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Dallas, Texas. Jan 27 1893.

Dear Geo

Your letter have been received & I have attended to your wants & ordered the things sent to you at Amarillo care of Smith & Walker. Your letter from the remote did not reach me till after I had ordered the things sent. Hope you will get them all alright & in good time. Have fixed up a box of violets for Leanne to send her new sister, Miss Ellie, hope she will get them in time. Well, old boy, the time is getting pretty close at hand when you will be counted out of the bachelor set. All I can say is, may you never have cause to wish you had never seen that day. I feel confident you have made a wise choice & I know if you both do your part you will al-

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may be happy. I don't expect too
much of each other & never have
secrets which you can not tell
each other, be true to each & you
will always be happy & May God
above smile on your union & guide
& guard you both is the sincere
prayer of your
loving mother at heart.

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Dallas, Texas. July 6th 1893

Mr. Geo M Slaughter

Running Water P.O. Hale Co Texas

My Dear George I see from the
"morning" paper, that you have finally
taken a wife. And I send you my
heartly Congratulations breathing a
silent prayer to our Heavenly Father
that he will bless the union and grant
you both many happy days and years
together & that he will so direct your
thoughts feelings & actions that you will
always esteem each other as one &
that you will always merit the friendship
of all people & persons you may come to
know & be honored in any community
you may reside as a happy couple
May you both remember well that home
is a place where hearts are sure of each
other and no matter how humble there is no
place like home yes "home is what we
make it. Like character. good or bad

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one grand rule to adopt is never
get mad together. when one is excited
let the other keep cool another good rule
have no secrets between you live as our
Creator intended as one. There ^{are} but few
young married people that fully understand
the marriage vows and when cares come
are ^{not} prepared for them. I trust you will
be an exception to this rule and hope as the
days go by your affection will grow stronger
and stronger until it may well be together
that nothing can shake it apart

I admire your humble way of starting
off and trust in time you may rise
instead of lowering. and that you may
each feel that your abiding place is a
hallowed spot on earth and that you may
both live so that you may have an interest
in the Home that our Saviour has gone to
prepare where parting is unknown and when the
one on earth is broken up that you will both go there

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Remember now it is your duty to live
for each other that you are done with
the silly things of coquetry, love making etc
and are bound together in a most —
solemn contract, and no matter what
comes or goes to each other stand firm
and true, now with hearty wishes and
many prayers I must close

This leaves all well at home no news
of special interest at this time. The weather
has been awful hard on our stock north
but so far I have not heard of any losses
will have a report in a few days I presume
H. B. Slaughter writes he saw a party from near
Driskill the other day and predicts we are all ok
there nothing from Probst for the last week
write me when you have time and give
me all the news you can. Remember me
to your wife cordially and believe me
your affectionate Father

Hale County has attached, for
Judicial Purposes, the Coun-
ties of Lamb and Bailey.

BRANCH OFFICE OF

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In describing your land give County,
Original Grantee and Certificate Number.

Plainview, Texas, 6-12th 1893

(HALE COUNTY.)

Gen Slaughter
Dallas Tx

Dear Sir

Enclosed find list showing how
many acres are lost by reason of conflict
of Bk B with older surveys.

So there is no doubt of the loss of this
land I left it out in rendering for taxes
as there is no use in paying taxes on
land that does not exist.

Respt
R. P. Smyth

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Dallas, Texas. 12/7th 1893

Dear George your letter of 11/28
to hand contents duly noted
I think you made a splendid
sale of cows and 3 year old steers
you made about \$2 ahead by
selling. The other steers sold as
follows Paul Snyder & Sons 157 sold
at 290, 9 steers at 250 2 Bulls 125
steers weighed a little over 1000 lbs
Frier Mills 150 @ 290 35 @ 2 1/2 13
125 steers 1013 lbs. The C. D. & B
cattle net \$3899⁴⁷ the others \$4291³³
13 car load cows from Long Co
Ranch sold same day the 25th at 250
by Spayhorn weighed 800 lbs. 16 car
cows sold in at Louis on Monday
the 27th also 2 ^{cows} steers 14 loads of those
cows @ 220 2 loads at 2 - 60 steers
225, Bob shipped out the wrong
day as well as your self Tuesday
the 21st They were loaded when

something like
29000. Dollars

both Shipments

721 cattle P.W. \$17000

983 cs Punch 12000

1654 cattle 29000

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I got to Big Springs I was badly provoked with Bob. But as my eyes were so badly inflamed the next morning, that I had to start immediately for my oculist at St. Louis. I now think it probably the best. I tell you those ship munts surely helps me out with Bk of. My eyes are much better also my cold and so far as I know we are all O.K. and have many reasons to be thankful for this seasons outcome. This leaves all well and as Xmas is not far off when I hope to see you in person and talk matters over I will not write any more in this letter.

With best regards
to you & wife I am your
devoted Father

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Dallas, Texas. 12/16th 1893

My dear George At last the
old dynamite is dead on the 13th
I had a settlement with the L. P.
folks, and transferred the 84480
acres of land back by quit claim
and took a lease on the same for 4
years at 2 1/2 cents for acre \$2112⁰⁰
per year in advance and paid them
up, and now we are all O.K. with
our honest debts before us -
This lowered my Bank a bit but
we are free, all O.K. Bob left
here this a.m. with attys to get
out seven injunctions against
shup men that are now on old
revenge. I shall now send up the
Deeds to have recorded in the
Pub. Water Records for the N.W. Co. & leave
to myself. Your Mother is all in
a rush for Xmas come
on you Father in haste

Freedom

12/16

My dear George At least the
old dynamite is dead on the 15th
I had a little more with the 20-
pound, and have found the 84 480
cores of these back of great grain
and that is done in the same way
of the 20- pound in case of 2112
in year in advance and have the
up, and now we are all the with
our general debts before us -
This morning my bank of the
the first, all of the 20- pound
have this 20- pound of the 20-
and the 20- pound of the 20-
shop men that are now an old
people, I shall now have up the
books to have recorded in the
the 10th number for the 10th of the
to myself, from which is all in
a great for your own
other outside

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Dallas, Texas. 1/16th 1894

Mr. Geo M Slaughter
Kansas City Mo

Dear Son your telegram of the 15th
was received and answered.

Now when you draw on me for
cash I want you to pay it out as your
Brothers cannot handle money they
know nothing but to turn it loose
But is already over drawn for his 1st
quarter and bills coming in thick and
fast. I say this to you to show you
he will have nothing coming to him for
his wages for he will make more bills
before he catches up with his overdrafts

Now you will have to handle the cash
and make your trades I think you can
get good board at reasonable figures
where your uncle Bill is boarding
Now another thing I wish you to bear
in mind and that is the old Motto:

What is worth doing should be done well

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As you have all undertaken this
cure as it is called go the whole hog or
none. of course you ought to have been
men enough to let it alone without this.
But it seems from experience you can't
so I think it noble in you to take this as
a preventative to assist nature so that you
can resist the temptation but to do this it must
be done thoroughly. Keep a memorandum
of every cent you spend and don't spend
anything that you can will do without you boys
are not up to £.60 in a pleasure trip I
hope but simply to attend to business you
must keep me posted as to expenses and
if you think it necessary I will come up
and see you. You pay the bills yourself
as I shall exact a statement of your
daily expenses. Who have you got on
the ranch to look after Ellie and Horner
while you are gone. As you told me they
were to stay at your house while you
were gone —

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When you draw place in Bank for
collection and don't ask the money
until they hear from it

I have had a hard trip out to Palo-
Pinto where I went to see Mother and
staid with until she died and was
put away to rest she died calmly
and peacefully and I am fearful
I will soon be called to Father
on the same errand. This leaves
all well at home. and all join me
in love to you all Trusting you will
get through in good shape on reason-
able terms and hereafter be men that not
only your own folks but all friends
will be proud of you and my prayer
is that you may all live long and
fill useful lives as the days are
going by. Your loving and affec-
tionate Father

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Dallas, Texas. Jan'y 17th 1894

Dear George I had a letter this AM
from W. B. on business matters in the said
he was surprised to see all three of my
boys there said he had advised to go
to Dwight M. Bant said Bob told him
he had his wife with ^{him} Ed said he
thought she intended going but I told
her she was going up to stay with your
wife etc. But it seems he was right
and I was wrong was this a con-
cocted scheme to mislead me
I hope if so you are not a party to
the dirty work. Someone has blundered
you are well aware that I am
very easy with my children, again
you know that I am very determined
when I get roused up and I tell
you now I am determined to run
my business on the best business
principles I can and to master it too
I felt that just at this time it was -

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hard for me to let the cash go for you
all to take this treatment. But I never
dreamed I would have to furnish
the money to take family on a trip
a hint to the wise is sufficient there is
a party on this trip that will soon need
the family money that is now going for
pleasure in other ways besides pleasure

As I wrote you yesterday I shall expect
a daily account of you as my agent
of how you are spending my money
and shall expect to keep a strict adherence
to my orders. I hope you will ^{never} stoop so
low on this earth as to mislead a
dear loving Father who watches over
your every act to get out on a spree
Hoping to have a good report in
your noble undertaking I am
your Hard working Loving
Father

P.S. I thought if you boys wanted to
take this treatment and I refused I
might some time regret it and
that badly you Y. L. L.

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Capt. Geo M. Haughton

* 520 Everett Ave. Kansas City Kansas

My Dear George I am glad to have so good a report from you and think you and your Brothers are doing a noble thing in taking the Kelly treatment. The only one recognized by our government and am glad that so many noble young men have the courage to step forward and fight manfully against the vile enemy that are recking more homes and precious lives fortunes Characters and causing more heart-aches. Than any one thing now before our people. The tempter is out in many shapes. but especially on the social line, to draw the wary. But the foundation is. Financially, think of .10% for Month, ~~120~~ 20% for year profit by selling the product and I firmly believe this same Kelly cure is doing more to down the great hydra headed Monster than all the other agencies put together

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and I am proud that my three sons are starting off in the right direction to build up their Character for themselves by arming themselves with all the aid that comes before them as science moves on to assist them in resisting the temptations that will most naturally come before them. Believing as I do that we are to a great degree the architect of our own fortunes as the days go by we are building up our own character and we surely need all the help we can get. and right here let me say to you the only way to build solidly is to have the help of our Lord Jesus Christ to assist us - as our Character is what God sees in us - not what the world says - But if it is good we force the world to acknowledge it at last. I think you are showing both good judgment and economy in your bills as sent me in your expenses

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I had a good letter from J. Y. Simpson
M.D. of the Institute. Think you are in
the right place, and trust you will get
through all this, and learn by this to get
all the help that you can to assist you
in resisting temptations. Be honest with your-
selves and you will be honest with others.
The great Bible says "an honest man
is the noblest work of God". I pray
for you all to be good men, and
to move forward instead of backward
and so live that when you come to die
you may have but few mistakes to regret.
Attend closely to the instructions of
your doctors and by all means make up
your mind never to taste the thing again.
This leaves all well at home.
and all join me in
love to you all
Your loving Father over

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of course this letter is
written hastily as I am
behind with my letters
road. But you can expect
that I will try to
I want you to know and feel
as I think you do that I am
now at work for you and
so wish to get you in the
right track while I am all OK
so that in the future I can
trust you all and feel that
all is well. by your report I see you
are living on about 5⁰⁰ per week
which is cheap enough. How long
do you expect it will take you
to get through. Stay until you have
made a success of it and
then you are ready for business
your uncle M.B. wants to know where
you are and how you are.

J. C. after

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Dallas, Texas. 1/29th 1894

My Dear George your favor of
the 26th to hand contents duly noted
Replying will say I am truly sorry
if I hurt your feelings in my letter to
you on the subject of Bob. taking his
wife with him. But I was surely
vexed to hear of it. And ask you
to consider the facts as they existed
under your knowledge. You know
that it was agreed and arranged
between us all that Florence was to
stay with Allie at your home until
you returned. Now under this arrange-
ment I let Edgar go by Amarillo
which you know was throwing away
money for the sole purpose as I thought
of seeing Florence through to Amarillo
But really she and sister could have
gone direct to Kansas City just as
well to go to Amarillo. But after all
what hurts me is that the whole thing

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as it looks to me was calculated to mislead me and I tell you from you know of all things I abhor it is to think that one of my dear sons should practice a deception on me. If Bob wanted her to go with him why not say so, and all I said to you was I hoped you was not a party to this scheme and glad I am you were not. But enough of this time will tell that Robert will need this money he is spending But it is not the money I care so much for it is the loss of confidence in what a dear son tells me - As little things put to gather show me which way the wind is blowing - The truth they both want to board - They may have a good reason for their acts but if so Robert has so far failed to advise me

I heartily approve of the course you

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I have all adopted and give Robert as much praise as any of you, and I am perfectly willing to pay all reasonable expenses ^{and} from what I learn of your acts so far I am surely proud of it all. I enclose you to City Exchange to your order for \$300⁰⁰ we are doing business now with the Metropolitan at City but you can get it cashed at the American - I would advise you to stay until you are thoroughly cured while you are already there. As I am told that like all diseases a relapse is more dangerous than the original disease, so far as I can hear the cold snap did not hurt us. Although report says a great many cattle were lost on the Southern ranges. Now George I am glad to feel that all my fears for your success in life goes down with this cure and shall now feel that I can trust you to the end. All join me in love to you all write me often yours Affec - Father

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Dallas, Texas. 3/24 1894

My dear George I write to R.L.
Today to hold stags until further orders
The Denver Rail Road folks made me
a proposition yesterday that I am inclined
to accept and ship the 2 year olds
instead of driving however I shall wait
until the 10th of April to consult the
prospects etc. They offer me a rate from
Channing to our junction Wyo of \$6.00 for 30 ft
cars \$6.00 for 36 ft cars 6.00 for 36 ft cars
from Clayton. And owing to the fact that there has
as yet been no rain and but little snow
on the trail I am inclined to accept
and drive part and ship part I can put our
2 year olds through this way so that they
will not cost much if any more than \$1.00
for feed more than to drive them through
and by letting them alone on their pasture
until may the first and then drive them to
Channing and put them on their range in
3 or 4 days they will not stop pooming

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By the change of range at all and the difference in their growth this season may well pay the outlay to say nothing of the danger of the trail my idea is now to start deerhunts from our ranch about the 20th of April with what stags that are in the range some 14 to 1500 - head and about the 5th of May to start the 2 year olds all we have to chewing the road we want lost year and ship them from there to Denver (feed one time Mr. Valentine the yard man says will feed me at east) then to Arrington and turn them loose and let Dickhill drift them to their range. Where I am almost sure from the heavy fall of snow this winter the grass will be fine early. They should not be off the grass more than 3 days I also think they will be in such condition that they might get to their Wyo range in or about the 17 to 20th of May before we can ship them in 10 days from our ranch

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This will not hurt the old horses and they can
also drive up the yearlings in the summer if
we want them under those conditions I
feel it is safer to ship than drive what do
you think of it. they will cost 1⁰⁰ to drive &
about 2⁰⁰ to ship at this rate. Now should we
have good rains in a few days on the trail
I shall drive. But I must decide soon as
they should leave your place by the 13th of April
If they go over the trail, I could have sold
to Phillips I think a half interest but did
not make them an offer I told Dick that
John T. could not figure with me again
We have had copious rains here
and spring is here in all its lovelyness.
But no rain in the west as usual. The
better for the cattle interest I expect keeps
off settlers. Bud is still confined to the
house with his leg but thinks will be
up soon because all will pull over
to you and yours I am your Father

Had a big meeting at L & 180th
But little trading done by us as sellers
too far apart. There is quite an excitement in
the quarantine matters in the New handle
I have been in consultation with Atty Gen
Kulberson but have not heard yet what he will
do. The whole state is liable to be quarantined
with one blow anything is end after
Times are very dull and it seems there is
no telling where we are and what will be done
with too many idle men feeding
money. Everything is being cut down as you might
look out for expense bills.
Yours Truly
J. F. Atter

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Dallas, Texas. 4/7th 1894

Dear George. I have a letter this a.m.
from Chas. W. Whitman manager & owner of
the L.S. Ranch Lascoos saying he will not permit
us to go through his range to Channing. I have
written to ask him to reconsider the matter
but don't expect him to let us go through.
I wish you would write to your friend
the county judge and ask him to see
Whitman and use his influence for us
to go through. Now even we get up there if
we can't get through the L.S. pasture this
is a subject that should be looked after
and I expect you had better go up and
see if we can get through. I shall write
A. L. Boyce at Channing but I think he
has told Whitman that we intended
to go as we did last year. He says he
is informed I wrote Whitman the cattle
were on the running water and would be
turned out at a gate in Castro Co 10
miles south of Bonnett and would
not be on any trail.

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As they will not grow down there
But still hope to get rain But
will take lots of it now to do much
good dont like the outlook at all
As I told you I fear a bad drought
I am still worrying over my horse
going along rather slowly Brisfull
says had lots of rain in his range
cattle will be good up there wish
now I had arranged to ship
our yearlings got the cattle at 60⁰⁰
per car for 30 ft they cut the 10%
off. could have put our yearlings
in Wyoming at a little over 10⁰⁰ per
head but think it now too late
to attempt to ship and fear
the freight will be more next year
The country never looked so fine
with lots of love to you
D your I am your devoted
Father

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Dallas, Texas. 5/28th 1894

Dear George telegram from Driskill late
yesterday eve saying thirteen hundred thirty five
cattle this breed arrived at Otter
Junction will pull out tomorrow AM
this was dated at Otter 6³⁰ pm 5/27
I shipped out the herd the best I could

The boys lost some cattle at Otter
I left them in Mr Powell's the herds
man's hands told him to have the
gathered and take care of them
I met Driskill Channing and came
back home. As I came home
Friday night I noticed lightning
to wards your place hoping you had
a shower. Long as ranch in bad
shape no rain up to 22nd I shall
go out next week sometime
if you get rain and the old ranch
dries out I expect will have to
move you & your old steers some
where and fill you stock with feedings

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It might be you could take a trip up
that way and get some way covered
so that we could get to Channing

I have looked for a letter from
you for some days but none
has come for some time
I wish the cattle to leave your place
about the 1st of May - and go to
Channing to ship. But in case we can't
get there will be compelled to
ship from Amarillo and will cost
us lots more money to ship
on the old Co. Ranch. Florence's
down look for Bob soon. Will hear
from Myron again in a few days
Bud Wright is up again but his leg
bothers him some yet Times are
dull nothing doing down here of any
note. Give my love to Allie and send
the same to yourself
Your Affec Father

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Dallas, Texas, June 11th 1894

Dear George I came in last night from the old cs Ranch. They have had couple rains all over the old ranch. It only rained at Kingie Lake some 6 - Miles square. I was out there the night of the 7th when the last rain fell but as I came towards Buffalo as soon as I got in the league pasture I struck the rain and it got harder as far down as German where it was like the Rattle Snake Tank away. Never saw such sign of a water. Went at the German house they had a Cy clone. Blowed the old office all to pieces also the grain house twisted all the trees off at the ground broke the corral down took off the windmill I dont know where. The gox in Rattle snake and especially in

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German seems to have thousands of acres show no sign of either grass or weeds - the grass in the fallow of the range looks as though it will be good. I ordered Carpenter to take a herd of 3000 yearlings up to you. He will get off about the 25th I think. It seems to me it would be a good idea for you to find your calves and take your cows and calves with you 1 - 2 year old heifers out with those yearlings north of you somewhere and let a man take Alex with him and kind of herd them also take your stock horses out with the yearlings and I would put one well down any way also. some salt etc. I hardly think the calves will pay you it takes lots of work - from what I hear from you by your letter of 31st and what I have

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Since I think you have lots of surface water and grass the yearlings will do much better up there than they will down on the old range - our losses went 4 cced 1000 head I dont think and quite a no of them died for the want of water. plenty of surface water on old range. But the grass must rest no such turf as you have and I know your grass is better I would let only the 3 & 4 stay in pasture keep your grass for winter But all this you know as well as I do Look for the herd about the 4th of July and look at the country and know before they come where is the best place for them I will write you in a few days about the children coming you must look out about the cattle at Auericks Mrs. Fisher in haste

yearlings badly scattered and
pretty thin but rounding
now think of you have water
they will do fairly and grow
better by the drive Carpenter says
lots of lakes as he comes
down plenty of rain all
the way down to you both
@CS

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Dear George Yours of the 18th recd
Glad to hear you have had
slaty rain as know your stock
can do well when you have
moisture - The herd will not get-
started until the 4 to 6th of July
They have had a regular bust up in
the Pool matters Goldsmith has let
Perkins off discharged him and I
am not satisfied about it at
all. Think now I shall call meeting
of the Board of Directors on the 10th
of July and run my own cattle
Perkins has worked long and I think
faithful for me and I fear they want
him out of the way so they can run
things to suit them. You know that all
are after us any way think we have
more than we ought to have and expect
to pull for their own interest so I must
arrange some other way

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In regard to your going to Austin
will say I am fearful this herd
will break into your plans as it is
likely to arrive about the time you
are away But if you can arrange
so that we will not suffer loss I will
like very much for you to go

Alex and Carrie will leave here in
Thursday the 28th arrive at Amarillo the
the 29th and I want you to meet
them. Provided this will suit you, please
let me know immediately if this
arrangement will suit you as I
don't want them to start until I hear
from you I have P.R. pass for
them This leaves all well and
hope it will find you the
same your affectionate
Father

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I hope to hear from you before I leave for the ranch. I am still having carpenters working on the old home place. Think it will look very nice by the time they are done but they are awful slow - it seems to me. As soon as I can I will send up a herd of yearlings. I think it a good idea to let out your cows on the open range as fast as they bring calves any way, thereby giving your steers the full benefit of pasture and also save grass for winter and if possible let yearlings on open range but in all this you must exercise good judgment.

I don't know yet what your mother will do this summer but now she talks of remaining at home.

Give my love to Ellie and reserve a good share for yourself your affectionate
Father

P.S. You must look out about
rendering your Taxes for this year
The county Clerk there a draft
for recording due the other
day and I paid it
was \$5.00 - no more of interest
here county looks fine
in Father



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Breslin & Southgate.

Chicago, Aug 8th 1894

Dear George yours of the 2^d
 To hand contents duly noted
 you had better write to those
 parties yourself they traded
 with you good. you are having
 rain think your cattle will get
 good I saw a large number
 of the double wintered cattle
 that Drishile has and they are
 going to get good by sep
 frost told him to begin shipping
 the last day of this month
 they are fleshy now but not fat
 I think they will bring us 30⁰⁰
 round hufers and steers they
 have banded fifty calves

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Chicago.

this season and will brand 25
more I expect branded 47 last
year lots of open heifers came
up the others you know are rather
rough but are going to weigh
12 to 1300 shaped heifers 1000 I
think the market is holding up
to about last years prices as
I think a little better but cattle
are better I want to buy a
lot of short horn bull calves if
I can to put into our hands
think you can take care of him
this winter presume cane will
be cheap our prospects are good
I think to cut of indebtedness
down if nothing happens more
than I now see my eyes have
been influenced considerable



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but are better to say hope it is
 cold. been on the stock yards.
 all the work think I may change
 commission house but don't
 know yet if I do will let Brown
 Baum also handle the north west
 cattle estimate receipts for this year
 from all sources Bushill 60000
 Phillips 1 m 30000
 Your Menck 30000
 Bohe - 2 m cmo 25000
 don't know that this will pay out but
 think it can be done with our
 \$100,000 ^{cc} of our own think we
 can meet it I now think I
 shall leave here for 2 hours
 Saturday night - then home
 by the 15th let me hear from you
 then your devoted father

ps no more news than you have
about these Death Bill left here a
bent an hour before I got the news
from your Mother poor boy fearful
he was unprepared. He has had
a hard life after all and there
is no doubt he hastened his
death trying to have a good
awful awful

Your Father

Archer City, (Archer County) Texas, Aug 16 189.

