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will be able to furnish money to you and Bob to stock the ranch. Of course, this is confidential to you and I know you will treat it so.

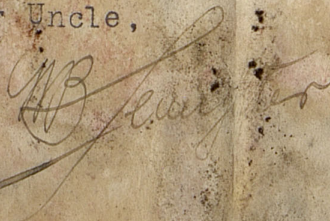
I hope that you can adjust your matters and will be in Arizona in the next few days and will go. Do not fail when you go to have Bob give you the two checks you spoke of and if he has the money in the Douglas bank, take it out; do not keep money there for Woodward will giveus trouble. Bob is one of these happy-go-lucky fellows and thinks that everything is all right, which may be true, but we must take advantage of everything from now on, but we do not intend to pay the Woodward notes until he complies with his contract to the letter.

Please write me fully on receipt of this at Dallas, c/o Slaughter Building, as I will be very anxious about this matter until I hear from you.

I understand your father is in Kansas City now and will be home I presume, by the time I reach Dallas. I would be very glad to see him as I have not seen him for over a year.

With kindest of personal regards to you and family and hoping you will adjust the matters so you can go to Douglas, I am,

Your Uncle,





# BANKERS TRUST COMPANY

(WITHOUT BANKING PRIVILEGES)

Slaughter Building  
DALLAS, TEXAS

Oct. 8th, 1913.

OFFICE OF  
W. B. SLAUGHTER, PRESIDENT

Mr. G. M. Slaughter,  
Roswell, N. M.  
Dear George:

I have written you several times but have had no reply. I received a letter from R. L., dated the 4th, from Douglass, Arizona, stating that he has three hundred and ninety four head of cattle at Cumpass Senora. He says the same parties are looking at the cattle and he expects to drive them to Naco, as that port is open, or would be on the 7th of October, which was yesterday. I now desire that you go to Douglass at once and ascertain when the cattle will be there and turn them over, and secure the money, as I have instructed you in a former letter. We can take no more chances on Geo. F. Woodward, and you know just what a happy-go-lucky fellow Bob is, hence you must go without fail. Upon receipt of this letter, wire me whether you are going or not. This matter must be attended to quickly.

I returned this morning from Colorado. Went up to Cheyenne where Coon is and looked the bulls over. I am now sixty years old and I want to say to you that in all my life I have never seen such a herd of cattle. By this, I mean that I have never before seen fourteen hundred head of thorough-bred, registered cattle in one herd. The bulls cost Coon \$50.00 and he wants \$60.00 for them. That is ~~\$55.00~~ <sup>55</sup> he is to receive and the Manager of the Cannea Ranch gets ~~\$50.00~~ <sup>50</sup>. They propose to put the cattle all together in a lot; ~~line~~ <sup>line</sup> them up thoroughly and the first fifty out will go to him; or visa versa, the first fifty five to us. I told Coon that I did not believe that we would want over fifty, as Bob had never made a report as to the number on the Ranch. Bob's way of doing business is not my way and some different arrangement will have to be made for it is too expensive. I presume, however, that Bob has done the best he could under the circumstances and perhaps I have no right to say one word about it, but from the amount of expenses heaping up on us, we will certainly be in a bad shape inside of a year, unless we put an immense herd of cattle on the ranch.

I want you to arrange to be at the meeting to be held at Oklahoma City on the 3rd of November and if we conclude to take the bulls, you can go from there to Cheyenne and receive them. They will be seperated from their mothers on the 20th of this month, haltered up and put in the barn and tested thoroughly for tubercular and vaccinated for black leg, and Mr. Aaltman told me that he would turn them over on the 8th of November. I want to say to you that they are very fine and if we have to buy bulls, I don't believe we could do better if we looked the Country over, however, I saw a good many bulls, <sup>but</sup> that Mr. Aaltman had put the old P-9 brand on. Some of them had too much white on them, and some other things and he would not put them in the registered, however, they were registered.



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and I am writing him today asking what price he would put on them.

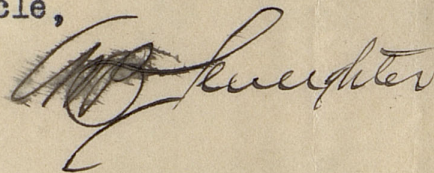
I also stopped off at Dalhart and looked the goats over and we can get the goats we need out of Coon's herd, but I feel that the price is a little too high. We should be able to buy them for about \$10.00 and if I understood him correctly, he wants \$20.00.

