

I am today writing George fully in regard to the alfalfa seed. I am of the opinion that we talked this matter over in July at Douglas and George agreed to ship you the seed, but I am not sure; I might be mistaken. Perhaps you will recall the conversation. How many times have you cut the alfalfa this season, and will you have enough to winter the bulls and horses and other stuff that will be necessary to carry over on the ranch?

Mes, I agree with you that you are paying Mr. Harper too much money entirely for the work he is doing. You must get a man whom you can keep on the farm for not over \$30.00, gold, per month, and less if possible.

I have said to you that I thought it was best to get the balance of the steers out at once, and gave you my reasons. I am in hopes that you can so adjust your matters as to get them out before the return of the soldiers from Guaymas, for you realize when they come back what it means and the chances are you never will get them out this fall unless we get them out before this occurs, and it seems to me it is better for us to get them out if we have to take a little less money.

I am glad to know that you are going right on with the Woodward contract and carrying it out to the letter, if he is not ready. Be sure and advise with Richardson and keep within the law at all times. Have him write you full instructions what you shall do and live up to the instructions. We must show our good faith in carrying out this trade. Just as soon as you make the temporary survey of the land, we will know where we are, and until this time comes we are not sure as to the amount of acreage we have, although I will be frank with you: I feel sure the land will more than hold out. You understand when we make the survey proper that we must get all the land we can included within the bounds, and Judge Richardson told us what we would have to do to get a title to it. I have not impressed these matters on my mind as fully as I would have done if I had been on the ground and intended to have done the work, but you being the paid man and on the ground, I presume you got all those things fixed in your mind when Richardson was discussing them with us. At least, I said to you "Bob, get these things fixed in your mind", and I presume you did so.

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I note what you say about your having Jose gather the cattle on the lower edge of the range and put in the pasture so that you can get them when you commence branding. I asked you for the brand and mark so that I could have it lithographed on the stock. My opinion is that the best thing we could do is to use a large Hereford bull head only on the stock, but I will be governed by what you and George say along this line. Just as soon as I get an opinion from both of you, I will have Dorsey Printing Company lithograph the stock book for us.

I am glad to know that you are having good rains and everything is prospering.

Kindly write me fully in regard to the above matters.

I am sending a copy of this letter to George.

Hoping you and Belle and everybody else is getting along nicely, and with kindest personal regards, I beg to remain, as ever,

Your uncle,

WBS-F

copy to G. M. S.

BANKERS TRUST COMPANY

OF UNITED STATES

Slaughter Building

DALLAS, TEXAS

September Fifth
1913

OFFICE OF
W B. SLAUGHTER, PRESIDENT

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

Dear George:-

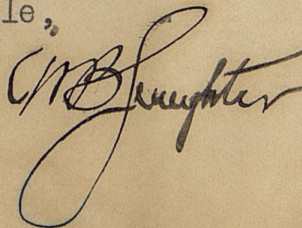
I had a long letter from Bob today
in which he states he sent you a similar letter.

He is anxious for the alfalfa seed to
reach him. Is it possible for you to get the seed
to him? My recollection is that in July at Douglas
you agreed to ship the seed at once, but I may be
mistaken.

Please read the contents of my letter
to Bob and if you agree with me, why write him
along the same lines.

Hoping everything is coming along
nicely with you and with kindest regards to your
good wife, children and yourself, I beg to remain,
as ever,

Your Uncle,



WBS-F

Enc.

SLAUGHTER LAND AND CATTLE CO.

(INCORPORATED)

U. S. OFFICE
DOUGLAS, ARIZONA

RANCH OFFICE
MOCTEZUMA, SON. MEX.

a copy of this sent to W.B.

Sept, 5th, 191³

S.L. & C. Co.,

Dallas & Roswell,

Dear Sirs:-

Referring to yours of Aug. 8th. with price list of rock Salt I note that Western Rock Salt Co, Wright Bldg, St Louis, Mo. quotes their No. 4 Salt in one hundred pound sacks F.O.B. Nacozari including the Duty at \$17.00 Gold per ton for a twenty ton car and I want W.B. to order me a car AT ONCE at the present price of Mex money which is two hundred and fifty, this will cost delivered in Nacozari 40.50 Mex. the wagon freight to this point is 25 Pesos the pack mule freight to ranch from here is 20 Pesos thus costing 87.50 Pesos per ton on ranch, I have searched every where and the only salt I can find is at Urez, they quote 140.00 Pesos delivered on ranch. I will buy one ton from them to start on think I can sell one half of the car load to the Moctezuma Copper Co, as they are entirely out I can stow the balance in their ware house free of charge, the total cost in Gold is ~~\$221.25~~ \$35.00 .