A. A. Slaughter Esq
Dallas Tex

Dear Sir

I am going to Amarillo
in few days if you will write
me there and give me price
on your Beef Steers with 15%
cut back I will go out and
look them over if I buy
will shape up cattle on
the Ranch but would want
your son to deliver cattle
at Amarillo
write me there

Yours
E. H. Eads

I really can't price cattle in R. Water but pasture not seen
them since April but if you wish to go out presume Quays can
give you an idea of about what they can be bought for and if you
make an offer on them that I think with some out a visit I will go
and look at them I also have two head in shooting chair look at them

Dont fail to write me
immediately



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Chicago Sept 8th 1894

My Dear George. As I have no cattle
in today thought I would write and let
you know how I am getting on in Marketing
Cattle so that you can have an idea
how the Market is running. Monday I got
here, and went direct to the Stock Yards
and found 10 cars, ^{210 head} of the Phelps Co cattle
they were well selected reds and browns and
sold for 38⁰⁰ averaged 1212 nett us after
paying posturage and every thing about 38⁰⁰
for head Tuesday. 3 cars. 61 head Phelps Co
fellows probably out of first drove came
up rather rough sold at 3⁰⁰ cents av 1242
nett us about 29⁰⁰ Wednesday 10 cars 220
Phelps Cattle sold for 3⁶⁵ av 1114 nett about
33⁰⁰ for head. the same day Wednesday had
11. cars 255 head from Belleforche Bristol
cattle. 169 Steers and 86 heifers Steers sold



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by Green Mills at 3^65 av 1197 ¹⁸⁹ (1197)
 86 hifes sold for ~~3^20~~ 3^30 av 959 good
 sale Thursday Market off 25 to 30 Cents
 7 cars Phillips Cuttle 162 sold for 3^30
 av 1100 sold by E. A. Buel for ~~3^20~~
 same day. 92 Sturs. Breslin Cuttle
 sold by G. Mills at 3^50 av 1150 -
 4 hifes at 3 cuts 970 - so you can
 see about how things
 Friday the 3^20 sold none in today
 more in Monday Tuesday & Wednesday
 I suppose. I have had sold for
 my aft this week 670 cuttle and after
 paying all expenses postage in cluded
 they have net me $\$21,878^{56}$ of this. I
 sent Brickell $\$1000^{00}$ on last years cuttle
 $\$10,821^{34}$ to State Bank St Louis on over
 40000⁰⁰ bonds for R. W. Lund $\$10,057^{21}$ on my
 note to Am Natl Bank. I now think I will



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If we get a good gathering for breakfast
at Phillips our cattle will pan out near
\$100,000.00 dollars although little fearful of
market next week as she closed bad
25 to 35 off you and Bob ought to put in
\$50,000.00 if this works we will go over the fence
for one time anyway I find it hard to buy
the bulls I want, they have cut them so much
I will probably have to wait until next year
for the most of them think I will get 100
to 200 head want calves wish you
could have come up. It is awful hot
up here I have really suffered more
with heat than I have this summer have
a cold but I think it is getting some
better I now think I will leave here
about today week write me at home
and tell me all you can
your affec ~~tion~~ ^{te}

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Thursday
Union Stock Yards, Chicago, Sep 13th 1894

Dear Joe, 10 cars brush hill stuns and 3 of heifers
in to day stuns sold for 3⁵⁰ average 1164. heifers not
sold yet they will sell for 3 to 3¹² The market is a little off
25 cents I think brush hill is handling the cattle all OK
and I think Frank Mills a good honest salesman
I saw Mr Gillett of Elkhart Ill in regard to bulls
only has 10 calves. But says he will try to get me
up some more around him and write me to Dallas
I think I shall send you to see him in November
and we may make out the car in heifers. Bulls are
hard to buy & the Gillett stock has the best reputation
in this country says he can save us 100 next year
Lots want to sell but they are no good,
as I have everything now arranged here and
on the Northern range satisfactory I think I shall
go to Kansas city and then home
will write you again soon affec Father

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My Dear George your recent date to hand contents duly noted in regard to your skins I would say I am inclined to think they should not be shipped before Nov the 10th as I believe the Montana and Wyoming and Dakota's will continue to run until that time - and for what I hear of your Grass they should hold good until that time

I find it hard to buy Bulls and I think you had better go to Kansas city and try to pick up a few in a place. But you had best come down and I will tell you what I want. Come as soon as you get this letter as I must leave for Big Spring the 29th to attend to matters up there Short horn bulls are very

P.S. Can you leave home for a
couple of weeks without injury
our bulls are really a necessity
and I cant spare the time to
hunt them up besides your eyes
are much better than mine and
you can attend to the trade better
probably than I can. your brother
excuse hosts

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Scarcely included —
- The trade in them has gone down
and the breeders have castrated
But I think we can get a few by
the proper exertion but only a few
in a place. As I wrote from Chicago
our cattle are doing fairly well
sold some on the 14th at 34c
or 120c. Think the market will be as
good or probably better the balance
of this season. Now as you have
your press come down right
away as we want to talk matters
over. Generally before I go to Berks
with much love to you and
yours I am your affec
Father

Write me when you will be
here. You will probably go from here
to Mo and Illinois to look after
Pauls. and probably a few others
Father

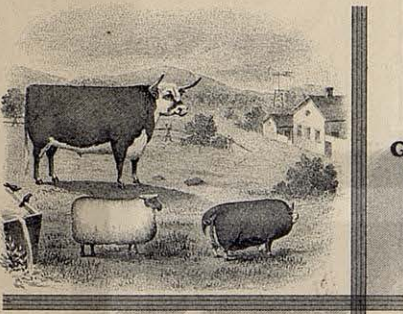
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Kansas City Stock Yards Sept 21 1894

C. C. Slaughter

Dallas Texas

Dear Sir:

I have found
about 2 cars of pedigree short horn
Bull Calves - Mr Clay is the man
who owns and raised the Calves
Clay lives at Plattsburg Mo and
he has own some of the best cattle
in Mo - they ask \$50.00 per head
loaded on cars - If you like
I will send ~~you~~ one of our
Salesmen up and look at Bulls
and buy if cattle and price suits

Yours Truly

W. B. Greer

This letter
says what
Clogbills
are thought
of by outsiders

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Dear George Lelay telegraphs
I accept your proposition on the
bills 77 calves Eight yearlings at
\$50⁰⁰ per head. I wrote you

I had a letter from him the other
day saying on a closer count
he found that he had 38 instead
of 36. Now the thing for us to do is
to have him to state that he has not
sold any cattle out of the 38
head that we have the right to throw
back the 3 head in getting over
35. I don't know what your offer
was exactly and cannot write
it up as it should be. I wrote him
a letter saying we had agreed
not give him prices but did not
make any offer but told him
you would write him from An-
twerp here of interest I still
think the market will be better in Nov

P.S. I still think I would round
up the first and get one ship out
in by or before the 10th of Nov

y in Feather

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Heasedy writes me to hold my cows
as long as they are doing well thinks
they will bring $2\frac{1}{2}$ next month. Our last
cattle from Bushill sold Tops 325-
Tails 265 and 280. hufus 305 I presume
from what D. says this is the last the
Phillips cattle are away behind
on delivery expect our losses was
heavy up there in 92 - I have not as
yet run up the D. cattle for numbers
The Fair opens to day I have not as yet
written to the Rail Road people in
transpiration hoping to see some of
them at the Fair - I shall pay your
dears next week - I now think
we will hold up and the bulls think
we have the Cream any way but will
make out the 2 Cans and unless
we get a bargain will stop and wait
for next year. Yours Affec
Father

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Dallas, Texas, Nov 3^d 1894

My Dear George. Yours of the 29th
To Hand Contents duly noted
I think you have made a good
sale. although Cost may make
some money on them but this is
sure and by the whole sale and
I am satisfied with it I expect your
Cattle are good for I thought
this spring if they had any chance
you would have a fine lot of cattle
As I know they were a smoother
lot of steers than we had put on
this ranch for some time
Yes if you can sell him 300 more
at 25⁰⁰ let them go. Be careful
about your pay - If he ships out
1100 He should pay at least \$33,000⁰⁰
on the \$52,000⁰⁰ Contract This will
hold you good on the other 900
steers. at least this has always been
my rule and no buyer has ever

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Refused to put on 2d delivery any
Idea is if we sell we sell and
if we take our chances and ship
we take what the cattle brings this will
give you near \$5⁰⁰ per head on the other
cattle But he should have put up
at least \$3,000⁰⁰ on the contract and
let that remain to the last shipment
I say this simply to let you know
my rule on sales In regard to
cows I should not like to take
less than you got last year I
would deliver as fast as I could
you must be your own judge
about the roughs and slugs as I
could not advise you on them
unless I could see them as I have
said to you before the best sales are
generally wholesales. at 7 times out
of 10 the best. If Ed pays you in a
draft on Kansas City which I expect

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want to be at Ft. Lly by the 25th go down
with cattle send me all his correspondence
you have. and if I cant come I will
send you all his letters to H. C. of Green Mills.
I think we have a good suit in MS
Court at Ft. Lly. sent out too low on your
young cows or sters they are going to be worth
more money but I would clean out all ad
rough ones they are as good as they will
ever be I shall order Prob the same way
but when they are fat we had better cash
them. I still think you made a good sale
and hope you will have success
I paid up your lease in full the other
day - after you get through you must look
after our taxes - I am cutting down my fruit yard
to day. you and Allie must come Xmas
no news to write you. The Election went
largely in favor of the Republicans. our party
divided among themselves are did not attend
to bus and lost with much love, in Lastru

Bunceton is on the Mo. Pac.
R. R., two miles from
the farm.

Pleasant Green is on M. K.
& T. R. R., seven miles
from farm.

W. P. HARNED,

Proprietor of

Idlewild Herd of Short-Horn Cattle.

Bunceton, Cooper County, Mo., Nov 5 1894

Wm. Harrell Esq

Amarillo Tex

Dear Sir

Your favor to hand
I have car load of yearling
bulls. Will put them at \$40
per head on car at either R.R.
you will find some sellers
on sight among them. I sold
the same class in Texas last
spring at \$75 and it is a
brisker market now.

Of calves I have nearly
a car load - ages you mention - and
know of a few more to finish
load, quite a number of these
calves have sire and dam
in herd book - will make them
at \$35 per head at either Rail Road.

I also have 15 bull calves
especially fancy bred intended

for retail trade to other Short
Horn breeders. Offer these
in bunches at \$50 per head, singly
they bring more. I think it
will pay you to visit my
place and see stock.

Very Truly yours

W. P. Harned

P3 Think for this better than
Bulls can be bought worth the
money in Seattle

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Dallas, Texas, Nov 5th 1894

Dear George I send you
a letter from Clay to day
I wired him. letter would
will hold you to trade
made with my son George.
He wired some time ago
will accept your offer 27
calves eight yearlings at fifty
dollars now I take it this
closed a trade and I think
from his letter you have him as he
states he made the mistake in
counting the calves and you thought
you were buying all his calves
he says you made the offer
provided they were the same
cattle you looked at he
wants to cut out the top
and I presume you will have to
divide the matter some way
I am Father. Think you had better

Go up and ask Clay before the ship

You want to keep the
letter. It is good for
us to have it. We have
my brother and sister

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Dallas, Texas, Nov 9th 1894

My Dear George I send you today
letter. I would wish hold you to trade
made with my son George. Now I think
you had better write Mr Lley that you
will be in Texas city on the 25th of Nov
with the money to pay for the 27 calves and
8 yearlings you bought from him

Have you got a copy of your offer or
can you make one. Wright says we
can make him pay for non delivery I don't
think I would say anything to him about
this or any other letter if you have not
after the 25- we will get a good lawyer
and try Mr Lley on for damages
we will make it cost him something
if no more we must now look out
for other bulls I shall try to meet
you in the city on the 25th if not
before all will hope will find
you the same

(over)

Yours after Frater

Write me when you have time will be in
It worth Monday I think with 12 loads of
cows lessidy says market higher for fat
cows ship some 12 loads goes to him
Saturday of the boys dont fail and so much
with business could not go up

Yr Lather

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Dallas, Texas, Nov 13th 1894

My Dear Judge. I was at the
Flat North stock yards yesterday
looking after our shipment of 11
cars of cows. They are good weighed
5 cars overaged 851. saw 2 cars 3-8
dressed. was well pleased with
them. shipped 12 cars to St Louis
not heard from them yet

Your telegrams read and are all
right & apt. Hardly think you took
quite enough advance on lost
cattle but hope East will not go
back on the trade I see by the paper
this a.m. market a little off. Hope the
cattle will make him some money
and think Thron that he has received
will. when you take his other stags
to him I would take some of the
cows in with them say 2 cars and
one car of rough stags or stags and
then go back and clean up or do

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Dallas, Texas, Nov 19th 1894

Dear George yours of the 14th has just
come to hand contents duly noted and
you say you are liable to be in demand the
2nd I write to day although I am terrible
busy this a.m. I hardly think I will be able
to go to Kansas city but may arrange to
get off Saturday. I think it a good idea
to look at the bulls of Harvards as we all
badly need some more with World
Gillett tomorrow requesting him
not to ship until you telegraph him &
do think it a good idea not to
stop them in Kansas city I shipped 13
cars to Green with Chicago privileges
of Kansas city for Denver yesterday with
orders not to unload them until they
got to the city also shipped 13 cars yesterday
to Cassidy Bros. Natl Stock yards Ill
by the way Cassidy says you split
East open down the back in staves
as the top lost money East wrote

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wrote him that would weigh 1100 in
Market but they scarcely weighed 1000.

Don't think you can sell to him so you
had better ship my cows bought about 16th
But yours are better and so is the market
I wrote J. Miller to wire Clay they had too
money ~~\$1750~~ \$1750⁰⁰ for the bulls etc
Yes you must go down and if I can't
come I will give you full instruction
Care of J. M. Th. Co. I hope East will
take the other cattle. I have my front
yard down and run at work
and it is necessary that I stay
with them. But if I can get off I
will wire you about Sunday at Omaha
and will meet you if I can with
the living water bonds are about
paid and the land is now thrown up
your lot high in the air will make
you again to run or just
dry your affairs. Feathers

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My Dear George yours of the 17th is now before me and hardly know just what say. I wrote Mr Gillett the 20th to hold bills until either you are come after them or wire him to ship as did not want them to stop in St. City. I also wrote John Mills to inform Mr Lelay the money \$1750⁰⁰ was in their hands for the bills. They have 13 cars of cars of ours today if they want through from Stanton as I directed without unloading that shipment they left Stanton Sunday at 2 p.m. have not heard from them yesterday. John Mills wired me they had a train of fortying pan shippers but they had bid on them 25-35 subs so they thought that would encourage my shipping to them at St. City 13 cars some in St. Louis this a.m. and I expect to hear from both trains to day as I am

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not very well and my yard all torn
up and barn down run at work &
much business to attend to I scarcely
see how I can get off to Kansas city
any way before next week. If them and
now think you will have to look after
bulls alone I hardly think Blay will
deliver as I have heard nothing from
my telegram of the 12th. But you might
wire him when you reach Amarillo &
ask him if he intends delivering bulls
as agreed on the 23rd at Abilene
and if he says he will not there no reason
you should go to B.G. before you are
ready but if he says he will then you
can have John Mills see to receiving them
by his making a certificate that they are
the bulls he showed you when you was
at his place. Then you can go down and
look up other bulls and buy one car to
replace the Blay lot. Good grades will

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be better than none I send you duplicate
of Leays message I wrote to Jim Mills
we should sue in U.S. Court at E.C. for
not less than \$3700⁰⁰ dollars to look up a
good lawyer. I think we can get a good
for 1/4 or 1/5 of what he gets we pay in court fees

however I will instruct J.W. to pay for
Leays & bulls if they come as your letter
did not reach me until this AM
you may not get it in time so you
had better wire once when you
get this letter say recd yms 21st

From what you say you will have to send
John back after more cattle which is
all right it will be cold but the market
will be better I think. No do the best
you can to get 2 cars of bulls
and I will be satisfied with any
arrangements you may make
With love I am your affec

Father (over copy Leays tel)

copy. Plattsburg Mo 10/19/92

To CC & Gen M Haughton

Dallas
I accept proposition on bulls
worth seven calves &
eight yearlings fifty dollars
or head I write you

W I Day

Now if this debt closed
Bride the low books
on all way on criminal
Sermon in will by to
make this sticks

JOHN P. GILLET,
Elkhart, Illinois.

Elkhart, Illinois, Nov 22 1891

C. C. Slaughter Esq.
Dallas Texas
Dear Sir:-

Your letter of the 20th inst. has been received. Well I am as I have heard nothing from you or your son George in regard to the calves they are still with their mothers & therefore have not been weaned. Well if you think they had better be weaned now, I will do so. George Slaughter told me to keep the calves with their mothers until he notified me in regard to the time of shipment. I think they should be weaned one week before being put aboard the cars. They all look very well and are doing fine. I put the bull calves & mothers in the pasture I pointed out to Mr. Slaughter five weeks ago. The heifer calves I weaned six weeks ago. They (the heifers) are all thick & strong. I have not selected the heifers out of the lot of one hundred as I thought it would be better to wait after they

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Elkhart, Illinois.

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were weaned and see which ones would
thrive the best. There are 15 heifers &
31 head of bulls, which I think will
make a pretty fair carload.

I should rather you or Mr. Geo. Slaughter
should come here and pick them out.
I got the three bulls from Curran & I
had rings put in their noses as requested
by Geo. Slaughter. I expect to be in
Chicago, Monday the 26th, Tuesday &
possibly Wednesday. Any message
will catch me at the "Grand Pacific
Hotel" or "Care of Boyden & Co, 6 Sherman St."

Very truly yours

John P. Gillett
R.

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Dallas, Texas, Nov 24th 1894

Dear George my two trains
of cows struck a hard demoralized
market they were both sold in
Chicago yesterday 2⁵⁰ and 2³⁵ at
500. wire me when you leave for
Kansas City or I can write to
you in care John Mills & Co
I am some better with my
cold but am so very busy
I hardly think I can get off
to assist you on the bulls
so you go right on and
do the best you can to get
2 cars. Nothing more yet from
Mr. Day suppose he will not
deliver if he does John Mills & Co
will receive and pay for
them heard nothing from Gillett
yet but think he must
have my letter by this time
Yours affec. Father

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Dallas, Texas, Nov 26th 1894

Mr Arth Maby

Kans City Mo
Dear Sir this will
introduce my son Geo M.
Slaughter, who will prob-
ably wish the services
of a good trusty atty
any assistance you
may render him in this
matter will be thankfully
received and highly
appreciated by your old
friend C C Slaughter

Mr Arth Mabry
Trans city Mo

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Slaughter

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Uncle Henry Starnes

Kansas city Mr

Dear Sir This will introduce
my son Capt Geo M. Slaght
while in Kansas city he will
in all probability want
the advice of a lawyer
as we wish to institute
a suit in the Federal
court of Kansas against
one Blay of Plattsburg mo
for the non delivery of some
short horn bulls &c
Any assistance you may
give in securing a good
reliable atty will be
thankfully appreciated by your
old friend Geo Slaght

Mr J A Stevens
Low City

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Dallas, Texas, Dec 4th 1894

My Dear George your telegram of
last night received we are
surely in luck that the fire did not
catch us I wrote you yesterday but
you did not get it. I have had Gannon
to order the Bank at Kansas City pay
your checks on us up there I enclose
you letter which explains itself think you
had better look at the Idler world here
you can make a good deal with
Harned I think per car load of bulls
provided they are good enough. As
he says he has 60 calves and 50 yearlings
you may be able after you buy one
car load of best to get the others on
12 months time without interest at a
very low figure. However, you must
exercise your judgment one car
more after the Gillett car will do unless
you get a great bargain. I have a
pain under my right shoulder

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This A.M. which I don't much like but
think it is on account of the weather
old John down with his back and Jennie
with her throat - keep me posted as to
what you are doing shipped 13 cars
from Big Springs yesterday 1 car bullock which
I sold to Wilson at 1350 11 car cows and
2 of sters think I will run 20th I
expect you are going to have some
rough weather for shipping your calves
but it won't hurt them and may be.
Over on the whole I write to Gillett you
would be delayed several days on
account of fire. have heard nothing from
your shipment yet. Now go right
along and keep cool and beautiful
and trade when you think you
are right. Find out if you can where
M. B. Slaughts can be reached
with love I am your
affec Father

Gillett say calras are
worn and on dry feet corn
and etc. This will have a full
run in Yester

Archibald

Dec 10"

C. A. Slaughter

Dallas

Texas

Dear Sir

I mailed G.M.S
my note Dec 30"
for \$596.00 Please write
me where note will
be as I will be Ready
to meet it when due
I seen some of your
Cows sell at a big
Price in St Louis on
Thursday. 2.40 I thought
they were well sold.

Yours
C. A. Slaughter

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Dallas, Texas, Dec 11th 1891

Dear George I wrote Earl
his note would be sent here
for collection The children all
seem to think you should by all
means run down to our Xmas
tree if you want back the next
so as to not make a break of our
I know it is quite a journey but
if matters are in shape so that you
can get off without risk or inconvenience
I wish you would come to the tree
as all would so much enjoy
your coming let me know by
wire if you can possibly come
you need not be gone very days
So, try and make it if possible
We so hate to have our family broken
I feel in making this appeal that I am
asking a great deal of you so just
use your own feelings and I shall
say nothing you latter

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Dallas, Texas, Dec 14th 1894

My dear George Gillett's draft for
\$1822⁸³ came in this am & I had
the same. He sent in a list of cattle
all calves I presume 7. Bulls from
his sister at 45⁰⁰ each. 3 bulls
bought at 100⁰⁰ & more in same 27.33
70 bulls at 40⁰⁰ & more 50 - 15 heifers at 30
each - etc. I have bought 50 horses
from W. B. Harrell can tell you about
them if he is there. He sent some of
his old horses + 20 horses wagon &
3 mules down with the 50. 7 horses
which he wants you to keep for him.
I wrote to Prot to send up after the
7. horses and I expect the man will
be there when you get home.
You can keep 4 or 5 of them if you
need them. Expect they ought to
be traveled before they start down.
Will write you again to B. W.
Old man Price wants 350⁰⁰

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to pay Benohro says he will mortgage
2/3 of section 13. which I presume
Benohro has now. I hate to let any
money out as will need all we have
but suppose I will have to let him
have it for 2 years at 6% payable
semi annually I expect twice in a month
soon. I have ordered Port to
ship another train of cars on
the 20th the last ones bought
near 16⁰⁰ and the others 27⁰⁰ then
I will stop. My arm is and shoulder
is some better. Peely Louch has a
job and leaves the March Mundy next
works for Vickins stock farm near
Eagle ford I was out yesterday
but he was down at Eagle ford he has
sold the most of the Hay but
I guess will report and give us
the proceeds. will let Peter have the
place you. Lather in horse

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Dallas, Texas, Dec 20th 1894

My Dear George your letter
of recent date to hand contents
duly and carefully noted it brought
the tears to my eyes when I
read it. Of course you will
be greatly missed at the tree
But your first duty is to your
wife and I think you are wise
in not coming for I assure
you we can do better without
your company than your wife
can in her trying time we shall
all remember you the same
I have bought as yet but 3
Xmas presents and they are
for my 3 noble boys who have so
nobly attempted and I hope succeeded
in leaving off the poisonous drugs
the ruin of so many fortunes as well
as characters and lives of usefulness
for I'd a watch & chain to my

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which of course was due him on
his 21st birthday for you and Pat a
nice diamond Stud each just
alike perfect beauties. This is for your
close attention to business which
I wish you both to wear and I never
want to see you with any other
diamond on I think one is nice
but no more one a gentleman
you will be pleased with it I shall
put it on the tree for you I made
arrangements if Ed wants ahead
he can change his watch for \$110⁰⁰
Dollars one I will not get the yard and
fence quite completed but nearly
so and it is very pretty

Yes you may rest assured I
shall offer a prayer for the absent
ones you and Allie Hope you will
have a Merry Xmas and a happy new
year I do ever you affectionately

P.S. Ed East drew on you to day
for 45⁰⁰ which I paid but I know I
nothing about it where is his note
your Father

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Dallas, Texas, Dec 25th 1894

Xmas at home 438
To George and Allie
Just through plain time 440s
and you are the subject
of conversation and I assure
the following subscribers
wish you both a Merry Xmas and happy
happy New Year C. C. Slaughter, Jr.

Geo & Allie were often spoken of
during our Xmas gathering - A Merry
Xmas & Happy New Year
Mother -

Hoping to welcome another
Slaughter to our number by
next Xmas, I am your
loving sister - Minnie Neal

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Merry Xmas and Happy New
Year G. F. V.

You both were sadly
missed by yours truly
Della W.

Mr Wright has seemed
very sad on account of
your absence, and would
join in a message to you
that he had an engagement and
is not present -

Merry Xmas + Happy New Year
More the merrier R.H.S.

Scarcely five minutes have
gone by at a time, but your
names have been mentioned
with many sad regrets

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but hoping that you will
be with us as soon as
you can I wish you a
Merry Xmas & Happy New
Year
Florence

You were conspicuous by your absence, George,
and we all feel Xmas is not quite complete
without our eldest brother, whom we are
all proud of. I hope & trust happiness will
be yours during the holidays. I send
love & greetings to you & dear sister
Allie.

Edick Slaughter

To brother Geo & sister Allie
I wish you both a
Merry Xmas & Happy New
Year. Your loving sister
Carrie S.

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Brother George and Sister Allie I wish you both a merry Xmas and a happy new year
Your Loving Brother
Alley. S.

Merry Xmas

(b. b. has gone)
calling

GILBERT
R. L. Jr.
Robert at
Nellie

Jennie, John,
and Hannah
wished to be
remembered to
you.

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My Dear Brother & Sister—

You all must excuse me for not writing sooner, as I have been so busy, excited and happy that it has been impossible to sit leisurely down & tell you both how much we all have missed you —

Of course, dear brother, we all have regretted your & your wife's absence but since we know why, we could only regret & wish you both were with us.

— I never thought the absence of two out of 20 would make such a difference; but I found myself hunting for you & Allie when your names were called; and Xmas was not all Xmas with you both in running water. At dinner Xmas day, we all felt like crying instead of laughing.

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Our dear old Papa offered up the most feeling prayer I ever heard when we sat down begging God's forgiveness + blessing on what we have done + all that we may attempt.

After the thanks-giving, Sis Lela proposed a toast to "Our Absence Ones" which was ably(?) + feelingly(?) responded to by our worthy(?) brother, Edick Slaughter, the "Senator", the great "Relegite" etc, etc, who spoke of what a great thing our family meeting is + might be. And how we missed our big brother who we expect will some day fill the shoes of our great leader, Col. C.C. Papa then answered to the toast proposed by Edick "The future of our Great Slaughter Family".

Shope sincerely, we may soon welcome another into our family (though you must say nothing of this to Sister Allie) a sweet little stranger who

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must be called either "Erick" or "Edgarina
Aickiata" as the case may be, or I shall
be mad.

Give my love & best wishes to dear
Sister Allie.

Take all my brotherly love for
yourself.

Hoping to hear from you soon
& with best wishes for your
continued health & prosperity,

I am Your

D devoted brother,

Erick Slaughter.

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I have made a trade with your uncle
Bill for 80 to 100 head of saddle horses
and wrote to Mr. Harrell to go down
to Giles and look them over. If Bill
telegraphed him Bill is taking those
horses from his lot for us we will have
to pay on his notes and he seems to be
willing to do all he can he is fastid
says he will cut nothing but Ad Young
Anno I wrote Bob to come up after
7/3 if there any way think the most of
them had better go down there you
don't want to say much about this
I have your letters and Telegrams but
write this so you may know some
thing of the deal I shall pay Mr. Bill
notes what those horses are valued
at in cash poor fellow I am sorry
for him he only got 1400 shorn out
of 6000 carried to meat and I only got
300 out of 1100 in Prockey Chair pasture Yab...

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Dear George & Allie,

He did miss you so much at the Xmas festivities - especially at the tree and dinner. He had an elegant toast offered to the "absent ones" by E. Dick and a response & prayer by papa, which was very affecting. The empty chairs saddened us much. He spoke of you often and often - papa felt your absence especially.

I did the best I could with your \$10.00. I only got in Sunday night & so had quite a rushing time Monday, to get my presents & yours too - consequently I did not do quite so well as I would otherwise have done - I got for you - an

stand for Carrie - for allie, a
knife. For C. C. a nice bottle of
cologne - for Roberta a good doll
buggy - for Will, R. L. + Gilbert - toys
for Mama - we all through in
+ got her a \$15 or candelabra
Candelabra - three pieces with
7 candle-sticks - brass - \$8 or
a piece - For Papa, Ed + I
went with you + got him
a merchant pipe, a brier-
root pipe + a pound of
tobacco - all amounting to be-
tween 8 + 9 dollars - I paid
\$2 + you + Ed the other even-
ly - which makes you owing
me 3.50. I paid it rather
than send a bill. I got
mama's out of the \$10 or.

I hope this is all right -
Love to all Love + thanks to
you for your nice present to me
a nice silver buckled belt.

De Veal left for home this morning
I am staying awhile longer Yours Winnie

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Dallas, Texas, Jan'y 20th 1895-

My Dear George Just received your letter of the Dec 30th sorry your horses are bothered with loco by all means you should have sent them to the other ranch although I expect some down there. Too bad you lost one of your heifers. But this is no more than we must expect. Yes the 45⁰⁰ by east was for a suit I have a letter for you from him saying that was the amount that you was some 1430 dollars ahead of him yet. He sent me a draft the 31 of Dec on Casperly Bros & Co for 8,667⁰⁰ and requested me to return his note which I did not have so I sent him a receipt if you sent me any draft or note I never got it. I have a letter from John P. Gillett asking me to remit him 200⁰⁰ for the man he sent down to the City with the bullocks which he failed to

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put in his draft of 1872 - He also
requests me to make out a contract
with him for his coming full calves
at \$50 ^{or} per head including his sisters
with a \$1800 ^{or} profit etc etc I shall
write him to hold this matter if it
should suit him until I find out
how his bulls already bought has done
that I shall not bind myself for
Bulls not calved etc - I think your
arrangements for the winter admirable
Please make out your expenses for
the ranch for the year ending Dec 31-
1894 - and send to me also show on
your statement your out standing
liabilities and with memorandum
of estimated income on hand
make up in this expense list your own
salary etc and the amount you have
used for yourself and show
with you self the amount of

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on one side the full amount of cash
you have handled and on the other a credit
of how it was disposed of etc

I came near holding the old ranch down
this year to what I thought it could be
done for. But left this a on feeling fine
for one time I owed him a balance
and with his diamond he feels about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch
higher Dick left for Austin last night Florence
and R. L. for with her. I have allowed him 75⁰⁰
per month. 900⁰⁰ by the year to run his expenses
and says he will try it. Dr. Veal left the 29th
Winnie with us yet she looks badly will
stay a few days. They all wrote you and
 spoke of you and Alice so often you were
badly but not sadly missed by all had
a good grand meeting no 27th
no 28th no drinks awful nice family
gathering the old place looks up as
soon as you can come down
your affe Father

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Dallas, Texas, Jan'y 27th 1895

My Dear George. As it is snowing
this a.m. I have concluded not to go
out to Church. But to drop you a
few lines as I now owe you
two letters. The first letter I really have
had no time to answer. on Friday
work last I received a telegram
from your Grand Pa. Slaghter saying
I was very sick last night and don't
know what my condition is come
forthwith. I was also Foreman of the
Federal Grand Jury But I discharged
Jury until Monday a.m. following and
left for Father's on Saturday 6th a.m.
arrived at his home or Plains with
me 5 P.M. Saturday evening found
him much better he having past
the crisis at that time on Sunday a.m.
put him in a hack on spring mattress
and brought him to Minner Wilcox's rented
him a comfortable room made arrangements
over

and for his and Lannys board
etc. stayed with him until Tuesday eve
and left him very comfortable have
not heard from him since.