I am writing Jno. Fox, as well as Mr. Aultman to find out what the rate will be from Cheyenne to Nacazario.

Now, George, I realize that you don't want to take the time to go, but you are about as near again to Douglass as I am and it will cost you less money. Bob keeps a lot of the money down there that we don't know heads or tails of, hence the importance of your going and securing the money. Please write me on receipt of this letter if you will go. The cattle should reach their destination not later than the 12th of this month. Get in communication with Bob and be there when the cattle arrive.

Hoping that you will give this immediate attention, I beg to remain, as ever,

Your Uncle,



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*Please send a new stamp*

October 8th, 1913.

Mr. L. L. Slaughter,  
Douglass, Arizona.  
Dear Bob:

Your letter of the 4th before me and contents noted. I have instructed George to go to Douglass and meet you on your arrival there with the cattle and arrange about the funds. He cannot take any chances with Woodward from now on.

I have just gotten back from Cheyenne, looking at the bulls that we expect to buy to go to the Ranch, and they are extra fine registered bulls. Mr. Aultman wants to turn them over on November 8th. The Manager of the Cannon Ranch bulls will help us receive them and he wants to turn them over at the same time. They will cost us at Cheyenne \$70.00 and it will cost from \$5.00 to \$7.00 to ship them to Maczario.

I read the copy of letter that you sent me from Woodward. You can see his teeth pointing out all the way through, hence the necessity of being very careful about what we say and do.

I also stopped off and looked at Coon's goats. They are very fine, but I think he is a little too high. I understood him to say that he wanted \$15.00 or \$20.00 a head for them and we should be able to buy them for about \$10.00. I am writing Mr. Aultman in regard to freight and would be pleased if you would take it up with the people at Douglass and find out the lowest rate they will give us from Cheyenne to Maczario via Dalhart. They should be shipped over the Colorado Southern to Dalhart and then over and then over the E. P. & S. W. to their destination on the railroad. I also found out that I could get you some extra good hogs at Dalhart if George did not ship you enough. Try and see what arrangement you can make about getting a double deck car, as Mr. Aultman has some thoroughbred bulls that are not marked just as good as the others that he has cut, and branded P-9, the old ranch brand, which we might buy at a low price, and if we could get a double deck car, we could take a few less of the Coon bulls and more of the others at that cheap price. If George cannot go and receive the bulls, you will have to do. I do not know whether George can go or not, hence have taken the time to go and look them over and know they will suit.

I have asked George to meet me at Oklahoma City in November at the Executive meeting of the South Western, and Mr. Coon will be there at that time and he and George can go up and cut the bulls and ship them at the same time.

I want to say to you that I have been a cattleman all my life but I saw the greatest sight I ever saw in my life while I was in Cheyenne; it was fourteen hundred thoroughbred, registered bulls in one herd. I have seen this number before but never in one herd.



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Beforeheretofore, we have been leaving the money at Douglass, but I have given George instructions to go and draw that money out. You can just as well get the money from Pueblo and in this way, we will keep out of any trouble with Woodward, if he attempts to make any, and I feel sure that he will.

I hope you will be able to get a good price for the cattle, and I would be pleased to have you send me the number of cattle that you have branded out; I mean the number left on the ranch that you have tallied out, as to ages and sex. Kindly furnish me this, also the number of horses etc, that you now have on hand. I am having the books posted and it is very essential that we have all of this data, so our books will be complete.

Sincerely yours,

WES-IT



September Second,  
1913

Gen. R. S. Coon,  
Rochester, Minn.

Dear General:-

Your letter of September 1st before me  
and contents noted.

In reply will say that I believe it would  
be better for George and I to join you and go to  
Cheyenne to look the bulls over there, unless you  
intend to take all the bulls that Altman has. Of  
course, it is true they will have to come by Dalhart  
and we could look at them there as well, but would  
much prefer to see the Altman herd, if it is agree-  
able with you, and if you will be kind enough to give  
me the date that you expect to be at Altman's (if  
you intend to be there in person), we will try and  
adjust our matters to join you.

I note what you say about the goats  
and bulls you have at Dalhart. I am going to Dalhart  
on Sunday, next, and will try and have a look both at  
the bulls and goats you have while there.

