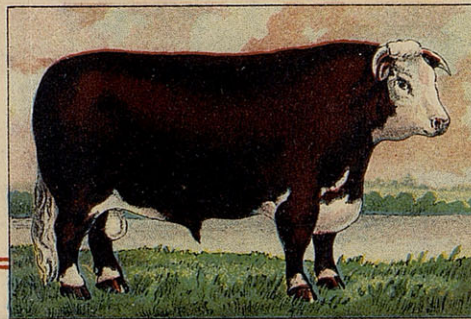


SIR BREDWELL, 63685  
CHAMPION OMAHA EXPOSITION, 1898.

## SLAUGHTER'S HEREFORDS



ANCIENT BRITON, 55749  
WORLD'S FAIR CHAMPION, 1893.

*Dallas, Texas*

June 14th, 1904.

My Dear George,--

Mrs. Green and I arrived home Sunday evening about eight o'clock. We came on the suburban train by Ft. Worth. I awoke yesterday morning with quite a cold, and the indications are that I am about to take the hay fever, as usual. Mamma took Miss Green to the sanitarium and saw Dr. Thruston, and he told her that Dr. Pace was the best doctor to operate on her. Dr. Pace examined her, and says he will not have to use the knife on her. Her trouble is displacement of the wound. He will probably operate on her to-morrow. Had a nice trip, and everything came out all right, as well as we could wish for. You and Bob worked very hard, as well as all of the boys, and I think everything was carried on very systematically. Though we sold our steers low, no doubt it was the best we could do, and it makes us quite a reputation, which is about all that is in the herd. Humphrey seemed very well pleased. I saw Mr. Morris on the train, and had quite a talk with him about the Horn ranch. He says it is all right, but that the water holes need to be fenced up, and they need more wells. I think I will write to the First National Bank of Trinidad, Colorado, and see what they will take for it, as it is their claim. I want you to get this letter while



Bob is there, so that you and he can give me the marks and brands of the cattle as accurately as you can, in order that I may make out a bill of sale for Mr. Humphrey; that is I want to know how many cattle in the S brand and how many in Jack Alley's, and I believe one of John's. Jack did not tell me how many he had, and I left it all to his honor. I have engaged my berth on the steamer Denver, which leaves Galveston on the 29th. I wish I was ready to go now. Dick failed to get off to Europe, and says he will be at home between the 16th and 22nd. His child got sick. I do not suppose you will get off to the mountains before you get this letter. Hope you will have a nice trip. Mr. Wright says that Harry Hamilton is running a terrible expense account on the farm. The expense for April was \$750.00, which will break you, if it is kept up. I am afraid Harry is getting pretty fast in giving out his checks. Better look it up when you can. \$750.00 is too much for one month. Of course, I have to leave the matter with you and Bob now to run the ranches. You will have to watch the expenses closely. You can not run as heavy expenses on \$17.00 steers, as you could on \$22.50 or \$24.50, though I do not ask you to save the nickel and lose the dollar. You can exercise your own judgment, and do some figuring as you go along. I do not believe I have anything more to say to you, but want you to write to me when you can, as I want to know how you are getting along up to the 25th or 26th of this month. With kind regards to Bob and his family, Doctor and Minnie, as well as you and yours, I am

Your devoted father,

*W. Slaughter*



The First National Bank.  
of  
Trinidad, Colorado.

M.D. THATCHER, PRESIDENT. F.G. BLOOM, VICE PRES. H.J. ALEXANDER, VICE PRES.  
J.C. HUDELSON, CASHIER. ELI JEFFRIES, ASST. CASHIER.

June 16, 04.

C. C. Slaughter, Esq.,

Dallas, Tex.,

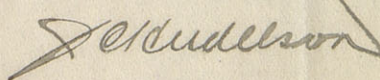
Dear Sir:-

We have your letter of June 14th, referring to the property of Mrs. Horn, located about twenty five miles from Portales. The last few years of Mr. Horn's life he did his business in his wife's name and the ranch property and the cattle are in the name of Mrs. Horn, so that the title thereto is clear with the exception of the mortgage, which is held by us. We have a mortgage on Mrs. Horn's home ranch consisting of 480 acres of well watered land and she has a lease on 40,000 acres of territorial land for five years, the location of which has been made and the ranch is a very desirable piece of property, and then she has 500 head of well graded stock cattle.

Our mortgage is due this fall. We do not think that Mrs. Horn can manage the ranch successfully and we would like to see our money out of this land.

Our Mr. Bloom, the vice president of the bank, has just returned from there and he reports that they have had good rains, and it is a splendid ranch, and Mrs. Horn is very anxious to sell and get out of debt, and I think it would pay you to go up and look at the property. She is now at the ranch and can make you a price on the same. I think the cattle can be sold separately if you do not desire them.

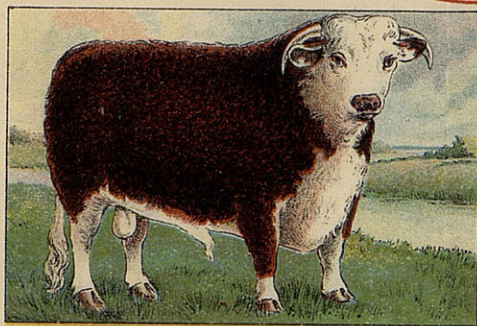
Yours truly,



Cashier.

