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Mrs. T.A. Hickey,
Old Glory, Texas.

My Dear Mrs. Hickey:

I just arrived, with Mr. Elliott, and Mr. Flowers, from Old Glory, and found your handsome husband in magnificent health and spirits, except that he is a little homesick for a look at your sweet face.

The contract went through without a hitch.

I send my kindest regards to all the family; also to dear old mother.

Very Respectfully,

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HALLETTSVILLE, TEXAS, March 22, 1921.

My Sweetheart:-

Now what do you think of this? Here I am back in old Hallettsville and dictating to my old pal Joe Sommerlatte, just as we did in the good old days. Mr. Sommerlatte has become County Judge on the American Party ticket, I am writing this in the Court House and there isn't a doggone Democrat in sight anywhere and I must say that is chiefly due Sommerlatte's brains and he is now the political boss of Lavaca Co.

I had a delightful visit with Mrs. Sommerlatte last evening and she wants to be remembered to you.

Judge Meitzen is not at all well. Ernest is in North Dakota, Arnold is at a convention in Waco, Williams is there in the printing shop, the New Era is doing fine has now 1900 subscribers and the herald has 432. There isn't a particle of change in the old town. Same old faces, but the old smiles are gone. Prohibition has dampened the spirits of everybody. For instance there used to be five bands in Hallettsville, now there is only one and it is half blown up.

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#2 Sweetheart.

The Hermann's Son with 167 members have 7 or 8 members at a meeting, they can't drink the near-beer slop.

I am anxious to know what has been done about the notes that are due you. Arnold not being here and I did not ask the Judge. Let me know by return mail whether you have been paid and if not, I will look to the collection. The N.P. League is on its last legs. The Judge had to quit because there was no salary. They have only one organizer in the state. E.O. talked to me about fusion last night with my organization. He reconized that I have done the only sensible thing in starting a state paper and is confident that I will be able to put my organization over. I positively know that I can. I am getting splendid assistance and everything looks rosy. I will be in south Texas for the next six months. I will invite you down here in the summer, but not to Hallettsville. I will be a guest at the state federation convention at Galveston on May 16th, where I will make one of the principal addresses. Write me a long letter giving me all the particulars how everything is doing and give my abounding love to the Mittichen.

Your loving husband

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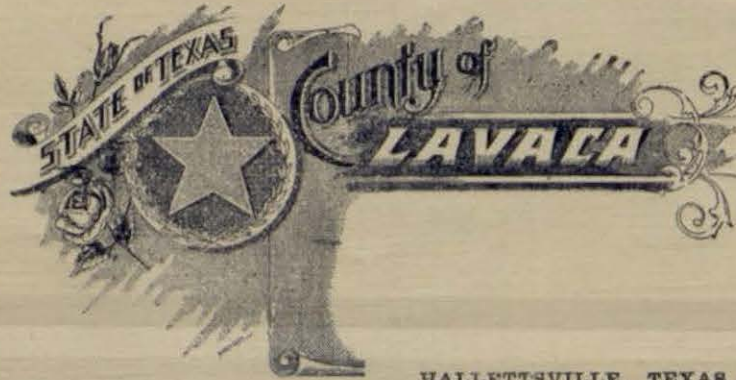
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HALLETTSVILLE, TEXAS, April 3, 1921.

Mrs. T. M. Hickey,

Rule, Texas.

My Dear Wife:-

Your brief letter received and needless to say I was delighted, because a line from you is better than a page from anybody else. I have been very busy here. Everybody seems to be working to put our organization over. You will notice in the New Era that I am conducting a schoolhouse campaign. I certainly will be here all summer that is between here and Yorktown, Cuero and Yoakum. Judge Sommerlatte is rendering me splendid aid and assistance. I had dinner with him last Sunday and his beautiful wife wants to be remembered to you and hope you will soon get back here. The Judge was down at the office yesterday. I had a talk with Arnold about his health. Se says while the Judge looks sick, that he actually is not, but he has been confined in the office at Waco for several months and indoor work always pulls him down. Arnold sold the \$3500. Mergenthaler machine for \$1000. and put a brand new \$4500. machine in its place. He got a bargain on it, but the new machine entails a debt of \$3000., which accounts for no action be-

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ing taken on the notes as is due you. Ofcourse, there is no question of about you being paid, but it is a pity that you cannot get it now when money is so tight, however I look for steps to be taken towards liquidating these notes before long. I am not overlooking April 7th. Everything is closed tight today. I just got in from the country. I leave for Breslau at 5:30 tomorrow morning, and will be back Wednesday at which time I will send you a genuine birthday present and you must overlook it if it is a day late.

