Slaughter, N. M. July 21st, 1900. No. 444. At sight to the order of W. E. Morgan ----____Dollars. For Work on ranch, wind-milling, tanking and branding. From May 9th to July 21st in full. -Signed-Geo. M. Slaughter,

Roswell, N. M. 12/31/1900.

No. 112.

Ranch Manager.

Pay to the order of W. F. Buchanan,

Dallas, Texas.

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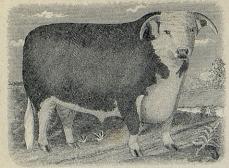
One Hundred and Twenty Six 65/100 Dollars.

For Groceries and Grain for ranch in full settlement to date.

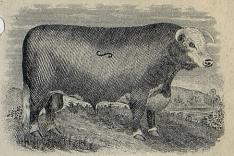
To C. C. Slaughter,
Dallas, Texas.

to C. C. Slaughter

(signed) Geo. M. Slaughter, Ranch Manager.



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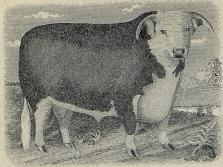
Roswell, N. M.

Dear George: ---

We have to-day received a Conveyance of 39.86 acres of land from Adcock & Wife, with an abstract accompanying same. In the description of the property conveyed I find only 1/4 of One Share in the North Spring River Ditch Company, and the information received about this trade was that we were to get 2 shares in the Lea Cunningham Ditch. The Abstract as sent fails to give any plot of the land, and the land surrounding it, which is necessary in order to locate it, and see that we are getting the right land. Mr. Ira P. Wetmore was the abstractor and you might call on him, and have him to make out a plot of this piece of land, and the land surrounding it, and see that it is the land we are to get. In short, you must see that the description is correct.

Please attend to this matter at your very earliest convenience, and let us know whether the description is correct. Also have the plot sent here, with some explanation concerning the discrepancy of Sheres in water rights.

We take great pleasure in informing you that Mr.
Wright won the Kaufman County Case yesterday. The Judgment of the Court
was that DeVitt take nothing by his suit, and that Slaughter take Judgment
for the land, and that a writ of possession issue to the Sheriff of Lubbock County to give Slaughter the land, and that DeVitt pay all costs.



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DeVitt's Attorney, S. H. Cowan, gave notice of Appeal. The appeal, however, if made, is in the nature of postponing the matter, and allowing DeVitt to hold possession as long as possible. "First blood for the Slaughter Outfit." This breaks DeVitt and Flato's hold in that pasture.

Trusting to hear from you in regard to this

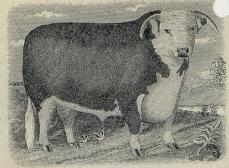
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I am, very truly,

Your brother,

Estek Slaughter.

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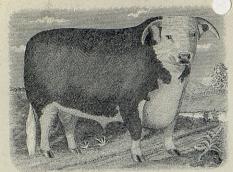
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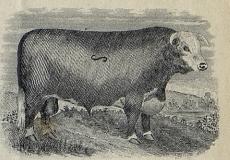
Dear Son: --

I want you to get the Team, and Ambulance, and start it down toward Big Springs, and let it come by Lubbook, Jack Alley's, -Gail, and then on to Big Springs. I want it to come slowly, so as not to hurt the horses. You had better have I pair of horses driven one day, and one the next, as very few men can drive a heavy hack so as not to hurt the team. I may not come up, as my eyes are beginning to hurt me. Wire me when you get ready to start the Team and Hack, as I may not go, and may wire you, when I get your telegram, not to send it. If you don't get this letter in time, will try to meet you. Have the driver follow the main road to Lubbook, then the main road to Jack Alley's, then the main road to Gail. If I go I will got to Big Springs Sunday morning (24th) and will meet Bob there, and will strike out for Gail and will get there Monday Morning at. Have 2 cases, very important ones, set at Gail for the 25th. Expect to be at Gail at least till the 29th or 30th, as we have to get to Lubbook on the 1st where we have two cases for trial April 1st. Be sure and wire me when you get the hack and team ready to start, and I will wire you what to do. Your father, C. C. Slaughter,

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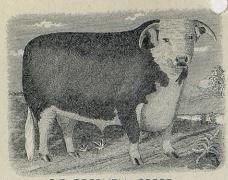
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Roswell, N. M.

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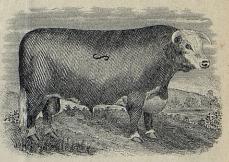
Mr. J. E. Jones, of Collins Co., who ranches in Cottle Co., is coming up to Roswell to buy some bulls. I dont know much about his responsibility but I told wan him to take you a letter from his bank. Told him you would sell him 1/4 cash and balance in 12 months at 8% int. I think I told him the bulls would run from 75.00 to 100.00 according to number. I think he wants 5 or 6 but you may get him to take 10 or 12. Put them to him right. Told him about the Harding sale at 70.00 for 70 head.

It is a slow, tedious trial. We are making a strenuous fight, and seems to me that we are making goof proof of the truth of the charges contained in the famous challenge against Hayden. The Plaintiff's character is getting a good airing, and think the jury is finding out what he is and what his atrociuos way, plan, policy and ideas are. Unless someone is put on for the purpose of hanging the jury I believe we will get a clear verdict. It looked to me yesterday like the man who had cought the parther, and wanted somebody to turn him loose. I don't know when we will get through. I want to get on the stand the latter part of this week, so I can go to the Convention next week. I understand Bob is going. Are you going? I suppose Dick has kept you posted about our land matters. I think land is rising very fast. I had a talk the other



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some land three or four sections south of the headquarters on Runningwater. Party wanted to know what I would sell land at on the creek adjoining. Told him would sell everything east of the headquarters at 3.50 per acre. Would not price the old headquarter ranch. I told him my R. W. R. was for sale but had not priced it. I think that the time is not far distant when we will sell at a good price. Land is all the rage Have your pictures. A. B. & Bredwell one with you sitting down Both show up well. The flowing well is also fine. is very good. And you Vat is good. We will put them up in the office. We wrote you yesterday and sent you check about the land. You want to be careful about the water. Have a little cold, but it is going off allright. Balance all well. With much love and affection.

I am your father, collarghter

June 17, 1901

Hon. J. W. Gordon,

Lubbock, Texas.

Dear Sir:--

I have just returned from a trip over the ranches. While out I called at your house with my son, George, to talk with you about the Zavalla Lands, but failed to find you, as you were not at home. But on arrival here, I find your courteous letter, saying that you will join me in fencing the land, that is, such fence as would lay between us. which is satisfactory to me. I have ordered my bull teams from the lower ranch to take a lot of posts to your place, that I expect to use in fencing, and would kindly ask you, if not too much truble, to count the posts when they are delivered, and have my men pile them us nicely, and give your receipt for the no., and keep your eye on them. - Any trou ble you may be at I will gladly pay on presentation of your bill. Pleas take care of them, until my man from my upper ranch comes for them with an order signed by G. M. Slaughter, who will give you receipt for teem and then haul them on the proper line. This is asking a groot deal of a neighbor, but can think of no other way to have the posts taken car if. You can select such part to fence as you desire, and all I want is s good a fence as I put up, which will be out of good posts, 80 feet art, with stays of iron clamped to the wire every 15 feet, and one wood between each ost. Galvanized wire. I hope you will put up

10 fence.

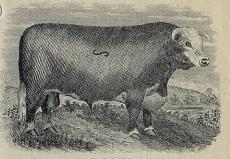
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Now referring to the sale or lease of this land. Would say, if it is sold or leased, you shall have the preference, but I bought it to use, and would not want to sell, as I have the cattle to fill it up. Would like to have it fenced and watered as soon as possible, as I need the grass. I drove over the land, I suppose quartering from a well, x south of Devitt Double Wells, that I suppose was on the West League that Devitt has fenced, (but had no surveyor) to your house, I supposed about a mile and a half from the south line. I then drove from that same well, northeast, and went out of a gate, and went along north until I came to a corner of a fence, and ran east, which I supposed was the corner of the West League, and as I own Maverick County, I thought that I would put up two wells about that corner. I then went directly weakx to the two wells on Kaufman County, and from there N. W. to the center of Martin County, and from there N. E. to the A. B. Ranch, and then out through the Capital Syndicate to the Runningwater Point. My son George s the M nager of the upper ranch, and will fence and manage this land.

Very truly yours,

formation you may give him will be thankfully received, and I assure the is alright and will be a good neighbor to you. We are both old vant to treat each other right. I hope we will always be friends.





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Capt. G. M. Slaughter,

Roswell, N. M.