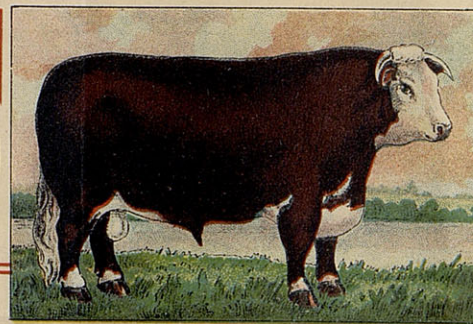
*I think Mrs Horn's price  
is about 12000 for ranch  
& lease on 40000 acres.*





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*Dallas, Texas.*

June 18th, 1904.

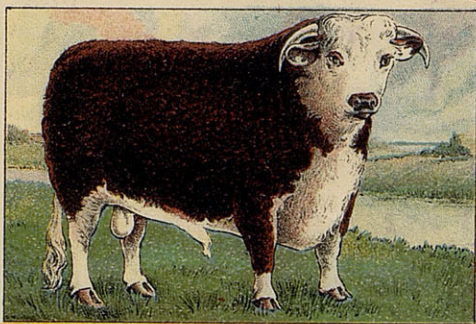
Dear George,--

Since I came home, I have been trying to look over my bank account for the Slaughter Building, and etc., and find that the Slaughter Building account is very unsatisfactory, and I am afraid that the manager has handeled some money, however, I cannot say yet. I did not sleep night before last all night, last night slept after twelve o'clock. I wrote you a letter the other day, asking that you and Bob make out a list of the brands of the cattle we sold to Humphrey, so that I could make him a bill of sale. I enclose you a letter from the cashier of the First National Bank of Trinidad, in regard to Mrs. Horn's land. There is not much in it. I wrote and asked them to tell me what their mortgage was, and what they would take for it, so you can write them if you want. Will try to get off the last of next week. Will not be back for some time. Dick is still away. Wish he was at home. He will have some explanations to make, I think. This leaves all well. With love to all,

Your father,

*CC Slaughter*





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## SLAUGHTER'S HEREFORDS



ANCIENT BRITON, 55749  
WORLD'S FAIR CHAMPION, 1893.

*Dallas, Texas.* June 22nd, 1904.

Dear George,--

I enclose you inspector Connell's reports Nos. 8 and 9, which show that we have five steers at Hereford in a stray pasture at fifty cents per head per month. Two of these steers were taken up by one party, and three by another at Hereford. I do not know what to do with the reports, only to send them to you. Fifty cents per head would eat us up. I would raise a row with those parties, if there is any way to do it. Dick Beall is allowed to go to our place and dip, and I would surely charge him up pretty heavy on these steers. Do not know the other party, but suppose he went through the pasture. Now it will not do to let these steers stay there at fifty cents per head. The grass is not good. I leave you to manage them. I am trying to arrange my matters to get off soon. I sent Mr. Graham \$538.60 on 4309 cattle. I had to guess off a number of cattle that we sold. I made it out about 3109 S steers two years old, and 1200 S on the thigh. Did not get the number of Jack Alleys, nor the exact number of Bob's. We were a little careless in figuring them up. I asked Jack to write to me and tell me how many, and left it to his honor, but so far, I have not heard. I stated about twenty in the bill of sale. We have to guess at this the best we can, as



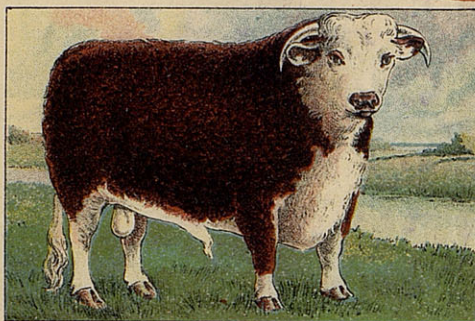
it was so much trouble to count them all. We had 1210 C.C.S. company steers, and I suppose about 1200 went in.

Dick has just returned home, and we are having a settlement on his administration, which I feel I am forced to bring to a close. Hereafter when you want to know anything about the office, you had better address your letters direct to me, and Wright will attend to it. I trust you had a nice time on your trip to the mountains. Minnie wrote to us. I would like for you to write me when you return, and address me at Chautauqua Lake, New York. I will leave here about Saturday night, leave Galveston about the 29th, and I suppose will be in Lake Chautauqua about the 8th or 10th. I hope you will have some rain on your ranch, and that your cattle will do well, and come out all right. When you ascertain how many cattle your lost up there, I would be glad if you would let me know. I am getting along first rate, I think. I have lost but one night's sleep; think there is a reason for it other than insomnia. I am going to take this trip, and see if I can recuperate. With much love, I am,

Your father,

*C. C. Slaughter*





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ANCIENT BRITON, 55749  
WORLD'S FAIR CHAMPION, 1893.

*Dallas, Texas.* June 23rd, 1904.

