES TAKEN BY THIS COMPANY ARE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS WHICH ARE HEREBY AGREED TO

The Western Union Telegraph Company will receive not later than midnight **NIGHT LETTERS**, to be transmitted only for delivery on the morning of the next ensuing business day, at rates still lower than its standard night message rates, as follows: the standard day rate for ten words shall be charged for the transmission of fifty words or less, and one-fifth of such standard day rate for ten words shall be charged for each additional ten words or less.

To guard against mistakes or delays, the sender of a message should order it **REPEATED**, that is, telegraphed back to the originating office for comparison. For this, one-half the unrepeat message rate is charged in addition. Unless otherwise indicated on its face, **THIS IS AN UNREPEATED MESSAGE AND PAID FOR AS SUCH**, in consideration whereof it is agreed between the sender of the message and this Company as follows:

1. The Company shall not be liable for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any **UNREPEATED** message, beyond the amount received for sending the same; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery of any **REPEATED** message, beyond fifty times the sum received for sending the same, *unless specially valued*; nor in any case for delays arising from unavoidable interruption in the working of its lines; *nor for errors in cipher or obscure messages.*

2. In any event the Company shall not be liable for damages for any mistakes or delay in the transmission or delivery, or for the non-delivery of this message, whether caused by the negligence of its servants or otherwise, beyond the sum of **FIFTY DOLLARS**, at which amount this message is hereby valued, unless a greater value is stated in writing hereon at the time the message is offered to the Company for transmission, and an additional sum paid or agreed to be paid based on such value equal to one-tenth of one per cent. thereof.

3. The Company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward this message over the lines of any other Company when necessary to reach its destination.

4. Messages will be delivered free within one-half mile of the Company's office in towns of 5,000 population or less, and within one mile of such office in other cities or towns. Beyond these limits the Company does not undertake to make delivery, but will, without liability, at the sender's request, as his agent and at his expense, endeavor to contract for him for such delivery at a reasonable price.

5. No responsibility attaches to this Company concerning messages until the same are accepted at one of its transmitting offices, and if a message is sent to such office by one of the Company's messengers, he acts for that purpose as the agent of the sender.

6. The Company will not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after the message is filed with the Company for transmission.

In further consideration of the reduced rate for this special **"NIGHT LETTER"** service, the following special terms are hereby agreed to:

A. **NIGHT LETTERS** may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination to the addressees and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such **NIGHT LETTERS** at destination, postage prepaid.

B. **NIGHT LETTERS** shall be written in plain English. Code language is not permitted.

7. No employee of the Company is authorized to vary the foregoing

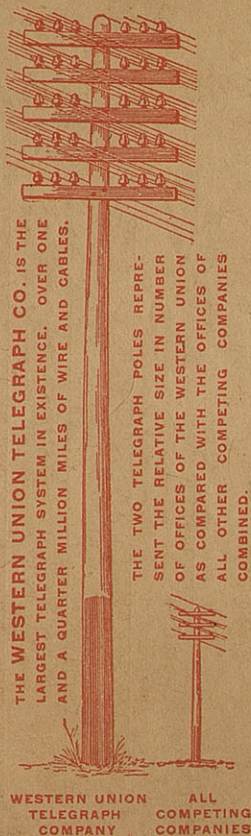
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ROBERT C. CLOWRY, President and General Manager.

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SEND the following message subject to the terms
on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to.

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To

~~Mr~~ Col + Mrs C. C. Slaughter
3506 Worth St Dallas Tex

Christmas greeting to a most wondrous Santa
Claus - ~~Every body~~ Every body
happy - Our regret is that you could not
be with us to witness the delight of all
the children - Wishing one and all a merry
Xmas ^{from} The new Mexico branch of the famous
old Tree.

READ THE NOTICE AND AGREEMENT ON BACK.

ALL MESSAGES TAKEN BY THIS COMPANY ARE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS:

To guard against mistakes or delays, the sender of a message should order it REPEATED ; that is, telegraphed back to the originating office for comparison. For this, one-half the regular rate is charged in addition. It is agreed between the sender of the following message and this Company, that said Company shall not be liable for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery of any UNREPEATED message, beyond the amount received for sending the same ; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery of any REPEATED message, beyond fifty times the sum received for sending the same, unless specially insured, nor in any case for delays arising from unavoidable interruption in the working of its lines, or for errors in cipher or obscure messages. And this Company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward any message over the lines of any other Company when necessary to reach its destination.

Correctness in the transmission of a message to any point on the lines of this Company can be INSURED by contract in writing, stating agreed amount of risk, and payment of premium thereon, at the following rates, in addition to the usual charge for repeated messages, viz, one per cent. for any distance not exceeding 1,000 miles, and two per cent. for any greater distance. No employee of the Company is authorized to vary the foregoing.