Dear Sir:--

Replying to yours of the 24th of June and 3rd of July, will say your report is very full and encouraging about the condition of the Much better than Jack's recent report. He says it is dry and has less water since he has been on the ranch. No recent report from Bob. Generally reports are that it is very dry and water scarce. ***Referring to your first letter, enclose you Donohoos letter about the Mills. You had better order them yourself. Use your best judgment. Think his figures are as good or better than we can do. Also enclose you Boyds note, marked paid. When you turn it over to him, report how it was paid. You can order the wire stays as you want them, as we have a contract with Anchor Fence Co., of Ft. Worth. I would not order except as you need them. While on this subject, will say had a very good letter from J. W. Gordon, saying he would join us in putting up the fence, and would like to buy or lease the land. He says there is no well on Zavalla. I wrote him that we wanted the land for our own use, but if it was for sale, would give him the option or refusal. Also W wrote him I would send some posts to his house and asked him to look after them. Presume the bull teams are now hauling them. I would suggest as soon as you can get a surveyor, to survey off that land. Also, as soon as you can get to it, to put your well machine to work and bore





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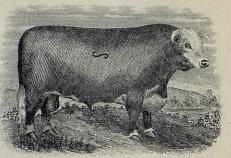
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two wells somewhere in the vicinity we agreed on. Am anxious to fence and water that as soon as possible. Think we will get the Kaufman Co. well sometime in September, as the case is now before the Court of Appeals. Wright has submitted his brief. Soon as the case is decided will let Think we will get Xaxaxxa this fall too. You have lots to do down there. Think now we want a well bored somewhere in the Southe east corner of Zavalla also, as soon as we can reach it. I intend to move the two west rooms of Buffalo there and porch them, and make a fine Think we had better have someone live down there. pleased with your description of the water, at Boyds, Protection and A.B. And also the description and location of the cattle. Think you are exercising good judgment. Also approve of your machine to keep up water. Think I would put it to work. The whole thing depends upon water in that country. I should try very hard to keep a supply of water ahead. Yes I would make all the water I could at the scraped out wells before I would leave there. ****Now as to Vaccine. I will have Dick to investigate as far as he can, where the best and cheapest can be had. I dont belive in it very much, but it is worthy of a trial. Your report on Puro-Pneumonia out by Roswell, connected with what I see in the pagers about cattle dying about Vernon, looks rather scary. I can't hardly think that Pluro-Pneumonia is in this Country, but cant shut my eyes to what they say. If that disease should break out in western heres, it will devastate the cattle ranches of the staked plains.





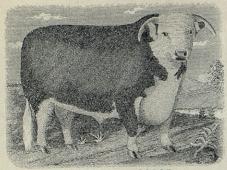
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But I believe in taking a more hopeful view of it, and hope that the vets You have a great herd of cattle and a great ranch aare mistaken. head of you, with lots of labor, care, toil, and no doubt, many disappointments, with large expenses, but the only thing I can say is to keep knocking at it, using your very best judgment, coupled with diligence, perseverancy and accuracy, remembering that a smart man makes mistakes, but only fools make the same mis-takes twice. Dick has just returned from Alpine, County Seat of Brewster Co., where he made legal tender we for all the money we owe them. He argued with them the best he could, and while they refused the money, he is of the opinion that he will finally From all I know he attended to his business in a business way. Bud has just returned from Coke County County Seat, where he ten dered them Legal tender for all the money we owe them. They refused and say they will bring suit. Think we can beat them. My health has been splendid since my return. I shall long remember the pleasant trip we had together down to Lubbock. Bob came to Jacks the 2nd evening. Had a splendid time wth him. Went over everything. R. L. was along with me too. R. L. is one of the best shots I ever saw to his age. He can turn an antelope or wolf easily with a 30-30, at long range. I got badly sunburned on the trip, as the last day was pretty warm. I feel that the ozone that I breathed on the trip has done me a great deal of good. I got home the 14th. Hayden Suit was opened on the 17th.



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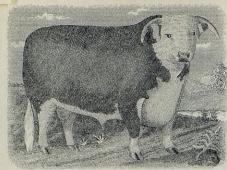


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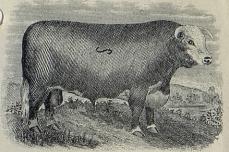
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Ans still continues. We have a fair jury I think, but mostly from the Country. I hope for an acquittal, but cant say what a jury will do. Finished my evidence last Wednesday afternoon. Was under the fire of cross-examination for more than 7 long hours. Dont think they got very much out of me, as my own counsel asked me only 5 two questions on the re-cross. In the long examination, it fully developed that I am the m man they are after. Hayden brought a man some 2 or 300m miles S. W. of here that claimed he was one Henry Evans, to swear aganst me, making it up out of whole cloth. The gist of his statement was that I told him at San Antonio that I was trying to down Hayden. I swore I never made any such talk to anyone, and that I was positive his story was made up., The Jury has got to believe my evidence and acquit me, or disbelieve me and put it tow me. The case seems to be like Tennysons Brook. I am still determined to fight it to the bitter end. When I got home I was informed that the Confederate Veterams inxxxx Re-union would be held in Dallas next May, and to my utmost surprise a Committee called upn me upon my return, and informed me that I had been elected President of the Committee to entertain them, maxdx and as I saw no reason why I could refuse, I accepted. Also was appointed a Lieutenant Colonel of the Confederate Veterans, and Chief of Staff to the Commander. And when the proper time comes I guess I will want you to bring a company of soldiers down here next spring, and will try to give you such appointment as will bring you before the public. Have just selected the



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executice Committee to help me. Will chrter the Association. It is very dry and hot here, but had a little shower this morning. Corn crops are about ruined. Cotton seems to be doing very well.

Think will get through with the Hayden Case in about 2 weeks. Will let you know all about it when it is over. We are looking for Dr. V. and Minnie here to-morrow morning. They are coming by water. Minnie thinks the Dr. is cured. Boys and Carrie are at home. All well.

With much love to your wife and children and yourself,

I am, your father,

· Slaughter

C.C. SLOUISITELY, OWNER CHAMPION HEREFORD HERETORO HERD OF THE WORLD. HERETORO H

Dear George: --

Yours of the 22nd is now before me, and I hasten to answer

sell the 3 and 4 year old steers at not less than \$30.00 with a 25% cut-back. Or, weigh them at Kanyon City at \$3.25, same cut-back. They ought to weigh 925# each, with that cut-back. Dontalet a buyer top the two year olds. Ship out what cut-backs you think proper, provided you sell. If you dont sell, cut out 600-700 3's and 4's, and ship them before Oct. 20th. Be very careful NOT TO TAKE TOP TWOS In your shipment.

Now as to the Two year old steers. Sell at \$28.00, with not over 20% cut-back. Or weigh them at Canyon City xx or Hereford, (your choice) at \$3.35.

This is my best judgment on the cattle. I have not seen the cattle and you have, so exercise your judgment. I would not ship any twos, and not at all until you first hear from the sale of the 3's and 4's.

Regarding the Loco. I believe it best to make same ar**exx rangements with someone else, as I offered to make with you:—that is,
let the man feed them, and divide what he can make out of them. Be
careful though in making such a contract, as a fellow might take care
of the tops and let the poor ones die. If you dont do that, think
you he d bettr put them in separate pasture, as they might teach others
to learn the fatal habit.

Now, as you have sold 250 of the Cross J cows, you will have to work the Protection Division thoroughly, to get out the Cross J Cows, because I suppose you are going to try to get rid of the off-colored cows, and you will have to watch Boyd pretty closely, as he is pretty sharp and will not want to round up or cut-out the old cows. While you are doing that you had better cut 200 to 300 of your fattest cows up there, the oldest you can get, to ship, and drop your off-colored old Cross-J's in the thoroughbred pasture, and take the fat grade cows over to Runningwater to go with the Steers. In all of this, you must exercise your best judgment, and you must be along, as Boyd and Penny are pretty sharp, and self comes first. This must be done in plenty time to get them over to Runningwater to go out with the Steers, which ought to be shipped before Oct. 20. Try to get out about 1000 cows and steers together. The market is looking up a little, When you . . go to ship, wire Capinphell, Hunt & Adams, K. C., Cassidy Bros, St. Louis and Rosenbaum Bros. Chicago, and find out where it is best to ship. Believe would divide them about equally.



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C.C. Slaughter,

OWNER

(HAMPION HEREFORD

HERD OF THE WORLD.

Dallas, Texas, sep. 24, 01.

Am going to order Bob to ship beginning on Saturday the 19th of October, 900 to 1000 cows, so you see I would like to get yours off first. Thought it best to hold our cattle until late. So I say that you must ship, on or before the 20th. I think if I were you I would try to ship about Saturday, Oct. 12th. This would give you 17 days to work it in. Do the very best you can. Think would ship on a Saturday, as that would throw them in on a Tuesday. Tuesday is the day I think, to get our cattle in on the market. Tuesday or Wednesday.

I believe I have answered all your questions. I try to answer your letters the best I can, and as quickly as possible. If I have not answered all your questions, fire into me. Write your xxxxx inquiries in the form of questions, and I will then know what you consider important.

With love, your fabber,

CCSloughter



allas Texas, Nov. 15, 1901.

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

Have just got through with the Baptist Convention. You will see all about it in the Standard. , It was the greatest Convention I have ever seen. They raised the last 37000.00 to pay off the Baylor Female College Bonds, so I will have to put up my \$10,000.00, as I promised to do last summer with Geo. Carroll.

I have your letters of the 3rd and 5th. handled the cattle all right, I think. Too bad you did not have time to skin the locced steers you had to leave at Bovina. Your 201 cows sold in K. C. for an average of \$21.75, as I suppose you know.