Dear George,--

Upon my return home from Running Water, I gave my business a thorough investigation here at the office, and from the information furnished me on some of the vouchers drawn by you, it is impossible for me to tell what the drafts are drawn for, and in order for my business to be kept in a straight way, so that it can be explained from the books, vouchers and papers here at the office, I want you, in the future, to furnish me with a list of the names of the men who are employed regularly on the ranch, the amount you pay each, when each one's salary is due, and in the event that you hire any additional help, I want you to notify me immediately of that fact, stating the amount per day you are to pay him, and give me the names of the persons. In addition to this, I want the checks that you pay for supplies of any character on the ranch, to be accompanied by an itemized statement attached to the draft. I do not want to have to call on you again to observe these regulations. This is done for the purpose of enabling me to see what the drafts are drawn for, and that the items mentioned in the account, have gone to the benefit of the ranch. I also want to know about how much money you have collected and used out there that belongs to me, what you got it for, what kind of



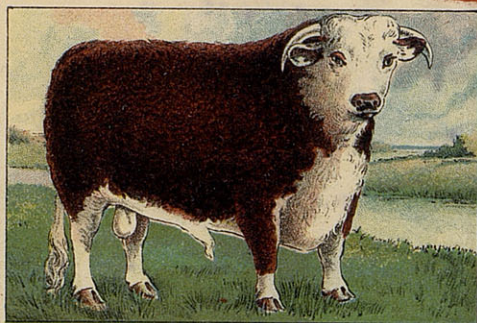
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property you sold to get the money. Also send me a list of the notes and accounts you have against any party in my favor, or that belong to me. Now, if there is anything about this letter that you do not understand, write to me at once, and I will explain fully everything that is required of you in the above.

Your father,

*CC Slaught*  
*P.S. This is only carrying out the original*  
*understanding* *CCS*





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# SLAUGHTER'S HEREFORDS



ANCIENT BRITON, 55749  
WORLD'S FAIR CHAMPION, 1893.

"COPY OF THIS LETTER SENT TO R.L. SLAUGHTER.

*Dallas, Texas.* June 24th, 1904.

Dear George,--

I wrote you a letter yesterday asking you to notify this office the number of men and their names, who are employed on your ranch and also on the farm, and what they are doing, in order that we may keep up with your business. All your drafts for merchandise must have the bills attached. This may be a little trouble, but it is the only way to do. We cannot keep up with it any other way. I have had a hard time since I came home trying to get matters straightened, and after long and tedious work have come to the conclusion that I am going to have this office run, and have it run right, or not at all. I find that I had some leakage that was unknown to me. Dick's administration for the last year is found short \$5096.00, for which he has given his note, and he made a free and frank acknowledgment. The office will be run now on a different principal. He will have nothing whatever to do with the money. It seems he cannot touch it without using it. He is employed here at \$100.00 per month keeping the books, provided he gets them up. He is to work five hours a day. Be at the office not later than nine O'clock, work until twelve, be away until one, and work until three. The stenographer is to note that he puts in that much time. He is to work under the directions



of our Attorney, Mr. G.G. Wright, and if he can get the books straightened up in full of every detail by the time I return home, I am to pay him \$100.00 per month. He cannot live with anything less. He has to change his way of living. I have arranged with Wright, and am settling with him in full, and he is to receive \$125.00 per month for attending to law business entirely, and I allow him his room, and the stenographer when I do not use her. He is to look after the business of this office, and of the Lone Star Land & Cattle Company, and also the ranch business. The money received on this building and others, is to be collected by J.P. Wiley, our janitor, and turned over to our stenographer, who takes it immediately to the bank and deposits it, showing every check or any money that is given for any room to the Slaughter Building. C.C. acts as auditor of her accounts. He checks her up, and sees that she has deposited the money. We have the utmost confidence in her integrity, and the money that comes into her hands will be attended to as directed. Then C.C. has nothing to do but to audit the accounts, look over all the bills and audit them. Mr. Wright will pay expense bills with checks, and the accounts are to be pinned to every check, and must be O.K'd by the proper person. So by doing this, the books here will show all the money that has been deposited, and the checks will all have the bills attached, and show what they were paid out for. If we have the men's names, when they were employed, and the amount they receive, attached to the checks, we can look at the bills and see what we are paying money out for, and the books can be kept up, otherwise, they cannot. You can see we want the men's names, in order to know who is in our employe and what he receives, so as to look at the draft and know it is all right. Now this is a little trouble, but it is the only way in which I can see I can come out. I believe Harry Hamilton has too much authority, and I think he is writing out too many checks without looking over the amounts carefully, and I



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believe you will have to let him go. He must not send in drafts here without a bill attached, it must be attached, or we will certainly turn it down. This will cost us money when it is done, and make quite a break. We will have to pay protest fees, but I have determined, as I said before, to run my business on a business principal. So when you receive this letter, go to Boyd, get the name of every man that is employed by him, and what he is employed to do, and send the list to this office, and make Harry Hamilton do the same thing. Dick is to get the books all up, the details of everything, so that when I return, he can show where our money goes and where it comes from. He has either got to do this, or quit the office. He is to attend to the books, and the young lady here will also keep a memorandum, so that I can check up from her. I am determined to have checks on every person connected with me or under my employe, so that I can check up without having to run all over the country and take into correspondence everyone connected with me. The office must be explanatory of my business, so that I will not have to ask others, but see my books. So you can see the importance of having the data from you, Hamilton, Boyd, and Jack Alley, from the west, in order to know what we are doing here. Now this is going to be a little work for you, and a little trouble, but it will make your books speak out. You had better keep a copy of the list that you send to the office of all the men who are drawing money, and what they are drawing it for, not that I have found anything particular in your accounts wrong. I do not believe you are trying to make them wrong, but you do not make them out full enough. You do not write enough on your drafts, you do not take the time, that is what is the matter with my boys, they think well it is my father, and he can figure it out some way. Now I want you to make the list and send it to the office, so that when you come down here we can tell you what you



have done, and then you can see whether it is right or not. There has been in our business too great a fear of one of our people telling on the other for fear that they would get mad, and the consequence is that I am working for you all, and it appears that all of you, or some of you are pulling trying to keep me from doing anything for you.