I judge you are going to Minnesota  
to have Mayo Brothers operate on Mrs. Coon; while  
you have not said so, I take it for granted this is  
true.

You never told me a word about the death  
of my good friend Jimmie Ernest. Kindly give me the  
facts as to his death in your next letter.

Hope if you do have Mrs. Coon operated  
upon it will be perfectly satisfactory and she will  
come back a sound woman.

It is very hot in Dallas. Nothing like  
our country on the plains.



R. S. Coon.....#2

Presume you have been having a nice  
time in Denver.

Kindly remember me to your good wife,  
and with kindest personal regards, I beg to remain,

Yours truly,

*WBS*

*(copy)*

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10/10/13.

Judge W.D.Slaughter,  
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Bill:-

I was down to Dallas the other day, and did not have time to wait for you. Just came in from Ranch and received your letter and also two from Bob, which I enclose to you as he did not have time to copy them to you. Now I think you are right about not keeping any money in the Banks at Douglas, but on the other hand Bob felt as though he was under obligations to those people before, as they furnished the Duty money and did so without any collateral, and I think he did what you or would have done, but I take it that he is next now to put any more money there-I understand by wire that he could not sell to these same people and was on his way to Naco to ship to market, and of course he will ship to Clay-Robinson Co, and then the proceeds will be placed in your Bank. I do not see that I could do any good by going to Douglas and seeing these cattle shipped, as Bob is Vice Pres. and Genl Mgr, and will do what he can to protect our interests. He is wise to the fact that W-man would likely enjoin the proceeds of these cattle-I think from what Bob says that W-had the cattle held up at Compas, claiming that they were his and that he had not parted with the ownership, and that Bob had come to Douglas to get Simplicich to go down and release them. Dont whether he will get through with them or not, but if Bob and Richardson cannot get them through I do not see how you or I could do so, so it looks to me as though it would be an extra expense for me to go down there. I know the expenses have been enormous down there, that we are paying to big a salary for the number of cattle down there, that it is a dangerous place to stay and complications arising all the time a/c of the war, and I think under these circumstances until we get the cattle branded and the land surveyed that we cannot be short on expenses, and it also looks like good sense to have a man that is interested and also an officer of the Co, as well as Genl mgr, to do this work for the present, -When things get shaped up then we can put in a cheaper man, but now now as things look to me.

I think Bob is right in having a Mex lawyer down there, with the consent of Richardson, an assistant to Richardson. Now as to the Bulls I do not see that it will require two of us to see them-I know what they are and have seen the Herd Bulls that Aultman has bought at K.C. for last few years and one is enough to pass on them, lets save all the expense we can. I am perfectly willing to let you buy and as you are the one that got trade up carry it through and I will stand by you-think you made a good deal. I am still double dipping the herd and will get through about the 20 th Inst. Bob and I will both be in Dallas 17th, to attend Board meeting of the C.C.S.C.Co, and will see you then-I am not writing any letters to Richardson and will depend on you to advisedly write him about the trade with W-, as I am not on the R.R. enough to keep up a correspondence. Dont forget when you see Geon to buy the Billy Goats and will put them with the bulls.

Hope you will get your Trust Co, up alright and soon.

I am your Navy,

George.



October Eleventh,  
Nineteen Thirteen.

Mr. R. L. Slaughter,  
Douglas, Arizona.

Dear Bob:-

Your wire dated Douglas Arizona, Oct. 10, 1913.

W. B. Slaughter,  
Dallas, Texas.

Will communicate with Robertson at once.  
Expect to cross the line at Naco the 14th. About 380  
fat smooth steers price five cents on cars Naco Ariz.  
They will make money for buyer. This bunch is gentle.  
Had no runs. Should weight eight hundred fifty here.  
(Signed) R. L. Slaughter"

I wired you that your father would buy the  
steers if they were a good grade of cattle and priced  
right. I have not seen him as yet but will show him  
your telegram as soon as I see him. The cattle I asked  
Robertson about have been sold and you are going to look  
at another bunch. I do not want you to agree to take  
these cattle until you examine them and know they are worth  
the money, and advise. Under no circumstances would I  
want you to send a bunch of cattle to your father that  
were not worth the money. He wants them to be unloaded at  
Stanton, Texas. He says that he has grass enough for 1000  
or 1200 steers, besides the amount he needs for the regular  
herd.