I have searched every where for saddle horses and found only one bunch of twenty two head at Dr. Moores ranch he has sold most of his cattle and offered his horses for sale, I was afraid to let this opportunity pass so I picked Twelve head for 800 Pesos which is 66.65 Pesos each, or \$26.50 Gold that are above the average for Mexican horses, well rested, fat, and sound backs, I will brand them with the S He agreed to take half this amount in Bulls but I paid him the money and he will pay cash for the Bulls with this addition to the Remuda I can get along nicely.

*Since writing this - I have traded for 2 tons
F.O.B. Ranch @ 80.00 per ton
Don't feel the order -*

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Mercantile National Bank

CAPITAL \$200,000

SURPLUS \$75,000

Pueblo, Colorado

W.B. SLAUGHTER, PRES.

ROBERT GRANT, VICE PRES.

C.C. SLAUGHTER, CASHIER

W.D. GRISARD, ASST. CASHIER

September Sixth,
1913.

Mr. G. M. Slaughter,
c/o American National Bank,
Roswell, New Mexico.

Dear George:

I am in receipt of your favor of the first and desire to state that Bob Slaughter sent us Eight Thousand Dollars which we placed to the credit of the Slaughter Cattle Company.

We have the Examiner with us today and as soon as he leaves, I will have the bookkeeper make up a statement of the Slaughter Cattle Company's account and mail it to you.

I am herewith handing you the note referred to in your letter, duly cancelled and will ask you kindly send us \$20.00, which was the exchange that was charged us by St. Louis. I regret I have not sent this before but have been holding it pending the sending of the \$20.00.

Would be very glad to go down with you in December if it is possible to get off. Unfortunately just at this time, my father is in Dallas, endeavoring to organize a Trust Company, which ties me down very closely. I am endeavoring to arrange to get off the first of October to attend the Bankers Convention at Boston, but do not know at this whether I can arrange to go or not.

From newspaper reports, it seems that things are getting rather corky down in Sonora. I wonder how Bob feels about the matter. I regret very much to notice that conditions are to dry on your ranch and hope by the time this letter reaches you conditions will be much improved. We have had considerable dry weather in Pan Handle, but Mr. Crabtree writes

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conditions are much better as they have had some good rains in that section.

We were very much disappointed this summer that you and your wife and children did not arrange to come up and visit us, as I am sure a visit to Colorado would have been very beneficial to you and we would have endeavored to have made your stay as pleasant as possible. In fact, it is not too late yet. We have some elegant drives in Colorado and I believe you would enjoy yourself. Of course, I was very anxious that you could get up and we could get some mountain trout fishing, which is almost over just now. I would like to get in some good game shooting this Fall. I was wondering if the conditions are as good in Roswell now as they were the time I was down there about ten years ago and if there would be any chance of locating any game in shooting, and it might be if I am disappointed in my trip to Boston, I will come down for a week.

Asking to be remembered to your wife and babies, I am,

Yours cousin,

Henry

(COPY)

Los Angeles, Cal. Sept. 8, 1913.

Judge D. A. Richardson,

Dear friend Judge:-

I was not needed to witness, personally or by representation, taking off a large herd of cattle from ranch not consulted about sale price, etc. Hence I am not obliged to presence anything. Contract is clear. Notes have nothing to do, being more or less land or cattle and cannot be altered. My obligations are clear. Slaughterers cannot avoid payment of notes under any pretext. They assumed ownership and changed conditions of cattle and ranch by moving off and selling large herds, also sold thousands of collars of grain, hogs, etc. without even consulting and never even advising me. If they default in payments of notes, then something will be doing in a legal way. I am "within the Law" and always will be.

Now, good old Judge, we will always be good friends and "why should we worry".

Your true friend,

(Signed) Geo. F. Woodward.

SLAUGHTER LAND AND CATTLE CO.

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U. S. OFFICE
DOUGLAS, ARIZONA

RANCH OFFICE
MOCTEZUMA, SON. MEX.

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1913

Dear Geo.

Every-thing is moving along slowly like every-thing does in Mexico, always, & made a hasty round over the Ranch and set the 11th to begin branding, and hurried back to meet my surveyor who was to have been back 2 or 3 days ago but got word from him, that he was delayed on account of Richardsons absence from the City (Douglas) and would be in tonight - The President had failed to appoint Woodward representative to count those cattle so I had to win the Prefect at Cumpas & expect a favorable reply tomorrow -

The Chinamen almost finished that fence lacked 3 Poles of wire and I paid them off & put a man in the gap till I can get more wire -

That fence was enough bother and cost to fence all West Texas -

It was a night mare to me - I am glad its over with -

I wired Richardson for advice on this Yaqui claim - He answered after 3 days that we were not concerned in this little -

SLAUGHTER LAND AND CATTLE CO.