Now I hope and trust that you will attend to this, and do the very best you can, and if you do not get it straight, we will straighten matters at the office. I hope we will not have to hear from it again. Is is simply the agreement we had when we made out our draft system, but it has never been carried out, because you have not been forced up to it, too much leniency on my part has been extended. It is the only way to do business, and if you were working for any one else, you would have to do it, and I want to tell you so that if you ever work for any other people, you will be tutored and trained, and your work will be satisfactory.

I leave to-morrow night for my summer vacation, and I hope you had a good time on your trip to the mountains, so that when you return, you will be refreshed and ready to attend to business. With much love, I am,

Your devoted father,

W. Slaughter

P.S. I have sent Bob a copy of this letter & told him to change the names to fit him & his men

W. S.



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Dallas, Texas,

7/19/04

Capt Geo M Slaughter

Roswell NM -

My Dear Son George

Your favor with enclosures of the 15<sup>th</sup> is now before me

Your report of the Ranch is fine and very satisfactory

Your losses small considering the awful drought of the loss on the Calf crop is by far the greater

But all business has its downs at certain times. Geo you have

an Ideal Ranch especially so in an arid country like ours

will be short in 2 years or there and will have to look out for

that point. I note what you say about building 12 miles of fence

Think a good idea. Go ahead & do what you think best & it is all right with me if you make

W. S. Lake



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and I after wards see I will say so. But not as a criticism for we all make mistakes if we do anything - By all means break up the itch if possible - I hope the yearling will do well a R. W. Yes we will surely miss Sir Fredwell but he had about run his time and we really lucky in not losing him sooner

While on the question will say I think you should go to Montana & look at the Troopers bulls and by to see the sters too you say you cant spare the time this summer and ask me to go I am not in shape to look at Bulls on the range you are in your prime and it is a part of your business you can make the trip in 3 weeks and have a good time Why not take



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your wife & boys to Colorado Springs  
until you return it would do them  
good and Boardman will make it  
pleasant for you I would offer 40<sup>00</sup>  
to 45<sup>00</sup> for them delivered at Roswell  
provided you like them. And if you  
don't like them don't buy at any  
price. Draw all the money you  
need and keep your expenses bill  
no matter what right or any one  
else says. You don't want to  
pay any attention to Wright sug-  
gestions about how to run the Ranch  
what to feed etc. But give him  
all information possible as to what  
you are doing and how you are doing  
etc so that the items may go in black  
& white. You are all right and I  
want you to disabuse your mind  
as to my having the least doubt  
of your honesty and integrity — — —



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But I want your end of the business to come so perfect that it will be a lesson to your other brothers. Keep the office posted as to your liabilities as well as assets - I would not pay the regular men your draft only quarterly extra men & when 30 days is always considered cash etc I don't think you fully understood my letter wrote both to you & Bob before I left home. There are things that caused me to write that letter that I would have to tell you it is too bad to write if you will look it over carefully you will note a falsification of more than \$ 6000<sup>00</sup> or at least this amount was traced up & acknowledged without the slightest provocation. Oh I tell you I have been through the flint mills



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To recapitulate I want you to run  
the C & Co and the H W Ranches Russell  
Farm the best you <sup>can</sup> of course I will  
advise what I can  
I want the office thoroughly posted so as  
when you come down you can see  
what you have <sup>done</sup> the same with Bob  
He is going to be hard to get into  
line but means well & will come  
up all right I intend C to help me  
watch the Dallas investment as to what  
to do with Dick and Alex I am undeci-  
ded as yet. Am determined to have all  
things so arranged that there will be  
some chance to check up the books  
I want to come out in act and go  
over everything with you think will have  
you meet me at Bob's & we will  
will go through our holdings carefully  
and consider together what is the best  
course to pursue altogether



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I am here trying to rest but it is hard to do so as so many have found out where I am. I am doing finely so far will leave here about 29<sup>th</sup> for Niagara falls stop at International Hotel from there to Harbor Beach Mich where Alex & Walter Overill widows are, Chicago about the 25<sup>th</sup> Beach Hotel St Louis sep at home 15<sup>th</sup> Sep

I have wrote this with my own hand and is only intended for your own eye. Mama is with me Nellie is with Jennie at her folks in Penn they will join us about the first. If you find you cant<sup>g</sup> to Montana write to Boardman. I have only touched on matters. Now you have lots to do but I feel you can do it. With lots of love to Alby & the boys & a heart full of love & affection for yourself I am your devoted Father O Daughter



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My Dear George I have just received your very interesting letter of July 1<sup>st</sup> it went to Chautauqua and back to Dallas then I suppose on account a fire they had at Chautauqua. I wrote to the Pm on the 7<sup>th</sup> from New York to forward my mail here but he failed to forward this one I note all you say about your fine outing to the mountains Glad you made the trip hope it done you all good. This the first time I knew what was the matter with Harry. by the way I dont wish to think I ever thought that Harry was dishonest but simply thought he was getting a little extravagant and as you say if you let him go we may get worsted so I would not be in a hurry to let him off but to keep your eye open for some one to take his place He may have in mind to leave you any way if you object and he may be working up an objection himself