Your son, R. L. was here yesterday and I  
talked with him and your father expected to send him out to  
bring the cattle in, but he told me that he did not  
expect to come with the cattle; that he would go out and  
receive them and load them out, and your father said that  
if this was all he could do, that you could do it as well  
as he could; hence I am not sure whether or not he is  
going at this writing.

I wrote you a letter day before yesterday  
but the stenographer I had was green and I am not sure  
that you could read it, as I interlined it so much, but  
am happy to say that the main stenographer is back again  
today and I know that you can read this letter.



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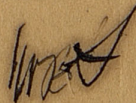
I have read with considerable amusement the letter to De Lancey from Woodward. I presume that you secured the original from Mr. De Lancey and filed it with Judge Richardson. This is the kind of letters we need in our case; hence do not let one escape but get them and file them so that when the time comes for us to have a suit, if we ever have to have one, it is worth much. He admits everything, virtually, he asked in this letter to De Lancey, hence the importance of retaining it.

I told George that he had to go to Douglas and meet you in my letter to him. I have not heard from him. Just as soon as I get a letter from him will communicate further with you.

I wrote you and asked you to send me at once the number of cattle you had tallied out, as to ages and sexes; also the number of horses, etc. you had on hand. As soon as you send me this information I will forward to my bookkeeper so that it can be placed on our books. Please write me from time to time.

Hoping everything is coming on nicely, I beg to remain,

Yours truly,



WBS-F  
copy to G.M.S.



Oct. 14th, 1913.

Mr. R. L. Slaughter,  
c/o Gadsden Hotel,  
Douglas, Arizona.  
Dear Bob:

I received your wire and took the matter up with your father in regard to the steers, and he told me to wire you as follows:

"Your father will pay \$40.00 per head for your steers f.o.b. cars Stanton with all real rough steers thrown out- Advise accepting."

(Signed) W. B. Slaughter."

Now, Bob, the big rough steers that you have in the herd, I would sell there, and ship the balance to your father. Of course, you must send a good shipper with them or come yourself, and you must be at Stanton to count them out when they arrive.

I do not believe it best to ship these cattle to the Kansas City market, as they are not fat, and I seriously doubt whether they would bring us \$25.00 after paying the freight, hence accept your father's proposition.

I wrote Jno. Fox about cars as you suggested. I have a contract on my desk from Mr. Coon, signed for the car of bulls. He wants to turn them over on the 8th of November, but will talk these matters over with you and George when you come to the meeting here.

Please advise your father when the shipment of steers will arrive.

Yours very truly,

WBS-FT

President.



Oct. 17th, 1913.

Mr. R. L. Slaughter,  
Gadsden Hotel,  
Douglas, Arizona.

Dear Bob:

I received your letter, saying that you would ship the steers to Stanton, to the Colonel, just as soon as you could get cars.

We talked the matter over and we thought that there were some big rough steers there that were good killers and that you had better cut them out and sell there, thinking that they would bring you better money, and the Colonel did not want this class of cattle on his ranch.

I also wired you to look at the Harrison cattle that Hobinson was offering for sale. If you can't go, and know a good cow man, who is a good judge of cattle, I wish you would send him in your stead, and the Colonel is anxious to get the cattle if they are worth the money. He must have some one to pass on them who is a good judge of cattle. I realize that you are busy, but knowing this to be your father, who has stood by you faithfully in years gone by, I think you should use some effort to examine the cattle for him.

I delivered your message to C. C. that you could not reach Dallas before Monday.

Hoping that you can adjust this matter and will do it, so the cattle can be examined, and that I will have the pleasure of seeing you next Monday, at which time we will talk over thoroughly the matters at the ranch, as George will also be here, and we can get together and discuss things in a general way for the best interest of the ranch, I am,

Sincerely yours,

WBS-FT



# BANKERS TRUST COMPANY

OF UNITED STATES

Slaughter Building

DALLAS, TEXAS

October Twenty-eighth,

OFFICE OF  
W. B. SLAUGHTER, PRESIDENT

1913;

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

Dear George:-

I herewith enclose you check for \$1000.00, money you put in to the Slaughter Cattle Company last June for the purpose of defraying expenses. I told Bob to figure up the interest and mail you a check for that, which he promised me he would do.