Have been busy on the Grand Jury since
In your first letter you ask me about
borrowing \$5,000⁰⁰ to begin a brokerage
office in Plain View with R. P. Smythe
etc. on this subject I would say
I think you and Col. S. might make
some money - But at the same time
I think Col. S. should put up his part
of course I would have to endorse
for you if you borrowed the money which
we would have to do as I will need
all I have left to run my business
as I have taken up all the notes I am
endorser on in the Am Natl Bank and
that was contained in the Trust deed
given in July 1893 amounting in the aggre-
gate to about \$35,000⁰⁰ so that I could
entirely release the C. C. Slaughter property
from the records the notes are W. B. P. & S.
buds and Baylor Female college all of which
reduces my Bank account. But also
reduces my interest account some
of the notes are good and some are
not and there will be a loss of ten to
fifteen thousand on them I expect -

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I tell you all this to let you know that I can't loan you the \$5000 without borrowing and as a burnt child dreads the especially while the burns are fresh you can see the point at the same time I believe your ideas are good and if you lived in Plain View yourself I would recommend the venture at 8% interest for annum but not over that but on the other hand would not wish you to furnish the capital and hire someone to run the office giving them a large share of the profits and run all the risk. You might make up a small Co and the Banking plan say your Father in law or my the and two or three others and put on 2 or 3,000⁰⁰ dollars on a safer way be a director and attend to your own affairs etc if you wish I think I can arrange for \$2,000⁰⁰ for you (over)

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So after all is said. I would say to you from all appearances we are all OK. Financially and as this the first year for a long time I felt this way don't you think we had better lay on our oars this year and let developments show us which way the financial tide is drifting no. I say this believing another successful year or two we will or may have the means to invest in something of our own and have the interest tide turn towards us. - Another thing I would say at any time a loan should present itself to you that absolutely safe you can take it up as I can always get money at 10%. But we have all we can look after and too many irons in the fire at the same time is no good idea. So be quit and look after our own is my idea. Have not heard from Bob since he left direct but I presume stock all doing well for the winter. Have you wrote the Bank for your statement - yes I want to get up a statement of your years work as much cost about \$26,000⁰⁰

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Now what do you think about disposing of our studs and getting Spanish ones do you think we could do so if so how would suggest Winnie is still with us she is not well but is improving I think I think she is full of Malaria but is getting her things all ready to go down to Jefferson and remain. She gave me her note the other day for \$4000.00 on demand at 7% and says she will have to have some more. I shall be on this journey for one or two weeks more and then I shall try to get my books all straightened we of course all anxious to hear from you quite often at this time as to developments which I hope will be all we could wish all join me in love to you and allie

Your Affectionate Father

(over)

6 in regard to Land I will
say I dont know but what it
is a good idea to get
ours as solid as possible
and as I said before I think
this can be done without any
loss to us but we can
talk that matter over when we
meet you Father
you had better write to Capt
McDonald and get something
to recommend it I see
he is appointed again
I can also write him if
necessary to get to be a
relationship

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Dear John your letter of
yest date to hand I have
not as yet had time to
look over your account
but will in a few days and
write you a telegram. In Bristol
this a m says cattle all OK
your uncle Bill will set me
back 15 or 2000⁰⁰. I have paid for
him after deducting horses and cattle
so far 14317⁰⁰ dollars and will have
to pay on balance note 5000⁰⁰ but
will get some cattle and counting
out of his stock I hold as collateral
a little this a m from Prot dated
July 2^d says cattle are making
it all OK. Winnie went home
yesterday I am still here this
M. J. and J. are foreman I
adjourn Saturday until the 7th
will not get things until

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next week then if I possibly
can spare the time I
want to go to Hot Springs
Ark for a few days I
have any awful bad cough
and know that I am full
of nicotine and think the
Hot baths will do me
good. I am now
trying to get all of our
property straightened off the
records. What do you think
about sending herpes to
Mexico I hardly know how
to do it. This I say but
I am anxious to do so
all well at home Helen Brainer
that was married a few weeks
ago to Paul Powell Dick and was
buried yesterday also R V Tompkins
all your men love you Father

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Dallas, Texas July 6th 1895-

Dear George I send you this postal card which speaks itself. In regard to your statement will say I cant make our books met. you go so far back it would take me at least a month hard work to till when they differ so I will make this proposition if it suits you to place \$1000⁰⁰ to your personal credit and start out a new lot of books for July 1st 1895. This will save me a great deal of labor and I think will not be far from right. If this suits you I can place it to J. M. Slaughter apt and the ranch money to J. M. Slaughter apt so as usual you can then have \$1200⁰⁰ per year payable 300⁰⁰ every quarter. Beginning April 1st 1895 and your provisions for your own family when you are living at home paid for out of ranch funds. You to render me a monthly statement of ranch liabilities. pay roll of hands and provisions

p.3 It has been awful cold north
but had a telegram yesterday from
Brisbane saying cattle all right
also a letter a few days ago
saying they could ship
fat cattle out of the
interior cattle and grass
water good did not look
for any losses

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at the end of each month and a quarterly statement at the end of every three months. I think by doing this I can keep expenses straight without so much work and this the best business way I can think of giving in detail what is bought and what for also what is sold and what for. I wish to get our matters arranged on as easy basis as possible. Now let me know how this suits you. I mean for you to pay as usual and your monthly statement keeps me posted as to what money is necessary for me to place to your credit to meet the rough expenses also what to place to your credit as your wages. It will be some work but everything will be explained and settled at once. All yours
in love to you and yours Father

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My Dear J. J. J.
Please give the expense
bill of ranch for Janny also
the pay roll for February as
soon as you can
Show who is at work what
they are doing and what they
are to have. Mark your paper
Expense bill Ben J. any R. W. Whack
I have to write to
Bob for the same thing
If we do this it seems
to me it will not take
but a little time to make
out the expense bill at the
end of the quarter while
every thing is fresh in your
mind and at the end of
the year the 4 quarter bills
should tell the tale quick
no bills just after Father

P.S. Give my roll and all
purchases made for the
ranch and what for also
if any sales are made on
contract state substance
only and send copy of
contract ~~you~~ ^{pay} ~~it~~ — —

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Dallas, Texas, ~~Feb~~ July 13th 1894

My Dear George, Yours
of recent date to hand contents
duly noted. Sorry to hear of
another bill going down but must
steered it. As it is now past noon
and I have just got out of it
I am going home I shall only write
you a few lines. Had a letter
from Briskill on the 6th saying
very cold but he did not fear
much loss but it has been very
cold since. But by watching the
reports of Miles City and North Platte
points both north and south of our
cattle I think they will weather
this storm as it is the first
one on them and they are in fine
shape. Bob reports all ok on this
but it has been rough since
Heavy losses reported where cattle were
not in good fix

P.S. As as you think best
with Stalling and Rock
your Affection Liather

Howe wrote, in answer
to the

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rather think we are all right so
far, of course will lose some
Now in regard to your 50 mares
and jack trade I believe I would
make if the man has a good chance
to do a good part by then make
one provision if no more if he
fails at any one year not to show
up at least 30 colts at your option
certainly ceases. We want to get
something coming to us instead
of us paying out all the time
tomorrow I will place \$1000⁰⁰ to
your credit for services to 1894-
and will also take up your
check over drafts and have
something to your credit at the
end of each month you report
my liability under your management
this leaves all well as usual
at home all being in love you Father

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Dallas, Texas, 2/14th 1895

Dear George to day I have
placed to the credit of Geo M
Slaughter one thousand dollars
and \$500.00 to credit of Geo
Slaughter your acct was over one
\$33.00 I have ordered Gannon to
notify you of this fact of course
all this runs one down
but I can stand it - yet and if
we dont lose the money cattle
and can make another ten strike
we will get things crossing over
very but this winter is simply
terrible one storm right after
another bound to lose some
hope not heavy yet. Those snows
will surely help the early seeds
and I hope may want freeze out
before it comes. heavy snow here
yet but melting to day you
I am after

Be careful when you
draw on your personal
account to sign
your m instead of
J. M. and overdraw
all will be expected
waiting to hear from you

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Dallas, Texas, Feb 1 1895

Mr Geo m Slaughter
Plainview Tx

Sir,

We credit your
accts: G. m Slaughter - \$ 5000.
Geo m Slaughter
Personal - 1000.

Total \$ 6000. deposited
by G. m Slaughter -

When you issue a
check on your personal
acct please sign your
full name - and personal -
so as not to get
the accts mixed

Yours Truly
E J Gannon
CJ

JNO. P. GILLETT,

ELKHART, ILLINOIS.

June 23 1895

C. C. Slaughter
Dallas, Texas
Dear Sir:-

Your letter of the 3rd inst has been received. I castrated all but forty seven of the calves. They are all A No. 1. I will take fifty dollars a head for the forty seven to be delivered on board the cars at Elkhart on or before the 1st day of November, 1895.

You can deposit \$1000.00 with Evans & Underhill Co. of Chicago or Kansas City to bind the trade and I will do the same. I cannot afford to wait too long for you to make up your mind; if you want the calves you have got to take them.

Very Truly Yours
John P. Gillett

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Oct 18 1895

Mr. Geo. Slaughter
Amarillo Texas

Dear Sir:-

I have now about 60 head of bull calves of my own raising (including those of Miss Jessie Gillett) and I have bought in addition seven for you making a total of 67 head. The seven I bought are pretty fair calves. I will try and pick up a few more. I wish you could let me know four days before you take the calves so I can put them up on dry feed. Mr. Bice who went to Kansas City with the ones last year said they did not ship very well as they had been out on grass up to about the time of shipment. They scoured so it made the bedding in the Car so slippery he had a great many down at times, and I think the calves would go through better if they were put on dry feed prior to shipment.

I think the calves that were raised on the place this year are the best I ever saw.

Very Truly Yours,

John P. Gillett

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Dallas, Texas, Oct 25th 1895

Mr Geo M. Haughton

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My Dear George Yours of the 21st
from Plain view has been received
Contents duly noted - I will send the
\$1363²⁰ to Warthen for your leave
I believe I have already answered
the most of your other questions
Ships 4 to 600. if they are good fat direct
to Chicago in stable cars. without unloading
to water, but give them lots of hay,
both on the start and again in Kansas
say about Wichita, put in just enough
to make up your tonnage say 23,000⁰⁰
so that you will have no over weight
This you must judge by the weight of
your steers 23 to 25 according to age
Go the most direct route not by Kansas
City as it hurts the sale of your cattle
Ship to Rossmore Bros also for C. C. S.
They know how and what to do with the
proceeds send a good shipper in charge

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Now you want to know what I expect
to get if good from 340 to 370 on
this market and I look for it to improve
How many bulls 100 to 150 - Be careful
about paying over 40⁰⁰ - bulls but the
best is the cheapest Hard to beat the Gillett
tho he says they have 60 and have bought 7
if you have room in cars by Boat as
many as 10 hiepers calves but not
more. Give the parties your check and
if they wish they can ask the Bank by wire
if you check is ^{drop} I have \$1,000⁰⁰ with Evans
Ayden & Bond on the Gillett bulls. Go on
to Chicago and see your cattle sold
come back by Gillette & get Bulls Tell
him we expect them at least another
year But not to ^{be} fearful about the pay
As his Father word & mine were
always taken as good Visit him in
person take your wife with you
if you wish as you go up to Chicago
Ship Friday the or Saturday the 9th or the Cattle

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or any way so that your cattle
will arrive in Chicago Monday or Tuesday
what more can I say all this you will
look up when you get to the Rail Road
Mr Millsap will ship 2 to 300 of the
W.B.S. Cattle 5 on neck Either by Jits or
Higgins first to 9th with the same mis-
tion (Rocky Hair Cattle) I expect to ship
10 to 15th for Bots 1000 cows But is here
came last night hope you may come
down Fair is running not a big crowd
yet I have only been out one day yet
and then as a judge on Herefords
Bosambam. he has just got a splendid
salesman for his lot as J B Wilson
got 3⁰⁰ the other day for 1000 lb cattle
their salesman has been buying for swift
for 8 years I know all the tricks
all with lots of love to you
D Family I am your affec-
tionate
Father

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Dallas, Texas, Oct 31st 1895

Mr. Geo M. Staughton
Running Water Texas

Dear George I have sent your horse money to Austin \$1363²⁰ and this A.M. have the Treasurers Receipt for the same. I notice as usual the Market is up and down. But at the writing I have no reason to change my instructions. Millsaps will load out tomorrow the balance of the W.B. S Cattle from Giles Direct to Chicago over the Teaty at 100⁰⁰ per Stable 86 ft cars they will be fed and watered at Parsons and go via Hornsbal to Chicago. I still think you dont want to take yours out at all As the sooner you can get them to Chicago the better they are put in the Cars the better give them plenty hay and they will drink more at Chicago in weigh better. Bot leaves in A.M. and I think I will ship some cows altho' it

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I really believe the cows I ship will
be worth more money with Calves by
their side in the ship than I can possibly
get for them now But I shall ship out
2 or 3 trains anyway we have lots of
dry cows and they are very poor &
we will need some money out of them
There has been a fair attendance at the
Fair of outside people not hearing from
the City no news of interest to write
you. When you get ready to ship
Let me know how many and
how they are. When you are
cutting out your shipping Cattle
Clean up your scales ways steps etc
& ship them separately. Take only
good heavy old cows - I notice
there has been some rain in the
west if it puts out water it is good
thunder & God All from me in
love to you & yours
Your Affectionate Father

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My Dear George I send you a
cut of star taken from R.W. Okeup by
our inspector Poston at Chicago also a
copy of letter written by R.W. Okeup so
that you can see how he Okeup is trying
to make his O+O hand take in the cross
club which I think is about the silliest
thing to all who know the hands that I ever
saw to me it shows fraud on its face
I write to Irving to hold the money and tell
Okeup that I too as well as Poston claim
the star and if he wanted to he could sue
you in Hale Co where the hands were all
known for the star and if he could gain
him I would pay for him Copy of letter

Chicago Dawson Co Aug 25th 1881

Mr J. J. Pasten Chicago Ill. tells I learned
that you cut one steer from C. H. Stone of ~~the~~
Kansas steer branded thus ♂ on left side or hoin
also ♂ on both sides and left hip & ♀ on
thigh. Now I found some of my cattle
that had been burnt and this steer was among

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the let My brand is $\text{\textcircled{O}}$ on left side + on
~~left~~ thigh. sometimes + on jaw instead of thigh
Boat may are handed $\text{\textcircled{O}}$ with the two
O run together Oscar Goodle gave the $\text{\textcircled{O}}$
hand called the cross club and he gave the
stir up for $\text{\textcircled{O}}$ called O + O Now I think
if will study that brand on left side
closely you will see that is or has been $\text{\textcircled{O}}$ after
I saw I saw how easy it was turn it to $\text{\textcircled{O}}$
of course I put it on plain like this O + O
the mark that ~~belongs~~ ^{given} to with this brand is
thus ~~to~~ please let me hear from you in
other ways July R W Skupen
Now is this for high I want you to write
Paston what you think of this and how
the Skupen brand is put on so if you are
down at Plum River sometime look
how the O + O hand is recorded
be careful what you say. Minutely this
give Skupen away with me
over comes in Chicago yesterday but
295 my 845 about 20th head
you Father



OPEN JANUARY 25TH TO JUNE 1ST

Hot Springs, Arkansas. July 21st 1896

My Dear George your great date
to head sorry you had to loose some
of your burkars hope they will stop dy
on you I also trust that you may have
early vegetation as you must have
more moisture than usual and your
loss of cattle will be small

Recent reports from Driskill good
I now think we will get the Mortons
quarantine order Modified so that

we can send our cattle north. Smaller
West of Mo has been going for the stock
fully lively as his quarantine says
that Kansas and Mo are dependent on Texas
for feeders etc As our sanitary board
has had the Gov of Texas to issue his
Proclamation defining the quarantine line (over)

line as it was last year also
quarantining Mexico I feel that on the
whole we will be eventually in better
shape than before I am of the opinion
now feeding cattle in the Panhandle will
sell well in Texas this fall and I wrote
Frank Lowe of Council Grove that I
would lay down a good string of
steers to him in Texas at 30 dollars if he
would receive them say the 20th of March
and put them in a feed lot till April the
20th and still feed them till May the
20 on pasture of the day after April the
20 and in lot at night provided he
could furnish say $\frac{3}{4}$ ton of Millet or
sorghum at 1⁰⁰ and 10 bushels corn at
2⁰⁰ allow 50 cents per head for feeding
and 1⁰⁰ to 1⁵⁰ for pasturage until safe
he to furnish the 5⁰⁰ per head feed &
pasturage & I to furnish the steers
at 30⁰⁰ all on time I to have 10% on
the 30⁰⁰ he to feed and attend to them
and after paying me the cost of
steers and he for the feed we to equitably
divide profits etc if he will do this I
think we have a bet but let him have
1000 of our best steers on those
terms

R. E. JACKSON
MANAGER

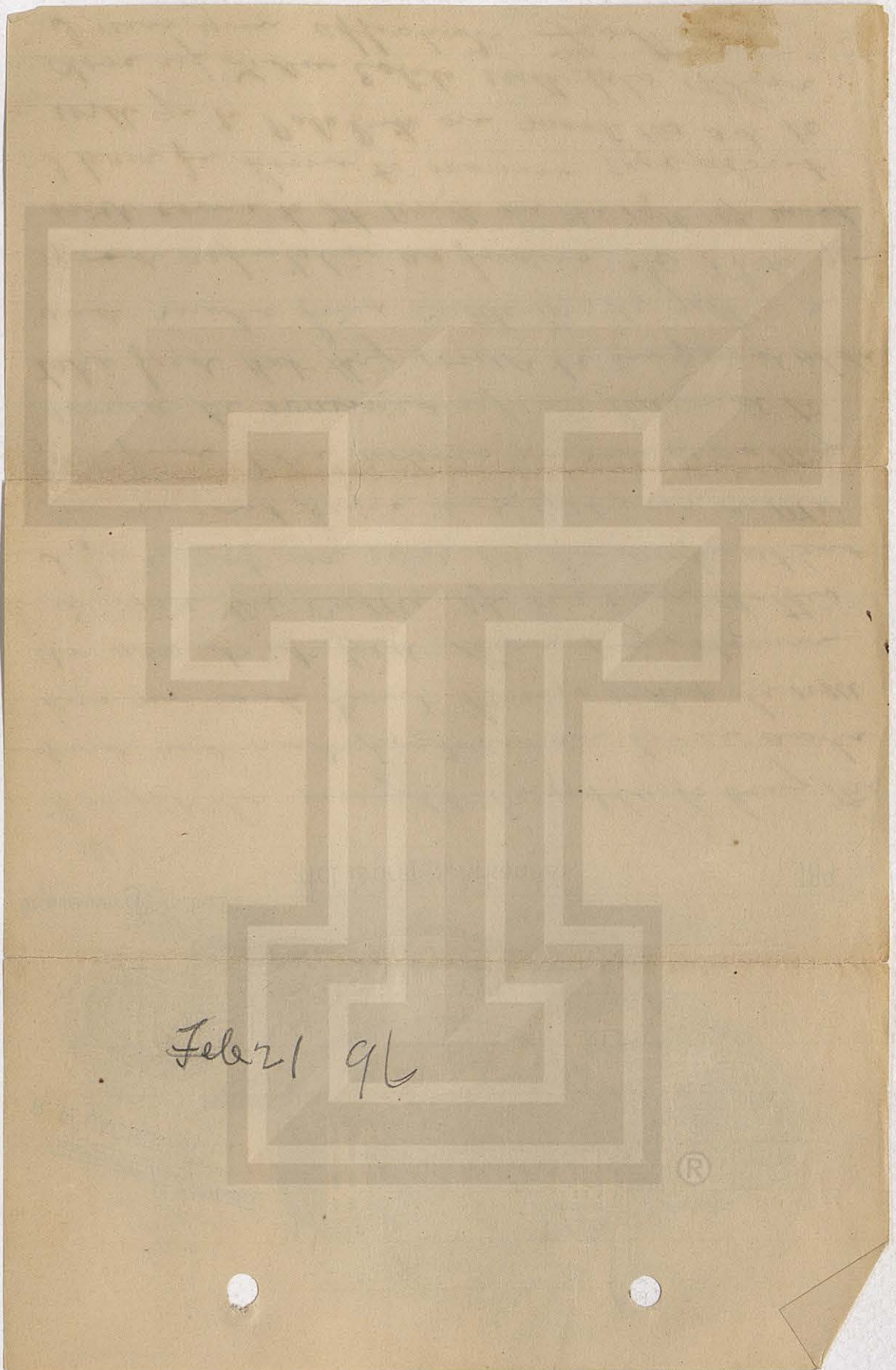


OPEN JANUARY 9TH TO JUNE 1ST

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Thought he might be able to buy the
feed and put pasture on time as he
has no cash Don't know what he will
do about it. told him to go down
and see the Cattle if we can do this
I feel that we would be safe at least
for the cost price and get our cattle
on feed like notices in sep and as they
would be warmed up and learned to
take feed that they would be in good shape
and make fine cattle thereby getting a
good reputation as feeders etc I hope you
will come to Ft Worth on the 19th of march
I leave for home to morrow eve about
will go to Palo Verde on march 1st and to
close up Lutter Estate with lots of horse
I am your affectionate Feathers



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My Dear George To day I wrote
to Mr Frank Lurr of Council Grove
Kansas A. proposition And he may
come out to look at the cattle
It is on one thousand 4 1/2 year
old steers - a half interest in the profits
or losses at 27⁰⁰/₁₀₀ per head for all cattle
that leave the Ranch ^{in the time} no interest until oct 1st
I to furnish as much as 5⁰⁰/₁₀₀ per
head cash at 10% interest to ship feed
30 days pasture etc and he to secure
me for 1/2 of the cash etc told him to
take his letters out with him if he went
He says he will be out next week
to look at cattle I wrote him they
would not show any flesh now
and he would not know the cattle after
90 days of good green grass etc
his Partner are to work for us against
the interest not charged till oct. that is
6 months interest on 27 - 5% would be 135⁰⁰/₁₀₀
on one 1000 head would be \$1350 1/2

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\$ 6 75. The security for his half of the cash say
\$ 2500⁰⁰ that he offers is not very good or
at least I have no chance to know but
think it will take their part of losses any
way it is 420 acres of land in Kans with
\$ 1500⁰⁰ mortgage on it he will tell you all
about it I guess now if I have not
done so before I will tell you what I am
driving at in this trade To get in touch
with those Kansas feeders we cannot get
our cattle down here to the Cotton seed
meal and if we have them fed which I
think we will have to do in the future
we must look to Kans Nebraska. Now
and as you say you left a rather se-
lected lot of cattle at home last fall
it strikes me now is good time to
make a trial by taking 100 head up and
feeding them some 30 days and getting them
this fall on time to the feeders as they will
have lots of feed and no money being
they will sell for more than they are worth

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by this we will obtain the feed cheaper than we could in other way & if the feeder gets only a fair price for his feed he will try it again and next spring we could do likewise and at the same time if those men make any money we get $\frac{1}{2}$ of it and a fair price for our Cattle - I tell you 30 days warning up and then turn those Cattle out on good pasture say may the 1st they will show up by August first in fine shape.