No responsibility regarding messages attaches to this Company until the same are presented and accepted at one of its transmitting offices ; and if a message is sent to such office by one of the Company's messengers, he acts for that purpose as the agent of the sender.

Messages will be delivered free within the established free delivery limits of the terminal office. For delivery at a greater distance, a special charge will be made to cover the cost of such delivery.

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ROBERT C. CLOWRY, President and General Manager:

Dear C.C.

1/23/13.

I enclose herewith, Voucher #369, for 3 head of cattle, A. Allen #13 S.B.D. #78 and 176. Also letter from A.S. Lewis Dallas, Texas. and I ask I have written him that I did not sell to him this hay, but offered the hay to him at 14.50 and he offered me 14.00 and said that was all he could pay, so we did not trade, but have his letter claiming I sold him. I did not give him option at all on this hay, but 14.00 is all that we can get for hay now, but it will probably go higher later. Now if he will pay for this hay 14.50 F.O.B. Roswell, we will bill it anyway he wants to to Route it, but we must have 14.50 here, will send B/L to American Exchange National Bank, Dallas Texas, and he can pay same and receive cars. If this suits him alright, if not, we have the hay and he can buy elsewhere. I think we can fill 15 cars, but you better draw ~~abstract~~ contract, so as to get 14.50 nett F.O.B. Cars Roswell. The hay will run about 50¢ to bale. We can load about 10 tons to car.

I wish you would confirm sale of Fortales land adjoining the town, I am paying party commission to make this deal, it will be cash, have had the land surveyed, and abstract made of same, and the deal has been hanging since about Sept., but party thinks it will be closed by 1st. He phoned me today that he thought it would go through, and I told him I would write

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My Company and ask them if they would confirm sale, now this sale has been pending since september. The water pant at Portales is in bad shape and w will have to be ~~ex~~ Re-Organized, before they can do anything up there, and parties have been trying to get it done, but so far it has not been done. I am advised that it is doubtful whether they will run it this year or not, if not, land values will drop- The best information I can get, that this will be a good sale. I have tried hard to make this deal and have a good man pushing it. I put this to him at 40.00 per acre, and am to pay him 5% out of my pocket and there will be some other little expense that he will want. It is hard to keep the fence up and some of the wire has already b been stolen off the fence, and beleive me I think we better let it go. If you can call a Stockholders meeting, so as to be able to make deed, you may count me as voting for same. I am this kind of a pickle, when the Directory met last June and priced this land and gave Bob and the right to sell, I got busy and saw that I would have to have some help to make the sale, and offered a good man 5% to assist me, he sold it, or rather put up or rather had party to put up something in escrow, until deed was made then I found out that we would have to have Stockholders to vote on the sale of same, and party went back on deal on account of the time it took

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to do this. Now this was not the agents fault that made sale, so when this fell through, he went to work and we have a man now that will take it and pay cash, has gone east to raise the money. If he should raise the money and I do not deliver the goods, I will have to pay the Agent 320.00 at the least, and probable some other little expense. The people around portals have stolen the doors and window sashes, the floor, and the house is worth about as much as it would be for kindling. Wish you would call a Stockholders meeting as soon as you have the 9 members and pass on this and Count me, Aye, if I can vote by proxy. Wire me at my expense if you can confirm sale just the moment you can do so. Phone from Lemond saying every in as good shape as can be expected. Have finished Zavalla poisoning dogs. Am having Ditch meetings this week, reorganizing for the year, and getting committees in shape and looking over the ditches, so as to have them ready for spring irrigation, expect to get away for ranch about the 1st. Will look over Farm and write you before leaving for Ranch, just as soon as can get Ditches in shape, and will report on same. Let me hear from you at your earliest convenience,

Your bro,

George.

2/16/13.

Dear C.C.

In my letter to you last night I mentioned that the New ~~Windmill~~
Well Driller, was to charge 50¢ for First 100' and 75¢ for 2nd. 100', should
be corrected to read " 75¢ " " " " 1.00 " " "

" 1.25 for Third 100' -

Higginbottom came in last night and I was talking with him this morning,
and he has had some work done by him and tells me these are the charges
he makes and that he is a good well driller and does not charge if he d
does not make the hole straight.

In asking parties near the ranch about his charges they thought that ~~his~~
his charges were as I stated last night to you, but Higginbottom says that
was wrong.

You see by this we will save 25.00 on each well, which is that
much made, and if we can get a carload of Mills, Pipeing and repairs, togeth
her will make a big saving. Higginbottom says he will buy Mills and pipe
and his repairs through or from us. So this will be a big saving to us.
Dr. Veal and Minnie and Bob and Florence arrived tonight from Zavalla, where
~~they stayed last night~~, have just left here as they were tired and went h
home to go to bed. They stayed at Zavalla last night.