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U. S. OFFICE
DOUGLAS, ARIZONA

RANCH OFFICE
MOCTEZUMA, SON, MEX.

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I am sure he is in error for the very heart of the trouble is at our Tambor farm - Dr Moore - Harper - Soto and other old timers showed me some of the lines and all say that Richardson is mistaken also they all agree that he is not up on Mexican Law and Land - He certainly must be in error this time -

The grass on the Ranch is above your stirrups in the valleys & cañons The feed on the mountains is as fine as one ever saw -

The cattle have grown fat in a month - Water every where but the whole valley here has been the driest of years and no corn is being raised except ours and it is quite short -

No more at present

Yours bro
Boh,

September Fifteenth,
1913

Mr. R. L. Slaughter,
Moctezuma, Sonora,
Mexico.

Dear Bob:-

Your several letters before me and contents noted. In reply will say that I am in hopes that what you state is not correct about the Mexican Government trying to dispossess you of the Tambor farm. We bought it from Woodward and certainly should have acquired a good title; at least Judge Richardson told us that the title was good.

Do not make any move without consulting Judge Richardson first. I have advised you time and again to keep in the clear. Do not fail to do this. If you have not already done so, I want you to write no letters to Mr. Woodward; all the correspondence should go through Judge Richardson. I do not want him to flash the letters in our face when we get in the court house; hence I am in hopes you have not written him anything. If you have, please preserve copy of the letter you wrote him. I am not sure, but I think I had mentioned this to you before in former letters.

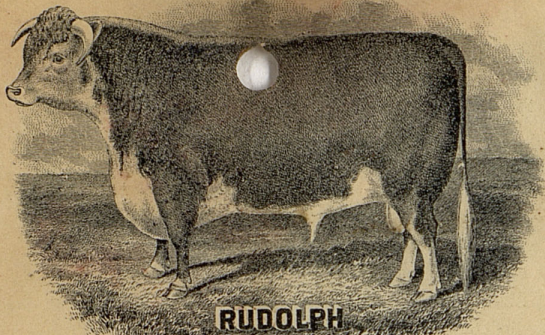
I note what you say about a commissary being carried on by you in Moctezuma. I am not in favor of this at all; in fact, I think it would be a serious mistake. However, I will not pass final judgment upon it until we get together and talk the matter over.

Be sure and receive the cattle according to contract, and I am still of the opinion, notwithstanding you and George think different, that the other steers should come out at once.

Hoping that I may hear from you by return mail and that matters may be in much better shape than you say they are today, and with kindest personal regards, I beg to remain, as ever,

Your uncle,

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August Hunt Bank Note Co. St. Louis.

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WYOMING

HEREFORD
ASSOCIATION.

CHEYENNE, WYO.

Sept 8th 1903

Mr W. B. Slaughter
Dear Mr. Slaughter

Received your letter
of 5th. I am greatly pleased
that you will visit us.
I know you will not regret
the time you will spend to
see our herd cast on grass.
I want you to be our guest
as long as you are in Cheyenne.
We expect to deliver our calves
about 1500 8th, gladly let you
know two weeks in advance
so you and Mr. Poole can
arrange when you will start.
With kind wishes to you
Yours
H. Altman

(C O P Y)

Sept. 15, 1913.

Mr. R. L. Slaughter,
Moctezuma, Sonora,
Mexico.

Dear Mr. Slaughter:-

I will forward all telegrams as requested.

I have received many communications from George F. Woodward, and feel confident that nothing short of a law suit will bring him to his senses. I have notified him that while he had five years time to make good any shortage of land, that he would not have five years to make good the titles to the land that he asserted ownership to, and that you were being dispossessed of part of the land that he claimed to own, and that this land formed a part of the consideration of the notes, and that we demanded of him that he immediately quiet his titles to the land that he asserted ownership in, and place the Company in quiet and peaceable possession of the same.

I think we are going to have much trouble in the State of Sonora, and it would be well for you to bring all of the cattle possible to the United States.

Truly Yours,

(Signed) Richardson & Pattee.

R/D

September Fifteenth,
1913

Judge D. A. Richardson,
Douglas, Arizona.

Dear Judge:-

I am somewhat surprised at the contents of your communication of the 10th inst. on account of the position taken by Mr. Woodward. I certainly never expected anything of this kind. I had an idea that he was a fair man and would do what was right, but as I see it, we have no escape whatever from forcing him to a specific performance of the terms and conditions of his contract, which is all we want, and I am yet inclined to think that he will recede from the unreasonable position assumed by him, as stated in his letter. At any rate we will insist upon his complying strictly with every term and condition embraced in the trade; therefore insist upon a settlement in accordance therewith.