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Dallas, Texas, \_\_\_\_\_

I am somewhat surprised for you to have the remotest idea that I ever mistrusted you in the least my idea was to run the office right and assist you in keeping things in order and on record so that nothing could be overlooked and forgotten which you might do having so much to look after as you have - I want to pay just as you have been doing but let your drafts or checks be a little more comprehensive and when it is too much to write in the draft then attach the bill which will more fully explain matters at the office. If you remember this was my intention at the starting of the present draft business. You say I ought not to think my boys are deceiving or robbing I did not have any such notions until I found one had done so - But <sup>not</sup> suspecting all on what one has done. But this one could not have gone so far if my books had been looked over more carefully. The trouble with me is



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I had too much confidence in my boys  
and have been careless etc. So when I  
found Treachery - I probably got on the other  
side too far as the pendulum that swings one  
way too far is apt to go the other too far  
I don't agree with you that there no more  
money to be made out of Farms and  
ranches if times don't change from the present  
prices you may be right but I think they  
will for the better - I don't agree with Phelps  
white that it is financing to sell two year  
old heifers at 14<sup>th</sup> I think one or 2 year old  
heifers is the worst thing a ranchman can  
dispose of better <sup>sell</sup> 6 or 7 year old cows  
and hold his heifers they should be the flower  
of the flock But all men don't see alike  
I am surely feeling much better than  
when I left sleeping like a babe and  
loosing my nervous refs mama weighs  
153 lbs I 185. This leaves both of us  
will leave here next saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
over -



for Niagara Falls address  
your next letter there are  
international Hotels  
with lots of love & a prayer  
for you all I am your  
affectionate Father

O O Sleyghter

P. S. Sorry to hear of Harry's ac-  
cident - & glad he is feeling better



Aug ~~28~~ 29<sup>th</sup> 1904Mr Geo M Slaughter  
Roswell N M

My Dear George I was really  
disappointed in not finding you at  
Chicago Thursday a.m. as I had fully  
made up my mind to meet you here.  
I wired you on 17<sup>th</sup> to Helena in care  
of Pioneer cattle co. But the telegraph  
co. reported you gone then I wrote you  
2 letters in care of Rosenbaum co.  
as to my movements. But as you  
did not go to stock yards you  
failed to get them. You should have  
remained over as you had come  
so far to see me and would not have  
had to wait but one day & 2 nights.  
But you did not and so it is all over.  
I have been out at stock yards  
all day have just returned. Saw all  
the western cattle on the yards. Mr  
Trey line had the fattest on the market -  
he got 4<sup>45</sup> & 4<sup>50</sup> his Texas out sold  
his natives 5 cents hundred - - -



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saw quite a string of A that sold 2 years ago at 31<sup>25</sup> They were a little rough weighed about 1200 sold for 34<sup>50</sup> also a string XIT weighed 1150 34<sup>00</sup> so you see that A lost lots of money so did the XIT lose money from what they could have gotten for them two years ago. The Keyline cattle were real good. If you remember I tried hard to sell to him as I thought he had the best range and now I am <sup>cure</sup> was right I tell you it takes good grass to make good cattle. Your report on the Fisher bulls is not very flattering and I hardly know what to say about them. I still think we ought to buy some Short horn bulls. The report from all the ranches are good. But the out look for good prices on cattle for some time looks very dubious & I hardly know what value to put on cattle. The best beef cattle will improve



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Dallas, Texas,

after the Panic of the strike has past  
but the lower grades will go down  
correspondingly. The Packers have gained  
this fight with the Strikers as it is  
about over now. But this victory only  
strengthenens them to keep the producer  
down and raise the product the Consumer.  
I would not be surprised if the truth  
was really known that this strike is what  
they wanted. The Packers in my opinion  
is now in the position I feared several  
years ago. He is thoroughly the master  
of the situation, But it seems he is  
too smart to break down the breeder  
so badly as to cause him to quit  
as that would militate against him.  
I see my corn quoted over 50 cts so  
no one can afford to feed corn at present  
prices for beef. Things are entirely out of  
joint. You ask me to price calves, and  
two year old steers. This is a hard question



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You know I am not inclined to sell off our best steer calves unless we get a horrid big price it takes the cream off at too early an age, the same can be said of yearlings. I would not like to sell our best steer calves under 15<sup>00</sup>. The cut back two's I would sell at 18 to 20<sup>00</sup>. They are the kind to sell - yes we want to ship all our real fat cows and our 5 year old bulls. I can't say whether best to ship early or late you ought to have lots of fat cows this fall young enough to bring the best of prices & that will be soon enough. I think grow will leave here about the first for St Louis Mo but can't tell you where to address me there, will let you know as soon as I can. I expect to get home about the 15<sup>th</sup> if not before shall not spend much money on the fair. I think my trip has done me good. have only lost



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Dallas, Texas,

one night sleep since I left home  
Then got off after 5 o'clock till 7<sup>30</sup>—  
have had one bad cold but I seem  
to be giving away—when I get home  
a straighten up things I want to  
come out if I feel I can a  
talk matters over with you a  
help you all I can—As I feel it  
won't be long until you will have  
to shoulder the work a carry it  
on—mama a Nellie are both in  
fine health Nellie is now with  
Jennie at her sisters she left  
us at Niagara near 3 weeks ago  
a come over yesterday to see us a  
Nellie went home with her.  
With lots of love from us all to  
you all I am your  
Devoted Father C. Slaughter



Aug 31<sup>st</sup> 1904

Capt Geo M Slaughter  
Roswell N.M.