I have ordered Bob to ship about one train load of

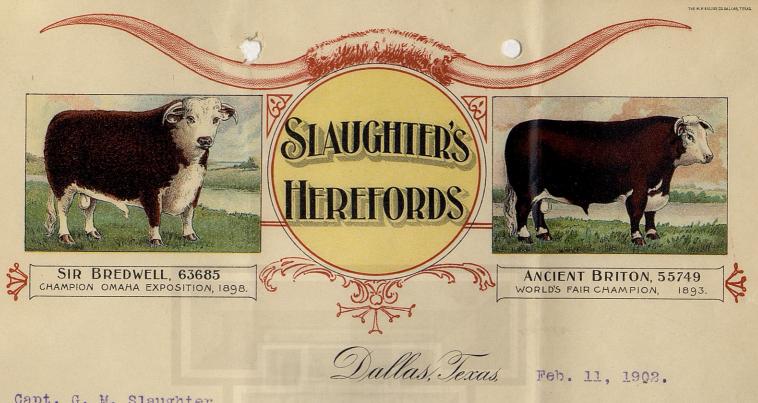
cows from Stanton the first week in December.

I think that you had better go to Chicago, and attend the International Live Stock Show, the National Cattlemens Convention, and the American Hereford Breeders Assn. The Show is from the 2nd of Dec. to the 6th, and the other meetings occur the 3rd and the 5th. I guess the ranch can pay your expenses, and I think it a good thing for us to be represented there. I want you to write me right away, and let me know whether you are going or not, and when you will leave, and by what route, as I want to go too, and would like to go up with you. I am going to try my best to get off if I can.

This is about all.

Boyd contracted to pay us 1/2 cash on the delivery of the Instead of cash, he paid us a check on Roby, Texas, and the Roby Bank charged me \$6.50 to collect the \$2500.00, or rather to remit it to Dallas. Please see Boyd or write him about this, and have him send me his check to cover, \$6.50. Your father,

C. C. S.



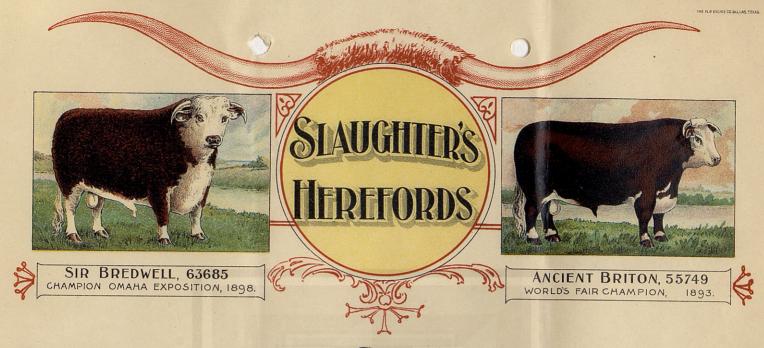
Capt. G. M. Slaughter,

Roswell, N. M.

Dear George: --

As soon as the Certificates of Stock which I have sent to you, Minnie, Bob, C. C. & Alex. are returned with the signatures of each, Father intends to Deed the Corporation all the Land in Hockley and Cochran Counties, Texas, with the exception of the Randall Go. School Land, and Bill of Sale XX all Female Cattle owned by him in Hockley & Cochran Co., Tex., and Mak Chaves Co., N. M., about 14000 head, and 750 Bulls, registered and unregistered, situated in the same Counties. He and Mother will also Deed the Company all Land owned in Chaves Co., N. M. After the Deeds and Bill of Sale are given, it is Fathers intention to issue 10 shares of \$10,000.00 each, Capital Stock being \$100,000.00, one to be given to Mother and each one of the Children. We will have a Shareholders Meeting in a few days, and adopt appropriate By=laws, full and complete, for the management of the Corporation, on all the elaborate plans made by Father for its government. We will then have a Directors Meeting, as Father will hold proxies of you, Bob and C. C., and will adopt By-laws for the Directors.

Just as soon as the Corporation is fully launched,



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Dallas, Texas,

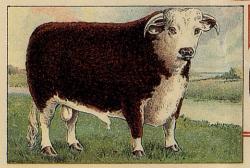
I want to hegin keeping a full set of books, Stock-holders Minute Book, Directors Minute Book, Ledger, Journal, Day-book, etc. I am going to keep all this Company business entirely distinct and separate from the C. C. Slaughter business.

The very first thing I must have is a full, itemized, correct, and complete INVENTORY of everything conveyed to the C. C. SLAUGH-TER CATTLE COMPANY by C. C. Slaughter and by C. C. & C. A. Slaughter.

Now, I know as well as you do, (or very near as well), what a big job this will be. But nobody on earth but you can get it up, and you know that it is absolutely necessary to have it, and to have it as soon as you can make it up, as important for your own interest in the Company as for mine, or for any other one of the Children.

The INVENTORY should show: --No. of Cows in H. & C. Co. branded Cross-Jay 11 11 11 11 Long S on both sides. 11 11 either Thighs. " 2 year old heifers in H. & C. Co. branded Long S. 11 S on both or either Thighs. 11 " 1 year old " Long S. or S. at. 11 11 " Hefer calves in H. & C. Co. branded Long S or S. 11 " Bulls, registered or unregistered, in Hockley & Cochran Co. with their brands. " Mares in H. & C. Co., branded n Colts " " "





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No. of Cow ponies, in H. & C. Co. branded -" Work horses, " " Mules " " Windmills " " Windmill Towers " of Miles of Fence

xxxxxxxxxxxx, valued at 11 11 " MY and description of Farming Implements, Horse powers, Gasoline Engines, Wagons, Buggies, Harness, Blacksmithing tools, Troughs, Piping, Houses, Dugouts, and the estimated value of each.

cost Estimated xxxxx of the Wells, and tanks on the H. & C. Co. ranch.

Cost of land, and improvements that have been put thereon since we have purchased it, including houses, Windmills, tanks, on all the land in Chaves Co., including the Cunningham, Pierce, 1720 acres we several miles from Roswell, the Cooper 160 acre at Portales, and the 160 acre near Portales Springs. Also value of Farming implements, no. and value of Haying machinery, no. of tons and value of Hay now on Farm. Also No. of Registered Hereford Bulls, how branded and where located. in Chaves Co. Also no. of Registered cows, and calves, ages, brands, and where located in Chaves Co. Also, no. of unregistered hereford Bulls, ages, brands, where located. in Chaves Co. Also no. of unregistered hereford cows, and other cows, ages, brands, and where located. in Chaves Co. Also, no of Mules, horses, ages, brands, and where located in Chaves Co.

Now, George, what we want is a full and complete Inventory of EVERYthing in Hockley & Cochran Co., and Chaves Co. now belonging to C. C. Slaughter, and soon to be transferred to the C. C. S. Cattle Co, just as you would be required by law to give if you were appointed executor of an estate, and the Court were to order you to make an inventory. You can well see how important it is and how necessary it is to have



this inventory here at the office, and a correct copy filed in the Safe. Suppose something came up about the Company's property, say some ; dispute as to whether this or that belonged to the Company, and Father were not here to settle the question. We would at once get your ty belonged to the Company or did not. This correct inventory might

be worth Thousands of Dollars to the Company in the future. Again, we cannot possibly declare a correct dividend, keep a correct set of books, or tell at any time how the Company stands unless we have a FULL and COMPLETE inventory to start with.

Of course, I know that you often cannot give the exact number of cattle of a certain age. No man on earth can do that under certain circumstances, but in that case, I want you to give me your best estimation of the number.

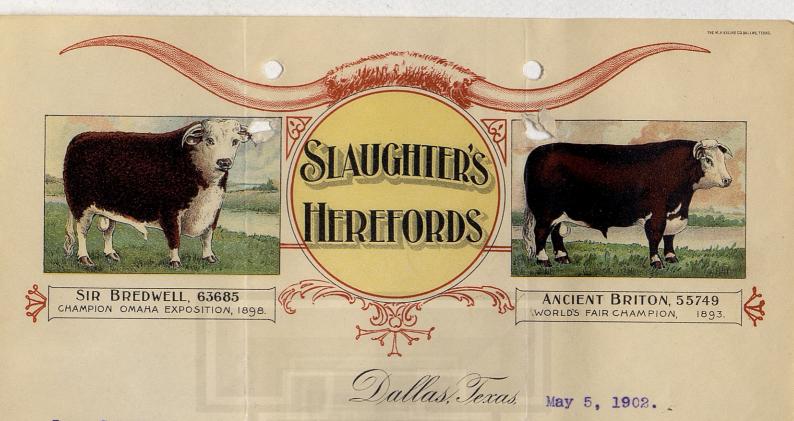
I am not saying anything to Father about this inventory, because I dont know wehter he would raise an objection or not. I am going to do the best I can, as I have always done, to work in the best interests of the Family, and I know this inventory ought to be here at the office.

I wish I could run out there and help you get this up, but there is no prospect of that, so I must ask you to devote all your spare time for the next week in getting this statement up.

Now, George, it is as much to you as it is to me, so I am merely asking you to do something for your own good. PLEASE dont put this off, but attend to it as quick it to me.

Your brother,

and mail it to me.



Dear George:-

Your letter of no date received on the eye of my departure for the Baptist General Convention.

I met the gentlemen who wanted the heifers, cows and calves, and priced them to them and had a conversation with them fully about it, in which I offered them the cows and calves for \$35.00, and the heifers \$22.00 straight, take them as they come, \$22.50 with 10% cut back, \$23.00 with 20% cut back, and the bulls at \$75.00. They offered me \$35.00 for the cows and calves if I would throw the bulls in at the same price, which I declined.