Bob is very anxious to buy cattle down there to bring out into the United States, but under our contract with Woodward I don't see how we could do things of this kind at this time, for I am fearful that it will get us in all kinds of complications. However, he said he would talk the matter over with you this week when he went to the ranch and when he returned we would discuss it more fully. I said to him the expenses were too high and it would have to be cut. I offered to sell him my interest if he wanted to do certain things, and I think it would be a good idea for us both to sell to him unless he is willing to stay out of speculations. Of course, he is on the ground and knows the situation much better than we.

I presume he will mail you a check for your interest in due course of time.

I am in hopes that you can adjust matters to be at the meeting at Oklahoma City next Monday morning, for your presence is needed, as lots of matters will come up for discussion and I feel that we ought to give this meeting our prompt and careful consideration, as it will be the last meeting before the annual convention.

Hoping everything is coming on nicely with you, I beg to remain, as ever,  
Your uncle,

*W. B. Slaughter*



NOTICE.

As attorney in fact of Mr. George F. Woodward, and in the name of that gentleman, I hereby notify the public that the only agent as administrator of the property of whom I represent is Mr. Manuel S. Vasquez, a resident of the village of Moctezuma and without permission or authorization of the aforesaid Mr. Vasquez, there cannot be sold any of the movable property belonging to Mr. Woodward which is situated in the ranches, denominated La Pastoria, El Rodeo, Tehuachi, Demasias de Tehuachi, Basura, Demasias de Basura, Agua Zarca, La Majada, Casa Colorado, Bacachi, Cerro Pinto, y Pivipa, all situated in the municipality of Moctezuma of this district, his marks and brands are known to the public and are in the possession of the said Mr. Vasquez. I protest now against any sale of the personal property that may be made which bears the brands of whom I represent which have not been authorized by Mr. Vasquez with the understanding that I will proceed to bring action against the purchasers of animals or property of Mr. Woodward when these purchasers have not been made by or authorized by Mr. Vasquez, aforesaid. I also equally protest against any sale or hypothecation of any farm products, seeds, grain and hay belonging to the afore mentioned lands, property of Mr. Woodward. The sale of which can only be made by Mr. Vasquez.

Cumpas, 30 day of October, 1913.

L. Diaz de Leon.



# BANKERS TRUST COMPANY

(WITHOUT BANKING PRIVILEGES)

Slaughter Building  
DALLAS, TEXAS

November Seventh,  
1913.

OFFICE OF  
W. B. SLAUGHTER, PRESIDENT

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

Dear George:-

You failed to put in an appearance at the Executive meeting at Oklahoma City and I fully hopes you would be there, but it seems that you never can arrange your matters with your Company to be on hand.

However, I herewith enclose you copy of a letter, which is self-explanatory. I want you to see Mr. Higginbotham and get him to come back into the Association. He is a valuable man, has large cattle interests in our section and we need him and he needs us. You know something about what was said at the meeting in July at Amarillo about our Secretary writing the most prominent cattlemen and asking them to give in more cattle for assessment. We are now \$5500.00 behind. Mr. Harrell thought there would be enough coming in to clear us at the annual meeting, but I seriously doubt it.

I want to say to you that Oklahoma gave us a royal time; banqueted and dined us, and I feel sure at the annual meeting next March we will have the time of our lives, so far as entertainment goes, and I want you, as a Committee of one, to insist upon trying to get a full membership out to the meeting.

I had a letter from Altman that he secured a 40 ft. car for us and the cattle will be loaded out tomorrow, our's and Mr. Wiswall's. I had a letter from Mr. Wiswall saying that he had instructed his man to be there and come down with the cattle, or get a good man to come down. Coon and Altman are both looking after our's at Cheyenne. We will get what is right, I feel sure. I have instructed Mr. Crabtree to put in the eight goats and the two pigs. The two thoroughbred pigs cost us \$10.00 each. Bob said that you had shipped him two but had charged him \$40.00 a piece for



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them.. Now, we cannot afford any such price as this for pigs and you must reduce that price.

I understood from Al that Bob was in town yesterday, but I have not seen him. I have been away for several days, returning day before yesterday. I presume he will call and see me before he leaves town. He should be at Douglas arranging matters to get these bulls shipped to Nacozari. I wrote you what he wanted to do but had no reply from you. What is the matter? Are you so busy that you cannot write a letter? Please let me hear from you fully at your earliest convenience.