Thanking you for sending me his letter and with best wishes to you and all your interests, I beg to remain,

Yours truly,

WBS-F

BANKERS TRUST COMPANY

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DALLAS, TEXAS

September Fifteenth,
1913

OFFICE OF
W. B. SLAUGHTER, PRESIDENT

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

Dear George:

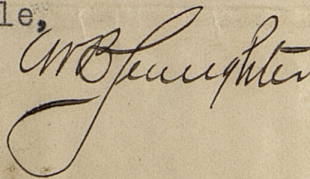
I herewith enclose copies of letters
mailed to Richardson, and Bob.

George, Bob is entirely too expensive
on that ranch and we must make some change or we will go
behind. I would be pleased to know your ideas in
regard to this matter. We cannot stand this constant
expense with the number of cattle we have on the ranch.

I notice you do not agree with me in
bringing out the steers, which is allright, but I
am still of the opinion that it is a mistake and they should
come out at once. When the army at Guaymas returns,
I seriously doubt whether or not we will be able to
get any more cattle out during this fall and winter.
Kindly let me hear from you at your earliest conven-
ience.

With best wishes to you and your
family, I beg to remain, as ever,

Your uncle,



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copy to RLS

P.S. Please find enclosed letter from Mr. Altman,
President of the Wyoming Hereford Association. Will
be pleased if you would return this letter to me after
reading the same.

W.B.S.

September Seventeenth,

1913

Mr. L. Slaughter,
Moctezuma, Sonora.
Mexico.

Dear Bob:-

I just received a copy of a letter from Judge Richardson sent you on Sept. 15.

I presume that we will have to have a law suit with out partner, Mr. Woodward, in order to make him comply with his contract, but I wrote you fully that we better let our correspondence go through Judge Richardson.

I note that he advised you to bring all the cattle possible to the United States. I realize this is impossible, and suggest that you only bring the steers and fat cows and a few of the old cows that George calls "Old Nellies", notwithstanding they might have small calves with them. You remember that I have urged this all the time and still urge this being done before the return of the troops from Guymas. I do not know at what time they will get through fighting down there, but I feel sure it will be very soon, and when they return to your country no doubt will do some damage, but perhaps may miss your ranch.

Am in hopes you did sell the wheat as you suggested in a letter some six weeks ago, which I advised you to do, or in other words, agreed with you that it was the proper thing to do.

I am sending a copy of this letter from Mr. Richardson to George today, together with this letter I have written you, and I presume you will hear from him also within the next few days.

It seems like it is impossible for us to get a stock book out as what we want on it makes it expensive. It will cost us around \$75.00. I have Exline's stock book man now looking at Sir Bredwell in Al's store, for the purpose of having his picture

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taken to put in the center of the stock. Just as soon as we get the stock ready, will advise you. Of course, it is going to take quite a while as it all has to be lithographed.

I judge from Judge Richardson's letter that your communication in regard to the land is in his hands and he has advised you fully in the premises.

I hope that everything will keep moving and you will use good judgment and not get into any trouble, notwithstanding the Mexicans may do many things that do not meet with your approval.

Hoping that we may have a favorable letter from you in regard to conditions at the ranch and elsewhere, that you will succeed in getting the cattle all properly tallied out, and the steers and other cattle that you want to bring out up to Douglas as soon as possible.

Hoping this will find you and all the interests in good shape, as well as Belle, and with kindest personal regards, I beg to remain, as ever,

Your uncle,

WBS-F
copy to GMS

September Seventeenth
1913

Judge D. A. Richardson,
Douglas, Arizona.

Dear Judge:-

Kin ly accept thanks for copy of letter
mailed R. L. Slaughter on Sept. 15.

I have advised Bob to not write any letters
to Mr. Woodward, but let you carry on the corres-
pondence. As you are our attorney, we feel that
you are able to handle the situation. He speaks
in his letter that Mr. Watts represents his inter-
ests. Of course Watts is in your city and you can
talk things over with him, if you so desire, and
if you do will be pleased if you would let me know
what Mr. Watts has to say.

I have written Bob fully today and told
him that I thought he had better bring the balance
of the steers and the old dry cows and bulls out
at once. It will be impossible to bring the stock *could*
out. We will have to take chances on them.

I am sending a copy of your letter to our
President, Mr. Geo. M. Slaughter, Roswell, N. M., with
a request that he write you fully.