My Dear George I have about  
decided to leave here tomorrow  
night for St Louis and take in the  
Exposition as I think it will be quite  
an education for Nellie I shall try  
the Merchants Cottages City plan  
I can get rooms there for 1<sup>00</sup> per day  
for each person on the European  
plan - The cottages are small but pleasant  
they are in 2 blocks on one of the  
entrances and I will not have any trouble  
in getting to the grounds as I can walk  
I am not going there to spend any  
money foolishly of course I want to  
take it in I expect to be at home  
by the 15<sup>th</sup> I see by the papers today  
the strike is not off yet as I  
supposed when I wrote you  
last, what will be the outcome cant  
say but the packers are going  
to win If you wish to write me



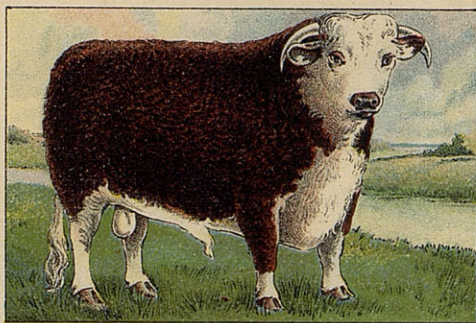
addresses me at Cottages City  
No 5521. Waterman Ave  
St Louis Mo.

As I will get it Mama is not feeling  
so well to day but I think will be  
tomorrow I have wrote to Wright  
if he would send Roberta up I  
would take care of her —

If you come to the Exposition you  
had better come while I am there  
CC said Bob was talking of  
coming about the first. of course  
I don't know whether you care  
about it or not as your  
boys are not old enough to take  
it in, so far as I am concerned  
were it not for Nell I don't  
think I would stop for more  
than 2 days any way. write if  
you have time Love to all  
from all to be sure me  
your devoted Father

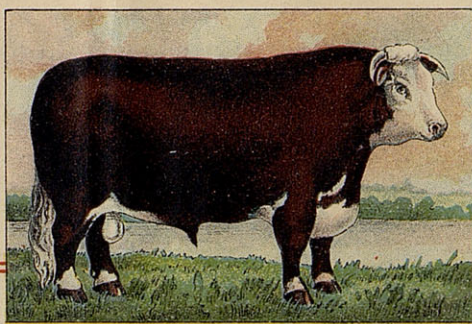
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SIR BREDWELL, 63685  
CHAMPION OMAHA EXPOSITION, 1898.

# SLAUGHTER'S HEREFORDS



ANCIENT BRITON, 55749  
WORLD'S FAIR CHAMPION, 1893.

*Dallas, Texas.*

September 27th, 1904.

My Dear George,--

I enclose you inspector, Denson's report on a spade steer, which I presume you shipped to Kansas with our cattle this spring. I told them to turn the steer over. Also send you a report on a cow. Told them I supposed the cow was ours. Please let me know what you know about them, if anything. I note your purchase of bulls. Mr. Wright wrote you about them yesterday. You made a mistake of \$50.00, that is you gave the man \$50.00 too much money, which I suppose you can have corrected, as well as the sale bill. Suppose Harry Groom is all right, but he got inside of you on that. I am satisfied you hardly know what you are doing, on account of the recent troubles that have come up, but it can all be satisfactorily arranged. I am working away as quiet as I know how, trying to arrange matters. Dick has no work yet, that I know of, but thinks he will get into an insurance office pretty soon. I think Bob asked him for a statement in full, before he left, and I hardly think he made it out. I do not know what course he will pursue. You must not let this bother you too much. I am sorry it comes to you like it does, and I know from experience how deep it reaches.



I think now of trying to get off about Monday to meet you at Amarillo, and go over the Carver & Witherspoon ranch, as well as the others. I do not think we can do any good in going, but for your satisfaction, as well as mine, I feel like we ought to try to make the trip. I suppose you had better send your ranch buggy to the railroad, in accordance to our conversation. I will wire you when I leave, so you can meet me at Amarillo. The hot weather is pulling me down some, as well as attending to business, but I guess I will pull through some how. The trouble with me is whether we are going to take time or not to look over the ranch much. We can go from the Rock Island Railroad any way down to Roswell, and see something of the country. If I leave here on Monday the 3rd and you meet me at Amarillo Tuesday the 4th, I suppose we could get around to Boyd's about the 10th or the 15th. I have been thinking matters over, and now ask you if you do not think it a good idea to have Boyd take in a train or two of cows, say about six to nine hundred, and have them ready to start about the 15th, so that we could see them. I do not know but what they will bring just as much money as they would bring later on, and think they may weigh better. I am afraid to wait until November to get them off. So I think if he could get them ready to start some where from the 12th to the 15th, we could see them. It is only a suggestion, however. You might order him to get them up and be ready to start, and start if we do not get there. It is hard for me to tell when it is the best time to ship. I think they are just about as good as they are going to get. Will have to let some of them off, and I leave it with you as to what kind and etc. to ship. I believe it is time we were beginning to get some on the market. I have a letter from Bohart, of St. Joe, saying they are selling cattle for more money there than at Kansas, and wants to try a train. However, we will talk that



over when I meet you. Now, if we take this trip, I want us to take time when we get at anything and not rush it too fast. It is a running trip, and it is going to be a rushing trip, and about all I can do is to be with you and talk the matter over. I really want to pay you a visit any way. We need to consult with good common sense and keep our matters as quiet and cool as possible, and I believe we had better have the cattle gotten together. However, if it does not suit you, do not do it. We can ship in November, but you know it gets pretty cold the later part of November. Will try the cows considerably. Glad you bought the bulls. Hate to pay out the money for them, but I believe it is necessary to do it, and if we did not do it, it would be, in my opinion, saving the nickle and loosing the dollar. We must keep our stock up to the standard, as well as we can.