With best wishes to you and all your interests and much love to Allie and the children, I beg to remain, as ever,

Your uncle,

*W. B. Shafter*

WBS-F



November Seventh,

1913.

Mr. J. M. Higginbotham,  
Dublin, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

At our third quarterly meeting of the Panhandle & Southwestern Stockmen's Association, held at Oklahoma City on Oct. 3 and 4, the question came up as to selecting an Executive Committeeman in place of Mr. Stone of Portales, deceased, and I suggested your name for the place to the Committee and was informed by our Secretary that you had withdrawn from the Association. Would be pleased to know your reasons for withdrawing. We regret very much to lose you, as your interest is above the quarantine line, and it seems to me that the men North and West of the quarantine line should hold together at all times, and I do hope if you have withdrawn for any reason that we can adjust, that it may be adjusted. I asked the Secretary why you had withdrawn and the only answer he gave me was that at the quarterly meeting held at Amarillo in July, the question of raising rendition of cattle was brought up, as we were short of money, and thought that the members should render more cattle to the Association for the purpose of getting more funds with which to carry on the work we were attempting to do, and he said he had written you a letter along this line and you had withdrawn from the Association. Now, I cannot figure that this could be the reason for your withdrawal. If you were not rendering the amount of cattle that you should to the Association, and knowing the financial condition of the Association, I believe you would be willing to do your part; hence it must be for some other cause. Now, Mr. Higginbotham, you realize that we cannot do the things necessary to be done unless we have funds, and you realize that it devolves upon each and every cattle man to do his part.

I do not know that you have ever been a member of the Executive Committee of the Texas Association, and was anxious to have you a member of ours so that you could become perfectly familiar with the workings of the Association, and if you conclude to



J. M. Higginbotham.....#2

come back to us. I would ask the privilege of putting you on as one of the Executive Committee.

I am sending one of our Executive Committee-man, Mr. Geo. W. Slaughter, a neighbor of your's, a copy of this letter, and have asked him to discuss this matter with you fully, for we cannot afford to lose you as a member of this Association, and it is not to your interest to quit us, and if you will think over this matter seriously, I believe you will agree with me.

Hoping that you may reconsider and come back to be one of us, help build the Association to such a point that at all times our interests may be protected through it, and with kindest personal regards, I beg to remain,

Yours truly,

PANHANDLE & SOUTHWESTERN STOCKMEN'S ASSO.

By \_\_\_\_\_  
President.

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EL PASO, TEXAS,

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Geo M Slaughter

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M. Mex

Dear Geo - The day I was to  
leave Dallas for Mexico  
Rec'd telegram from Harper  
saying: "Woodward was  
taking possession of every-  
thing" & paid this wire on  
to Judge Richardson and  
wired him if he thought  
2 or 3 days would matter  
in my arrival at Douglas.  
Also later heard from Don  
Carlos Loto that W - had  
secured the services of De Leon  
the best & only Mex. lawyer  
down there and had placed  
Manuel Sequey W - brother  
in law - in charge of  
our ranches -



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F. R. BYRNS, MANAGER

EL PASO, TEXAS,

Al - made a mistake in  
not following instructions  
in my telegram to you  
so I missed seeing you  
I sure wanted to see you  
and talk over my next  
move - She will tell you  
why I went to Lubbock  
Zavalla and Reswell &c.  
I will catch next train  
out of here & be in Douglas  
tomorrow morning.  
and advise with Richardson  
I phoned Bassett from Alamosa  
and he is now with me  
I will keep him all I can  
in Douglas -  
Now I am not going to write  
all my plans but I don't  
think I am going to let any  
one else run that Ranch



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F. R. BYRNS, MANAGER

EL PASO, TEXAS.

I will write you more  
fully from D — and also  
explain to Bassett.  
Nichols is to bring my  
car to El Paso anyway when  
it is repaired as I am on  
a sale for it —  
Just that would  
drop you a line so Adios  
Yours truly  
RHS





## HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

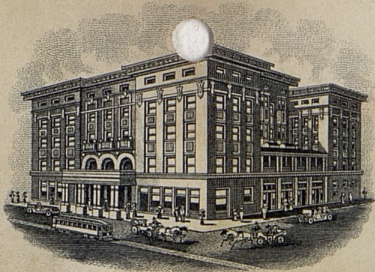
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Geo. M. Slaughter

Reswell, N. Mex.