Again thanking you for your promptness
in sending me this letter and with kindest personal
regards, I beg to remain,

Yours truly,

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BANKERS TRUST COMPANY

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DALLAS, TEXAS

OFFICE OF
W. B. SLAUGHTER, PRESIDENT

September Seventeenth,
1913

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

Dear George:-

I herewith enclose you copy of letter received from Judge Richardson as to instructions to Bob; also sending you copy of letter to Judge Richardson and one to R. L. Slaughter.

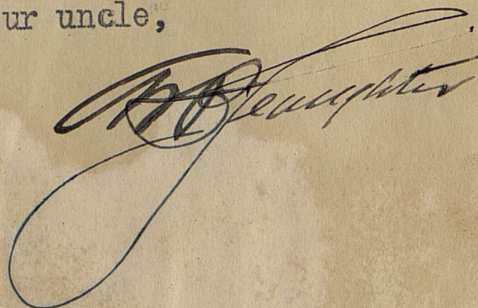
I believe that you will see from this letter that my contention was proper and right that the steers should come out at once. I am still of the opinion that they ought to move quickly before the soldiers leave Guymas on the return north. Hope you will write Bob, as well as Judge Richardson, in regard to the matters herein contained.

I am having lots of trouble getting our stock book. I find that we will have to have one lithographed and I am having old Sir Bredwell put in the center of the stock. One of Exline's lithographing men is down in Al's store at this time looking at him. I find the stock, by having to make a special cut, will cost us about \$75.00. You will see all about it by reading the letter to R. L. Please advise me fully in the premises.

With kindest personal regards to you and your family, I beg to remain, as ever,

Your uncle,

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SLAUGHTER LAND AND CATTLE CO.

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U. S. OFFICE
DOUGLAS, ARIZONA

RANCH OFFICE
MOCTEZUMA, SON, MEX.

Sept, 17th, 191³

S.L.&C.Co.

Dallas & Roswell.

copy

Dear Sirs:-

I just ran in today from the ranch to get the mail and to see what was going on, I will hurry back to the ranch tomorrow. Have been out there a week branding cattle and gathering steers. Have finished the worst half of the range and think will be through branding by the 24th, I have 175 steers in the pasture and will leave those that are on the north side of the range alone until ready to start the herd, I expect to leave the ranch 28th, Sept. Guess I will have about 450 head.

I will try to sell them to the same people as before and am writing them this mail. I am afraid Woodward will interfere with this sale if he can. I am making every effort to get them out at the earliest date but thought it no use to leave here until I had counted the range cattle and you know that is slow work in those rough canons. the officers here refuse to appoint any Representative to help tally the cattle so I am counting every one myself. the Govenor has ordered all Americans to be disarmed at once and the conscription of two thousand men and they might take our cow boys but of course I wont let them disarm me for I could not stay here without that much protection but they might make it so hot for me that I will be forced over the line, it seems that all the rest of the Americans have gone on ahead, if they will only let me get through with this herd I will be in a better position

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S.L.&,C.Co.

hold my own, a fellow feel so helpless with a herd on his hands for only is almost at their mercy, with the steers out of the way I would love to scrap with them.

Now if I can get away the 29th, and have no bad luck and can make a sale to Tovrea and Storm, and by shipping from Purica I ought to deliver in Agua Prieta Oct. 6th, our Note is due the 9th, and I have figured on getting this money in the Bank before that date to avoid any hold up. now we ought to have a Directors Meeting in Douglas the 7th, and Woodward should receive his Ten days notice.

The surveying was delayed, DeLancey returned from Douglas without sufficient information and Richardson wrote that we would have to go to Guymas for same but I found out that we could get it in Nogales, and DeLancey left for that point last Friday with orders to copy the field notes and to prepare to go on with the survey, it is too bad I couldn't proceed as planned for with the cattle tally and even a partial survey I could have made Woodward look sick.

This herd will drive easier than the other and I have the men broken in and they know the trail so I wont have to remain with them so constantly and can go on ahead and make a deal, I was certainly up against a hard deal last time. if I fail in Douglas will drive to Nogales as it is still the only way open. after the 30th address me in Douglas. there are many things to write but I am in a rush so
Adios,

Yours truly,

R. Slaughter
Gen'l Mgr.

BANKERS TRUST COMPANY

OF UNITED STATES

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DALLAS, TEXAS

September Twenty-second,
1913

OFFICE OF
W. B. SLAUGHTER, PRESIDENT

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

Dear George:-

I presume you have a similar letter from Bob, as he states he has enclosed one to you, as well as to myself. You can see what I have said to him.

We cannot afford to pay Bob the salary we are paying him if he remains at Douglas. We must cut the expenses on this ranch.