We are still bothered at home about a cook. Carrie got home night before last, and her trip seems to have done her a great deal of good. Broadened her mind considerably. Carrie, myself and the balance of the family have spent some money this year, but I believe it is money well spent. I have ordered Bob to put in 2000 to 2500 cows in the pasture. The same as you have, but I do not know how many of them we will ship, or I do not know what they are going to bring. I fear very little, but I believe the time is now ripe for us to sell cows, even if we get a low price, it will make room for others that are coming. I have really no news to tell you that I can think of just now. Another one hundred and fifty cattle went forward last week to the market, but I suppose you have the report. Was about the same as the others. We have to go slow with our business, and keep looking after it. Do not want to get into a tight place, if we can help it. Your cows are mostly young, but I guess we will have to let some of them go. It is very, very hard for



me to determine what is best, so I must act according to my best judgment. The young cows will no doubt bring calves in the spring, but the trouble is we would have too many of them. I will probably divide the matter, and will not ship extremely heavy nor extremely light. I had a talk the other evening with a man by the name of Williams and he talked as though he was going out to see you. Pretty bright fellow, and may possible make a good manager for that ranch, but of course, I do not know. I told him to go out and see you, if he wanted to. Told him our foreman was making a good deal of money, was a little extravagant, but that I never expected to get a better man. Now if I do not get off on Monday night for Amarillo, will wire you in time so you will not have to go there unless I am there. With lots of love from all to all, I am,

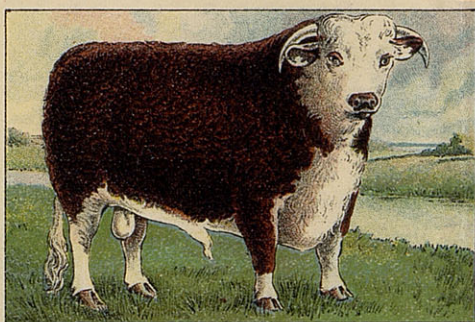
Your father,

*C. S. Baughman*

P. S.- Do not look for a wire if I do not get off Monday night.

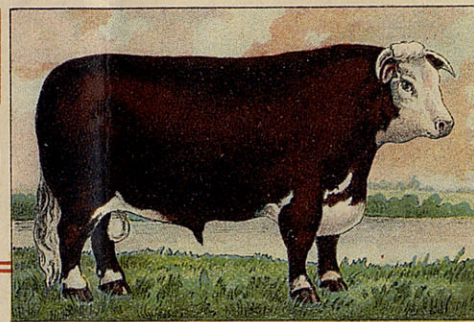
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CHAMPION OMAHA EXPOSITION, 1898.

## SLAUGHTER'S HEREFORDS



ANCIENT BRITON, 55749  
WORLD'S FAIR CHAMPION, 1893.

*Dallas, Texas* September 30th, 1904.

Dear George,--

I have yours of the 27th before me, and note its contents I think also that Harry Grooms ought to have the \$1.00 commission on the cattle. It is very little, but Harry is inclined to pull, but you can not blame him. I do not know whether he can draw a stiff contract or not, but it seems he only wants \$4.00 a head on the two hundred bulls, and if he can buy the one hundred and fifty and attach the draft, it will be paid. I think that is all we ought to buy, with those you bought from him, but you will have to take another bull from him any way. Contract he drew for you is very sorry. Really tells nothing. Should have stated in the contract that the bulls were paid for, and he was to take care of them for a certain time, and then turn them over to you. Each and every bull should have had certificate of registration. That was the talk made to us. I suppose you can get him to do it, but that is not the way to do business. Have everything in black and white when you pay out money. I am afraid Harry is a little off, but I hope I am wrong. He may get us bawled up pretty bad. He is a good talker, but we are in for it, and we have to make the best of it. I think you should write Kohrs that you bought other bulls, and can not trade, as I left it



with you to decide, and you took others at the price offered.

I note what you say about this man, Williams. As I wrote you before I liked his appearance very well. Do not let him get into you too much, until we learn what he is doing. Do not want to give him over \$50.00 when he starts in, until we know what he is. I think it a very good idea that you had a talk with Harry. It is very advisable that you keep on good terms with Harry, as he could do you a great deal of harm, if he wanted to. I expect he is honest when he says his family push him. More henpecked men than you might think. Women are mighty fine things, but they are pretty poor managers generally.