No title to Cattle passes in this trade those men have nothing but are very fine rustlers I think if they take the Steers you had better go up and see what they do with them and how they start off any way as we will have at least 30,000 in their hands the only way they could hurt us is to sell our cattle & get away with the money and I don't know but we should have one hand with them to assist & report to us if any more was to be made. That's this over and put it in ^{over}

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After thinking this over I think we
want a good 25⁰⁰ dollars to ~~make~~
men with these cattle

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We cant be too perticular when we are
putting up all - Now in regard to the cattle
for Myoning the rates are so high we ought
to drive But from what you say we cant
start early But will start a herd of
about 3000 to 3500 April the 5th to 10th up the
15th to 20th twos and ups and we want to
have 3 D 4 2 and take out enough twos out
of yours to make about the same size
so if you let 1000 go to Kansas you
will be rather light on studs this year
as we shall not take up the yearlings
this year I think this is the best to let you
3 3 Caring have lots of range and grow
well we are going to fence the Aoudy place
I will have lots of room if we have
any rain If Lower comes find out
all you can find him as to his intentions
writing this out at home all well
hope you the same lots of love
from all your affec
Father

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Dear George you of the 18th
the end contents duly noted

Glad indeed to hear you are
losing so few cattle

Mr Sharp did not make
any report to me said he
did not know how the cattle
were doing as he had not been
through them for some time etc
and I told him just what I
wrote you - And if you don't
want him don't keep him I
only intended to let him go
back so that you could him
if you wanted him I expect Frank
Lemon will come out and look
at your cattle And if you and
he can agree on terms as for
his letters which I told him
to show you all right He says
I made the proposition plain
except the delivery of the cattle at

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Amarullo and I have to day wrote him that if he charged nothing for delivery to Bk. or to others we would charge nothing for delivery to Bk. at Amarullo. He wants us to price him all our other cattle I told him we would price the others after this deal - The price they are set to him a half interest over and above 27⁰⁰ per head paid to us in six months without interest and 10 % on the money we put up per annum in case he can sell before that time he to keep the sale before me and not close until I say so that the title must come from me etc we are to furnish not more than 5000 and he to take not less than 1000 steers and if he takes them I want you to go with them and stay until they are put on feed

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and the feed bought for them 10
bushels corn & half ton of fodder
of some kind then you can leave
them and go back when they are
to go on pasture And if any body
wants to buy you can look after
the sale when they go up I think
this is a fair sale and will get us
in touch with Kansas feeders who
are liable to pay more for the cattle
than they are worth I wrote him he
had better hang up as the proposition
would only lay open till April 1st
I think you and me will to stay with
your cattle and hope the worst is
over you can talk prices with Lewis
on our other cattle and after you
return from Kansas you can tell
me what you think of this venture
take your wife & babe with you
if you wish and watch those fellows
closely as they are broke your father

P.S. This leaves us all well at home
weather still rather cool. ^{shy}
trying to come all from me
in love your office. Further
I may come up to Council
gotta write you are there
But think you should begin C.S.
to look after bus —

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My Dear George Mr Loun writes
Cattle ad proposition satisfactory
going to work immediately and I
presume by the time you get this the
Cattle will be in lf so ship them from
C C Slaughter to C C Slaughter to whom ever
wants them and give your check for their
freight and wire me or write me when they
will arrive in Kansas and I will run up
and arrange for the pay ment of feed etc
and make out the contract for Loun
to sign And if you are not too badly
needed at home and can get pass
run up with cattle and stay until I
come and then you can come back
as I will need you up there to assist
me and learn you all I can about
this trade as it is what we want to
do in the future I hardly think there
is any necessity for me to come
to Councils. I think I would ship
from Panhandle as the cattle should

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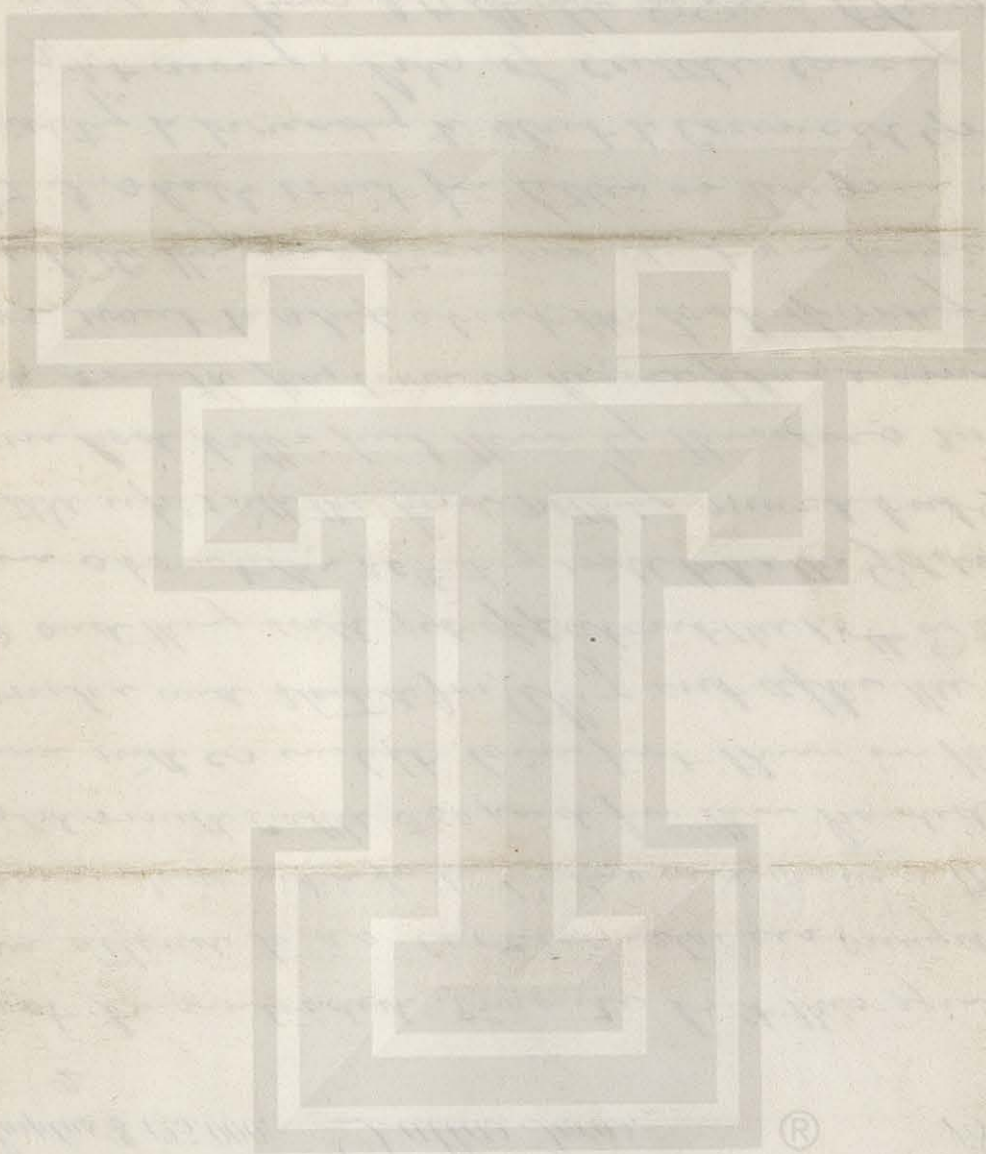
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not be unloaded enroute but this you
can attend to as circumstances may direct
you I went up to Potos and received the
Goldsmith Cattle 380 paid for then branded
them with es on left loin put them in Platte
Smoke and started finally out after the es
2^d and they will get off about the 18th I reach
you about the 26th they will take the Goldsmith
cattle up with the herd nothing much but 2^d
you had better put them by themselves either
in south pasture or some place until
we want to ship about the last of may some
100 bulls they are fine and don't you forget
it I shall wait for letter or telegram I
will try to be ready to start to Council Grove
right away. Lots of cattle coming up
to ship to Mrs. J. B. Shyler & Mrs. O. Shyler
are both on the way some cattle all the
no losses all with you affectionate
Father

P.S If you cant go with cattle
write me fully about what you
have done number of cattle
& what you think of them
Yr Father



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My Dear Judge yesterday Mr
Wilder of the R.P. & the live
stock agents of the L. & N.
& Denver came down and offered
me one thousand dollars to settle
our claim on lost sheep work
& I took it & have settled the
matter up. The Auctioneer Wilder
wrote a statement for you
& Driskell about the matter so
that he can show his book what
he paid in you had better write
me out a statement. Driskell
claims we lost 120 cattle outright
on account of the R.R. delays while
they claim only 10 or 12 cattle dead
when they delivered them Driskell
says cattle died soon after they
were delivered to the R.R. of 120 says
we are out 180 but only 120 was our
and say about the other 60 head
your Father

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My Dear George have a letter from Bot dated the 21st say the herd left Evans on the 20th 2,200 head. 316 Goldsmith cattle 25 yearlings 25 old shyned cows and dont say whether he sent any old stuns or not when they arrive you take out all the Goldsmith cattle the yearlings and all the other cattle above 2 year olds and leave the 23 clear which I presume will be near 1800 I would then make Johnny gather 1800 more 2 year olds and put with them 3600 to go north so that you will have nothing to do but move them out when the time comes Bot says he makes the no of yearlings taken up to you last year 3850 head as follows Alley 2100 yearlings
Perkins 1600 " "
Brown 150 " "
say in this herd 1800
4650 2 year olds

P.S. Count the Goldenith stuns close
when you take them out as I wish
to keep a close count on them
as to the number we lose of them
if possible so that we can draw
some conclusions as to our losses
on purchase according to Bob they
are about in one month 5 to 10 head
in the best pasture we have
try to keep them correct and
noting with receipt about as cattle North
to be careful

Wm. H. Foster

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I would put in about 3,800 in
east pasture until we started then north
some time about the 20th of May
says he sends up 92 horses 10 or 12
last years bronks 10 to 12 old sticks 10 to 12
foals or brood about 60 fair ponies
He wants Alby to bring back the bronks
and 20 of the best of the herd leaving
you some 60 head 40 of which are
trail horses which I think is all you
need to take herd to Rail Road
as you will not have much more to
do until fall and then but a small
bunch to ship out unless the market
gets a great deal better.

I still think we had better ship
although the rates are high it is the
safest thing for us in the long run
about 100 cars 37 or to 38 or there.
The outfit gets your cattle straight
Let them go back I will write Port
they will return in a few days

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My Dear George yours of the 28th is here contents duly noted. It is all O.K. As you will have ample time to get the other 2 year old steers out of the pasture by the time they are wanted. I now think the 22^d. or 23^d is about the time they should leave your place for Rail Road - from your figures you should have some 4600. 2 year olds up there less the losses and I should think your own branding would head that number good. which on the whole I take it your estimate is about correct as I know we are short on two year olds. I think we had better send full 100 cars about 3700 head with this year I am almost sure we can put 37 and may be 38 to the car. as we did even better than that last year.

I had a telegram from J. H. Eyer stock agent at Omaha. the other day

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Now have I told you all send
about 40 of the best horses back and if you
get a chance this summer to trade
some of those sticks off all right
suppose Alby can return by the 15th or 20th.
Letter from Lower saying cattle are
eating corn will go up there next
week. If cattle eat down East pasture
early don't think it will hurt it much
and I am fearing they will do well
in there till the 20th you will have to
have your East pasture fence rode
well so that cattle will not get mixed
Let Steve & Sydney Reifers come
as you find them. The Ft Worth Dealer
paid me one thousand dollars as a
commission for your buyers
and push the claim you spoke of.
This leaves all well any cold is
some better your affectionate
Father
Love to Alby & Minnie in Letter.

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Buffalo, Place Es Ranch
Dallas, Texas, July 20 1896

My Dear George I came here yesterday found all well. the Ranch is all is all right now have had fair rain 7 to 9 inches some surface water grass greened up and looks well well cattle are doing fairly now as I came up from Dallas Tuesday Mr. Maude who sold the 828 Cattle informed me that they the parties he had sold to had shipped some good spayed Cows that had been over looked before that weighed 950 lbs in Kansas city and sold for 345 hundred pounds if this is so. the market must be getting better or was better. so it might be a good idea to ship if you have something that is good as we spoke at at 2 to 4 car loads at a time

I now think I shall leave here about the 15 for your place But cant say for sure you affec Father

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Dear George. From your figures you sent me I am somewhat at a loss to draw an inference as to anything like the exact number of cattle you now have on the Ranch. The two year old cattle as you count them will run. Thus yearlings added last year from the lower Ranch $\frac{3200}{1463}$ by Alley this year 1463. co. Goldsmith 337 $\frac{337}{5000}$. Then by throwing in your Branding fee loss it seems something near 5000 on hand. again you say 200 3-4 year old steers and 200 3-4 yr old heifers in Allys herd what kind of heifers are those are they stayed or open, Now I would suggest to you for your satisfaction as well as reason that you manage in some way to get a class on your cattle as you gather out your 2 yr old steers to make up the herd to go north. Cant you do this by rounding up all the cattle you may have in the North pasture taking out your 22 and turn everything in the big pasture then the south pasture the same leaving the North & south pasture clear then.

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May the 1st saying Cattle Rates from
Pauhaudle Texas to Merino Wyoming
were .75⁰⁰ for 36 ft cars And as
Merino is at the lower Ranch of the
Drishills I think in all probability
we will ship from Pauhaudle this
season And you should carefully look
out the Route. Either Cross the Canyon or
Go through the Hudson pasture and turn
down on the North side to avoid Potter
County you can get J. P. McLaren to drive the
herd if you need him And as you will
have 37 to 3800 you will want a good man
I will write him to day to see or write to
you and he could look the route out think
you can drive all together this will leave
you 7 to 800 2 year olds besides the 9 down to
cattle say 1000 any way at home And so far
our Cattle North has brought us the best way
in all probability I shall not come to the Ranch
but will meet you at Pauhaudle City as I
now think of going out to Potosi in June

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then to your place in July. Then to Wyoming
in August. But cant say positively yet
So you must arrange for the herd yourself
And I will let you know in time where to
drive Take it all in all the best offer yet is to go
to Poudre. As there will be no charge for driving
for P.R. And at 75¢ for 36 foot cars can put
them through for a little over 3¢ per head which I
think is better than driving at even 80¢ cuts per head
If they are sure to go by the 4th of June they are
all right so if you leave your pasture the night of
25 or morning of 26 of May it will do. You may have
to put in 2 herds but I think one strong outfit
can handle them. You will probably want your
buggy any way and you can meet me as I go
up. at Amarillo and we can drive over to P. handle
and see the herd in the way. I think you could
drive by the C.A. but dont know. Lower has turned
out cattle on pasture only drove for \$500.00 to
pay for feed says Gross if fine lots of rain
I think our Stearns Judge must is only 179
did not get service on J.A. will have had
tell you

4th

Now I believe I have given you all suggestion
I can think of at present and trust you will govern
yourself accordingly. This leaves all well at
home and hope it will find you and
yours the same.

Your affectionate
Father

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Then as you round up the beef pasture for
23. Count and Class them and turn them in North
& South pasture as they are Counted & Classed this
of course will take both time and labor but I
think it will pay you in the long run very
well. you may not get the Classes exact but
the whole No you can them as Cattle are brought
in you can do the same Class them 1 2 3. 4
stems & shaggy hipers as stems and she cattle
in round numbers of course you will only take
this as a suggestion but not as an order
and you may have a better plan on classing
than I have given or you might Class 3 2 4 stems
together. And twos. as you have but few yearlings
Class them with stock cattle cow skin calves etc
as you only have 25 yearlings besides you can
breeding. If you have 5000 2 yr olds we are
close up to our 94 breeding. These are matters that
we should understand so that if we should
make a sale at any time of a certain class
we could come near letting how many we have

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I am fearful the big stuns will not do as well as they would have done in the Rattlesnake pasture but it is getting scrubby I was fearful they would get snaky and some of them would get outland in the brush so ordered them out a few of them will be good early if they are contented and I almost wish they were in Kansas with furs. Cattle I wrote you yesterday about the R. R. matters and we may do well to go to Channing again. Try to get everything ready to start by the 25th day of this month and I will let you know where I fear a drouthy year. Very dry down here and the oat crop is hurt. My idea is to leave you long on Grass short on Cattle for this season so that a drouth will not hurt much and not sell anything but what is ready for a good flock.

I presume Bob is hard at work on furring. I have not paid your first quarters salary because I am low on cash but if you need it draw any & I will fix it all join in love to you all your affec Brother

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Dallas, Texas, Sep 17th 1896

My Dear George I got home
Tuesday night After you left I
went up to Belle Fourche and saw
I shipped 20 cars of the 4 year
old steers they were pretty good
but not finished weighed 1125 - I
ought to have averaged 1175 if they
had been finished they sold 20
loads 460 at 3³⁵ and 3 loads the next
day the same cattle at 3²⁵ had another
train in on the 15th 96 sold for
3²⁵ 56 sold for 260 - average 1137 -
I hardly know what to say to you
about your fat cattle but I be-
lieve I would hold till about Nov
the 10th Election will be over the 3^d
at least if you think they will do
well & I cant see any reason
why they wont I had Thos Au-
drens to send you to C. report
& you can see for your self
I told him you had some dauds

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And if you did ship some to
his house Clay Robinson & Co they would
be firm Dandys. Dont turn nothing
in that is not matured I met Frank
Louner at 12 & Co. and told him to
sell his in time the best he could
he has sold some at 3²⁵ some
3^{12 1/2} etc says the feeders say they will
weigh near 1200 but I dont think
so however he will get good weight
I came back from Chicago to Omaha
and sold our through 2 year olds
to Nebraska feeders at 3 cuts for
sters 290 for heifers weighed up at
Aurora Neb. They paying the freight
at 8 hr cut interest till July 1st 93
every body says a made a fine
dandy sale sold to good men
or all say the best feeders in Neb
are going to break the 3 yr olds
and ship, but that is all well
your affec Father in haste

p.s. I got 79⁴⁶ back for your tickets
to Denver paid out nothing for
self & family till I got back
to Kansas City got my own
transpiration gun leather

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Dear George you will note
by the enclosed letter that Nelson
still has those Bulls on hand
and you might make a
ten strike with him on them

As you seem to think they are
a good lot and they will
ready for work in the spring
and times are so hard you
may be able to buy those bulls
at about \$40.⁰⁰ or less as they
are almost bound to be sold
I have not wrote him a word
but you might tell him
when you will be in ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~Quadrant~~
or when you would look at
them 2 to our last cattle sold
poorly in Chicago 196 on 14th sold
for 3²⁰ they held 2 cars 56 over
till next day & sold at 2⁶⁰ or 1/37
this ship only with no 27⁶⁹ mixed
your affec Father

p.s. write Nelson at
Pauhaulu to write you
The Omaha man says
trades all closed
to good parties are
on though cattle
you Feather

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My dear George yesterday eve
Mr Simpson & Skinner came to
the house to see me in regard to
having some first class Cattle at
the Ft Worth stock yards for sale
at the meeting of the Exchange Auctioneers &
fat stock show on the 12th of October

I told them we could put 600 good
grass Cattle 200 cows and 400 steers
there if we could be assured that I
could get as much for them as
any other market I told them they
were good cows would weigh
^{cows} 960 & steers 1050 in Ft Worth Mr

Simpson goes east this eve and
says He will see the men that is
coming down to buy here & ship
direct to Pittsburg & Buffalo and if he
is sure that they will purchase the
cattle he will wire me to have
them there he wanted to know what
I thought they would bring in the other

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markets and I told him 3¹⁰ to 3²⁵,
now from all I can learn we are
liable to get a fair if not a good
sale at Ft Worth for the very tops
of our cattle as I believe you can
ship 600 of cattle that will be better than
can be gotten in the state But to make
them show up as well as possible in
Ft Worth you ought to get them as near
there as possible before putting them on cars
and as water is plenty & grass good
cant you bring them to Childress to
ship this will make the run shorter &
I will try to get the Ft W & Denver to
give us special time etc Simpson
is to guarantee sales if he can & is to wire
Stimms at Ft Worth by Friday & Stimms is to
show over etc all of which I am satisfied
he will do and so I write this now
so you will have ample time to prepare
for the shipment if I were you I should
cut out 200, about 230 cows 470 steers

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Of the very best I had and put in the south
pasture so as to have them ready to
start to Childress about the 4th of Oct
moving them carefully & slowly so as
to ship the night or evening of the 11th &
12th to Ft Worth. They are going to have 16 cars
of corn fed cattle there & we expect to show
as many grass cattle against them there
is a premium of \$1000 I believe on best car
of grass cows try for this at the same
time will try to run them from Childress in 12
hours if possible now this is the time for you
to show what you have I know some of
your cattle ought to be good. But if you
do this you must work systematically &
steadily bring at least 100 or 150 more than
you want so that you can have another set &
will try to meet you at Childress
all well at home & hope this will
find you all the same
Love says he is coming out to see you
soon after Leather

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My Dear George yours of the
1st ultimo is at hand contents noted
Replying to the last first will say
you must not fail to come
down xmas if possible it will do
Alice more good than Ham Florence
down once only 2 weeks before she
was confined when Alice cant be
more than six or seven months gone
Tell her not give it up but come
she will be the better by moving
around and by all means enjoy
herself in a family gathering if she
is on the family road
I note your notice in the paper of
your purchase of good bulls they
are getting on to it because we are
keeping it up. In regard to our
last shipment the hufus brought
21. except 1 had calf sold for 20⁰⁰ on the
whole we are about 834⁰⁰ ahead
Page says he lost 372⁰⁰ etc

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The sturs less 6 bulls & slays but 24⁸⁴
\$1¹⁶ less than you were offered for ever
had sold the 150 sturs the last I heard
of. He last 20 or more bulls they
froze to death says he dont know
they did guess he now thinks he had
better sold at 20⁵⁰. Driskill put in
something over 27 or two years
old. - But acct. gathering says cold
but not much ice - presuming
weather good now - I have been think
ing some about your horses to move
the 2000 cattle in Frby. - Can you buy Milo
mays or Kaffer corn to feed them a
little or had you better order Frank
town to send you some sacked
corn if they had one quart a day one
bushel per month it would help them
wonderfully think you had better buy 100
to 150 or even 200 bushels dont you he
cost about 34 cents 19 on cars at 26 cents 14⁷⁶
make it cost you brother 34 at Anawille

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200 bushels 11,200 one good load at least
with this you can handle your cattle & not
hunt the old horses. Those Andrews is now
buying calves for lower to sell and looks
as though they are going to make some money.
I furnish the money they do the buying & they
& we equally divide profits or losses.
I like the order of things as you have
them arranged very well. Get the best
count you can on cattle. It is a good
thing to know what we have. I am
very busy but am feeling well. My gold
cough is much better. I am still anxious
to fix up all matters pertaining to my
estate this Xmas but really have
done nothing about it yet. Pot is
hoarding out 2000 bushels of corn for
our young bulls all the fear I have
is they will be down and depend on
it too much yours with much love
& haste your affec Father

ps I placed to your Credit yesterday
thirteen thousand and only left 900⁰⁰

Your Father

Look out for our Taxes
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Dallas, Texas, Jan 15th 1897

My Dear George your letter of recent date to hand sorry you are losing some of your bulls I suppose they eat too much Milo Waze and Kaffer corn glad to hear your cattle come out so well through the late storm and think you are right about the future you have never seen the plains as fine as it will be this spring nothing to fear but Loco and Hobos wolves

Well I presume you will think when you read further on in this that I have done it now I have bot \$50,000⁰⁰ Dollars worth of female cattle and 60 registered Bulls —

They are known as original Chas Goodnight Thoroughbred Hereford JF herd — Besides paying 25⁰⁰ per head I am to pay in about 3 years a good strong Commission

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They are now in Hockley Co in what is known as the Mallet pasture and are to be counted out to me on the first day of May no increase of 97 to be counted I bought them of John Scharbauer paid him \$25000⁰⁰ down a note for \$15000⁰⁰ due May 1st - drawing 8% per annum & the balance on delivery Could not get the 400^{bull} calves put in - They say there is 1250 cows 250 coming 2 year old heifers & 400 coming yearlings & 60 odd registered Bulls some 20 that are 2³ the balance older - I agreed with Exsheer to let him have the Cattle take care of for 3 or 4 years at 1⁰⁰ per head per annum Calves not counted until one year old payable annually either in the adjoining pasture for the Mallet or in the Lohoka lake pasture and to keep a book of cost and expense and add 10% per annum and to take or charge 10%

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all the increase as soon as they are
one year old he to hand them as I say
at 20⁰⁰ per head and soon as the
year old increase at 20 per head has
paid back the entire cost & expense
of the 10% interest etc then I am to give
him 1/4 of the original herd that is then on
hand. as he was the cause of my getting
them this last clause about Exchequer
you will never say anything about
as he is broke and it might give us
trouble. I sent sale bill to Lubbock to
record I think this is the best trade I
ever made. There is not a drop of
Texas blood in those cattle and I don't
think there is any such a herd with 1/2
the number in the M. S. Now ^{this} throws
us to the front and there is enough
she cattle in them to stock the plains
in 20 years if they are attended to and
don't die. all well at home Ed says
he will be back in April you affec ~~to~~ Father

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My Dear George yours 24th
to hand requesting my presence at
Panhandle March 1st and 2^d to assist
in shipping out Cattle etc.

While I would like very much
indeed to be there and see your cattle
and assist in getting them properly
loaded on cars etc. At the same time
I can't figure the necessity of my
coming although it is no great trip or trouble
But if either you or Louer can't ship
those cattle properly it is time for us to
call a halt on shipping etc

Again on the latter part of next week
I wish to leave for San Antonio & if
I go up it will take the greater part of
the week to attend to this business and
get back home in time to go south
and so far I am almost free of my
winter colds and on that account
I don't wish to go up I sincerely trust

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Your family will not prevent your coming of course did I know you could not come up then I would go by all means but knowing you will be here I see no reason for us both - and if neither of us are there Lewis can attend all O.K.

I have wrote him to Panhandle what to also you I will have to be on the move nearly the whole month of March any way - I have but 400 steer yearlings to be delivered to you May the 10th from the farm to ranch 14th with 10% cut at 10th they are the Henry Souffield cattle raised in Porden County you want to be ready to come to the Mallet ranch on May 1st when the Goodnight cattle are counted I will see your cattle in Texas 16th of March as I go up after Herford bulls. I presume you will not be willing to leave your family to go to San Antonio 3/9th. Sorry Little Winnie is so sick but hope it is only teething sometimes very hard

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Carefully Count your Cattle over to
Lower No of Steers and no of heifers -
Steers at 30⁰⁰ lbs at 24⁰⁰ is the Contract
exact copy of last year except the
price at ranch instead of R.R. etc


Letter from Bob and Duskell both encourag-
ing No other news of interest Take
Lowers receipt for Cattle and send
to me. Hoping the Baby is all ok and
the Cattle will get through in due
time and that you will have no
trouble in getting them off etc

I am your affectionate Father
P.B. had a wire from Olsen asking where
he could see cattle around at Pawhalla
27 is right should be at P.H. when you
get there and wishes you to price cattle

Cash 30 and 24 - 6 months time 10% interest

32⁵⁰ 25⁰⁰ Goldsmith Cattle Cash 27 time 29 -
cs 25 cash 25 time 26 etc. I hold over cs 25 at
25⁰⁰ cash 10% cut back and think can make
it out of them hardly think he will want to buy
but makes no telling y^r Father

About \$
Buying 400
yearlings at 14.00
for all except 10%
but get 10.00 ahead

branded 
H C T I

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Saturday Eve out at home
Dear George I arrived back
home the 31st of March after a
long steady brave of 17 days
searching for the best Hereford
Bulls I took W. S. Skard O. H. Nelson
and Bob with me I visited the
Cross Quay Slope Herd 1st Gudgeall
and Simpson next Constock next
both in Missouri then to Redheads
Des Moines Iowa then to W. S. Van
Natta forster and then Shadeland
Adams Earl - then back to Chicago
before I bought anything having
taken options on all up to the
25th of March got the Chicago 6 p.m.
the 23^d and by the night of the 24th
I had bought for over one ~~over~~
57 head of the best bulls in America
if not in the world headed by
Ancient Britten the worlds
Champion Hereford bull

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on my return I bot 2 fine Turk
horses But cant get them until
now - as they are to show this sum-
mer - I believe the Hereford Cattle
are in the lead and I am sure
we are in the lead on them I send
you some clippings But cant tell
you all now but will when we
meet to receive I cant the Good-
night Cattle may the 1st we are on
top if we can stay there Got your letter
about the birth of your son and
allow me to congratulate you Hop'g
you can raise him I have lots of
solid Comfort with him when you
are old - Delia has a girl 10 days
old to day But she is Critically
Ill I am real uneasy about
her have both Edgar & Thurston
with her they say while her sym-
ptoms are much better she is
for from being out of danger

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The fear is blood poisoning she seemed to be doing well with exception that she could not sleep until the 8 day when she took a chill and her fever rose very high Pagan waited on her but I called Thurston & night before last they put her in Chloroform & pulled her wound & washed it out finding some clotted blood that had not come away and we cant tell how much blood poison she had taken she rested well after the operation that night and yesterday but had a slight rigor this am & at this writing I cant tell you what the results may be but hope she will come out all Ok. telegraphed Winnie & she is with her will write you again Monday believe all well except Della Child Gilbert & Protesta nothing serious they are with us with lots of love you affec
Father

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Dallas, Texas, April 13th 1897

My Dear George nothing from
you lately. Della is still
slowly improving but it will be
some time I fear yet before
she is herself again. Minnie is
still with and her children are
with us. Gilbert and Roberta 2 weeks
to day since they saw their mother.
Gilbert has been quite sick himself
but is now up and around.
We are real anxious to hear from you
and yours - I shall leave here on
Monday the 26th for the C. S. Ranch
thence on to the Ancient Briton Herd
Ranch in Hockley Co. to Count and
receive the Good night Cattle on
May the first and shall expect
you to meet me there. Your
mother Mr. W. S. Skard W. L. Pad-
gett and probably others will
more than likely be with me.