Dear Mr. - The Mex. situation  
is not as bad as I expected  
but it is some complicated  
W — is not there in  
person but has given  
his brother in law Juan  
Manuel a power of atty  
and instructions and  
employed the only Mex.  
lawyer down there to  
advise him so they are  
preparing for trouble -  
Have heard from my  
boys and they are holding  
the Ranch and the Farms  
against my return  
They told W — people to  
go to H — so I can  
get in possession much  
easier than if they had  
weakened or been disloyal





## HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

Now I can run that  
bunch off all right and  
W — knows I can  
so he has formed some  
other plan for I think  
he figured on my  
doing that. Every thing  
Of course I consulted  
Judge R — and he  
insists on our long  
deferred meeting  
(as I have just wired  
you) and he insists on  
my waiting till after  
this meeting —

Now I figured we  
have got to make a  
decision and that your  
most pressing fall  
work is over and you  
can get off now or never  
and Bill can come any





## HOTEL GADSDEN

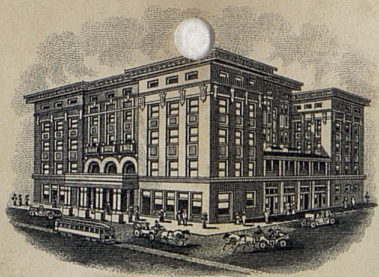
DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

old time. So I agreed to wait this meeting Richardson wants us to decide on whether to make W— live up to his contract or to throw up our contract and sue W— for damages & misrepresentations &c.

Of course I want the first prop, I can handle W— with ease.

The Ranch is a money maker for the future W— can amaze us greatly it is true but those things come in all deals where large profits are at stake.





## HOTEL GADSDEN

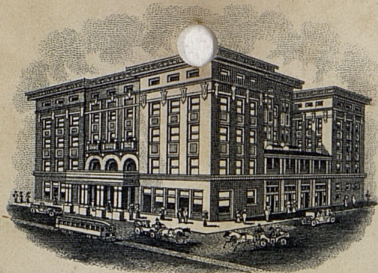
DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

W — figured on our  
cold feet from the start  
and now that things  
are looking brighter  
in Sonora he wants  
his Punch back to  
resell it —

This is the old game  
out here same thing  
as we had in West  
Texas — Get such a  
payment as you can  
down & then take the  
property back and  
catch another sucker

Now as soon as we  
get our littles perfected  
and peace is establishe  
we can sell for a big  
thing —





## HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

I can & have handled it and that's half the battle to have someone on the ground down there who has nerve and sense - And I have both, I know.

I am handicapped by W — getting the lawyer for I wanted him and asked for permission to hire him (which was withheld) for they may trump me into jail. Whereas with De Leon to guide me about the laws they couldn't have done it.

No use crying over spilt milk however but if you recall





## HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

former letters where I  
said give me possession  
of that Ranch and stock  
if I can make  
money without any  
troubles at all.

Now some of my  
boys are loyal and I  
can get possession in  
24 hours & hold it to  
But our papers should  
be recorded down then  
so if I am charged  
with theft I can  
show ownership &c.  
That's all stuff about  
not being able to record  
papers &c down then  
I can put the whole  
thing on the  
books in 2 days.





## HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

If you cant possibly  
come before Tuesday  
or Wednesday.

Then come to El Paso  
in my car as it should  
be ready by then.

Mr & Mrs Nichols will  
be glad to have you  
to show the road.

The Mex duties are much  
higher now. 4-6-8 & 10  
on steers & 10 on all  
cows.

Gasts will be here tonight

Am sorry now that I sold  
those fine bulls

Phone or wire me  
Yours br  
R.H.





## HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

Private

R— has something  
up his sleeve is my  
opinion —

Maybe its not too  
throw us but simply  
put us in shape to  
pay him more money

Now ever since Wright  
went back on me &  
havent any faith in  
Lawyers so I may be  
"jumping at things"

Just think this over

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## HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

10/12/13

Geo. M. Slaughter.

Roswell, N. Mex.

Dear Bro. My steers are  
on good grass and water  
one days drive south  
of Naco waiting to  
cross.