All well. With best wishes,

Your father,

5 Rayoch 1902 3/0 Mr G. M. Blanghan Dear Firence I send these lines to expers my thanks to your for the kindnes you show ed me while working at your range and for The encouragement you gene me to dendlap this walk catching to where it nawheds pair to be a means of my making a slout in the world a gain. I now ga to work an 13 ranches west of Midland That have deposited the many in the furt Nath Bank of Midland to pay 50 dallars far grownlague and rodal. for proper if they get to catching your white faced onlines a

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allas, Texas. May 21, 1902.

Mr. G. M. Slaughter,

Portales, N. M.

Dear George:-

I informed you when I returned from attending court at Lubbock, Texas, that there was a man who had been appointed to survey and make out the field notes of the public land in Cochran County in your pasture, and requested you to see him and report on it. I have never heard anything from you about this; and I understand now that the land has been surveyed and the field notes returned to the General Land Office. By to-day's mail I will write a letter to a gentleman at Austin to get the information, and I hope to be able to get the field notes. As soon as I do I will mail them direct to Jno. F. Robinson, Lubbock, Texas. and request him to make the applications for the names of the parties that you may send me. Now send me the names of the men that you want to file on these lands. However, I am undecided as to which is the best to do, to let the general public scrap it out and then make fair weather with the man who is successful in the contest without our assistance. As a rule, a man has to put up with a little too much from his men when they get on the inside in matters like these, and it is a



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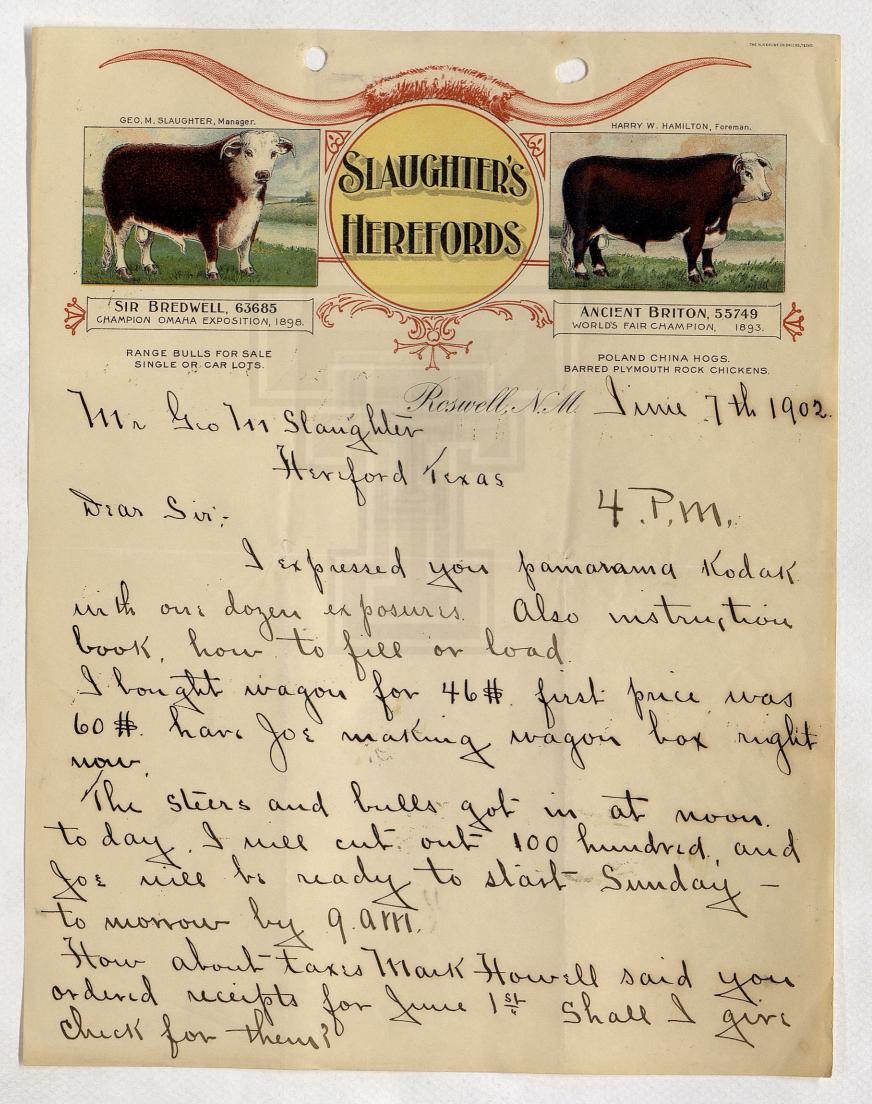
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serious question in my mind if it is not bad policy. At any rate, I am inclined to think that it is. I understand there are about 2575 acres of this land, that will make about 12 sections and 120 acres over. However, I don't know the exact amount of acres there will be in it; but if it is over 12 sections, we will have to have four men. You take this matter under consideration and let me know before you leave Portales about it; it won't take you long to write the letter. And I will do all I can do; will fix it the way you direct if I can possibly do so.

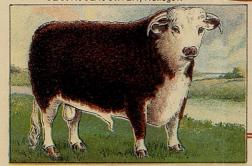
by him this letter, and also send a copy of it through the mail for fear that he won't think to give it to you. All week and level and level forget. The invento-ry for CCS Cuttle Co-you said would be mady on June 12/1902.

Blest wishes your Mother John





GEO, M. SLAUGHTER, Manager.



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RANGE BULLS FOR SALE SINGLE OR CAR LOTS.



POLAND CHINA HOGS.
BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCK CHICKENS.

Kurdly answer this question, I want to answer them for wanted 2 men to return with 3 hones this wife fix him up on horses they will furnish themselves and horses for 100 per day.

I am trania crate made for yearling this afternoon

I think this is all.

your Tong truly Harry WHam Iton







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Dallas, Texas,

June 18, 1902.

G. M. Slaughter,

Roswell, N. M.

Dear George:

I got home all right. I took up my \$10,000 over-draft with our money, and left \$25,000 to work on; paid in on my note that I borrowed for J. B. Slaughter \$78,000. I heard as I came home from Cape Willing-ham, who I met at Amarillo, that I could lease a good pasture of 45,000 at or near Panhandle at a dollar a head for this season if I would put in 2,000 or 3,000 cattle. Said the man was away at Kansas City, or I would have gone over to see him; but think perhaps I will hear from him before I leave again for the ranch.

I have a notion of trying to ship out 2,000 year heifer calves, and although it is late, to drive them up to that pasture if I can get it. They say the grass is good, and as they have had plenty of rain, I think they will get in a fair shape for the market this fall. But it is very hard to do this; it will take me until the 1st of August to get those cows through. It is risky.

I may take C. C. up with me to Big Springs next Monday to boss a shipping outfit of calves; and when he gets 2,000 shipped, to drive











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the cows through to Panhandle, or anyway up to Jack Alley's, I may send him through with the herd.

I had a letter from Mr. Howard this morning saying if I would loan him \$5500.00 at 8%, he would take 300 of my cows and calves at the price you name; I suppose that to be \$30.00. I have wired him: "Think can arrange deal. Come immediately; must leave Monday. Answer."

Now if we can arrange the details and he will give me \$30.00 for the cows, I will take up his indebtedness, and he make four notes payable in one, two, three, and four years at 8% per annum; interest payable semi-annually. Provided I can get him to put up windbreaks and plenty of water, and put all the cattle under mortgage. I rather think he will come. If he takes me up, I shall write to Ed Green to come for the 300 cows and calves, and take up with them 2500 yearling steers to Running Water, and the cows on to Howard.

I learn at the office that under the ruling of the Attorney General our old leases are good and they are not out. We have lost 20,000 acres in Jack Alley's pasture, which hurts very badly. The old "S" ranch holds good for a while yet; the lease on about 70,000 acres expires this fall; the lease on about 90,000 acres expires next summer





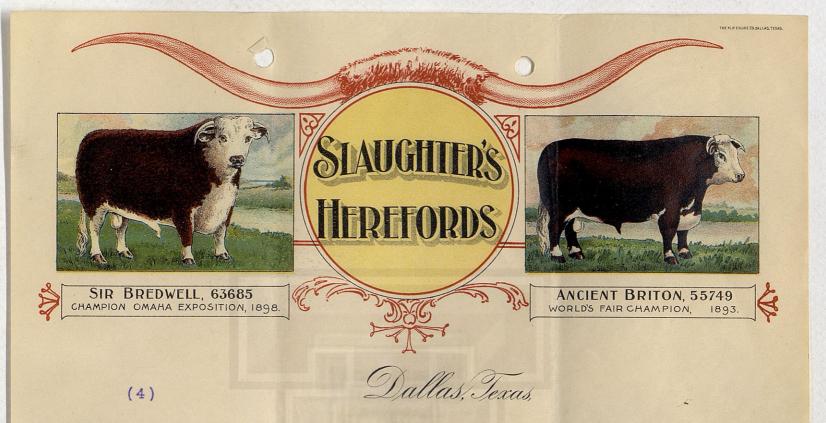


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and fall; the lease on about 16,000 acres holds good until 1904. am not hurt quite as badly as I thought. It gives me more time to work. At the same time, every indication is that I will eventually have to give up the old "Long S" ranch. And I am determined to sell if possible 2/3 of my breeding cows this year, and that will be not less than 8,000 head. How to do it I hardly know. I have requested J. B. Wilson to get an option on the feed of the cotton-seed mills of Abilene, Texas, and Ft. Smith, Ark., if possible, for me. I go to him because he is a cotton-seed mill owner and think that he can do better than I can. I told him to buy the entire output. I am afraid to feed anywhere down here about Dallas because I know our cows will die with the fever. I am taking the whole thing quietly, and thinking seriously over all the moves that I can think of; and while they are all risky, I think we had better pocket our cows. I am thinking of sending Bob out to J. H. Slaughter's, Tombstone, Ariz., and see if he cannot arrange for us a ranch in old Mexico; or in Arizona, joining the line, to live upon in the United States, and buy a tract of land in old Mexico for our cattle to drift on in the winter. The reason I am going to send to him, is he



has been in Tombstone for over 25 years and he knows everybody and is a fine trader, and I believe is honest. Of course, I would expect to remunerate him for his trouble; shall not ask him because he is of my blood to do anything without pay. And I believe by sending Bob over, and probably going myself, I can get hold of a ranch for our younger cattle, keeping what we can on Rattlesnake and Sulphur. This is only an outline of my ideas.