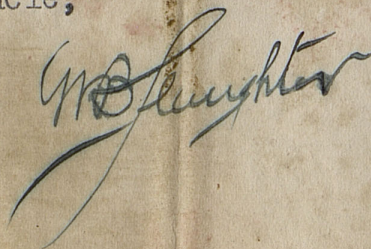
Old Ed Tyson is back from South America and is at Portales, N. M. and wants a job. We might be able to get him to go down there on that ranch and stay on the ranch, if you think he is the man. He speaks good Mexican, and being broke, he might be of valuable service to us for a while. He is right at you, and why not see him if you think he is the man and shove him down there at once. Bob is costing us too much money; he is a partner, nevertheless, but we cannot stand his price; besides, I feel that Bob will not stay on the ranch and we need a man right on the job, and Ed will go out there and stay and can live any way, provided you agree with me as to his qualifications. You know much more about him than the writer.

Please write me upon receipt of this at Pueblo, as I am leaving for home tomorrow and will be up there for the next week.

Hoping everything is moving nicely with you, I beg to remain, as ever,

Your uncle,

WBS-F



September Twenty-second,
1913

Mr. R. L. Slaughter, Mgr.,
Slaughter Cattle Company,
Moctezuma, Sonora,
M e x i c o.

Dear Bob:-

Your letter of Sept. 17 before me and contents noted. In reply will say I am glad to know that you will be out with the other herd of cattle about Sept. 28. You failed to state, however, how many of the stock cattle had been branded out and I am at a loss to know just how many stock cattle we have on the ranch. I presume, however, that as soon as you get through you will make a report to us of this.

I note what you say about the Governor ordering all Americans disarmed, etc., and the Governor is all-powerful and his edict will have to be complied with; and I note, further, that you state that you might be compelled to go out of Mexico. We must arrange for some one to stay there and look after our interests. It will not do to leave it all to itself. If you are coming out we must arrange with some Mexican whom we know is reliable and competent to hold the fort until you can return. I believe that Jose would be the man to leave there; he is agreeable to us and seems to suit our co-partner, Mr. Woodward, allright.

Do not crowd your steers in bringing them out; try and get them out in as good shape as possible.

Of course, if it is essential that the meeting be held at Douglas, why we can arrange for it. I think the 7th is too early.

I do not know where Mr. Woodward is at this date, and, of course, if you keep the question of bringing the cattle out to yourself, as you should do, Woodward will know nothing about it and can give you no trouble; hence the importance of keeping your mouth closed as to all your movements, notwithstanding you state you are going up to Douglas since it is not necessary for you before the cattle come out

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to blow around that you are bringing the cattle out. The least said on this and other subjects connected with the ranch at this time is best.

I presume your surveyor will go right on and make our preliminary survey so that we can estimate about the acreage we have. Of course we realize that it will not be a legal survey until it is approved under the laws of Mexico, but it will answer our purpose at this time. You realize when the actual survey is made that George wants a certain surveyor, who is well known to all of us, to do the work and I have no objection whatever so long as it is done right, and I know he will do it right.

I know that you cannot run the ranch and stay at Douglas, hence the reason that I suggest that we get somebody to stay on the ranch. If you come to Douglas to stay, you just as well come back home for the time being, for you can do no good with the ranch at Douglas; in fact, the orders you will give to the ranch from Douglas might do harm instead of good.

I am sending a copy of this letter to George. As soon as I hear from him will write you more fully.

I am leaving for Pueblo tomorrow and will be up there for the next week.

In regard to notes, will say that it is due on the 9th of October, but you need not give that any attention for I don't expect to pay this note until Mr. Woodward comes through and complies with his contract in toto. Of course, we will not handle the Woodward end of the deal; Judge Richardson, our Attorney, will handle that, and as I have written you time and again, write Woodward no letters. I am saying this advisedly. Do not make any statements to any one about our deal with Woodward. We now must keep perfectly quiet as to that part of our ranch transactions, until a full settlement is made, for if we talk to any one, we do not know but what they are personal friends of Woodward's and will get on the stand and make statements that would be very detrimental to our interests.

Hoping that I may hear from you again in a few days and that everything will be all O.K. in the near future, and with kindest personal regards to you and all others, I beg to remain, as ever, Your uncle.

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September Twenty Third,
1913.

Mr. Geo. M. Slaughter,
c/o American National Bank,
Roswell, New Mexico.

My dear Cousin:

I am in receipt of your favor of the 20th and am delighted to notice that you have found the first note I cancelled and mailed you. I was positive that I mailed the note as I sealed the letter myself and was at a loss to understand why the same was not in the letter, when I had a letter from you acknowledging receipt of that identical letter. I presume the matter is now closed.