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



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I am having this ranch subdivided into six pastures - so as to breed each class of Bulls to their own lot of Cows - We now expect to go direct to your place as soon as cattle are counted dont intend branding them at all as I bought the entire brand of the cattle but will mark cows in the right ear for each lot of Bulls the cattle I understand are all marked Crops and upper half crop in left ear thus  the right ear being whole for Arab Breton cows will either split or swallow fork right ear 30 head  300 for his sons thus  for the Shaddad bulls 300  for Gudzill & Simpson bulls 300 thus  and for the Vaukatta bulls 600 left as they are by this will always know whats lot of Bulls the calves are from etc etc, intend to breed on a classified system if possible -

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Our Bulls will be on exhibition in the city
the 26 27 & 28th of this month all to be shown
there the 25 Am willing for the world as
well as the breeders to examine them & pass
their judgment on them. If they are not
the tops of America I am no Judge etc
they will reach Amarillo about the 2nd day
of May and will remain there until
we get there I have ordered a car of
feed 5000 lbs chop corn 5000 lbs chopped oats
10000 lbs of wheat bran to be shipped up
with them and have wrote Bob that I shoud
spurt 6 mules & two wagons to go up with
the 2 year old herd to help you haul the feed
thinking you could haul half. etc now the
reason I write you in this is to let you know
my ideas so that you may govern
yourself accordingly and to think over my
plans etc write me fully as soon as
you can. The rest all well at home
& trust this may find you all the same
your affec Father

P.S. This is no speculation of mine
but I consider a solid investment
as I have said to you for the
last 2 years - there is a place for the
crown where there is no speculation
and that is simply the breeding
Here your Feather

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Dallas, Texas, April 15th 1897

My Dear George your favor
of the 10th came to hand all ok
and we were all glad to hear from
you Brla is still improving &
unless something occurs that we
are not aware of she will pull
out of her sickness all right Gilbert
and Roberto will visit her to day

I wrote you a few days ago at length
and gave you my plans for the
future Bob is gathering a herd of 2 yrs
olds to take up to you and Mr Ashen
is also gathering some 400 yearling
steers for you but I don't think the
Ashen yearlings will reach before
we meet at the Mallitt Ranch on
the first of may. When we can talk
all matters pertaining to the future
over your Mama says this a m it
is exceedingly doubtful if she can
go up with me this trip. I said all right
It would be a little early my road

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I am making a determined effort in my old days to put up the largest and best breeding Hereford herd in the world. Of course I fully understand that this is quite a large assertion to make. But if don't aim high we cannot expect to get high — In this trial I feel that I am lucky in buying the noted Goodnight herd or lucky in getting the chance to so as well as lucky in being able to buy & handle it. In the time of such financial depression on the same basis I am lucky in getting the chance at Ancient Butten & his get as Redhead only failed a few days before I reached his place again as nearly all the best Herefords in the country were being held at too high a price to find purchasers all the Breeders were waiting for just such a buyer as myself consequently gave me more of his in their top cattle than they had ever done.

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again I managed well in taking Exports
with me and not buying until I had
carefully compared all the best Cattle
with each other - I missed but 2 herds
Tom Clarke breckenells and J. H. B. Sotham,
Chillicothe Mo. the reason was Clark had no
young bulls for sale I had nothing but a
show herd and Sotham had his cattle
advertized for public sale on the 14th and
could not sell. But I would C. H. Nelson
yesterday to buy me one bull by Corvictor
if he could get him reasonable not heard
from yet. He said he was going there
I kept but 2 Bulls out not represented
any purchase probably 3 - Lars. Corvictor
a boatman and probably at Loring's that has
as yet any National reputation and I think
the breeders will say so we have more blue
represented by close averting them any herd
in America but more when I see you at
the white faced herd you affix Feather

FORT WORTH & DENVER CITY RAILWAY.

MORGAN JONES, RECEIVER.

Goodnight Tex. 3/5 1897

Dear George -

We finished last train at 7⁴⁵ this evening. Got along nicely. Cattle never balked once. Got first train penned without one running back. Cattle all started ok, but look 250 or 300 per hd. worse than the day they got here. The 5 trains are as follows if no mistake:

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2	- 13 "	403
3	- 13 "	402
4	- 13 "	401
5	- 11 "	344
Total		1953

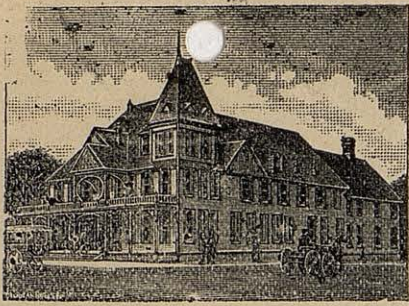
Our friend Morrison rendered faithful & efficient help, & the boys worked well.

Sincerely hope you found all well at home. Will write you fully when we get home - I go with last train. With kind regards to all -

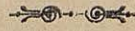
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Frank Lowrey

Mr. Geo. M. Foughton
Pawtucket
R.I.

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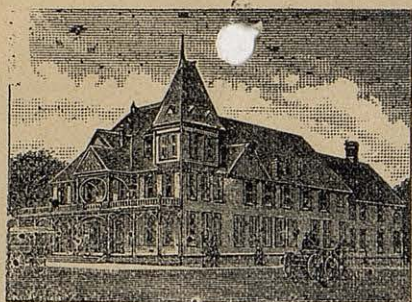
THE AMARILLO



J. M. KINDRED, PROP.

Amarillo, Texas, 5th / 2nd 1897

Dear George Mr Vanatta
thinks 3 & 4's too high but
O. H. Nelson says he will
take them I have given
Vanatta an option on two
hundred 2 year olds until
sep 1st at 27⁵⁰ his pick
out the herd Joe & Ally
brought up. Round up & let
him cut out 200 if you
can manage to mark them
by cutting the hair on tails
or let him cut 250 so
he can throw back fifty as
I wish him him to get
200 as good as we have
As they will be quite an
ad for the stock either
cut yourself as he directs or
let him have all George
and do his own cutting



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J. M. KINDRED, PROP.

Amarillo, Texas, 189

after they are cut put them
in south pasture keep
some cows and calves
with them as they will do
better on it if you think best
you may put them in
the east pasture when you
turn others out.

I would put out 250 -
I believe and keep them for
him by watching the fence
closely dont think you
will have any trouble

You can tell all about
the Bulls and cut side of
Ancient Britten & Peal you
can take your choice
you Father

C. Slaughter

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Dallas, Texas, 5/19th 1897

My Dear George I got back home on the 13th found all well - Bela is still improving but will be quite a while yet before she is herself. How did you and Van Patta make it. He is a pretty hard nut on a trade. I wrote him to Amantle that I would deliver him 800 to 1000 head in Chicago from Sep 15th to Oct 10th at 4⁰⁰ per hundred he telegraphed me when he got back to Amantle he would give me 29⁰⁰ per head for 800 his pick behind in August. But I refused him Nelson says he will take cattle 3⁰⁰ 4⁰⁰ at 30⁰⁰ dollars if Van Patta failed to take them. And I am inclined to let him have them with 10% cut back if he will put up 5000⁰⁰ on them. He may come out to look at them or may take them as they are

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of course I hardly know how many
to bind ourselves for but think 11 to 1300
Frank Jones took the best price we
can get for handle sters in the 6th
one load of cs sters weighed 1503 lbs
in L. City & sold for 4.70 pretty good.
& a good ad - J. B. Ford of Central
City Nebraska had in 132 of the 2nd
sold him last fall for Briskills bunch
at 11¹⁵ lbs in Chicago but 4⁵⁵ made
lots of money - I write this to show you
our stock is now pretty well adjusted
I am asking 26⁰⁰ for the 2nd - 10% cut
but rather think we will hold until fall
Before you get this the Hereford Bulls
will be at your place I told Bot
to tell you to take anything you wanted
as I knew it was very hard for any
Crommon to stand before this great herd
and not become a lover of the Hereford
breed of cattle. Protection is the finest
Hereford type I ever saw rather small the

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only objection can be forced to him Pearl
will be very large but not quite the 1st
type of P. - I now think I shall have
Pearl bred like Ancient Britton to himself
I write to John P. Gillett did not care for
the car load of Bulls this fall - I am very
busy and hardly think I will be out on
June the 10th but think you understand
what I want. Think you had better let B-
ulls go on to this ranch right away. Glad
to hear the 404 yearlings are good stuff
I don't suppose you let Van cut any
3rd Have some splendid letters from Judge
D Breeders saying the Bulls are the best
ever owned by one man I still think
the goodnight herd with the bulls are worth
1/2 million dollars to us I enclose letter
all given in love to you & wife &
children sorry indeed we could not
get to see them Yours in haste
Wm affie Feather

P.S. While cattle are up I believe
the time is to contract & sell
as they may go too high but
all indications are good so
far as I can learn for them
to remain high for at least
2 to 3 years you Feather

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Dallas, Texas, 5/21 st 1897

Copy of offer to O. H. Nelson
sent to George W. Shafter & Watson & Co

I hardly know just how many but George
w I think it safe to say 7 to 800 4⁵ 5 to 600 3⁵
12 to 1400 all 4⁵ Shafter & Co Cattle 350 to 400 of the 3⁵ but
of C. A. Goldsmith last spring all raised by neighbors
Hocky but not quite as heavy or well bred as the
co cattle Now I will sell you those cattle 12 to 1400
10 % cut on the co 20 % on the but cattle
Delivered Amarillo Aug 1 to Oct 1st if o b at 30⁰⁰
per head you to advance me \$6000⁰⁰ when Contracts
are signed you can have till the 1st day of June
to examine the Cattle provided you put up \$1000⁰⁰
to my credit in Metropolitan Bank & City as
a surety of good faith no said sum to
be returned if you don't wish the cattle if you
take them to be a part of the 6000 paid on
cattle as forfeit money I have told you
all I can about the ad think they are the cheapest
bunch in the Panhandle But would prefer you
look at them you can show them to you up to
4th of June but after that will go to Albrecht & Britton

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Now as we are to make our final sale
of the Schenck cattle on the 10th of June
I may be there myself at the time & should
you take cattle come out with George
this gives you 2 weeks after tomorrow
to look I am not anxious to make this trade
but not go back on you. If you buy
you must take all the 32 & 42 except
the cut backs I told you about. Hoping
you will soon sell the remainder of
Bulls & make me a final
statement of entire transaction I am
sincerely yours E. J. Gannon

George I send you a part of a copy of
letter to A. H. Nelson to City in regard to
our sters so that you will know if he
comes out just what I have said to him
it may not be a big sale but I am
wishing to cash it. I had a talk with
O. S. Her yesterday he said he had the balance
on Confield yearlings says he failed
to get water when he was being

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1428 cows
379 yrs
38

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379

When we were out but missed a couple
of miles east & is being again told
him I wanted to cut the cattle up more
then I told him before says they have put
in our pasture according their count 1807
of the cattle I have 50 bulls they does as
follows 1428 cows 23 up 379 ones etc 50 bulls
I told him I wanted to cut out first 300
yearlings 20 to cut out 200 tails & off
collars - then 30 tops full weight B 35 tops for
pearl and then 270 for Biter ones then 270 for
Gadgill & Simpson 270 for Shodland &
this would leave 428 about for Van Kattas
but etc but more of this if I don't
come out - I will write to Prot for you
I he my idea is to take out the
300 yearlings then 200 - of the off cattle
leaving 1300 to be divided up between
the 4 main purchases of Bulls
Redhead Shodland Gadgill & Simpson
Van Kattas etc all well you
after Father

P.S. Jack Alby Report 2800 Cattle

275 35 apr 25 ones 2 25 or 25

I think is the way I am not sure
Write me fully about Van's cut
also show Little Bulls

Yours Truly

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My Dear George your letter of the 18th to hand. Glad to hear the grand herd of Bulls arrived in safety etc. Your review agrees with my judgment pretty well. Pearl is the grandest individual bovine to my mind to his age according to his care probably in the world. Professor Briton is out of the same cow he and Pearl is half Brothers on mother side they both show both the short horn & Hereford in their make up - But Protection beats them all far from the only objection is his size and to my mind he is the best Hereford type in the lot and you should raise cattle like Pearl from him & your Gillett cows this first Cross is probably the best Beef animal that will ever be raised on the plains of Texas and by all means the best Bull in the lot for you

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However if they all live we may
all change our minds as to the
best bull in 2 or 3 years

While I admit the Shadeland bulls
now look the worst dont you go
back on them until you see their
get they are bred out of sight and
have many crosses that always took
the Blue Ribbons my opinion is they
have all gone through some disease
or sick spell as they are the only bulls
that have shrunken since I bat them
when they left Amarillo Harrier was
the worst looking bull not excepting
Sensation in the lot But he is out
of the mother of the Earl of Shadeland
22 and he has been a record breaker
all his days and like justice never
having been beaten while all are four
prize winners. He is in the lead both
father & mother has lots of blue
Ribbons

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Now at much cost of both
Labor and thought as well as expense
I have tried very hard to put
you boys to the front in the Cattle
business & hope you will
succeed in holding the fort at
the same time you will
have many jealous men to
try to knock you down & so
you must be careful of both
what you say & how you
act all while you
affire brother

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My dear George Mr Nelson
says he thinks of coming out
to look at our sties says he will
go over to Ancient Briton Ranch
with you I offered him all our
3rd & 4th as I wrote you at 30^{cts}
Think if we can had best sell altho
they may go higher - I guess I have
bot the F. pasture and now wish to
fix it up for the coming Herford
I doing my best to get off to
the Ancient Britons Breeding Ranch
on the 10th but cant get off now
before Monday the 7th and think it very
likely I will not be able to reach there
before the 11th However if they get ready
to cement you and Oxsheer can attend
to it I think But I will be there
any way by noon the 11th Oxsheer tells
me he failed to get water at New
head quarters but thinks he will
get it at another place

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 But I am fearful he will not be
 ready to divide up the cattle as I
 wish but if he fails to get all the
 pastures fixed in we can take out the
 300 yearlings and some 200 tailings or
 let the others all go together as all this
 trouble may not pay us no way as
 all the bulls are A. I. anyhow after
 we cut out 8 head to go with the tails
 my mind is to only get out the tails
 & mark them with an under bit so
 we will know them & let the others
 go say 1200 with 50 of the best bulls
 of course keeping only A. Burton & Pearls
 cows separate from the others that
 is should the pasture fail to suit
 the division we wish made
 all well and all join in
 Love to you and yours -
 Your Affectionate Father
 If you could arrange I wish you
 could take a couple of weeks and go

most through
 I wish to make a
 so much as I
 with me down to the 20 Ranch as I

If you possibly can arrange
come to A. B. Ranch prepared to
go with me & bob all over
as Ranch we will camp out
all the time and go from place
to place & give the whole
thing a thorough examination
Now is the time to understand
what we are working for in the
future we will take the little wagon &
stay at each place until we
master the situation & all our
work to one end.

Yours Feath
It will take 2 to 3 weeks

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Capt. Geo. M. Slaughter,
Running water, Tex.

Dear Geo:—

Yours of recent
date to hand. Contents fully
noted. Glad to have such
a good report from the
A. B. Ranch. Am truly
sorry to have to report
the loss of Bob's bull, Sensation
which I think was killed
by the long haul & extreme
heat. Suppose he has

written you though.
I fully think we are
extremely lucky so far
in only losing one of
the bulls. In regard to
the bull's eyes, we say
I think it is only
temporary & no doubt

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they will come out all
right as a large
percentage of all
bulls brought into the
state especially in sum-
mer months has more
or less affections of the
eye. Or at least this
is my experience. I
wish you would induce
Oxsheer to feed plenty
of Sulphur with the
salt & be very particular
in guarding his pasture
especially on the south,
as I am fearful
of the Mallett pasture.
I notice some cattle have
passed through the "5"
ranch are showing up
Texas Fever at Canyon City

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+ expect that part of the
S ranch will be
quarantined. I am
not fearful of these
cattle unless they have
dropped Ticks on their
travel through our ranch,
which, if they have,
will cause us trouble.

I have a telegram from
Mr. Olson of Lindsburg
Kansas, for a train of
good steers, but I wrote
him could not fill
unless he took 2 year
olds at 25⁰⁰ F. O. B.

Amarillo. Dick® leaves
for Bobs on the 1st
July, commencing his
work in writing up
the ranches, expenses,

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improvements, resources, no of
cattle, classes & age also all
liabilities ~~that~~ may real
& estimated. & will visit
your ranch also A. B.
ranch as well as long
S ranch etc. Presume
Bob will accompany him
to A. B. ranch about 1st
or middle of August, where
I would suggest that
you meet him & go through
a thorough examination.
This you can do by
correspondence with him
at Big Springs & take
him to your ranch &
give him facts in
regard to all matters
pertaining to the ranch
& its interests. Don't

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be fearful of giving him too many details, but give him all facts in a systematic way for our future guidance as our business has now grown to such large proportions that it is highly necessary to have notes for reference in black & white.

I shall leave for the north via Kansas & Nebraska about the 7th July & my address will be Holt Springs, S. D. after July 20th.

Yours aff father
CC Slaght

All well.

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Dallas, Texas, July 5th 1897

Dear George I today place to
your Church account 4,000⁰⁰ dollars
which gives you \$714⁸⁹ ahead
and also to your personal account
600⁰⁰ your salary up to July 1st
97 - which will leave your personal
account 323¹⁹ behind - I leave
for Council Grove Texas on Wednesday
the 7th from there to Kansas City, Mo.
and on to Hot Springs S.D. Your
mama is quite poorly she
is going through the change of life
and if I can get her through this
summer I think she will make
it all right but I rather fear
a hard spell of sickness before
fall - It seems to work more
on her mind than body but she
is getting quite well will leave
her at Emporia with her friend
Johnson until I look over Frank

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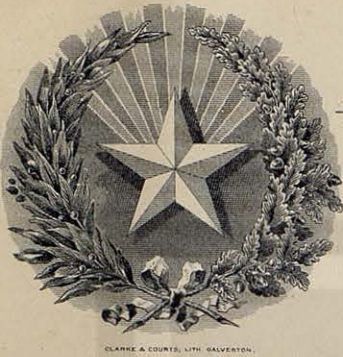
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Loved the cattle driver was down
here left yesterday getting our R. R.
matters settled up etc says he
is coming up to see you soon
E. Bick is out at Bob's writing
up the ranch under R. L. Christian
I will come to your place I
write up your order you I want
to see what your boys can do
without soap - etc Will I have not
gone into the red yet - as my
husband Nebraska folks are paying
in my mill - I wrote R. L. to ship
one train of cows before he came
up to your place if he could
write me at Hot Springs S. D.
after the 15th will be in the city
10th to 13th Midland Hotel
all well & all Mamma I hope with
sorrow write her all your love to
the children you and Almy you affection Father

p.s. think we should
corro better late in fall
jimmy hot down here
in Feather



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COUNTY AND DISTRICT CLERK,

CASTRO COUNTY,
TEXAS.

W. B. BEACH, CLERK.

Dimmitt, Texas, July 15th 1897.

Col CC Slaughter.
Dallas Tex.

My dear Sir & Friend - I have a patented Section of Land down on North Running-water Draw just North of Johnsons upper Wind Mill & only one Mile East from your farm. (that is the farm that you put up last year enclosing the Cox pasture). That I am anxious to sell. & will take \$100 per acre. the title is perfect & water is shallow, (only about 20 ft) it is Section #27 blk. 07. & I enclose you Co Map. showing your farm etc that you may see the location of said Land.

I am trying to put my Mother & the Children in a little home where the boys can get good schools. & I need money very badly & if you will take this Section you will be doing us a lasting favor, one that I shall try all my life to repay. If you can use this Section at all please do. or help me to sell it to some one of your friends for as I said before I need the money for my Mother & the Children.



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This is not any of my Fathers property. but some of
my own & hence the title is not impaired by the
minor heirs

As to Col I am trying to get into something
do you have any place where you could use me
I can furnish you references. & I dont care what
kind of work it is just so it will pay me enough
to live on & help keep up the family. for of course
you know my Fathers death left the family
entirely in my hands.

We are beginning to need rain a little just the last
few days. though grass is good.

Hoping to hear from you at your earliest
convenience & with best wishes I am.

Yours Very Respt.

The Red line on Map shows your. L. L. Morrison
fence & the Red dotted line running North shows Estes.
fence line. - Col, please do all you can for me
in this matter. & now thanking you in advance. I can make
you deed at once & send to you for your approval before you.
pay any money on it if you desire it will also furnish you with
abstract of title

Hot Springs S.D. July 22nd 97

Dear George I send you this letter so
that you can reply saying I am north etc
I really feel sorry for the boy & also Mrs
Morrison who I understand is in mourning
travelling boarders etc if you think we can use
this section to good advantage you may
offer Lucian \$500⁰⁰ for it provided he will let us
send Mrs. M. \$200⁰⁰ of it I say this not that

we want the section much but I think it is
worth that much any way & we might be
helping the family of our old partner in business
at a time they may stand in great need
of course we don't want Lucian's services at all
as he is nobody in my mind. etc you can
answer & look at the land if he wishes to
take the offer. \$300⁰⁰ is my price but
think we ought to go 500⁰⁰ on this. Mrs M is
real hard up & it will not doubt be assisting
the widow & children

The weather is fine & cool here both in first
class table better than when I last wrote
all well & hope this will find you well
you can write Morrison just what we
have said to you if you wish

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Hot Springs, S. D.
Dallas, Texas, July 29th 1897

My Dear George Frank Lovern
wiles me. He expects to start
down to your place either to day
or tomorrow and wishes I should
write you in regard to some 24th
olds he seems to think it advisable
to ship up a train if not 1000 of
them I presume from his letter
But ^{at once} I can't see how we can be
benefitted in doing so, at this
Season of the year; As it is not only
hot but the Kansas grass is now
tough and they would have to be put
on feed at once. after the middle
of August the grass in Kansas as a
rule is not as good as ours at
home and seems to me that we
don't want to bother our cattle until
about the middle of Nov. if we put them
up in Kansas and then put them
right on feed. But you and he can

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talk matters over and write me
I dont think we can afford to let him
have those steers for less than 27⁵⁰ to 28⁰⁰
dollars in head. As they will be worth 30⁰⁰ on
Jan'y 1st next and it seems to me we
had better hold them until about July
1st and then ship them up and feed
as we did this year, this is the best plan
I think to get the most money out of
them for both head and carcasses. However
we might try a train of them in the
latter part of October or first of Nov.
there is no place in my opinion they
will do better & grow more than on
your pasture. But Lowen is anxious to
handle them but on the other hand
we want the growth on them any way
until they are worth 30⁰⁰ in head, then
we can afford to let Lowen work on them
for the profits which is a good thing for
him since I began writing you of
the 24th

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be ashamed of but I cant tell
you much about on paper you
would have to be at Election to hear
took in the situation, of course I
refused to serve any longer on the
Executive Com. Bob leaves to night
for home we think now of taking
up one herd to you 20 and up and
take about the same no of two
months. I had a talk with Mother
told him to tell you that he would
always get meat and bread on the
CS Ranch to go to work and not
say much to you about wages but
you will have an understanding
with him told him would by his
stubs at what they were worth
Frank Jones of Council Grove may
come to look at your stubs no
money in him but he is well posted
in Kans and I told him under certain
conditions I would let him have 1,000

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Hot Springs S. D.
Dallas, Texas, Aug 18th 1897

Dear George Bot shipped 13 cars
one steers that nett 34⁵⁰ 3 stayed cows
nett-25⁸⁰ 9 open cows nett near 21⁰⁰
he had 4 cars stayed but they got mixed
and one unsold as open cows but
will make rail road pay the difference
steers 3⁵⁰ stayed 3⁵⁰ open 28²⁵-36⁰⁰
head brought \$8109⁹⁶ as you see our
stayed cows are worth fully 25⁰⁰
open fully 20⁰⁰ Had a letter from O. H. Peltier
says he is well pleased with cattle
thinks will be short in 4 year olds
wants the stayed cows in 2 year olds
In regard to the 2 yr olds I think we want
\$30⁰⁰ or hold them until we can get
it they will bring that or more in the Spring
and I dont think we care to sell them
until they are worth 30⁰⁰ If Van
Patta wants a car load of the 2 year
old heifers let him have them at
22⁰⁰ If he dont want to pay that let
him go -

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I have an offer for all our cattle up here with 10% cut back delivered in Omaha at 3²⁵ but refused it. Asked 4 cts per lb. 3⁸⁰ for shayed cows If our cattle up here gets good. Think they will go at 4 to 4²⁵ in Chicago first 36 to Omaha 41 to Chicago Nelson will make some money on his purchase. We ought to have plenty grass for all our 2 yr olds and dont care to sell unless we get a good price I shall leave here Sat the 31st for Chicago and look for a train of Cattle about the first of Oct. Think I had better remain in Chicago for 3 or 4 weeks. I think Lower had better wait until Feb. to take more steers. Cattle are in good demand almost everywhere so far as I can judge and we should be in no great hurry to sell our young cattle. O'Shea says about 800 calves will cover the Ancient B branding I am breeding the bull calves

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at 60^{cs} for delivery & think they
will sell for that price as well as at
lower prices if we can sell 300 at 60 say
\$18000^{cs} This will give us over 20% on the
investment which is good enough if
Nelson wants the shayed cows at 26^{cs}
let him have them unless the market
should show they are worth more but
you can ship them with your dry cows then
they ship the steers let Van Patten have his
200 steers at 27^{cs} but no more unless
he will give 30^{cs} - as they will make
no more interest than anything else
Add the Herefords bull calves at 60^{cs}
ship out your dry cows pretty clean
We have had a very good summer
up here & all seem to be doing well
Little Nellie swims nicely both on her breast
& back mama Janie & Carrie all swim
pretty well Hoping this will find you all
well & enjoying life I am your affec
tionate Father. Write me at Chicago

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FIRE-PROOF.

William S. Edon, Prop.
CHICAGO.

Aug 27th 1897

My Dear George This will be handed
you by Mr. Van Patta

Who is after his cattle while I
have decided not to sell any more
2^d at less than 30⁰⁰ ^{He} And really only
has an option on 200 head at the
same time you put in another
additional 50 head which gave him
to understand he could have the 250⁰⁰
if he should want them at the same
price \$27⁰⁰ and as it would look
rather small in us not to let him
have them I have decided to let him
take the 250 steers provided he wishes
them and one car of 2 yr old heifers
say 30 head at 22⁰⁰ This will make his
purchase about \$7455⁰⁰ which he can
make payable to you as you can
remit to the Am. Natl. Bank per my
Credit etc - I have wrote Frank Loder

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It
That he could have 3000 of the 2³
at 30⁰⁰ no interest on them until ¹⁸⁹
July 1st 98 and could take them at any ^{time}
we agreed upon that I would furnish
him with 4⁰⁰ in head cash to take care
of them But I thought he had better let
them stay on the ranch till Feb'y next
But as he wanted a sample of them
Now that Arthur could go down with
Naukatta and get 2 or 300 to come
with Nauk cattle as it would cost any
more to bring them up than Naukatta etc
If you have some dry cows to ship
I believe I would ship them at the same
time as they will show Calby later
you may send them to Campbell
Hunt & Adams Kansas City Mo -
I dont know what Fowler will do but
think he will take the Cattle and J.B.
Hord of Central City Nebraska will
take the others the same way on
joint account a half interest and think
this is the best thing for us in the long run

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Hard says he will go down this fall and look at the Cattle and I am sure he will take steers on the same terms that Lower does and he is a first class man I think They will both have to render me a monthly statement of Expenses etc. Lower has sold 96 head of his dehorned steers at 32⁰⁰ has 50 cuts in head to weigh them up this week to some Iowa feeders they are about the thinnest cattle he has - they were in the drought strip want weigh very much but it is a good sale. Think he will sell all he has at good figures. The market here is strong but is liable to slump any day for 50 or 100 lbs. But on the whole I look for a good fair steady market through the entire season as the feeders are bidding against the packers. Westerns are selling at 32⁵⁰ to 48⁰⁰ according to flesh etc. Our first train here since the 6th.

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FIRE-PROOF.

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CHICAGO.