I think that I will send as soon as possible some time this fall about all the stock horses we have over to Roswell and let you turn them out on public domain and let them rustle for their living.

They are getting pretty numerous. If we lose them, we do not lose much; if we gain anything, we gain considerable.

The families are all well. The weather is hot, and it is very dry. The corn in Dallas County so far as I know on the upland is gone, the lower land may hold out for 20 days yet. Cotton looks fine. The town seems to be alive, with a prospect of two more railroads. Everything here seems to be moving on all right.

Hope this will find you and yours is good health and apirits.

Your father, Claughtn

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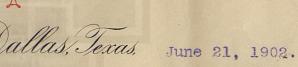












George M. Slaughter.

Roswell, N. M.

Dear George:

I received your telegram this morning saying you had sold Hagerman 300 Zavalla heifers out of the 500 at \$23.00, which I suppose means the S side heifers that Jack carried up last fall. Immediate delivery. I consider this a good price but a very large cut, from the fact that the heifers were selected by Jack first at the Tahoka Lake pasture and a gain of 40% cut by you, which is equal to a 50% cut at least. But as I think the price is good, I am satisfied with it. Hagerman ought to get a dandy lot of heifers. You did not say how they were to be delivered, or what the expense would be in delivering. But it is a good sale after all under the existing circumstances.

I had a letter from Mr. Howard, and replying, wired him thought we could make a deal, to come down. In the letter he said that he was willing to buy all of the 300 cows at the price you named him, which I suppose was what I said to you. But he came down and claimed that you put the cows at \$26.00. I told him if you had sold him 300 cows at \$26.00, I would fill the bill, but they would be my cut, and the cows would be grandmas and bad colors. He said that he had made no trade



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with you. Finally, after talking to him for nearly half a day, I told him that I would loan him the \$5500.00 to pay out his cattle at 8%, provided he would take my cows and calves at \$29.00, and they would all be good ones. He then wanted some bulls. I asked \$40.00 for them, which I thought was cheap. Finally he offered to take the trade if I would put in 10 two-year-old Hereford bulls, cut of; and I accepted it. I have taken his note for the 300 cows and calves and 10 bulls at \$9000.00, and given him a check, payable the 1st of July, for \$5500.00, making in all \$14500.00. The notes are four, due in two, three, four and five years, bearing 8% interest; with a deed of trust on the cattle I sold him and also all the cattle he has, which I think is a fair trade.

He also said that you offered him two-year-old heifers at I told him that I did not feel like letting them go unless he had made a trade with you. He said he had not made a trade with you. He said he could sell a man up there two-year-old heifers, straight as they come without any cut, at \$18.00; also thought he could sell him four bulls, and asked me what I would take, and I told him \$40.00.

I will have to take the cows and bulls to Running Water for him, I have written to Ed Green to be at Jack Alley's on the 28th to take up



a lot of yearlings and these cows and calves and deliver them to Howard at Running Water, and send a man on to see the cows branded. He wants a stripe across the S, diagonal like, so as to make it as near an 8 as possible, and will slope one ear. He is to run his cattle in a figure eight brand, with a horizontal bar above it, and keep them all in one brand.

After I came home and examined my papers thoroughly I find we are not as badly hurt by the judgment of the Supreme Court as I first thought. We have lost only 32 sections in the Tahoka Lake pasture, the Stith lease. Our old leases hold good; and there are about 70,000 acres in the old ranch that expires this fall, in October, November and December; about 100,000 acres that expires in the fall of 1903; about 16,000 acres that does not expire until 1904. This gives me more time than I first imagined, but makes me feel anxious to dispose of quite a number of stock cattle this year; next year, more. The best I can think of now is running about 10,000 head of cattle on the old ranch after this fall.

I intend to leave for Big Springs Monday evening, and will go out and stay quite a while on the old S ranch, although it is very hot, and I expect dusty.



\$18.00 for the 150 two-year-old heifers that Howard said he could sell is very low, but I expect I had better let them go. I have a notion of trying some veal heifer calves on the market if I can possibly arrange to ship them out.

On my way home I learned that I could get a good pasture of 45,000 acres near Amarillo; well watered. But I don't believe I have the time to ship out calves and then drive them up there for this fall's market. I wish you would look over your range thoroughly and write me at Big Springs in care of Rufe Slaughter at Rattlesnake ranch how many cattle you think you could take up there.

The Hayden suit begins Monday. I am not paying any attention It is very dry in this county; and the upland corn has burned up, but corn is very good north of here; cotton is looking very well.

This leaves all well, and hope will find you and yours the same. Write me.

Your father, Callanghh





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June 23, 1902.

Mr. G. M. Slaughter,

Roswell, N. M.

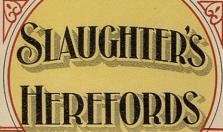
Dear George:

Your letter of the 20th is at hand stating that you had sold Hagerman 300 heifers at \$23.00; all of which, as I have told you before, is satisfactory, and I rather think you have made a good strike with Hagerman as he will get a dandy bunch of cattle and will make quite an advertisement.

In regard to what you say about the other heifers at \$19.00, I suppose that is all right if you can sell them. However, I take it that a two-year-old heifer, not bred, is worth fully as much as a dry cow, if not more, because of her age she is a dry cow, or at least she is ready to breed; and if I was forced to sell dry cows or two-year-old heifers, I would feel safer in keeping the two-year-old heifers and selling the cows. So, as I have said before, my idea is to sell cows with calves. I think the cows and calves at \$32.00 is a better trade than to sell two-year-old heifers at \$20.00; for \$30.00 for cows and calves is about equal to two-year-old heifers at \$20.00. Don't think I would sell my heifers that I had raised up there for less than \$20.00









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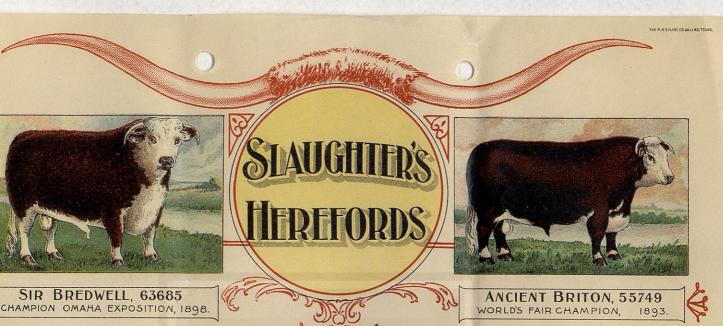
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on the ranch, without any cut, and not ten unless you sell by the thousand. There is a great deal of difference between selling large numbers of cattle at a certain price and selling small numbers, from the fact that if you begin to distribute cattle in small numbers at a low price, the man learning this will offer a less price for larger numbers.

I think your idea is very good in regard to getting some one to work up trades, as you say, up in the mountains for small bunches at a commission, provided he can work up as many as a thousand head. My idea is to dispose of our bearing cows as much as possible and hold to our younger cattle, twos, yearlings and calves, from the fact that they are better improved and will grow up to be better cattle, and finally fill the bill.

I don't agree with you that I will be crowding Running Water, with 90,000 acres of our own land, by sending up 2500 yearlings. We surely can use our own land, with at least 10,000 acres of others; that ought to run 5,000 cattle and the 2500 yearlings that I am thinking of sending up, giving us 20 acres to the head. And further, we expect to sell the three-year-olds this fall, which will give the other yearlings that I am sending up nearly 40 acres to the head.



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It is all right about you sending up to Bill's and getting a lot of horses, as we are going to need them very badly. The horses are mine, and if you wish it, you give an order for 20 or 25 - 20 I would say - picked horses out of that ranch. I am going up, as I wrote you before, to try to deliver the 300 cows and 10 bulls to Howard; and

try after that to ship out some veal calves so as to make some dry cows. Have not heard from the Panhandle men yet in regard to the When you send a man to Bill's, you might let him go by pasture. Panhandle City and see what can be done there, and let me know. think it is rather late to drive cattle up there this fall.

Don't know of anything more that I can say to you at present.

Your father.

CC Slaughter



Mr. G. M. Slaughter,

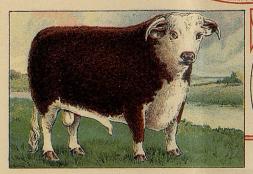
Roswell, N. M.