I had a letter sometime ago from my father, stating that Woodard had not lived up to his contract and in all probability would involve all of you in a law suit, but he did not feel disposed to countenance any of his crooked dealings and he feels this was the appointed time to get the matter adjusted. In fact, he regrets very much that you made the second payment without making Woodard come through as he should. Of course, we hope it will not prove serious.

We are very much in hopes the United States would intervene or do something in Old Mexico that would entitle the Americans who are property owners to hold their rights but I gather from the newspapers Wilson is going to keep 'hands off' unless things take a turn for the worse.

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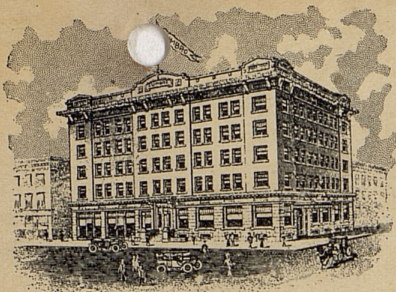
I would state there is a party now in Town attempting to organize a bank, or interest some of our local citizens, who purports to have come from Roswell and has been cashier of the State Bank; in fact, he reports that he came from Memphis to be the active man of the State Bank, which was controlled by some of the other National Banks. He weighs, I should say, about 160#, and has red hair. His name has slipped my mind at this time, but I was wondering if you would have your bank at Roswell write us giving such information as we should know and you can rest assured that the information will be treated with caution and held strictly confidential.

Trusting that I will be able to join you along about December for the trip to Old Mexico, as I am sure we will have a delightful time and enjoy ourselves very much I beg to remain,

Your Cousin,

MS

His name is H. H. Hendrick



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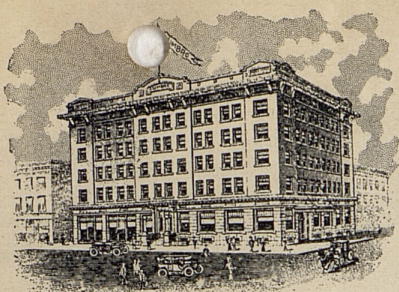
Rochester, Minn.

9-29-13

Dear Judge

I will be in Denver
about Thursday or
Friday - will I call
you up over long
distance - Mrs Edson
is improving after
the operation. And I
will go by Denver
after my auto as
I left it there -
She will have to stay
here for two weeks yet.

I want you to run
up to Cheyenne with
me to look at the
Bulls - as they will be



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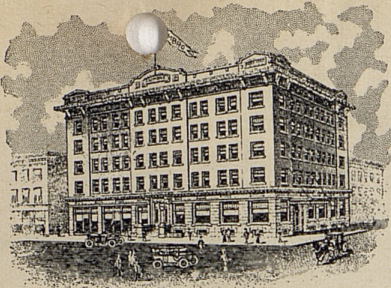


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Rochester, Minn.

With their machines
and you can see
all of them in
two hours and
return home the
same day the
reason I ask this
is it will save
me the long trip
back and I have
had inquiries about
them from two other
parties so if you
don't take them
I will have a chance
to sell them with out
having to ship them
to Texas. I know
you will be delighted
to see his kind of



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Rochester, Minn.

Cattle they are only
six miles from
Cheyenne and he will
meet us at train
with auto and we
will run out and
back in one hour -

I am sorry to hear
of your trouble in
Mexico but I think
after this election
even thing will be
O.K. or n.d. With lots
a hand - Give my
regards to Comd

Respectfully

R.S. Coon

Hotel DeSoto Denver
Colo

9/29/13
Majada Campo

Dear Geo - I forgot this
letter but have a
chance to mail it
tomorrow -

A will work for
steers 2 more days
Expect to start with
350 & think can
get them

This will leave 75 or
80 on Ranch but I
can't get them for
this drive even

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October First,
1913.

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

Dear George:

I enclose herewith a letter received from Mr. Coon today and my reply to the same. You must arrange your affairs so you can be at the meeting at Oklahoma City in November and we will go from there to Cheyenne, if we make satisfactory arrangements with Mr. Coon, and look at these cattle. Want you along with me as I presume you are a better Hereford man than the writer and you will know if they are worth the money. *I know we can make any arrangement with Coon we want*

Hoping you will be on hand and you will kindly advise me at Dallas as I shall be there next Wednesday and with best wishes to your family, I remain,

Your uncle,

W.B. Slaughter

October First
1913.

General R. S. Coon,
Hotel DeSoto,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear General:

Your letter of the 29th before me and contents noted. In reply will say it will be impossible for me to go with you to Sheyenne, as on Saturday I am turning over some cattle sold out in the country owned by Monahan & Company which we hold chattel mortgage on and I am compelled to be present at that time. On next Monday morning, I have to be in Dalhart for the District Court as I have a civil suit pending and it is set for trial on that date and if I am not there, it will go by default.