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I think it advisable that I remain
here any way till the 10 or 15th of ¹⁸⁹Sept
As both seller & buyer will know
that I will know when our cattle comes
I will know what they are worth &
they are afraid to sell them below the
market value etc. — — —

Now Considering the fore going
suggestions as to what I think
of doing etc Brings me to Consider
another point of administering
our affairs - That is whether you had
better bring the other 2 year old steers
to Running Water or let them remain at
McKenzies Lake & Hendy pasture till
they are wanted As you know for the last
2 or 3 winters They have done better down
on the lower Ranch than with you Or
the other hand you are not going
to have many Cattle After you deliver
the Nelson and Van Natta Cattle & ship
your shagred cows & dry cows

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But not knowing how you 189

Montana Range will be as compared
with hands etc I am undecided
as to what orders to give and will only
say you had better figure this out on
this basis 1st the condition of both cattle
and range - 2^d the freight & the distance
to drive 4th the best results obtainable to
deliver in Feb - and if you think on the
whole it is better to leave them where they
are & bring them from there in Feb or
to go after them this fall if the latter the
sooner the better as this must be decid
soon as a rule you know cattle don't
usually do well moved in the fall
So think those matters over carefully
& act accordingly. This leaves all
well except myself and I only have
a bad cold - Bob is having trouble with
Jack Alby but hope they will fix it up
you affec Father

P. S. Van Patta says he
wants 2 or 3 loads of shayed
corn if so you can sell him
if you can agree of course
what he wants will go to
the market & all you
is the market price and
that you will have to guess at

shayed corns are
selling close to sturs
according to flesh - the highest
price hickus \$4.25 highest sturs
5.50 ^{medium} ~~medium~~ hickus 4.35 ~~hickus~~
4.50 sturs - good hickus of our
kind are 3.85 to 4.25 here so
you can figure a little for
this you ought to have some
good 4 you old. C. S. Leptis



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UNION BANK NOTE CO. N. C. MO.

KANSAS CITY, MO., Sunday 9/12th 1897

My Dear George as it is really too hot today to go out even to Church I thought I would have a little talk with you today. Although I have nothing of any great importance to tell you.

I remained in the great City of Chicago some 12 days but after ^{all} did not learn much of anything to promote our interest. I believe I wrote and predicted to you as soon as I arrived there the market was liable to slump 50% per hundred in 2 weeks which it did. At the same time situated as I was I made nothing for what I learned on this point. I believe I also wrote you I had made a mistake in not selling the entire lot of cattle at 3²⁵ behind at Omaha which I might have done had I tried. all with 10% cut etc. But Dal & Bud Driskill thought the cattle

P.S. As soon as you get this you had better go
down to Bob and see about bringing up the 2
yr olds so that Bob can put the yearlings in
Handys if best Take this letter with you so that Bob
can see it. Bob has the 22 mostly in Handys I think
But if you ~~think~~ think best let them remain
I think we can make it all ok if we even
sell on time you offer Father
to George & R. L. Slaght



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would be fatter than they had been in two or three years & if such were the case the sale would be a poor one for us so I took chances & as soon as I saw them the 6th of September on the market great big nice steers with no finish on them it was then too late to make the sale. When Van Natta was here on his way to Texas I could have sold him the incoming trains at 4 cents but if they should have been what they had been described to me they would have cost 4³⁵ to 4⁴⁵ so I could not do that he then said he was willing to pay 4 cents but after he found they had sold at 3⁸⁰ & the next at 3⁶⁵ he thought them too high at 4 cents in Chicago on the 8th he telegraphed me - Give lowest price in straight & two year olds George says about forty seven hundred - I wired him night message.



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3 d
on the 8 - Twenty nine fifty French
Can sell you 2 to 3000 straight & double
painted dakota stews at 45⁰⁰ he had
in Chicago on 4 cuts he lbs you often
answer quick. This he did not answer till
the 11th think prices in stews too high
of course he wired & found what they had
bot. I wanted to sell the 43 of course
I then wrote to J. B. Hord a proposition
to let me cut for fat only the next bunch
of stews that are to arrive at Bellfowshe
to ship say 10 to 12 cars for fat only and I
would let him have the ballance in bunch
gathered at 3⁸⁰ behind at his place Aurora
Mo at 3⁸⁰ he telegraphed me he would
give 3⁶⁵ and I am rather inclined to let
him have them and stop Driskill from
gathering any more this season unless
market reacts which it not likely to do
but I dont think it will go any lower
As you know they must steal them at Chicago



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They can feed such is my mind you
and Bob can raise and deliver and Dick
can look after the Kansas and Nebraska
men with myself I turn in for a
youngster and it seems to me on this plan
we can know what we are doing I have
the Kansas and Nebraska men running almost
a race with each other and Dick taking lessons

Hard says he will be down in October to
look at them. He is a close calculator I
is very reticent in his talk I don't see
where they can beat us much if we keep ed
with them - Lower is selling a few cattle
awful high thinks he will have to come
down some - he will be here tomorrow
and I will write you again how did you make
it with Van Katta - write me fully and absolute
me the exact No of cattle you turned over
to Lower. will bear for home 17 or 18th with lots
of love to all from all your affec Father

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Hope little Mimmie will soon improve
and regain her usual health
Bot will ship a train of cows
soon and then we will know
more about what you are worth
I would hold dry cows at 20[¢] & payed
at 25[¢] But I this one dollar more than
they are liable to ship out. Have
you heard anything from Van Patten
dont care whether he takes his
office up or not. Bot & Dick will
be up to see you soon. They will
want you to meet them at A. B.
Ranch CC says every thing all ok
and then think we are lucky as far
as not losing any bulls

This leaves no all well & hope
it will find you all the same
I am trying to take it easy nothing to
fret over your affue Father

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Conditions as follows. Deliver to him at
30th for head loan him money at
10 per cent to feed steers 30 days corn
and sorghum and then pasture them
he to have $\frac{1}{2}$ profits on them this sells
the cattle to go over until full and
then either ship or sell to feeders nothing
big in it but rather safe for 27th for
head on a month time etc

Mama says tell Alice she got her letter
and sends love to her and Baby as
well as yourself -

This leaves all well

Your devoted & affectionate
Father

P.S. told Walter to send you
 paper & envelopes by express as
 you did not come down
 Guess you are having a hard
 time just now with your
 cattle
 Your Feather

8975
 8260
 5115

8.
 9 1/2
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My Dear George I notice in one of your letters you asked me whether you should send to Clarenden after the 4 cows or not and did not answer - I would say to this that we want what 4 cows there may be down there and was agreed between Scharbauer and myself I should have them but my understanding that we are to pay \$25⁰⁰ per head for them except a few that he had sold us were to have them And as we are liable to be down there or at Pawhandle in February next it might be as well to go for them now or wait until then Suit your own convenience about that have you ever heard what was there and where they are I suppose Mr. S has some one looking after them and I think there is some or steers down there

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There is a general raid down at the
C's Ranch on leasing land and I expect
our free grass is gone and it is going
to cost us 7 to 10 000⁰⁰ more per year than
it has for several years - I shall leave here
Monday week at the 4th for the Big Springs
to have a talk and try to make some
arrangement with old man Evans etc
and after looking the C's range over shall
go to Tahoka Lake pasture it contains
about 140 000 acres with some 1600 acres
of Patented land owned in fee simple
mostly on the springs around the
water - the owner Mr A. J. Harris has
given me an option on this pasture for
30 days at \$ 8,000⁰⁰ cash and I am
almost sure I will take it and put
about 6000 one and two year old steers
there this fall Bob had to move all the
93 out of Hendys who has 2 to 3000 in the
snake now and I feel we need this

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grass for our cows and I think the Tokoka
Lake pasture the best I can get. They are only
paying 600⁰⁰ for an umbrella on it and it is
good one - and pretty well watered & sheltered
I am also trying to get an option on the
old Iowa pasture near Lubbock at 85 cents
per acre, 1/4 down 1/4 in 1 2 & 3 years at 60%.

Geo Loving had it for sale some time ago
at 100⁰⁰ per acre about 80,000 acres & he also
asked the magnolia to price their lands on
the head of Red River and if I get the option on the
Lubbock Lands will have you meet me &
examine it thoroughly but will let you know
later. In this great excitement over the Cattle
business we will have to meet the plungers in
both land and cattle and I wish to secure grass
and own it. If possible the market away off
sold 8 cars Dakota & aged hiefers 3³⁵ - 10 cars
stubs 3⁵⁰ and a few 16 head hiefers Omaha 2⁸⁵
nett less than 20⁰⁰. This leaves us all well
told of yellow jack you after Father

P.S. you will be taking cattle I send
this to Amarillo if Dick is still with you
he might stay & if you can you & he might
run down to Bobs about ~~the~~ the ⁴ th
and we could all look at ranges together
and compare our judgments etc
No news of interest let me hear
from you as soon as you get this
Yours Affly Stauffer

Dallas, Texas, Sept. 28, 1897.

Captain Geo. M. Slaughter,
Amarillo, Texas/

Dear George:--

Yours without date came to hand yesterday. We sent the cut of Protection to Brooks as you requested. I wrote Mr. Brooks from Hot Springs, S. D., which letter I presume you have seen, for a write-up in his paper, and will pay him 50 \$. I sent him order for cut off Ancient Briton, and would like to have it in the paper as well as Protection's. He ought to have the account of the pedigree of the other bulls, but dony know if you can give it soon. You might say we still have some JJ calves at \$60., if taken in November at the A. B. ranch, or Running Water when they will be weaned from their mothers-- &75. if kept till spring and delivered on Railroad, all to be Hereford colors and good cattle.

In regard to 2 yr/ old Spayed Heifers, would hold them at \$22., with 10 percent cut. In regard to the JJ steer calves I dont want to sell them. I wrote you a long letter the other day. I expect to leave for the S Ranch Monday morning, Oct.4. I expect to be at Tahoka Lake about the 7th, and if it is convenient you might drive down, and go to the ranch S. W. of the Lake 7 miles, about a mile North of the Colorado Road and wait for me as this is where I expect to put the two year old Steers;

but there is no compulsion about this. I am arranging to feed
the Montana Steers in Nebraska as I wrote you.

Your aff/ father,

Co. Slaughter

I enclose you a letter from Powell, which explains itself. You
may do as you think best about it.

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Oct. 30, 1897.

G. M. Slaughter,

Amarillo, Tex.

Dear Son:--

214
142

72
83

155

I have received your letter of the 27th this morning and have wired not to sell more than 60 early calves, Burns receives Nov. 5th. Thinking you were with me when I contracted with Burns to take 200 Bulls, 58 bought Bulls, and 142 of our own raising allowing you to sell 60 will make 202 out of 214 June branding, so have wired you not to sell more than 60, as I want 30 or 40 for Bill, and really wanted to send Lower 4 or 5. However I thought you might contract 60, but I expect Burns will pretty pick the herd for ourselves. After thinking the matter over I have come to the conclusion that we need the 142 bulls ourselves. Of course we could wait until the next crop, but owing to the number of cows we have I really believe it would be foolish to sell 142 bulls when we need them ourselves. Of course I expect to offer them for sale as soon as we can fill up from our improved bulls. I notice what you say in regard to Nelson grumbling in regard to the 4 year old straight "S" steers. This is no more than I expected and so said to you, but I don't think there is anything in the contract that binds for any number of four year olds or threes in the "S" brand, as I made the contract simply from our books. Now that the market has gone down to some extent he wants more fours, as they are worth more money.

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Let him do the talking and you stay by your contract and say nothing. Nelson has to let off a little wind anyway. When there is no money in it it is cheap.

With regard to Bob, will say it is impossible to catch him. I ordered him to take the cattle on the north side of the lake and hold till you came. I dont think he will get up there before the 2nd or 3rd. Will write him however at Grasslands to take the cattle on till he meets you, but doubt him getting it. If the cattle are even turned loose at Tahoka, I dont think it would be very much trouble for you to round up the 2000 head which no. will do.

I tried to trade with Evans in every way, and could not make a trade even by giving him \$5000. more than disinterested men might say it was worth, and shall use my best efforts to graze cattle on that ranch

Hoping that you will have success in delivering the cattle and that the weather will not be too severe,

I am, your affectionate father,

P. C. Slaughter

(Dictated)

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 27 1/2
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Let the talking and the story be over and say nothing.
 Let the talking and the story be over and say nothing.
 Let the talking and the story be over and say nothing.

This report to me, will say it is impossible to enter the
 I cannot say to take the report of the month of the year and hold
 Let the talking and the story be over and say nothing.
 Let the talking and the story be over and say nothing.
 Let the talking and the story be over and say nothing.

I tried to speak with him in every way, and could not make
 a single word he saying the word, none then interrupted me might say
 it was worth, and shall say of best efforts to make better of this matter
 saying that you will have success in delivering the matter
 and that the working will not be too severe.
 I am, your affectionate father,

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(Notated)

Plainview, Tex.

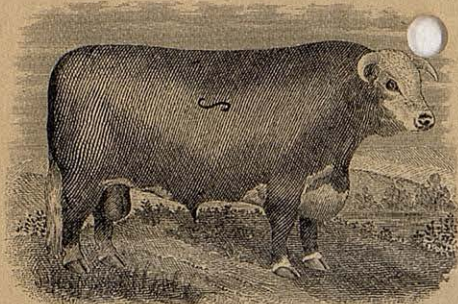
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My Dear Son:--

On my return from the great Baptist Convention, where the good Lord was with us, I find yours of the 6th on file in my office, and now hasten to reply. You say you went down to meet Bob, and learned from Oglesby that he would not be in till later, and the cattle not before the 9th, and as you had to deliver the heifers, you went back with Green, leaving Charlie to take the cattle up, which was alright. I hope you will deliver your heifers without further trouble. It is alright to take the cows and calves up, if you wish to, and ship them off, or at least I have no objection. You say you found the cattle in Tahoka, traveling the fence, etc. Will you please tell me where you found the jogs in the fence. If you found any, you beat me. You say you told Chas. to settle them. That's alright; it is true there ought to have been some cows and calves put with them, but the fact is that the yearlings would not have been satisfied at the start had they been put in a clover field. You say they look like cattle in the Kansas City yards. Now, did you see those cattle or did you surmise or hear this. Did you go to the "jogs", or did some one tell you of them? You say that you were satisfied the cattle were in good shape when put there. I can tell you they were not in such good condition, or I would not have hastened to move them. I am only turning you over a little about writing when I don't think you saw them. I take it that in the case of the cows, you heard they were looking awful bad. Don't you know those cows could not look awful bad the next day after the calves were weaned. You say the calves were dandies, and I expect that if you had seen the cows as well, although they had to be brushed pretty heavily, you would have written differently. I have a letter from Burns saying we lost Bishop Horn no. 50, one of the best of the Gudgell and Simpson bulls. I don't know of any cause to assign his death to. Yes, you got away with Nelson pretty good, and I think Van Natta too, which I think you are capable of doing any time, as you are a calm cool trader, and I am awful glad of it. I think you did well to get off your tailings. They brought nearly as much as the top used to bring. You might tally again, if you can; Yes, you had better take the white faced steer calves, and ship them to Lower. You had better wean all bald faced calves that are old enough. Some are too young to wean. I want you to keep and winter the bull calves, or sell them at \$60. You may send a half dozen bull calves to Lower with the steer calves, if the cars run right. I have a great Inquiry about calves, and could sell thousands if I had them. Go to Burns when you can. Lovingly yr father,

CCSlaughter



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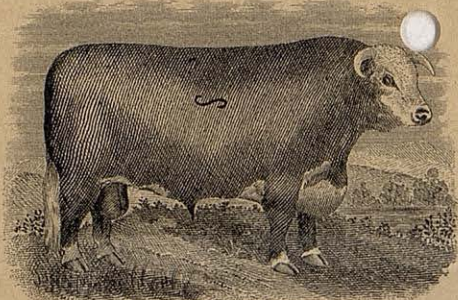


Dallas, Texas, Dec. 10, 1897.

My Dear George:--

I have just received a letter from Bob, dated the 7th, in which he gives a splendid report of the cattle over the range, and especially at Tahoka Lake, from which place he has just returned. He says the cattle are looking better than when they were put in, and there is plenty of water and grass, which latter has been but very little damaged by the numerous fires of late. I am bothered no little about feeding the bulls down there. In fact it seems my grain will cost 46 ¢. I will feed at that, if I cant do any better. I enclose a letter from Dalton, wanting some bulls, and have written him that if you had 10 bulls (good ones) unsold, you could ship him them when you shipped at \$75.00. I dont know what you have, but if you can, send him 10 good calves when you ship the steer calves to Lower. Lower says he is ready for them. I expect that you had better ship them as soon as possible, for they wont do to go with the "S" steers in February. Anyway you had better take time and not hurt them. Ship at least one car-load of the best, say about 50, and put from 1 to 5 bulls (calves) to him. Dont ship to ~~him~~ Dalton unless they are good. I want him to have 10 good bull calves.

Bob shipped 750 cows last week, 27 cars, 9 to Chicago, 9 to Kansas City, and 9 to St. Louis. The returns showed that the average net price was \$22.29 per head. There was one car-load of young steers. It seems that people are still wild on cattle on the range. The



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and the Curry-combs calves were sold the other day for \$19.00. They are nothing extra, yearlings in the spring. I think I have arranged our cattle on the lower ranch to winter fairly well. I have ordered 1000 head to be put in the Evans pasture. They are very stubborn and hard to handle. They threaten a great deal but dont think it will amount to much.

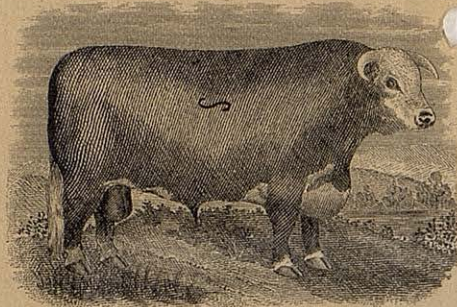
Ed and I are hard at work trying to get our bearings. The office is moving slowly, as we have an immense correspondence. How many steers did the boys take up, and how are they doing? If you cant write tell me at Christmas.

XXXXXXXXX DONT FAIL, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, TO BE AND APPEAR, WITH YOUR FAMILY, AT THE SLAUGHTER MANSION, ON OR BEFORE THE 25TH OF DECEMBER. A FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE SUMMONS WILL THROW YOU UNDER THE PENALTY OF HAVING YOUR FATHER MOTHER, BROTHERS AND SISTERS APPEAR WITH A LONG FACE AND A GREAT WRINKLE OF SORROW, WHICH YOU WILL CONSIDER A GREAT ~~BENEFIT~~ FINE. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

With love, your father,

C.C. Slaughter

P. S. You had better look out for some corn for your horses if you think best. C.C.S.



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Dallas, Texas, Jan. 25, 1898.

Capt. Geo. M. Slaughter,
Plainview, Tex.

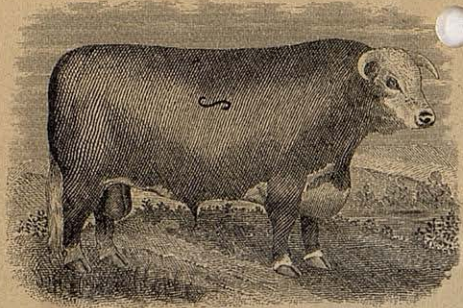
Dear Son:--

We are still very busy at the office getting things straight on last year. We are getting everything in very good condition. On looking over my old notes, I find the Dennis Rice Note for \$350.00 secured by deed of trust to Cooper, etc., all of which you can see for yourself from the enclosures. This deed is not recorded, but suppose there is no other deed upon the property. I want you to get this land. Write to Dennis Rice, and tell him you are willing to cancel the note if he will make you a deed to the land. If he refuses have Cooper seal the land at auction, and buy it in for the value of the note with interest. We want this land, as it is valuable, and is certainly worth \$1.00 per acre.

Dalton says there were some steers among the calves sent him. How about this. I am now at work on the Land matter Oxsheer and I were talking about when you were down here. This is of course between us. A word to others would ruin us.

I have letters from Lower and Hord wanting to know when to come for their cattle. I told them to correspond with you.

Will send you your draft book, paper, and stamp in a few days
~~probably~~



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probably this week. Your drafts are clear and business-like, and I want to compliment you on them.

John. B. S. tells me you sold one of his steers to Nelson. Is this so? I gave him \$26.00 for it. Was that right?

Am glad you had some snow. We are having beautiful summer weather here now. I am fearful that Feb. will be a very bad month. Hope you will succeed in curing Harvester.

Burns says the calves have quit dying.

This leaves all well, and hope you and yours are enjoying good health, I am,

Lovingly your father,

C. C. Slaughter

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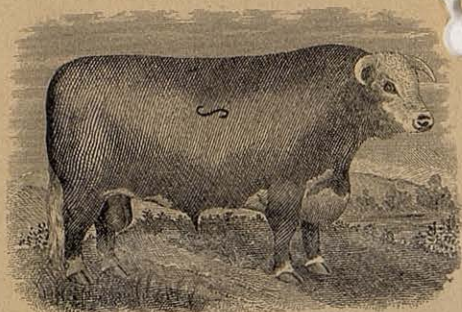
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is only a suggestion. You will have to watch Lower pretty closely, as he will want to get all the best steers. I want Lord to have an even break with him. I want to treat them both the same. I want you to take all the coming threes, and up, that you have on the ranch. I believe you understand that.

Lower made his first sale on the 26th. 40 steers, dehorned, weight 1425, brought 4.75, net \$85.58. They weighed June 1st, 787 pounds. They came within 5¢ of topping the market for Natives. The panhandle steers are not so bad after all, are they? The Brevers Telegram had quite a nice article about the sale. They did not make us much money, but will advertise the Long "S" cattle.

I am still pulling away on the land trade you heard Oxsheer and I figuring on. I now have \$8,000.00 out on the proposition. He thinks now he will finally get 250,000 acres. I am ~~in~~ of the opinion that it is one of the best ranches in the state that can be obtained in a solid body. The fact is, it is about the last chance. If I succeed in getting this ranch, and live long enough to improve it right, I desire to make it an insurance policy for my children, undivided, and indivisible, until the death of the last one of my family. I think it is the best policy I could leave my children as it will be yielding a profit all the time. It will be one of, if not the greatest legacy, ever left in a family.



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to a family in the nation. It will be the greatest blood-preserve on earth. I am trying to leave a sterling character to go with it, as I think a good name is the most priceless heritage a man can leave.

I have a letter from Bob, who says the cattle are thin, but strong. He has been over the range, and has only found two old cows dead, and 7 yearlings killed by the wolves. The winter so far has been a great blessing on our business, as I was a little fearful our losses would be heavy, but now think they will be light.

Jack Alley writes that Tahoka Lake is alright, and that the cattle are doing well.

With much love to you, Allie, and Buster, I am,

Your loving father,

C. C. SLAUGHTER,

By *E. C. Slaughter*

Give Buster a hearty kiss, and a cordial hug for his old Grandpa.

C. C. S.



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Dallas, Texas, Jan. 31, 1898.

Capt. Geo. M. Slaughter,

Amarillo or Plainview, Tex.

My Dear Son,

I have just received yours dated the 28th, and note with pleasure all you say. I presume your cattle are alright, as you say nothing about them. I am glad to know that your two bulls are doing so nicely. Am pleased that you give me the details concerning what you are feeding. Am always glad to get full reports from the ranches.

Dont you think you are a little n early to begin work on the 7th.? I would not begin before Feb. 14th or 15th. The 15th would give you ample time to get the cattle all shipped before the 22nd or 25th of Feb. You must remember these cattle begin to cost money as soon as they leave the ranch. When I crowded you for time, I did not think you would begin before Feb. 15th. Of course you may look for a storm about that time, but I think the storm is not likely to come before the 25th. Hord begs for a later time, and Lower has all the cattle he can very well attend to, so I would say dont begin work until the 15th. This will give you ten days before the 25th. I want them to be ready to load the 25th. I will so write Lower and Hord. This is my candid judgment.

Lower wants to come by here and to go from Colorado City to your ranch. I dont see why you cant write him that you will meet him at Burns about the 10th to the 12th, and take him up with you. However this



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obvious, as it is well-known that it is an easy matter to raise the amount of a draft, if written in lead-pencil.)

(2) All bills and all accounts for labor must be paid in full each Quarter. In settlement of bill or account for labor, write plainly on line above "Pay to the order of", the date of the following Quarter. For instance, suppose you contract a debt for merchandise with Brennand & Gary, on Feb. 15th. In drawing draft for payment, write on the first blank line the words--"On April 1st, 1898". But if they should rather be paid at once, then deduct 2 o/o from face of bill, and write the words "At Sight", or leave the blank as it is. If the bill was made in January, and they desired immediate payment, deduct 2 o/o. If immediate payment is desired in March, deduct 1 o/o. So in payment of labor accounts. In no case are you to allow any bill or labor account to run over the Quarter without making draft in payment of same in full to the date of that Quarter.

(3) In the lines beginning with "For", state fully as possible for what account this money is paid. In case of payment of bill of goods, for instance, write "For Groceries for Branding Outfit, as per receipted bill attached". In case of labor, write, for example, "For Labor with Tanking Outfit, one month, Jan. 15 - Feb. 15, with 2 o/o discount for sight draft".

(4) Never allow anyone to use your drafts, and never use them



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yourself for the payment of any but Ranch Expenses. It is my desire to accustom everyone to the sight of Ancient Briton on my checks, letter-heads, etc., so that in time it will be so indelibly associated in mens' minds with the name of C. C. Slaughter, that it will pass current as my trade-mark, and drafts with this "cut" of the Champion Hereford on their face will be as ~~good~~ good as my signature.

When your drafts are getting low, notify this office, and a fresh supply of the drafts will be at once forwarded to you.

Trusting that these instructions will be faithfully complied with, and that you will endeavor to help me in my attempts^{to} to systematize my business, I beg to remain,

Very Sincerely,

C. C. SLAUGHTER,

By *E. Dick Slaughter*



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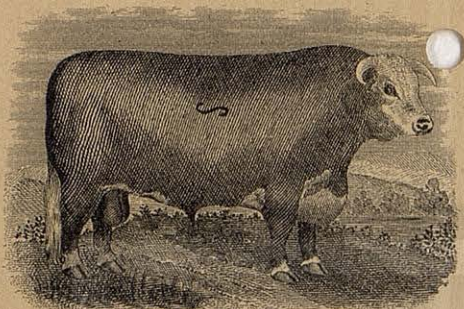
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Dallas, Texas, 2/14/98.

Dear Son:--

Yours of the 7th received and contents noted. I think you have made splendid arrangements for taking your steers up, and believe you can now take them up without hurting them and without great expense. Of course the feeding will make them stand their shipment much better. In regard to the time you had selected, so far as moonlight is concerned it was very wise, but on the other hand, the cattle were getting along nicely, and I wanted them to stay on the ranch so long as they were doing well. They cost us money as soon as they leave the ranch, and this cost will continue to the middle of May. We have usually been a little late in getting them off, and I think that the latter part of Feb. is the best time. You may have a storm about the 15th; if so, hold up for a day or two. After you begin the work, go on until you finish. Your statement concerning the indebtedness is alright. Lower was here Saturday, and left yesterday morning for Colorado City. He will go through as I wrote you before. Should the 14th look stormy, you can hold another week, if you want to. If you have any storm in February, you will probably come about the 15th. We are getting along nicely here in the Office, and also with the paper. I shall write to Oglesby to report on the condition of the cows in the Ancient Briton Ranch. Alley says the cattle are alright with him. Bob says the cattle are standing the winter well, but are in need of water. We had



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a good rain here last night, and the weather is warm. Lower sold on Feb. 1st, 41 head dehorned steers weighed 1386#, brought \$4.65. Feb. 10, 16 horned steers, weighed 1329#, brought \$4.40. Same date, 47 head speyed heifers, weighed 1112#, brought 4.15. Feb. 11, 72 head speyed heifers, weighed 1066#, brought \$4.15.