Dear George:

Your letter of the 20th inst. received, and in reply thereto will state that if I were in your place I would keep everybody off of the land in your pasture that you own or hold under leases. This, I think, is absolutely important; and if I were you, I would at once notify the party on the land that he must move and move at once; and if he didn't do it, sue out an injunction and put him off, for they have no right to get on land that you have a lease on until the land is put upon the market and your lease contract cancelled. Had this method been adopted by Col. Slaughter years ago, his troubles now would not be in existence. However, it is no use to grieve over spilled milk, but to make the best of it in the future. This is the reason that I make these suggestions to you.

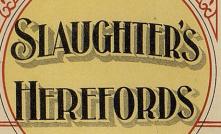
I am going to try and be with you sometime in July. But you know it is absolutely impossible for me to leave here now on account of the unsettled condition of affairs at the "Long S" ranch, where I may be





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needed at any moment as Col. Slaughter left here last night to go over that ranch and investigate the actual condition of affairs existing thereon. I must confess that I do not take as gloomy views of the situation as others do, for I yet believe that there is a chance to make fair weather with these people who want to settle upon this land. so, then all is well, and will end the same way. Of course, you understand that the Colonel is in a position whereby he can pick the men that he wants to go on the land and give them all of the advantage. I still believe there is some good left in the world among the actual settlers, though it is hard for a cow-man to realize such a fact. You may not; but at the same time I do, and think that arrangements can be made whereby these matters can be reasonably fixed up which will ultimately redound to the benefit of the cattlemen by these actual settlers getting the title to these lands out of the State of Texas. When that is done, as time rolls by it will be but a short while till the cow-man can gradually pick up these lands; and in my opinion it will come faster than we now anticipate. In other words, the main object is to get the title to these lands out of the State of Texas so that the cattlemen can buy it. As it now stands, it is impossible for him to get it; he



is not an actual settler, and if he was he could not get any more than four sections of land, and you know four sections of land is nothing to run eattle on.

As to the other matters inquired about in your letter, will state that Capt. Smith is now sick in bed. As soon as he gets able, I will see him and have your matter attended to. I spoke to his man at the Fair Grounds about it, and he told me that he would look after it and have the tent sent you by express if he could find it. Also stated that he would see Capt. Smith this evening if he was able to talk and ask him about it.

The stack cover, 24 X 60, 12 oz., mildew proof, will be sent to you to-day by express. It cost \$36.50, and I told the Missouri Tent & Awning Co., from whom I ordered it, to draw on you for the amount. I did this in order that you might keep your books up there in a condition to understand all about the expense.

We have never been able yet to get an inventory of the property owned by the Slaughter Cattle Co. Of course, I understand that you have been very busy with other matters and scarcely had time to give this any attention. While it is very important that it should be done.



Should I come out there, I would like to know how long it would take to go over the range and see about this vacant land. I certainly hope that you will be able to keep up with it. I have done my best, and have written the Commissioner for information about it He promised to give it to me, but thus far I have been unable to get it. I shall write him another letter to-day or to-morrow. In the meantime, use every effort in your power to ascertain immediately upon its classification at Lubbock.

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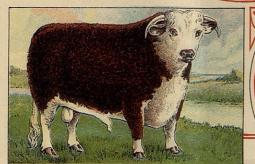
Roswell, N. M.

Dear George:

Hagerman cattle. I suppose you spent the other on the land or otherwise. It is all right. I answered your telegram to sell the yearlings at \$27.00. It is a terrible big price, but very bad for people to say that our cattle have been topped, and I don't care very much if the man has backed out. I think the sale of the 200 cows at \$35.00, with the bulls in, is a very good one; yet, as they are all five-year-old cows, well located, not a very big price; but I am satisfied with it. I de-livered the 300 cows to Howard, I guess, about the last Saturday at Running Water, or so ordered Jack Alley to do that. Yes, I think Howard is a skinner. I ordered Ed Green by letter to get 2500 yearling steers to take up from Jack Alley's to Running Water; have not heard a word from him yet.

I have almost concluded to not pay the State any more leases if I can help it, and let the land go on the market to settlers; except one lease I have that runs to 1904, about two blocks Indian Canyon.





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The big ranch is gone I think. I am going to try to make a fight for Rattlesnake, the best I think that I have, and I think my chances are good to hold 75,000 to 100,000 acres in that pasture, which will be 21 miles long and 8 miles wide. I own 98 sections; have my boys on 36 sections that are yet holding good; about 18 to 20 sections are gone, think I may buy them at a very extravagant price. I have 24 sections at Round Sulphur, and I may try to hold 25 or 30 more. I own 54 sections around the Evans' pasture of 20 sections that will be valuable if I can blanket the alternate sections and buy Evans out. I own 2-1/2 sections around Tahoka Lake; may try to blanket a few other sections, but expect will let the Tahoka Lake ranch go. My only chance is to try to sell 15,000 or 20,000 cattle off of the lower ranch between this and October, 1903. I am offering 5,000 cows at \$25.00, with calves at their feet. A man is going to look at them; his name is Paul McCormick, sent to me by Boardman. My price on them is \$25.00 for cows and calves if he takes 5,000; if he takes 4,000, \$26.00; if he takes 3,000, \$27.00; if he takes 2,000, \$28.00; if he takes 1,000, \$29.00. He told Dick at Kansas City that he wanted 2500. Going out to look at them to-morrow, don't know what we can do. My idea, as I told you before, is to sell





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and I think those steers will sell.

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Dallas Texas

cows and calves. I shipped out 453 heifer calves Sunday from Stanton, and one carload of dry cows. My idea is to ship out, if I don't sell, about 2,000 to 2500 heifer calves and make dry cows; then if we have any rain to make grass, I will ship the cows this fall with the other dry cows. I am not trying to sell two-year-old heifers, neither am I trying to sell yearling heifers and yearling steers. I believe in holding them and getting off the big cows that eat lots of grass. The lower ranch is dry in places, and in places it is not. The rains are very scattering, some places good and some places bad; prospects look rather gloomy. I think if I were you I would not sell cows and calves under \$30.00; dry cows and two-year-old heifers under \$20.00; hold the threeyear-old steers pretty strong at \$33.00. Yes, I think in August it would be a good idea for you to ship some of those three-year-old steers and see what they are worth -- four or five cars as you say. You might take up a train to Hereford, if you can get a pasture, and ship them out slowly; but that is a great deal of trouble and expense, and would depend upon the grass in the pasture. The crops in Kansas seem to be good,

I sent Dick up to Kansas City to get us a corporation in





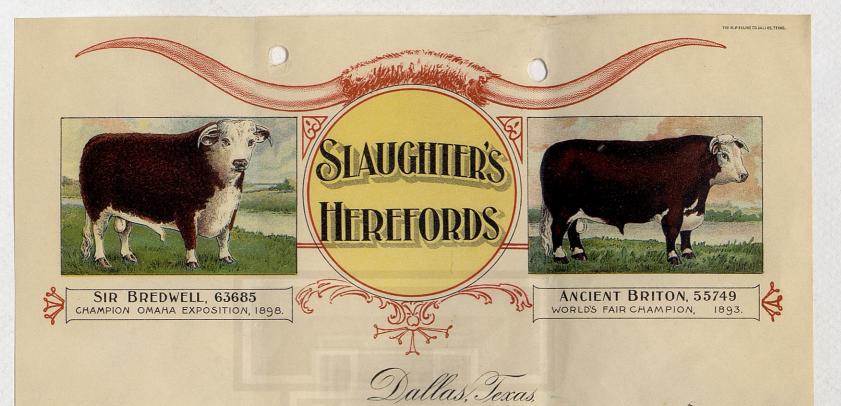
SIR BREDWELL, 63685



CHAMPION OMAHA EXPOSITION, 1898

Missouri, which I think we will do. My idea is to get in the United States Courts with suits and get away from local prejudice. Some counties, Borden for instance, are so prejudiced against me that I can get no more justice than a rabbit; and they cannot tell what they have against me either, more than I own some land and cattle in that vicinity; and they tell a man that has land and cattle to "go away back and sit down." So my idea is to get before the Federal Courts either at El Paso, Abilene, Ft. Worth or Dallas; and if they come it will cost them something, and I can tell them to "go away back and sit down," for I am going to get justice. Justice is all I want. I don't know that I will succeed, but think I will. Got the corporation formed, and I intend to put all my leases in their hands; and don't know but what C. C. Slaughter & Co. had better sell them the Coke County land. If Mr. Dickson gets elected again, we will want to get from under him sure.

I have a great deal to think of, and many things float in my I want to be just to all, and myself at the same time, and it devolves not only upon us but also upon the others to keep a close watch and guard; and if we give up our cattle on the lower ranch, we want to get some money out of them. I look for them to go very low as every-



body wants to sell. I had rather have a little money out of the cattle than to have them throw their heels up to the skies next Spring and have nothing.

I stood my trip over the range very well. Had Bob with me; he is surely working hard; he is a splendid boy.

All well, and hope this will find you and yours the same.

Your father.

makes copy of make to Im House RUSHMORE STOCK FARM,

J. J. COFFMAN, Proprietor Gushville, Ind. July 18 th 1902 Lallas Ste, Dallas Gut Dear Sir yours of 16th in at hand and wind my acceptance of your fraposition to put me uf 20 Julblood Genford bull Calors. to fit for shows of 1904. and I will fromiss you if Jeed and bar will min; that the Slaughter Cattle Mill have a place in The shows . When mill it be advisable to Estrate Theor Calus. I would Suggest that if marker is not to hot that from 25 to 27 th of this mouth a live to castrate. When an the Calvo: and do you advise that I go and pret them the I am forfeelly willing that you silet show if you will be at Ranch any way soon; what me Want is uniformity; all nicely maked, low down blocky fellows; and strong early chaps; and will take them at maning time. Day from Deft 15th to OCT 1st I am availing any suggestions you may Mr Sorham + Black That Their Strong & Rush County of the Bloomington see

RUSHMORE STOCK FARM, J. J. COFFMAN, Proprietor.