I was in Houston last week with Judge Sommerlatte and made a deal with J.W. Canada, editor of the Southland Farmer, whereby he agrees to send all my members the Southland Farmer for two years. I will have a conference with the manager of the league next week and I expect that our organization will absorb the N.P.L. Judge Meitzen agrees with me. I pointed out the difference between my organization and the N.P.L. Here they are: First, I feature the proportional occupational representation, they don't: Second, this organization is a 100% Texan, while the enemies cries "Carpetbeggars" at the league; Third, we have a Texas paper, they have a northern paper; Fourth, they

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charge \$18. and send \$9. out of the State, we charge \$10. and keep it all here. Fifth, we are amending the program so as to throw our planks in general terms and they have theirs in specific terms which causes continuous trouble. Sixth, our organization is a 100% dirt farmer, while they endorse lawyers, doctors and merchants for public office. For all these reasons and some more I might detail, I have the one bona-fide farmers organization in Texas.

Kiss all the Kinder for me, love to the folks and "Mitcheren" and believe me it will not belong until we are together again.

Your loving husband who is ever thinking of you and wishing you at least 60 more happy returns of your birthday with unbounding love,

Your own boy
[Redacted signature]

J. D. BARKER

E. D. GATLIN

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LAWYERS

Cisco, - Texas

Cisco, Texas,
Oct. 21, 1919.

Mrs. T.A.Hickey,
Route 3, Haskell, Tex.

My dear wife:

This is about the status of the oil situation in Stonewall County, in so far as we are concerned. Mr. Barker went to Fort Worth last Friday where I met him and he visited the Rosenfield-Hampton office after notifying them three days earlier that he would be there for the purpose of quietly securing from them on their own consent that 348 acres. In the event that it could not be arranged he was willing to take your share and the mother's and trust to the law for the balance. When he got to the office the employees told him that the firm was in Eastland and would not be back for some days. He gave them until Wednesday, to-morrow, and if by that time they do not act Judge Barker will get busy. So much for that.

As to our 160 acres, I went to Dallas and walked direct to the pegeon in which Ball had the lease just as I told him. He was perfectly honest about it and professed amazement at my memory. I took that lease and gave it to Judge Barker and made an assignment of $26 \frac{2}{3}$ acres to you. In the meantime, when he had the assignment papers drawn up he mailed them to me in Desdemona for my signature. When I get over there today I will mail them to you and you will sign and record them, and then you will have your 100 acres on record. I made a separate deed yesterday for two acres to Fitzpatrick, which I will send him also from Desdemona. Then I placed in the hands of Judge Barker instructions to take the field notes as recorded in the deed and split the 160 A. into three parts, 100 to you, 40 to Karl and 20 to Fitz. These partition papers will be sent to you for your signature when completed, and then you can have things in shape for sale if you so desire.

In the company that I am helping to organize I would like to put in your whole 100 acres if I can get \$70.00 per acre for it, or I would like to put yours and the mother's share in the 140 acres if I can get thirty or forty dollars per acre for that 140 acre tract. Advise me as to your wishes in this matter.

I was at the convention in Dallas Sinday. The old party was declared officially dead, and nothing definite was done except to elect Lauderdale State Secretary of the Socialist movement in Texas and an executive committee of ten was elected to advise the membership of what steps to take. From the make of the convention I gather that 90 per

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cent ought to join the non-partisan league. Clark was there in fine spirits; so was Ernest.

With love to all the folks.

Your Loving husband,

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