With love to you and Allie, and a kiss from old Grandpa to Buster,
I am, your loving father,

C. C. SLAUGHTER,

By E. Dick Slaughter

Hord — 1000 —
W. H. Thomas, Jr., Pres. No. 3132. C. L. Gannon, Cashier.
Silver — Balance #

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Capital \$ 200,000.

Surplus \$ 150,000.

Dallas, Texas. 2/21st 1898

Capt J M Slaughter & Co ^{Hds}
Amarillo Texas

Reply to yours of recent date
will say Hord holds contract
for one thousand head of being
3 year old steers and lower is
to have the ballance supposed not
to be less than fifteen hundred head
I was under the impression you
understood this fully as we talked
it all over xmas - They both take
the cattle on the same terms lower
has always had them namely 30⁰⁰
per head F.O.B. 1/2 interest I wrote you
if Hord wanted his at Pan Handle
to quietly take them over for him
Kenedy the live stock agent of the
F. & W. Denver and I talked this
matter over in my office He
promised if he got the lower cattle
to see that they got off in good

W. H. Thomas, Pres.

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Shope said it would do him a great harm as a new agent if he did not get the lower cattle etc - I told him you was a great friend both to him and the good but I was of the opinion it cost no money etc - Now you must see that Hord gets a fair cut on the cattle I feel that I am letting those men have the cattle at a less price than they could be sold for in cash but as they only get $\frac{1}{2}$ of the profits I think it a good sale for us in the long run. Should Hord object to the cattle then in that case let Lovers have them all now I think I have made this plain to you

This bears all well you agree
Halter

Graham of Ft Worth showed me the other day asking if would sell coming 2nd at 28th I told him yes no commission

W. H. Thomas, Pres.

No. 3432.

C. E. Gannon, Cashier.

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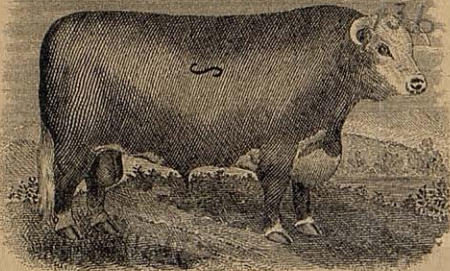
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What do you think of the
Jim Carter Land North & N.W.
of us some 80,000 acres -
I believe I could buy it at
12⁵/₁₀₀ per acre and put in the grape
vine horse ranch at 20⁰⁰/₁₀₀ per acre
on the deal - I am not sure that
is more than 56,000 acres of the
Carter lands. They lay North & East of
Capital Syndicate fence not quite
solid body or at least there is a
block in the middle of those lands I
saw the map at one time but don't
really remember just how it does
lay - some time I wish you to look
at it and find out about water
rights etc if 56,000 at 12⁵/₁₀₀ would be
70,000 our grape vine 7,700 at 20⁰⁰/₁₀₀ =
154,000 would leave 54,600 - could be
earned - at 6% ann look it
up & let me hear from you



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C. C. Slaughter,

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HERD OF THE WORLD.



Dallas, Texas, April 6, 1898.

Capt. Geo. M. Slaughter,

Plainview, Tex.

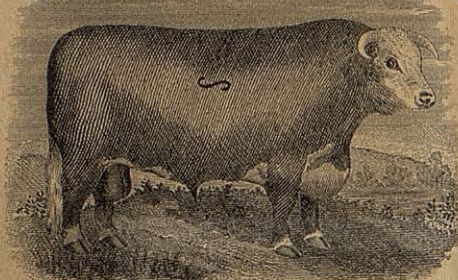
Dear George:--

Reports to this office show that we are losing lots of cattle, especially on the old "S" range, the worst losses being at Sulphur. Oglesby says he estimates at least 1,000 at that place, and if he is right, our loss on the old range will be 1500 or 2000 head. Alley is losing some at Tahoka, some 75 to 100. At Rattlesnake, he says they are doing better, also at Anderson's. At these places we are not losing so many, account of recent light showers. Ward's and McKenzie's seem to be doing the best of any. And this will continue for some time yet as the weather is both dry and cold. When it turns warmer there will be no moisture to bring the grass. The thing we need now is warmer weather and rains. I have had Sulphur fenced to keep the cattle from bogging, but poverty is the main cause, and the worst of it is we cant do anything for the cattle, so will have to grin and bear it. Hord is putting in his steers slowly. 1425# at \$4.75--pretty good. Lower says he is having too much mud. By the way, if it dont rain before May 1st, I think we had better send our three-year-olds to Lower, if he can get good pastures. I fear a bad drouth somehow, this summer. I paid your \$5.00 subscription to the Ross Monument Fund.

Lovingly your father,

C. C. SLAUGHTER,

By *Erick Slaughter*



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Dallas, Texas, 4/23/98.

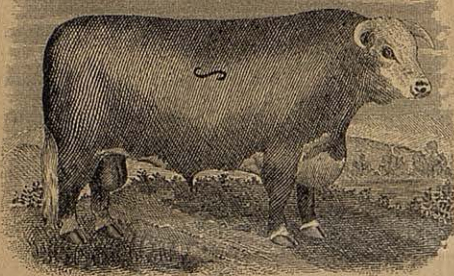
Capt. G. M. Slaughter,
Plainview, Texas.

Dear George:--

Reports at this office show that we have had enough rain over all the ranches to start the grass well, although there is as yet very little surface water. The catt~~le~~ have stopped dying, and we will be alright if we can get some more rain soon. The latest report from the old Long "S" cows near the Ancient Briton Ranch is that only 135 dead have been counted, and I am well satisfied we will not lose more than 200 at the outside figure. There were 1900 of these old cows sent out there last fall, and I consider this a very small loss. It is reported that a close examination of the Whitefaces shows a loss of 34. This is also a very small loss. Jack Alley reports that he has seen 60 dead, and does not think that the loss on his ranch will be over 100. Oglesby has not yet reported full loss on the old range, but from his letters would judge that 1500 will cover. I figure the loss to be about 2000 on ~~the~~ all the ranches, or 5 o/o of entire stock. Burns has lost 14 out of the 200 bulls at his farm. But for the rain coming so early, our losses on all the ranches would have been two or three times this amount. Bob left Wednesday morning for the ranch, from which he has been absent since March 7th.

Mr. A. J. Barker
1 month 6 days to home
Barker 344 in
as much as having
with the state
all back out
in paid
G. W. Hays

Report at this point that we have had enough
rain over all the range so far, although there is
as yet very little water. The cattle have been
we will be able to get some more rain soon. The latest report
from the range is that the cattle are doing well and that only
the dog has been killed. I am well satisfied we will not lose
more than 2000 at the end of the year. There were 1000 of those
now left on the range, and I consider this a very small loss.
It is estimated that a close examination of the witnesses shows a loss
of 2000. This is a very small loss. The Alaska report that he
has made is good, and does not think that the range is a ranch will
be very good. He has not yet reported full loss on the old range.
But from his latest report he says that 1500 will cover. I think the
loss to be about 2000 on the old range, or 500 of entire stock.
There was lost 1000 of the 2000 cattle at the time. But for the
loss so early, our losses on all the ranges would have been two or
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Jack Alley says he will begin work on dehorning the cattle about May 1st, when he will begin work on your cattle; consequently, I think you had better round-up all the horses you can possibly work, get an outfit together, and go down to Alley's about May 5th, to begin rounding-up and dehorning. As soon as you are through, you can drive home. I write to Alley to-day to get ready and look for you about the 5th. I want you to cut back 1000 steers when you start. Cut the smallest threes and the largest twos, and leave them at Jack's. These are to go to Bill's with the 1000 heifers. I want Jack to assist you, and you him until you get off. Dehorn all the steers. Think you had better use turpentine, cheap oil and carbolic acid, mixed, as a swab. You had better carry along 10 gallons each of Turpentine and oil, and 2 gallons of Carbolic Acid. What you dont use, leave with Jack... I think this is better than to have Jack get up an outfit, for your horses will have nothing to do after this but watch the fence. I see we are in the war at last and if you do have to go, send your foreman with wagon to Jack's. Market is a little off on heavy cattle,-----

With much love, I am

Your loving father,

C. C. Slaughter.

E. C. Slaughter

W. H. Thomas, President.

No. 3132.

J. Gannon, Cashier.

At home
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Dallas, Texas, April 30th 1898

Dear George Nothing from you lately I wrote you some time ago in regard to going down to Johoka Lake pasture about the 5th with your outfit to assist him in skinning and delivering steers etc I shall leave Monday for Norfolk Va. to attend the Southern Baptist Convention & will then run up to Washington D.C. to see if there is any prospects for making some money by getting a contract with the U.S. to feed the Army with fresh beef etc

I think I will be back here 13 to 15 & will probably go out about the 20th of May. I expect to let W.B. have 1000 hifers & 1000 steers he has had good rains & thinks his grass will be fine if it is the Cattle I mean steers will be

As. J. Dent.

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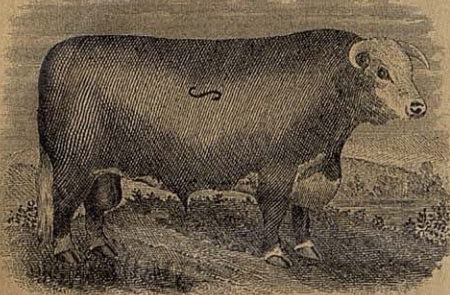
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Not far from Liberal Hangers and can
be sold this fall for good money
to feeders I wrote you to cut smallest
3 @ largest 2¹/₂ for him so that we
could sell them this fall I am
not sure we would do fully as well
or perhaps better to have topped the
steers for him but as yet do as
I first said if they do real well they
will go off all the way

Asheer is still working. in the hard
deal has now 16 hangers I think
20 - Quite a little war talk here I
see Smythe is to be Col of 3rd
regiment of Texas Volunteers here
Bran rather anxious about what
you are going to do as Col Smythe
will no doubt want you

This leaves all well. Sending
Dick to night to check up both Ford
& Lower you after Father



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C. C. Slaughter,

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CHAMPION HEREFORD

HERD OF THE WORLD.



Dallas, Texas, April 30, 1898.

Mr. Geo. M. Slaughter,
Plainview, Texas.

Dear Sir:--

I leave Monday for Norfolk, Va. to attend the Southern Baptist Convention, and thence to Washington on private business, and will return to Dallas on May 15th. I have instructed the Bank to pay your drafts, but I request that you withhold drafts except on necessary and important matters, until my return.

The fat cattle market is off 15 to 20 cents per hundred, though this appears to be only a temporary "slump".

Reports from all Ranches show cattle in good condition, and I am well pleased with the management of my business in the hands of my capable managers.

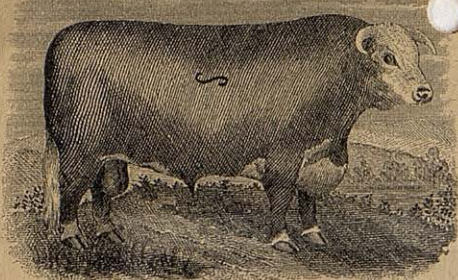
Respectfully,

C. C. Slaughter.

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20 Johnny



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Dallas, Texas,

May 19th, 1898.

Mr. G. M. Slaughter,
Grasslands, Texas.

Dear Son:--

Replying to your favor of recent date, will say, I think your report on dehorning is first class. The rain was certainly fine for you and your cattle, and I am satisfied that it will make the grass good. Yes, I am satisfied that dehorning has come to stay, and it will be a great improvement on the cattle, and, after thinking the matter over thoroughly, I believe Tehoka Lake Ranch is the best place to dehorn. I am anxious about the flies, and I would advise that you keep close watch over the cattle and keep them under herd a few days after you get home, as the worms in the head are very bad. I want you to dehorn all the steers while you are at it, and when you get through I want you to cut 1000 good steers, small \$ Threes and ~~smallxxx~~ large Twos, a smooth lot, out for Bill and leave them there. Or, if you think best, top the whole herd for the largest cattle for him. This I leave with you. The first order is really for a top, as these 1000 steers will be for sale this fall. Bill surely has a good place for them near the railroad, and not far from Liberal, Kansas, where freights are cheaper. Therefore I think you had better give him the top of the herd. I know you don't like to do this, but I believe it is for our best interests. However, all depends upon the season. By taking the top 1000 and leaving them at Jack, they ought to get a good start by the time Bill will be there. To-



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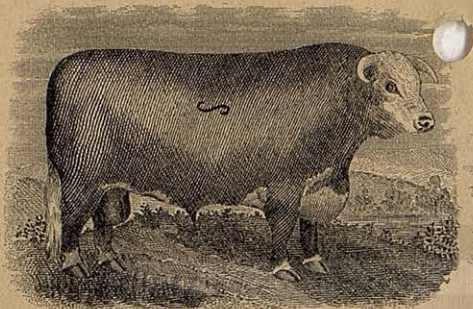
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day I order him to be there the first week in June. ^(In fact June 5) Bob is getting ready to turn the heifer yearlings, as well as the other yearlings, over to Jack by the first. He is gathering them now into Rattle-Snake pasture. I have ordered him to move all the cattle from Rattle-Snake up to Evans pasture, and then to cut out all steer yearlings, with 1000 heifers for Bill and take to Jack's. Jack will then cut out 1000 heifers for Bill, and gather the 1000 steers left for him and see him off. He will then dehorn his yearling steers. I have ordered Bob to dehorn all steer calves as they are branded this year. He has already dehorned all bulls at Old Pete's. So we are now "dehorners", and let it prove to be good or bad, we are trying it by the wholesale. Evans failed to settle with Bob, and I expect to eat the grass in the pasture even if I have to do it by suit. I am running a fence from Sulphur Draw to the Magnolias.

Letter from Burns says Ancient Briton Ranch is dry. This was written on the 11th. No green grass there as yet. I am sorry he moved the bulls. You did right about the yearlings. I wanted them to stay at Burns' until Jack gets Bill off. Then I want Jack to keep the 23 and take the 100 to Ward's, but will write him further if I can't come up. I don't want to put the bulls with the cows before June the 25th. I had intended to come up right away, but I have been detained here trying to get a government contract to supply the troops in Cuba with beef. Gen. Stoddard is trying to get it for me. Our strongest compecitor so far is



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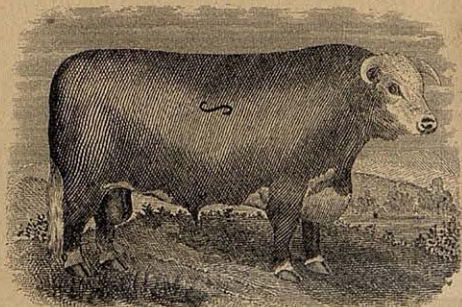
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Shanghai Pierce. Stoddard is now trying to compromise with Pierce, and will offer him a part interest in our contract if he will not compete. The Government wants 75,000 pounds of net beef ~~today-in-Cuba~~ per day in Cuba, 180 to 200 cattle. I have offered to put them there at 6⁴/_{gross}, or 12 cents net. I don't know whether I will get the contract or not. I will buy the cattle in Southern Texas. If I get the contract I can't say when I will come up. I have ordered Bob to send the *J* bulls and our old white-faced bulls, 75 to 100 in number, with 400 or 500 oldest cows at Ward's wells, up to Oxsheer's to go with the other old cows. C. C. Will take this herd up, starting June 1st. I intend to sell this herd this fall if I can. I think I will drive it to Bill's, and probably through to Western Kansas and let Lower dribble them out by retail, or, in other words, I want to cash them.

As to the management of your herd from Jack's up, I have no instructions, except to graze them through and watch the worms, and when you get home I would again top the herd for 1000 and put them in your beef pasture and let the others run on the creek. I now have an idea of handling the whole of the two-year-olds this fall, but can't say positively. I am trying to push things as fast as possible.

I had a long but a pleasant trip to Norfolk, Va. to the Southern Baptist Convention. I got there Thursday, the day before the Convention was called to order. I took a vessel and went down to Old Point to see



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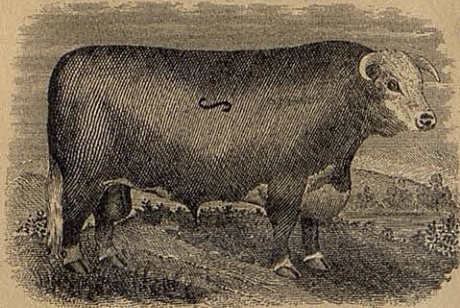
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Dallas, Texas.

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our Flying Squadron under command of Schley. I saw the first class battle-ship Massachusetts, the second class battleship Texas, the armored cruiser Brooklyn, each one the first in her class in the world. I tell you the old Massachusetts looked just like the devil with his boots on. I changed my mind in regard to our navy. I believe the safest place during this war is on one of these first class battleships behind 18 inches of Harveyized steel.... Friday morning the Convention was called to order, and when I looked at that great convention of American Baptists I tell you it made me feel mighty proud of my religion. There were assembled thousands of men whose names are household words, congregated together for the service of Almighty God. In the election of officers, President Harrellson, and old Vice-President Hinchman, the only survivor of the original founders, were elected by acclamation. Then began the fight for the three vice-presidents, and to my utmost surprise, Dr. J. B. Hawthorn, formerly of Atlanta, and now of Nashville, nominated for one of the Vice-presidents, Hon. Col. C. C. Slaughter of Texas. He was seconded, in a very fine speech, by Dr. Carter Jones of Kentucky. The 12th nominee was ex-Governor Northern of Alabama, who declined to run, withdrawing in favor of the Texan. The three names getting the highest number of votes cast were to be elected respectively 2nd, 3rd and 4th vice-presidents. The election was by secret ballot. On the announcement of the result, my name was read first, and I had the honor of receiving the



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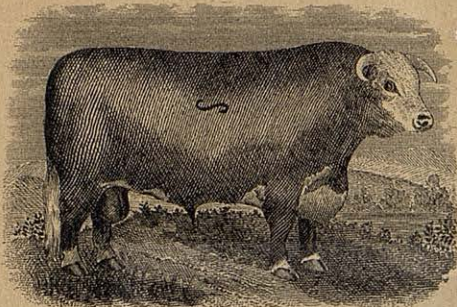
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Dallas, Texas.

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highest vote ever cast for a nominee for this office in the history of the Southern Baptist Convention. Not a single vote was recorded against me. That evening I was called to the chair, made a little speech of thanks, and I tell you I felt mighty little before those three thousand great men. Our pastor, Mr. Truett, was called upon to reply to the speech of welcome, which he did in such a manner as to capture the Convention, and was elected to give the opening address next year at Louisville, where, if possible, I want you to attend. J. B. Gambrell was elected President of the Educational Society, founded by John D. Rockefeller, and which directs his magnificent gifts. So you can see Texas sure enough hypnotized the Convention. Our paper is spoken of very highly up there. Our mutual friend, Dr. Hayden, was not recognized at the Convention. The last great thing that he has done was to bring suit against me and 34 other Baptists, claiming \$50,000 damage for crushing out his paper, and \$50,000 damage for interfering with his peace of mind, causing him to lose sleep, white-washing his hair, and racking his nerves.

Dewey's victory did not stop the war, and no one can tell where it will stop. It may end up in a life and death struggle between the combined world and the English speaking race. I think your decision regarding the war is right. Let those go who are over anxious, but when the country needs you, get a company of rough riders and go at it.



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As soon as convenient, Dick and I will start in at Midland and give the ranches a thorough examination, when I will see you. We will start about the 25th of this month, unless I get the Government contract, when I will probably have to go to San Antonio to buy cattle.

Dick has just returned from a two weeks from Lower's and Hord's. He reports that he had a fine time and that the cattle are all right. He says the Ancient Briton calves are the prettiest bunch he ever saw, and should top the American market.

You may write me fully as you can how your cattle class up, and how many you start with. Go slow and steady. This letter is for you and Jack, and you will let him read it.

All are well at home except Nellie, who has the measles, but she is getting along very well. Bob and Florence and C. C. left yesterday morning for Midland. Allie will go out about June 1st.

With much love to you and yours, I am

Your loving father,

C. C. Slaughter

Dick

W. H. Thomas, President.

No. 3132.

E. J. Gannon, Cashier.

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Dallas, Texas,

June 2nd, 1898.

George M. Slaughter, Esq.,

Plainview, Texas.

Dear George:--

I have been delayed here for sometime trying to get a government contract for beef, but think of going our Saturday morning, as the government is so slow, etc.

I had a letter from Jack Alley saying you and he had dehorned some 4750 steers, and that you had left for home with 3750. He says they look very pretty, but said nothing about the worms. I presume they had none, but I was awfully anxious about them. I think you will be very lucky indeed if you don't have considerable trouble yet.

I expect to be at your place about the 15th of June, when I will examine your ranch and will expect you to go with us to the A. B. ranch. Boh and Dick will be with me. Our losses for the winter past will be pretty heavy.

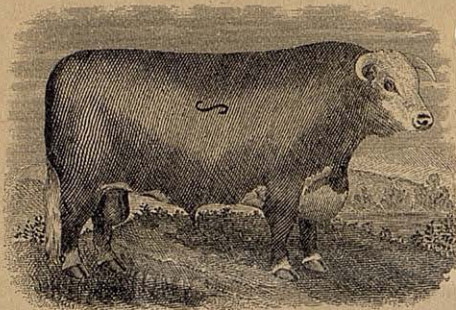
Love to all,

Your father,

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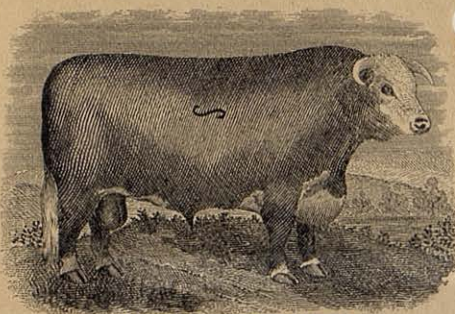
Dallas, Texas, 7/12/98.

Dear George:--

I am still driving away at the desk, trying to get matters arranged for the summer, fall and winter;-- I have leased all my old range solid, the last lease amounting to over \$1700.00, and I expect to make an addition to Tahoka Lake, amounting to \$1,000.00 more. I feel that I am compelled to do it or be left for the winter. I made another trade with Frank Evans, but he had to take it to his brethren before signing, and as I have heard nothing from them, presume they have gone back on it again.

I have arranged to pasture about 5000 head in the Huling Pasture this winter, beginning with September 1st. I have bought the entire Huling Ranch, about 93,000 acres, provided they can arrange the transfers, etc. Dont mention this fact to any one. I want you to get the old Cows from Oxsheer's about the first day of September, and I desire that you get a good pasture either near Amarillo, or Panhandle City, by the month, to hold them in so that we can offer them for sale. I am going to sell them this fall at some price. There will be 1000 cows and calves, 400 dry Cows and 60 old Bulls.

Bob is doing all he can to clear the old range of everything but the cows and calves. I have ordered 10000 head to Tahoka Lake Pasture. Bill took up 2383, a little more than 1000 heifers, 898 dehorn-ed steers, and the balance horned steers. Hord has shipped all his cattle#



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HEREFORD CATTLE.

Dallas, Texas.

G. M. S. ---2.

cattle except the 495 head shipped to him this spring, and estimates that he has made 6800.00, as our joint profit. Lower has 608 head on hand yet, and says he will ship 450 of them this month. I think he has the belly-ache. My office is completed and is a splendid building. I now think I will leave here for Nebraska, Dakota, Kansas and Montana about the 20th. Will reach Hot Springs, S. D., about the first of August. Driskill says they think they have seen about 600 head this Spring, but of course this is all guess-work. I hope that you have gotten the best of the worms at last.

With much love, I am,

Your father,

C. C. Slaughter,

per

E. C. Slaughter

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P. Doyle, } & Cattle Salesman.
J. R. Robinson, } Treasurer.
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J. W. Goodloe, } Cattle Salesman.
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Col C.C. Slaughter/

Dallas Texas.

Dear Sir:--

Owing to certain circumstances, which have existed for some time past, we have deferred until the present time in opening a correspondence with you relative to the delivery to us, of your cattle as per contract executed on the 10th day of June 1897.

At the time of entering into this contract, which was negotiated by Mr. O.H. Nelson, we were assured by Mr. Nelson that you would fulfill your portion thereof to the letter and if any difference should be made, that you would make it still more favorable to us.

This contract called for a delivery of, from 700 to 800 four year old steers in the straight " S " brand and of, from 500 to 600 head of three year old steers. 350 to 400 of the three year old steers, were to be cattle purchased by you from C.A. Goldsmith.

When these cattle were delivered to us we had them carefully inspected and tallied and as you are probably aware, we got not to exceed 190 head of four year old cattle. The average weight of the cattle was but a trifle over 900 pounds, which would indicate conclusively that the percentage of four year old cattle was very light.

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 } & Cattle Salesman.
P. Doyle, Treasurer.
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And if necessary to satisfy you of the above fact in regard to the number of four year old steers, we can furnish you several affidavits of experts who inspected these cattle. The four year old cattle were worth, at least, ten dollars per head more than the three year old's on the market.

You will probably remember that we made every effort to get you to come to Amorilla at the time of delivery to turn over the herd.

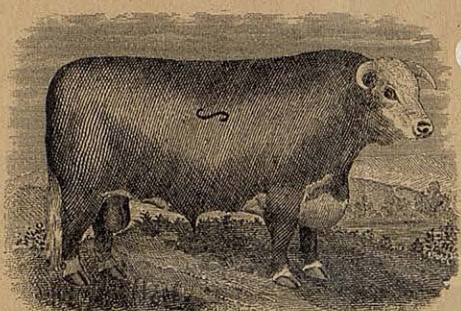
But could get no response from you.

Mr Nelson assured us that you would adjust the matter satisfactorily and fairly and we received the cattle under protest from your son as you are undoubtedly aware, owing to the above assurance on the part of Mr Nelson. Owing to the above statement of facts we felt that you are indebted to us for the loss sustained by failure on your part to deliver cattle as per contract in the amount of \$2500.00. That being five dollars per head on a shortage of 506 head of four year old cattle.

This sum being one half of what we believe we would have made had you delivered to us the number of four year old cattle stipulated in the contract, which amount you will readily appreciate that we offer to accept as a fair, just and a satisfactory settlement.

Knowing full well that your high sense of honor as a cattle man will deem but right.

We would add that there is 300 dollars due you from Mr. Doyle on the Gudgell & Simpson bull, which he bought through Mr Nelson.



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May 8, 1899.

Mr. G. M. Slaughter,

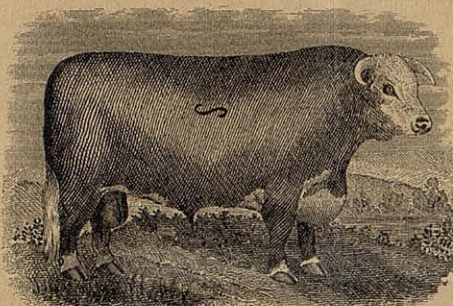
Grasslands, Lynn Co., Texas.