Rushville, Ind., July 25- 1902

The M Slaughter En Rosurll New Mex Dear Sir. I mind my acceptance of your proposition to fut me up 20 Julblood Hearford Calus for Stanis Jair and Stat Shows of 1904. and also mote you at Dallas By and not hearing from you in organd to when it would be advorable to Oustrate said Dalus, Hard Concluded My letter must han misearried. Flear advise me When to Come . unless you will select Calors yourself I lan leur her on ang 5th if you advise it . all I would have to say in solicting calors for the furfres of trying to min that The hat is now to good, I would Mant Them even and niely maked. Fit me hear from you at are early date. Resply yours It Is Then any way. That could be provided to If Offman learnents eat ground outsocorn while wish Their dans mikeus to much incommine to you provided I have the officers ..



Mr. G. M. Slaughter,

Roswell, N. M.

Dear George:

When you were here we had a conversation about drawing on the people who are grazing 1-1/2 leagues of Sherman County school land for their part of the lease money, and you told me not to draw on them until I heard from you. The total lease money is \$531.36 per year, and they owe us on 1-1/2 leagues from Jan. 20, 1901, to Jan. 20, 1903. In other words, they owe us \$199.26 a year for two years, making a total of \$398.52. Please let me know at once whether I shall draw upon them for that amount, and if so, upon whom I shall make draft and at what place shall I address the draft.

Father and the family left for Eureka Springs Thursday morning, to be gone about thirty days.

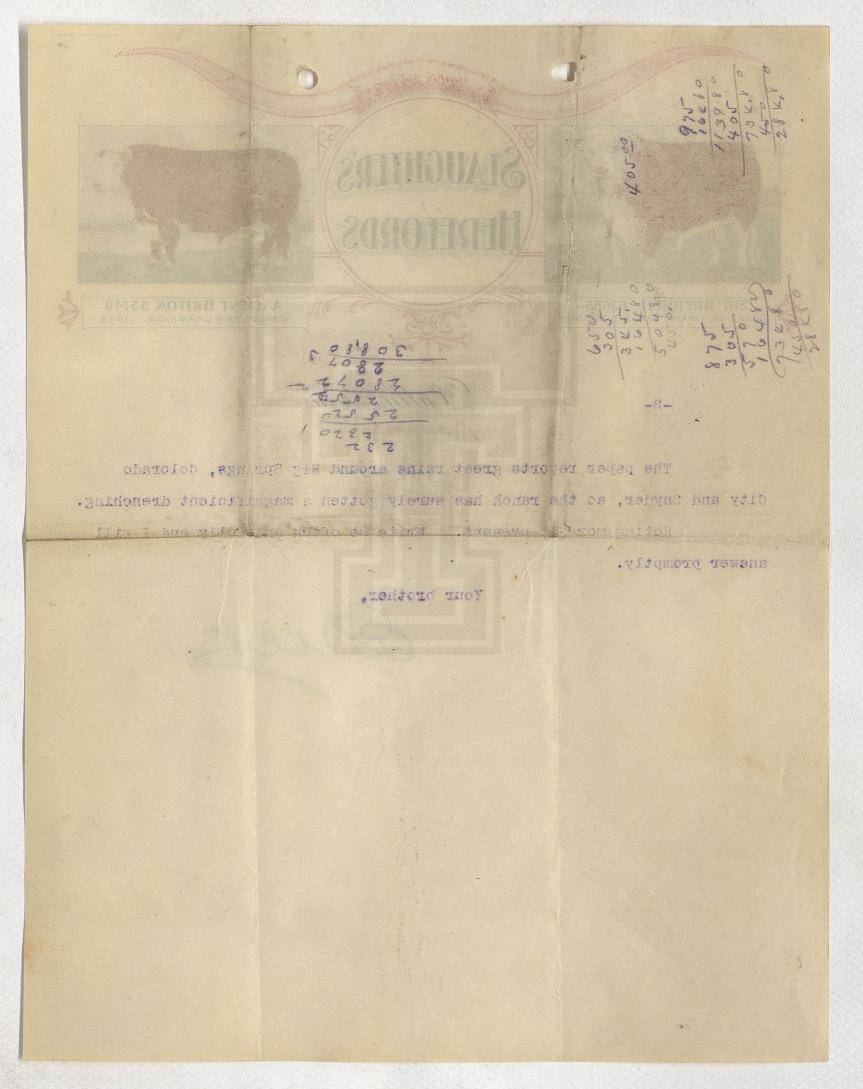
We made an offer the other day on the Greer County school land of \$1.25 per acre, payable 1/5 down and the balance in nine equal installments due 1, 2, 3 years, etc., at 5% interest, to which we have received a reply stating that Mr. Cameron, the President, is out of the city and the matter will have his attention upon his return to Waco.



The paper reports great rains around Big Springs, Colorado
City and Snyder, so the ranch has surely gotten a magnificient drenching.

Noting more at present. Write me often and fully and I will
answer promptly.

Your brother.



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Designated U.S. De Capital \$ 200,000. Surplus \$ 300,000. My Dear George yours of the 28 next cance to have yesterday I was well pleased with your. report especially with the Main Bob lelegraphed me before I left The drought was broken I hope our Cows will now get in fair if not in fine shope to ship out This fall as I Com thold pretty late on The lower rauch I fear they will go very low but if They should get in fair shape They will bring Some money I still think ur Should Ship all we possibly can and put the money me land on the lower hauch Glad to hear The 33 are doing so will in Javalla and hope Those in A water are also doing will from The What's of the com crops think They will sell for good money this hall I suphose you have a letter for aporty at strong city Prawood want 800 to 1000 at so much for the delined there Ete

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Dallas, Texas. both be broken up with out hunches he hun the such good rains in the latter part of July out to make good winter range with but little more rain I am here with apretty good Crowd of Nather quiet people. we had almost an Epi demic here in the last few with a running of the bourles I was on the stool for about I4 hows almost howely and may others were in the fix but all serm more to getting over it nicely dent know whether it is the water food or wrather, food all orimed to turn to water and run off at Bowels our folks all had but I betiers I was the wost took no medicine Except a little Jinger A may do all good Jack alley say only about 20 y Earlings deal De far by lichs hope the boys will get turns dipled I kill them you had treep intersch let the market at to wholyour 32 are worth write to b. H. a Kousos City Cossedy Bross les st lowis Rosentoun Chicago a others as

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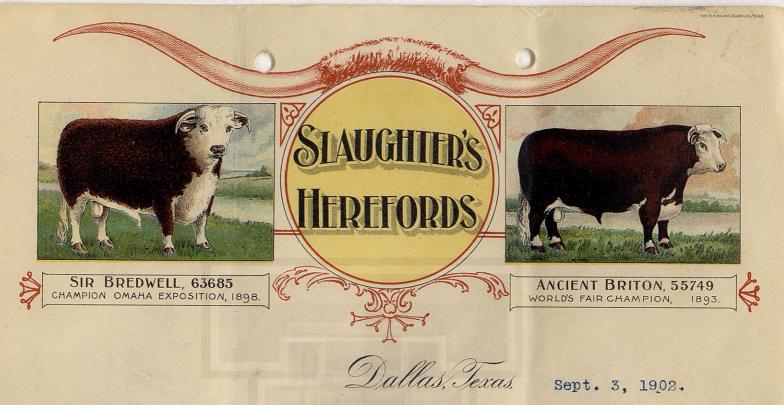
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Dallas, Texas, I hope Jo sick will be all right in a short him we all doing very well here the nights are Cool days warm we expect to born here about the lost of this wife or first of next for home Bot is having a time with his Grangers & hand I am somewhat uneasy about him as he is so head shong such is life. The water here or smethy that has surely worked us allout but we are all right now I hope Dela Bud Enjoyed their visit to haveall Ithink are would have done about as well out there our selves but I did not wish to put allie or Minnie to the test this hot Dummer to toke core of us I really hour no news to inte you about Hope you, will take good care of yererself his hot wrother as you will have lots of work to do this fall all send y motos of for also hall the others out in the west your affectionale Fotos



Mr. Geo. M. Slaughter,

Roswell, N. Ml

Dear George:

Yours of the 29th of August is now before me. I hope your boy is better.

From your letter I see you are going to the ranch, and I will have this letter sent to Rosell and also to Portales. I suppose youare gathering your first heard of cows for the market. The market is low, but I don't think it will get any better. Think you had better carry up a good herd of cows and ship them out. You say you are at a loss to know what to do for the best. We are all in that way. Yes, I would gather the fattest cows first.

It is all right about your renting the land taken up by the boys at four cents an acre. I think it is about as well to buy the land after it is taken as to try to take it up now. I think this land is too high at \$2.00 per acre.

Your talk with Capt. James is all right. If he wishes to buy the Sherman land and will pay us back our lease money, he can have it. And you can sell him some cows if you can agree on the price.



You can due-lap the cows and they won't bother you.