Mr Packard and also  
the Cananea Cattle Co  
& Smith (J. C.) & many  
others are jammed  
up at Naco without  
grass & little water

They were several days  
ahead of me and are  
old timers but Red Tape  
is holding them the same  
The Sonora Gov't hasn't  
yet decided on just  
how much duty we





## HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

must pay (the Newspapers are way off) Then we must get an export permit from Gov. Maytorena and I will get mine as soon as any one else.

There is also a shortage of cars altho I wired Bill on Sat to get behind the R. F. people.

If my permit and cars get in tomorrow then I can ship the 15<sup>th</sup> and catch the night train & attend our Co meeting in Dallas the 17<sup>th</sup>

I am not going any closer to Elaco than I am, till I can get across my steers are doing fine where they are.

Packards is shrinking every day & he is about crazy.





## HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

Bill wired me for a price for the Colonel as he might buy - & gave him 5 cts F.O.B. Naco Ariz. but as he did not answer at once & ordered my cars for K.C. over E.P. & S.W. and Rock Island & can't remember Blondies name nor address in El Paso to get him to ship for me. but & can get Dougherty, Steins' brother. to ship them.

Bill wired me to go at once to Nogales to look at J.B. Robertsons 800 steers for the Colonel but & don't know who would pay my expenses up there should & go and besides & must attend to our own steers Can't leave for a day -





## HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

I have to keep a line on Vega & Hart the inspectors for the 2 governments. Sometimes you can't find them for 2 or 3 days when you must have them.

This herd is behaving nicely not a single run they are younger steers and haven't been spoilt. My men are getting trained and just poke along to the surprise of all who said you couldn't train a Mexican to drive steers. Mormon Charlie is my trail boss this time.

It's the first chance he ever had in his life and he is doing fine -





## HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

Jorroca and Storm lost 65  
of the Big steers & sold  
them and they never  
branded them so they  
had better look out.

& can't let them gather  
below Macayori you see.

Bill says he ordered you  
over to Douglas to take  
charge of our money.

He is sore & guess at the  
way & did before but the  
facts bear out that & was  
right - Now orders from  
you by wire will place  
all our money anywhere  
you say without the  
expense of coming here  
& don't see where that Bank  
in Pueblo is breaking its  
neck to help us -





## HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

The Bank of Douglas did offer to help and did advance me \$2000<sup>00</sup> on my duties.

I could have wired my head off to Pueblo for that much money & got it 'nit!

I managed so as to make other parties put up my duty so I didn't use the Bank money. but it was nice to have it & not even give a note.

Our note was protected promptly on the 9th and my notice says the Bank of Pueblo & Geo F Woodward are the endorser on it. The rumor here is that W — will be here to day & I hope he does come.





## HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

Well I will see you in  
Dallas soon & tell you  
the rest.

I haven't heard from  
the Ranch in over a  
week but expect a report  
every day.

I wanted to have  
a late report to show  
you in Dallas

Yours Bro.

Rd Haughton

I have about 385 steers  
2 to 6 yrs old

Think they will weigh  
850 at Naco or 800 in  
K. C.

Bob.





## HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

10/4/13

Dear Geo.

I left the Ranch with  
394 steers on the first  
and got held up at Cumpas.  
Came on to Douglas in  
my car and got an order  
to pass the cattle and  
wired it to the Prefect  
Ed Torrea of Bisbee  
has agreed to go down  
with me to ~~Douglas~~  
Nacozari & ride over  
to the herd to pass on  
them same price as  
before but I must  
deliver to Naco for him  
This is a better drive  
than to this place  
But I had hoped to ship





## HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

from Purica -

These are not the big steers like the others but over half of them are 4 & 2 up. and very fair size

The rest are 20 x 32 and the fat are small.

There is some mixup about the Factura or title Woodward now claims that these steers are still Woodward's & W. W. Young the broker who crosses the cattle says they are trying to get me into trouble with Mex. officers for signing the papers as owner but I would





## HOTEL GADSDEN

DOUGLAS, ARIZONA,

not withdraw the papers  
as he suggested and put  
W — name on them  
for I have no authority  
to sign W — name  
I expect a trap.

I have failed to hear from  
you about the meeting  
here must have passed  
your letter en route

Now as far as I am  
concerned I do not  
need a meeting and  
can handle these  
steers —

You all just keep the  
bridle off and I am  
all O.K.

But remember it takes