Dear Son:--

Yours of the 6th received, and am very glad to hear from you, and also to know that you are getting some rain. I hope Bob will not delay you at Tahoka Lake. I have a letter from Lower saying that he would start for Plainview last Saturday night, the 6th. I wrote to Bob last Saturday and addressed the letter to Grasslands so that you and Jack might see it. It is getting near the time when you should be stirring up the well men on the Beal ranch, and when you should be freighting the wind mills, piping and casing from Portalis. I wrote Bob that I would expect him to haul the posts and stays from the Texas & Pacific Ry. and that I would expect your teams to haul the wind mills, well material, wire &c. from Portalis. We will get possession of the ranch July 1st, and if we fail to get the 20 miles of fence up by the 1st Beal will naturally get the use of the ranch while we are paying for it. We also want to hurry up with the wells and tanks as fast as possible. The first two wells I want put down must be located at the Beal well southwest of the corner of Huling pasture.

In regard to the mules and wagons you spoke of, I hardly know what to say. Two pairs of the mules are rather old for us to buy, but we ^{may} need them for this work on the wells, &c.

Lower writes that he wants the speyed heifers, as well as the 1000



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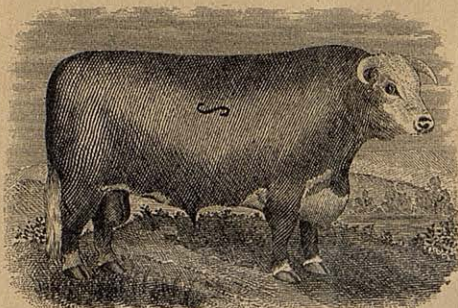
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I wrote him about. I think he is selling Sullivant 400 at \$33.00 on time I wrote him that it would be all right if he could pay the freight. I am fearful we will not get much, if any, money out of the whole trade at present, and will have to put up a great deal of money before they are sold. You know I wrote to Lower as follows: 700 steers at \$33.00, 450 speyed heifers at \$27.50, the balance less 10% cut at \$25.00, all to bear 6% interest. Lower to get 50 cents on the 700 at \$33.00, nothing on the \$25.00 cattle, but if he takes the speyed heifers we had better put them in at \$27.00 on joint account. I am persuaded we had better let them off that way than to hold them. The figures will be as follows:

700 at \$33.00-----	\$23,100
450 " 27.00-----	12,150
1000" 25.00-----	<u>25,000</u>
Total,	\$60,250.00 at 6%. But Lower

thinks he can sell 300 for cash, which I very much doubt. Sullivant's cattle are to bear 8% interest and he is to pay freight. Of course what cattle Frank gets we will have to pay freight and feed on until they are sold, which may finally overdraw us at the bank. Still I wish to help him in some way to make some money. Of course if the whole goes on time I will have to wait for quite a time to get my money, I expect, but they will all be safe, I think, although there is some risk in doing a credit business. Sullivant is surely a good feeder and his cattle will make



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him money and us reputation, or I am no judge of his ability. There will be no trouble in cashing the \$25.00 cattle with 4,000 to 5,000 more 2 year olds put in with them, I think, to Mr. W. T. Keenan. He wants all of our twos, but says \$25.00 is over his limit.

I leave for Louisville tomorrow--Tuesday morning-- and will be back about the 18th, and hope to be out with you about the 25th to the 28th if possible.

Hoping I have made this plain, and with lots of love to all from all, I am

Your affectionate father,

C. C. Slaughter,

Per E. Dick Slaughter

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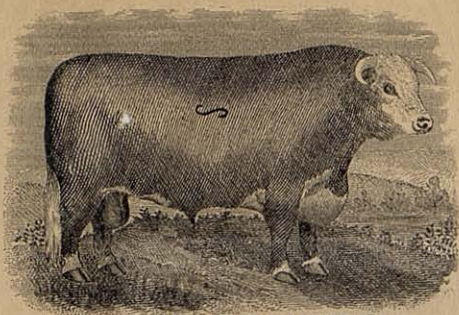
which amount you may deduct from the amount which we feel you are indebted to us.

Mr. Nelson assured us at the time he made this contract, that the cattle had not been topped, but we have since learned that Mr. Lower got the first cut and top of the herd. This assurance was also conveyed by you to us by letter. Trusting that we will hear from you favorably in regard to the above, we remain

yours truly,

dict by A.W.M.

Tower & Doyle



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Dallas, Texas.

July 18. 1898.

(Copy)

Messrs. Tower & Doyle,

Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sirs:—

Your letter of the 14th inst. received and must say that I am surprised at its contents. The terms of the Contract you mention were entirely exhausted by delivery of the cattle, under the contract, and an acceptance thereof, and payment therefor, which completely wound up the matter and thereupon rendered the contract absolutely null and void.

You will please remit to me the sum of \$300.00 held by you, same being proceeds of sale of Bull mentioned by you.

Respectfully,

C. C. Slaughter.

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Fort Worth, Texas, November 18th., 1898.

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

Dear Sir:---

The eagle did not arrive at Fort Worth until the 16th. As soon as I received the enclosed card I ordered the box sent immediately to the taxidermist but when it was opened it was found to be so badly decayed that nothing could be done with it.

It seems to me that the Express Company or someone has been very negligent and ought to be made responsible for this long delay. Preserve the enclosed card as it might be of some use should you want to "jack" them up for delay in delivering.

Yours truly,

Geo. B. Loving.

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Dallas, Texas, Nov 19th 1898

My dear George The enclosed letter I postal explains itself. Please look this up & ascertain if possible whose neglect this is whether the stage co or the express. There is something wrong somewhere & some body ought to be responsible to us for this delay. But whether you can find the wrong does or not is more than I can say if the stage co delivered the bird to the express then they should have something to show for it. so get after them & do the best you can to trace it up. This leaves all well at home Dick is still under the weather & I have my old Catarrhal Cough. The weather is fine here hope you are having the same I wrote you to send your cattle to Campbell Kent. Adams to City. When is Alley & Pruster coming down

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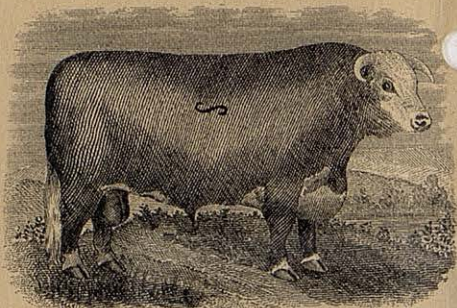
Dallas, Texas, _____ 189

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We are looking for them daily
The latest news we have is that
Charley Cross of Emporia killed
himself last Wednesday. Financial
trouble we suppose the Comptroller
closed this bank that morning he
went out to his white face ranch
& shot himself suppose you
have heard of it ever this

Have had no report from Loren
about his cows

Yours affec Father



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HERD OF THE WORLD.



Dallas, Texas, Feb. 21, 1899.

Geo. M. Slaughter,

Running Water, Tex.

Dear George:--

Our reports are all in save and except Coldwater, where my greatest fears are lodged. Dont know why Bill had not reported. Oxsheer has reports from the A. B. and Huling Ranches since the storm. Penny and Boyd reports everything all right. The time has now come when my purchase of the Huling ranch has proven that it was a wise act. Jack Alley reports 54 head frozen to death, out of about 5000. Bob reports about 50 head on all the "S" ranches. I am greatly surprised to think our losses are so light. I wrote to Wilson to get the best lease e could on the Sherman Co. Lands. Told him to be careful about the right to transfer. The main reason I write you this letter is the following:-- You have no doubt noticed the Breeders Gazette of Feb. 16, which contains an advertisement of three public sales in Kansas City, Mch. 1, 2 & 3 of herefords. I think as a Hereford Breeder, you ought to attend those sales. You can kill two birds with one stone. See the best Herefords, what they are going at, and return and look over Lower. I may go myself to those sales. Again, there is going to be a Champion Bull sold by Sotham, the only Champion in my mind that has risen ^{since} the great Columbian Exposition at Chicago. I refer to the Champion of the Omaha Exposition, where the best exhibit of bulls was shown since the worlds Fair. This is Sir Bredwell, four years old on the day of the sale.



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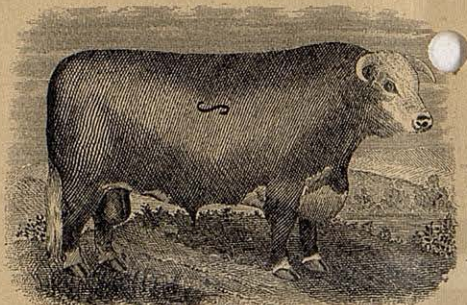
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Dallas, Texas.

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I am fully persuaded in my mind that we ought to own this bull, although we have some of the same stock, from the fact that we have so many champion bulls on our ranch. I expect he will bring good money. There is only one objection to him that I can bring to my mind, and that is his age. But like Ancient Briton, he stands out before America, as the best. No matter what he is, he has the reputation of a Champion, and by all means should go to the Champion Herd. m I have no doubt he is a good individual, and from his picture I suspect he presents the appearance of all that is claimed for him. Consequently, I believe that no one can afford to pay more for him than we can. Mainly because the purchase of him alone, will enhance the value of every white-face we have. I am not inclined to buy any others at present, but may do so, and if I do, I will buy the youngest. I really have not the money to spare to put into any more bulls just now, but I think we must own the Champions, although our cows are non-registered. If we can buy this Bull, we can get a new write-up of our former purchases, and show the world that we mean what we say and that we are determined to raise the best hereford herd in America. So my mind is that the money spent for this Bull will spread itself over (to a certain extent) all the white-faces we own. My judgment compels me to want this bull, on the same principle that I bought Ancient Briton---Reputation that cannot be denied. I mean by this--tried and approved reputation-- in open competition before the best judges.



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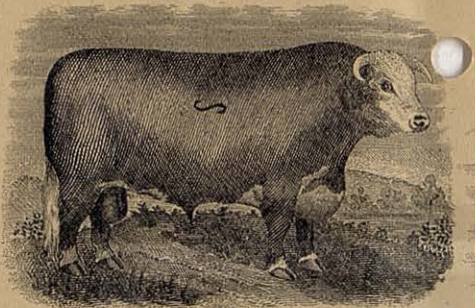
Such reputation that no reasonable man can attempt to dislodge from the minds of the Public at large. These facts will go down the annals of history,----Where is the Champion bull of the world, Ancient Briton? Where is the Champion bull of America in 1898, Sir Bredwell? On the Plains of Texas. Who owns them? C. C. Slaughter. To my mind, we had better pay ten times the value of this bull alone, than to let him go to another herd. Think this matter over carefully, and let me hear from you at once. Ask yourself if we can do without him.

What I have said to you I have said from the force of conviction, and no doubt there are others thinking of the same thing, and the bull may go out of sight. m And no doubt will when we begin to bid on him. m

Let me know if you can go. You will learn more about Herefords in three days in Kansas City than you have known all your life. It is education of the right kind and at the right time. Consequently I advise you to go. If I go, I shall leave here Monday night about 10 o'clock on the Katy, arriving in Kansas City Tuesday ~~##~~ afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Of course we will let no one know what we are after, but Bredwell is the one I want and the only one. I am offered to-day by wire for a thousand yearlings, long # "S" brand, 10 % cut, aged July 1st, delivered at Amarillo May 15th, for \$18.50., by J. B. Insley, of Leavenworth, Kas.

I replied 20.00 on the same terms, cut to be made at ranch. Dont suppose we will trade. I see no chance of making a wholesale trade of Grass



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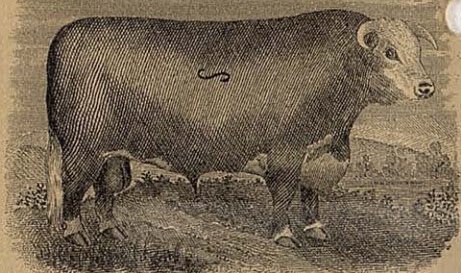
Westerns as yet, as the Northern men say we are too high, and I rather think they are right. However I am going to hold for the best we can get. If I get a chance to wholesale, I am going to turn them loose down to the calves. The weather now seems to be all we could ask. My experience in the past tells me that we are liable to have an early spring, if for no other reason, because we have had such a long winter, and if this should prove true, we are liable to go through without very heavy losses. A cold March would knock us heavy. We are still pressing the solid land question, with but very little success, from the reason that the cattle are wintering there so well. You want to knock this idea out. The Co. Commissioners are holding a little stiff on their prices. The market is off some 25 or 30 cents and I presume Hord is holding up a little on account of it. Lowers cattle are not finished as well as they ought to be. Have advised Lower to feed on while he has corn on hand. I presume this letter is as long as your patience will admit. We are all well.

Yours affectionately,

C. C. Slaughter,

by

E. C. Slaughter



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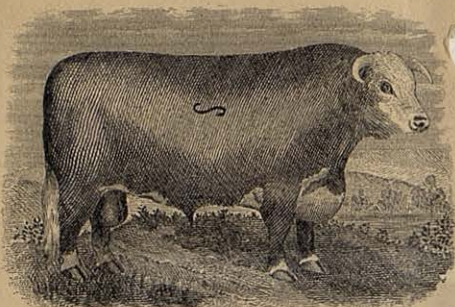
Dallas, Texas, March 18, 99.

Mr. Wm. Sells,

Maple Hill, Kas.

Dear Sir:--

This morning I received a letter from Mr. Frank Lower, who informs me that you misunderstood my statements concerning the number, price and location of my steers. I wish you to understand perfectly all I know of the cattle before you start to look at them. At my Running Water Ranch I have about 5400 head of cattle. About 400 of these are spayed heifers. The remainder are steers, about equal numbers of threes and fours, with a few more fours than threes. These are all in one pasture or ranch. After cutting out the 400 spayed heifers and all the unmerchantable steers, I will sell the remainder in one bunch, with ten % cut-back, at \$33.00, or at \$30.00 for the threes and \$36.00 for the fours I make you these prices wholesale as of course I can afford to sell at wholesale cheaper than at retail. I dont know what percentage are threes and what percentage are fours, but the best information I have is that there are a few more fours than threes. I am perfectly willing to take 1/2 cash and to carry you for the balance at 6 % for six months, provided you allow me a mortgage on the cattle. There would be no trouble about a renewal of the notes if the interest were paid. Or, I will sell you the threes by the thousand, 10 % cut back, at \$31.00, and the fours



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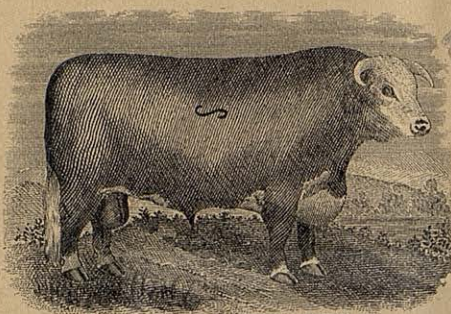
Mr. G. M. Slaughter,

Plainview, Tex.

Dear Son:--

Yesterday I received a letter from Lower with the contract for 3000 cattle and drafts for \$5000.00. I had expected a letter from you, but suppose you were too busy in delivering the cattle, consequently will give you some of my ideas. In the first place, I wish to say that the sale of the 3000 cattle under all the circumstances, is satisfactory to me. At the same time I think the cattle are worth the money, as I believe the men are good feeders, and think they will advertise our brand,---- I believe the dehorning was the main cause of your sale. 3000 cattle at \$33.00 each may not look to be a big price, but when you consider 99000.00 at one clip it is much better for the ranchman to try to get large prices by retail. I am sure they are going to get a good bunch of cattle and sold at the very lowest conditions they could possibly be bought---just at the close of the winter. They must have tickled the fancy, in such condition as they were, of the buyers. They must be good judges of cattle, or you would never have made the trade. Lower tells me in his letter that you have 4 to 5 hundred of ones and twos in your herd. This I was not aware of, as if you remember my idea and orders were to send them to the Huling Ranch with your stock cattle.

~~But sanguine about your place as a tight ship for the way and account 326 ranch being here.~~



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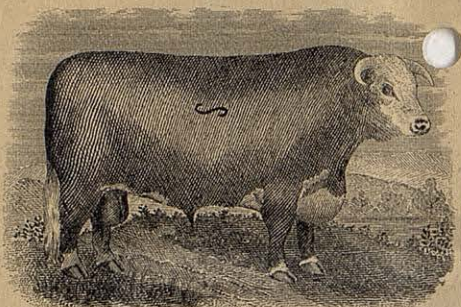
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Dallas, Texas.

He says you and he figured on 5400 cattle in the pasture , with about 900 spayed cows, twos and ones, which would leave you 4500 ---- 20 % cut would take out 900/ more, and would leave you about 3600 of top cattle .

Taking this as a basis, you will have about 600/ more than has been sold of top cattle, which I suppose would leave you 600 to cut off, after selling the 3000. Have written to Lower to try to send Sullivant and Swartz out to buy those 600 at the same price. If they come out and will take them with the other men, and divide them themselves, and will pay for shipping them in and all feed bills, you may let them have them ~~and they are ready for sale on or before 12 months at 6% interest giving as a deed of trust on the cattle as so that as the cattle are shipped or sold we are to get the proceeds~~, provided the cattle are to remain mine, the title to remain in my name, recorded in their county, until they are paid for, or shipped to the market and the proceeds placed to my credit, with no feed bills to follow whatever, they to pay the ~~freight~~ freight to the feed lot, the cattle to pay the freight from the feed lot, so that I get the proceeds, and the interest to be paid every 6 months, or to draw interest like the principal. Bill of sale to be made whenever the cattle are paid for with interest to date of payment. Or ~~if they do not~~ you may let Lower have the 600 on the usual terms, but we must have same price with 6 % added till paid for. And in case Lower takes the steers



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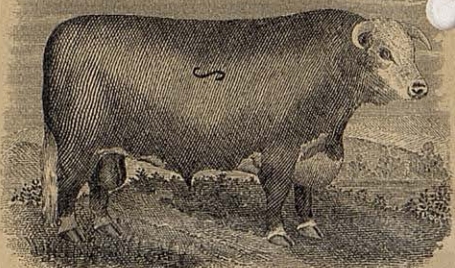


Dallas, Texas.

Mch. 30, 1899.

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I think you had better let him have the spayed cows on the same terms at about \$27.50, provided he wants them. This will give him about 1000 head 600 steers and 400 cows. But you must have an understanding with Lower that these are not to be mixed with our other cattle, and the expenses ~~####~~ must be kept separate. And you might offer Lower, in case he takes the first 1000 head, the cut backs with 10 % off at \$30.00 no interest until July 1st, and see what he says. This would about ~~clean up~~ your pasture with the exception of your twos and yearlings. If he does not want the cut-backs, my idea would be to take them up to coldwater later in the season. My idea then would be if we dont sell the twos to put all the "S" twos in the Running Water Pasture, about 6000 head with what you have.....More of this later. Now by your contract, those men are bound after you take out the spayed cowsthe ones and twos, and then 20 % cut back, to pay you 33.00 per head for 3000 head, and no grumbling. The only trouble you will have will be to cut them down to 3000. So I would go to work and cut back the spayed cows, then the ones and twos, then the 20 % and ask them to take the balance. or allow you a cut off until they are reduced to the number. I presume you are holding your self in shape if you have made a mistake and haven't the proper number, to fill the whole number anyhow. I presume they will get the full half of four-year-olds



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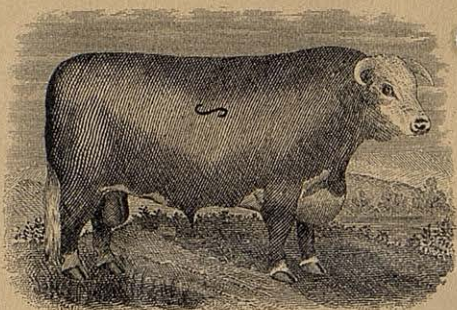
The man who has been looking at the twos has not showed up yet. Bob says they are going over the country trying to buy other cattle. They object to the size and not to the breeding.

Am happy to say that my cold is very much better and my cough is almost gone, but I dont see any use of my coming up when you ship. However if you want me to, I will come.

Yours affectionately,

C. C. Slaughter

per *Erick Slaughter*



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Dallas, Texas, April 8, 1899.

Capt. Geo. M. Slaughter,

Plainview, or Canyon City, Tex.

Dear George:--

Your letter received. I am not feeling very well, and as I don't know that my presence is necessary, I have concluded to send Dick up to assist you in tallying the cattle, seeing about the inspection, receiving the money, and so forth. As I understand it, the contract is all filled except that we have not delivered the cattle F. O. B. the cars at Canyon. The cut on cows, yearlings, twos and unmerchantable cattle has been made, and they have been allowed their 20 % cut on the remainder. From your letter I understand that they will take about all the steers you have after they have cut their 20 %. You may lack a few of filling the 3000 head contract. I write this hoping that Buster is alright, knowing that you and your wife are both quickly frightened about his health. From what you say I think a little medicine and careful nursing will bring him through all O. K. At the same time I don't want you to think of leaving him while his sickness is serious. If you are compelled to be absent, I think Dick and Ed Green should be able to turn over the cattle alright. Don't jaw with these buyers over small things. Be as liberal as you can. When you get through if Buster is alright, come down with Dick, as I want to talk to you in regard



C.C. Slaughter,

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Dallas, Texas.

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to our future operations.

Dick will leave here Tuesday morning the 11th, and will reach Canyon City early Wednesday Morning the 12th.

By the way Lower sold some of his three yer old fat "S" steers last Thursday for \$4.80, weighing 1219#. These would have weighed 1300# if he had begun feeding earlier.

Dick can tell you all the news when you see him. He has the Contract with him, and as it is very plain and clear I dont anticipate any trouble with the buyers.

Hoping when I hear from you again that Buster will again be in goof health, with much love to the little fellow, yourself and wife,

I am, your loving father,

C.C. Slaughter

W. H. Thomas, President

No. 3132.

E. F. Gannon, Cashier.

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Dallas, Texas, April 27 1899

Dear George I have
wrote to M. H. to bring a herd
of 1600 to 2000 yearlings
steers up to Takoka by the
10th of May - that you would
meet him there and fix up
the 1200 for J B Insley &
take them up to Amarillo
etc I also wrote Insley to
send his man to Plain
view by the 6th or 7th at the
outside and you would
take him to the herd at
Takoka where he could
cut his 10 % cut also
to his man to let you
know when he would be a
Plain view, etc Frank Linn
says that he can all the
cattle you have & will
take the balance at 25-⁰⁰

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Bob & Jack both say they
have had light rains but
will have to have more to
do much good John B. -
says this the latest most
backward spring we have had
for years he said with me the
other night Loving has the
XIT option land at 300 but
what the cattle are put in at
we had a telegram from Weston
Averill the 20th saying his
father. Walter Averill died sud-
denly that day in N.Y. your
mama is badly crushed only
one brother & her father
left - no other news of interest
to you I believe Dick gone to
Washington D.C. all well
your devoted Father
write me fully when
you can D.D.



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OWNER

CHAMPION HEREFORD

HERD OF THE WORLD.



Dallas, Texas, Jan. 31, 1898.

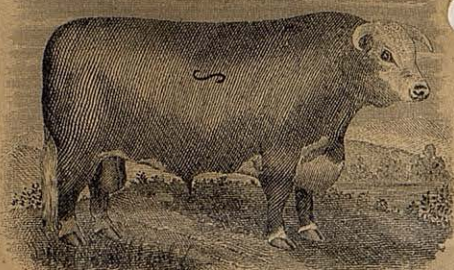
Letter of instructions to Ranch Managers concerning drawing of drafts.
Capt. Geo. M. Slaughter,
Manager Running Water Ranch,
Plainview, Tex.

Dear Sir:--

To-day I send you under separate cover a draft-book, to be used exclusively by you in making your drafts on me for the payment of Ranch Expenses. It is my desire, on account of the magnitude of my business interests, to systematize everything. I will, therefore, require that you conform fully with the instructions pasted in the draft-book, as it is manifestly impossible for me to carry on my business successfully and in an orderly manner, unless my Ranch Managers comply fully with the requirements of the system which I have here laid down. Any deviation from the instructions of this Office in this matter, without a reasonable excuse, will result in a withdrawal of your right to draw on me. Whenever properly made out, these drafts will be immediately honored for payment by this Office. The draft will be filed in this Office, and a check on the American National Bank will issue at once.

The instructions in the draft-book are the principal instructions, those given here being either subsidiary, or in the nature of explanations of those in the draft-book.

(1) Always use either ink or indelible pencil, as a draft in lead-pencil will not be honored at this Office. (The reason for this is



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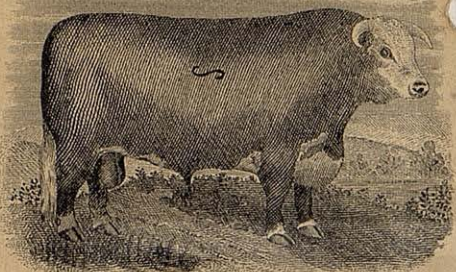
HERD OF THE WORLD.



Dallas, Texas, 10/2/99.

Dear George:—

As I wrote you I gave Hord option of taking or refusing the cattle. He has wired to send the cattle on. The contract is for 1600 3 & 4 year old steers. Dont send him anything that is less than 3 years old, at least by this time. As I wrote you Bill has about ~~700~~ 900, and expect 700 from you. If we are short, we can send some later that Jack Alley drove up, and also the car-load in Hulings, though I really wanted to send that carload to market to see what they would bring Hord is alright so far as I can find out. He got 1350 cattle last year and sold 1363, no deaths and 13 head increase from the montana heifers. You must write Hord what date you will ship, so that his men can be there to receive them. Price is \$35.50 F. O. B. Amarillo. Take receipts for cattle and send to the Office. I intend to send H. \$25,000.00 as soon as cattle are delivered, so that I can get the full interest on the money I put up for feed and expense. I am still working with Lower. His last statement shows sales and disposition of all the cattle, except about 750 he says are dead. Last statement shows he kept some of the money. Have made up my mind to do the best I can with him on settlement and let him go, so I think the 5 W. L. S. cattle will stay at the ranch this winter. Frank is not dishonest but he has things very badly muddled, and to say the least of it, not satisfactory. Expect to leave here about the 16th for the A. B. Ranch, and will start from Big Springs, and hope to arrive at the ranch on or about the 22nd. It seems that



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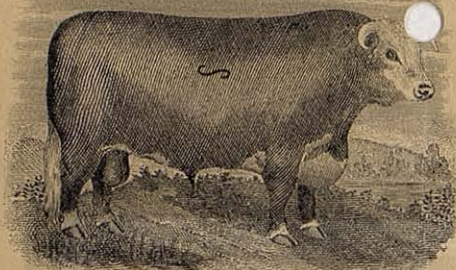
they are having a hard time to make title to the Roswell land. The 40 acres that lies near the town has a defective title. Atkinson was here to-day with the papers and has gone. Think some of yours and Dr.s in the same fix. They must give good bond for title or remedy the title before I will take it.

Your father,

C. C. Slaughter,

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Gen Slaughter,
Plainsville, Tex

Dallas, Texas, Oct. 5, 1899.

Dear Sir:--

Mr. W. G. Hamilton is here from Roswell, and says that you all are likely to lose the trade on the J. C. Lea land if you do not close the deal soon as other parties are looking at the property and are offering more for it. I think you will all lose the land if you do not pay up promptly. I cant put up the money because I have no idea of how you are going to divide among yourselves. If you wish me to pay for this land, let me know at once how you want the deed drawn.

I have sent a copy of this letter to *Mr. Yeal* and to *Mr. Sanshoo*.

Very truly,

C. C. Slaughter.

Dictated by C. C. S.)

By E. D. Rick