I am sorry I cannot go at this time, but I wrote you that the First of November George and myself would go up and look the yearlings over. I have no doubt but what we will buy at least one car and perhaps two. How many can we ship in two cars? The only thing with us now is a place to hold them until next spring. If the little war-fare continues in Sonora I seriously doubt if it would be to our interest to have them sent down there at all. However, if I am here when you get to Denver and you call me up over the telephone, I will talk the matter over.

I am mailing a copy of this letter to George Slaughter at Roswell so he can adjust his matters and go with us at the time. With kindest of personal regards, and hoping Mrs. Coon's health will improve rapidly, I am,

Your friend,

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October Second,

1913.

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

Dear George:

Your letter of the 29th before me and contents noted. In reply will say that when the cattle that Bob is bringing out now gets to Douglas, or in that vicinity, you must go down and see to the turning over of the cattle and have the proceeds sent to this bank. Woodward has a friend living there and no doubt, he has made arrangements to try and tie up that money and will tie it up if it is put in one of those banks. Hence, the importance of you being on hand and having the money forwarded here.

Bob will not follow instructions and it is useless to write him. We tried him before. It is a wonder we did not have trouble. Now, do not say that you cannot go for you must go. I would go, but there are so many matters that are pressing me at this time that it will be impossible for me to be there and you are about less than half way nearer to Douglas than I am.

I wrote you fully in regard to the bulls and it is useless to mention that matter any more, but in regard to me giving check to you for the money, will say that it is Bob's place and not mine. George, it is impossible for us to run that ranch and pay the expense we have paid up to this time. Bob has spent between seven and ten thousand dollars since he has been on that ranch and you know with the number of cattle on the ranch, we cannot stand this and some different arrangements will have to be made in order to keep it going. It is entirely too expensive.

I realize that there were lots of

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things to do but we cannot stand this. It is a matter we have got to face and correct.

There is no use of having a meeting at Douglas on the 7th and I am not figuring on having a meeting there. We cannot have meetings everytime Bob wants one. It is too expensive. If there is any matter he wants to take up especially, he knows where to reach us and we can discuss it without calling a meeting.

I shall be in Dallas on next Tuesday and I want a letter from you at that time saying you will hold yourself in readiness to go as soon as the cattle arrive. If Bob started the cattle on the 28th or 29th as he said, they should reach there about the 7th.

I note you say you are still dipping. It seems to me you are a long time dipping your cattle. In July when I returned from Douglas, you told me you were anxious to get out and dip your cattle. You do not have to dip more than twice and you certainly have had ample time to dip. I dipped 5000 head of cattle in three days in September and it looks to me you ought to be through by this time.

I realize that you are like myself, don't want to go, but you will have to adjust your matters and go for I can't go at this time, for the money must be sent out of there when the cattle are sold. We cannot afford to take chances of having it tied up and when it gets here, I will put it in shape that if they jump on the bank, it will not tie the money up because we will answer there is no money to the credit of this concerned here. Still the checks can be taken care of all the same. I feel Woodward will make every move possible after the 9th that he can; hence, the importance of taking advantage of it. Our attorney is on the ground and he can give

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you any assistance that you need.

I want you to caution Bob to not make any talks when you go down about the Woodward matter for he is hooked up with a concerned there that no doubt is trying to get all the information possible if we come to a suit and any statements made they will use it. Hence, it is best to let Judge Richardson handle Woodward altogether. I am writing you this way, as I talked this matter over with attorneys, hence, the reason I am giving you this as I do. If Woodward can show that we have made no statements or done nothing to nulify his contract, we have him without a doubt and this we must be very particular in doing.

The money that Bob held in Douglas, I know nothing about the check he is giving against it and consequently I am unable to say what disposition he is making of that. At present we have about \$4000.00 to the credit of the Slaughter Cattle Company here. I shall have the books made up just as soon as I can get a bookkeeper that is competent. Of course, the company will have to pay for this expense. However, it will not amount to more than \$50.00 at the outside, if that; but this being a company we must keep everything straight.

Now George, that ranch is a great ranch in Sonora and just as soon as matters get adjusted we want to stock it. I want to say to you confidentially, if the Bankers Trust Company pans out the way I think it will and I stay at the head of it, just as soon as they get plenty of money on hand, which I believe they will have in the next four or five months, why, I will see that the money is furnished to buy the cattle with out of the Bankers Trust Company; hence the importance of me pushing the Bankers Trust Company just as fast as possible, bringing the money in so I