You say you are at a loss to know what is best to do, whether to send the Zavalla cattle to Running Water now or not. I think you can wait until about the time you have to deliver them, unless the grass and water gets short. Do as you please about that.

In regard to the vat, I hardly know what to tell you. I suppose you had better do as you think best. I am still of the opinion that Chloro-Naptholeum is the best to dip in.

I think I would ask \$20.00 for good Thigh S steer calves. It is all right about giving them back their money on the fifteen if they win first premium.

You speak about posts for Hagerman. I don't believe that I can get the posts out and make any money on them.

The fruit you sent us is all right, and I am going to write Harry to send us more if he can. We enjoyed the fruit very much. We got back from the Springs the other day. All did well. I took a very bad cough, from my catarrh I think. Still on me a little, but not hurting much.

I find I can't now very well get away from here. Am having

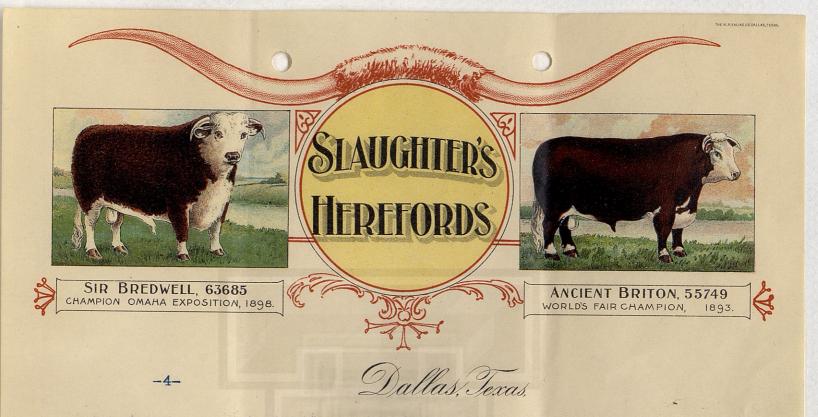


considerable trouble in getting b ack my money from the State. Hope I will succeed in getting back about \$7,000 of it to-day.

Since I came back I find that the National Exchange Bank Bldg., which is just beside me, is for sale, and I have made an offer on it of \$60,000 cash in November; but they turned me down on it as they wanted me to pay taxes of \$1100.00 this year. I refused to do it. Frank Irvine has the property for sale, and still thinks he can get it. Had a notion of buying it as it will give Dick something to do. If I buy it, it will take from \$5,000 to \$10,000 to put it in shape; but think we can make it pay about 8% on the investment. Think it would be a great addition to my building here by putting it all together.

I have C. C. established in the tailoring business with young Benham, who has been with Penn for several years. Pennis slowly dying. I hope C. C. will do well. I advanced them \$6,000 on one, two and three years. C. C. is feeling very good and I am feeling very good over it as I feel I have another boy fixed up for business.

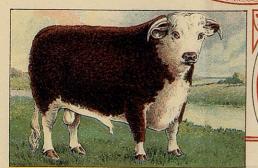
I can make arrangements with the bank to carry me for \$100,000 on over-drafts at 6%. I can pay for this building this fall out of the money from the steers and cows and get it to doing something until I can



make my fight for the ranch around Bob's place. This I can't very well do until the settlers have been on it three years. I think I will pay off the balance of the note I borrowed from the bank for \$162,000. I have it all paid except \$22,000 and have about enough money to pay it off. I think your cows which you are shipping now will come in time to take up bills; and John owes me about \$220,000, which I think is well secured as I believe the land is worth \$250,000. Old man Kaye has been trying to sell the Running Water ranch, and will be down this morning to talk to me about it. I have about decided not to sell it unless I can put \$100,000 worth of cattle in it. I still think of putting the Running Water ranch, when I do sell it, on the lower ranch and having but two. I had a fine letter from Jno. H. Slaughter of Arizona about a large ranch at 75 cents per acre; and various other offers. I believe the best thing for me to do is to hold to the ranch which you have and the one Bob has and make them as solid as I can and stop all other ranch business and begin to invest here as I can.

I don't think I can be out before the middle of October. Have my teeth to attend to My lower jaw teeth are getting loose and I think are giving away and I must attend to them. I hope to have a good





SLAUGHTER'S HEREFORDS



SIR BREDWELL, 63685
CHAMPION OMAHA EXPOSITION, 1898.

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WORLD'S FAIR CHAMPION, 1893.

Dallas Texas.

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report from you on the ranch soon, with an idea of how many cows you have that are dry that will do to ship. I am still of the opinion that we must ship out a big lot of cows although they are low. But to try to feed very many of them is an experiment that I don't much like. However, I may try to feed some later. My idea is to take what we can get for them and put down our stock by letting off the dry cows. Of course, I hate to ship out the cows that are on your ranch when they have been selected for breeding purposes, but they must go. Still believe in holding the young stock - twos, ones and calves. Had a letter from Jack Alley saying that the 2950 yearlings that Green went off with were better than they had ever been, looked as large as the twos were this spring. This is the way a man feels when he is turning anything Also had a letter from him saying that he had delivered you about 1100 twos and some steers. Have not heard from Bob direct. a letter from Littler saying they thought they had good men on most of the land I threw up - about 40 sections. Were still in the fight.

Don't know of anything more to tell you. The town is growing very fast. The effects of the Reunion are plainly seen and will be for a long time to come. Dela got home. Said she had a fine visit.



Hoping that your boy will get all right, and that you will have success in shipping out, I am, as ever,

Your affectionate father, Allunghter

P. S. Since writing this letter I have seen a letter from you to Dick in which you seem to think that I am dissatisfied with the sale of the steers. I am not dissatisfied with the sale of the steers at all. You did what you were told to do. It is all right with me. I have only said that I did not think you had gotten enough money advanced. I mean by this, if the steers were to go down, you have not gotten enough money on them. I don't suppose there is any danger. I see Lower's letter is also giving you a round-up about not writing to him. Suppose he wants to work up a suit for commission. Lower had no idea that you could sell the steers and was taking it very easy. Since writing this, Frank Frank Frank Bruing this, Frank Frank Frank Bruing the Bank Bruining the boundary of bo. 500 to the Advance decided

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allas, Texas, Nov. 12, 1902.

Mr. Geo. M. Slaughter,

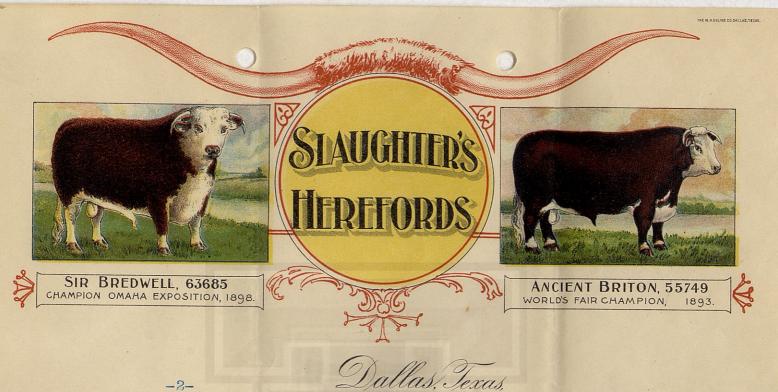
Hereford, Tex.

Dear George:-

I have your telegram of the 11/10 saying, " Farrington passed on 2360, first herd here, balance to-morrow; load Tuesday and Wednesday." Also have your telegram of the 11th saying "Cattle here; Farrington pleased; 600 in pens; load to-morrow; send draft book."

I am well pleased with your telegrams. Glad you got as many off with Farrington as you did. The money will come in good play, as I have paid \$60,000.00 on the building, and now have contracts that will cost me \$8,000.00 or \$10,000.00 more. In regard to the draft book, will say I sent you some to Roswell the other day, and will send you another one to Hereford. Don't know that it will reach you in time, but have put on it to forward to Roswell if not called for. I am looking anxiously for your drafts. I am pretty heavily over-drawn.

I went to the Baptist Convention. They had a fine meeting. We were \$5,000.00 short on the collection at the Ft. Worth Convention; we had \$60,000.00 subscribed and only got \$55,000.00; I put in \$1,000.00 to make it up. I also made a subscription to the endowment fund of Baylor University of \$10,000.00: 1/5 of it to be paid Jan. 1, 1904, with



four years more to pay the balance; will pay it all in January, 1809; or 5% on it. The Convention made up \$64,000.00 on the same terms, and we had made up before \$32500.00; so we are very safe now in getting the \$35,000.00 from Rockefeller. He said if we got \$125,000 subscribed by

Jan. 1, 1904, he would pay \$35,000. We now have some \$96500.00 of the \$125,000.00 made up, and am satisfied it will be made. Old Baylor is showing up fine; and I never saw such a Convention in my life - not a

single no in the whole thing, all ayes.

I have not heard anything further from the Joyner affair other than what you read. But everybody says that Joyner was perfectly justifiable in what he did. I have a telegram to-day from Bob saying he would ship 28 cars Thursday; half to Chicago and the other to St. Louis over the "Katy".

Your mother arrived last night from the East, with her health much improved and looking much better. Says Carrie is doing finely and is well satisfied.

I have a letter from Kaye, dated the 11th, saying we can buy the 2952 acres of the Hardeman county school league #66 belonging to one Read of Missouri, at \$1.50 per acre cash. I have written him that I would take it and pay for it the first of January. I thought we had