I had a letter from Bob, in which he says he sold his young mules, 19 yearlings and 8 two year olds, got \$35.00 for the mules. Twenty-three old horses at \$25.00. I told him to do this. From my figuring and experience with the mules that we raised on the ranches, the breaking of the mules costs too much money. You must break mules when they are young, and keep them very quiet until a proper age, for them to be worth anything. So I thought it best to sell them for the money, and the buy mules that had been broken, and let some one else pay the expense of breaking them. A farmer can break a mule without much expense, but a cow man can not. Stands out and holds too many men while he is doing it. It takes a long time to get a mule down to business. He will send me \$1520.00 on the 1st of October for the mules and horses. He has had fine rains, and would not have his ranch in any better condition than it is. Has about 2000 dry cows in the beef pasture, and 1000 of them are good. Wants to ship them about the 20th. I told him not to do it. Says he has grass for three to five thousand cattle more than he has. So I ordered him to let the cattle alone until late, as he had so much grass to spare. Has had no fires. Branded thirty-six hundred calves. Might get two or three hundred more. Seems that he has got up with grass, and



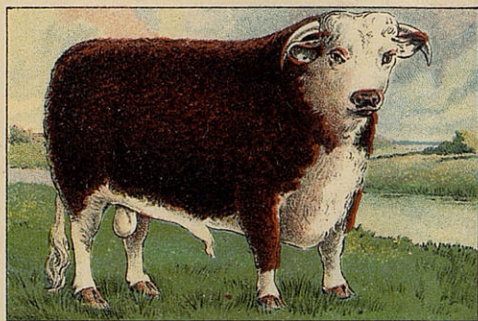
his cattle are shorter. I still think of leaving here Monday night. If I do not wire you, meet me Tuesday. We will go to Dalhart and see Bill, then on to Carver and Witherspoon's as we talked. Another bunch of cattle sold, Kansas City. Suppose you have the report. Guess Bob can get you a couple of calves. Of course, it will cost something to get them up, if you think that is all right. Weather very hot. Every one says the hottest weather during the season, but we are getting along fairly well with it. Have a letter from S. T. Howard. Makes a fine statement. Wants to trade a little. Has some stags, bulls and dry cows, and I will write him that when he gets them ready to write me, and I will try to approve the sale. Do not want to give him too much rope.

With much love to you and yours from,

Your father,

*C. C. Staley*





**SIR BREDWELL, 63685**  
CHAMPION OMAHA EXPOSITION, 1898.

## SLAUGHTER'S HEREFORDS



**ANCIENT BRITON, 55749**  
WORLD'S FAIR CHAMPION, 1893.

*Dallas, Texas.* October 25th, 1904.

My Dear George,--

I got home Sunday morning 12:30. I found John and his range in very fair shape. Think he can winter. He has about fifteen and one-half acres to the head at home, and about the same at the F ranch. The range he bought on the Canadian was almost a loss, so dry he had to bring his cattle back. Expects to ship out about one thousand.

I finally made Jack Alley an offer to sell him the ranch there, the twenty sections he has in charge. My land three sections \$4.00 per acre, cows and calves next spring topping what he has there at 26. Ten bull calves selected out of your herd this fall and twenty bulls three years old selected out of what you ship. About \$40.00 around. Fifteen horses selected out of his fifty and one young mule at \$50.00 each. The lease on two sections at Moore's Draw for \$1000, and etc. and etc. \$500.00 in cash. Wagons and out-fit \$20,000.00 on five years time at 7% interest annually. Pretty high price, but gave him his house, which is on his own land, but cost me ten or twelve hundred, and I think he will take it. We have no trade yet.

I found Bob's ranch in excellent condition. Better than I have



seen it for years. His cattle are in good shape. His cows are fatter, I think, than yours. He has some trouble and will have more with his settlers. One of them sold out on him while he was gone to the World's Fair. He got his foot into it by selling. Others trying to. On the whole though, things are in about as good shape as I expected to find them. Grass better. They are raising cotton there right along. All scrambling for land. I left the ambulance at Bob's and told him to send it back up to Jack's about the time of the election, so that your cook could take it back, and also the old mules and horses. I think you had better sell Buck and Toney any way, and Dap and Dell, if you get a good price. Do not want to drive old Buck any more. Worse play off I ever saw. Left Toney at Jack's. He is getting in about the same fix.

Received your telegram yesterday evening about Groom to Wright and after looking over the correspondence, found that Wright had failed to notice your letter being sent to Groom Texas when Groom had written on the 15th from Mississippi saying he wanted a wire to know if his draft would be paid. Wright thought he would get your letter as soon as he would get the telegram and did not wire him. Miss Josie says he got the wire written out, but concluded it was not necessary. Now this morning I got a telegram from Groom that reads as follows:-- "New York, Oct. 24, 04. C. C. Slaughter, Dallas, Texas. George's letter forwarded from ranch. Says you will advance \$600 on bulls on receipt of contract. He has copy and I guarrantee them to be satisfactory or will refund the money. Drew on George two weeks ago. Wire to-morrow if this draft will be paid so I can send my checks to sellers before sailing to Scotland Wednesday. Will return about November 14. Signed H.T. Groom!" My reply to same as follows:-- "Dallas, Oct. 25, 1904. H.T.Groom, Hotel St. Denis, New York, Draft on George may be lost. Draw duplicate on me. Will pay either sight. Signed C.C. Slaughter." Commenting on this telegram and on his letter, it seems to me Harry is crazy. He says in the telegram that



you have copy. I do not know what copy he means, and his guarantee is not very heavy. Of course, your letter of instructions to him is full, that he should pin the contract to the draft, which we told him to do all the time, but I fear he has not done it. You can see plainly that he does not want to let those fellows to know who he is buying those bulls for. He wants to send in his check. It may turn out all right, and will, I think, if they do not get another buyer, and I do not much believe they will. In his letter of the 15th he says he bought one hundred and sixty at \$50.00, and it seems now he is putting up money simply as a forfeit. I would rather he would pay the money as an advance, so we could take the bulls where we find them, but that would cost a good deal. Seems that he throws himself personally bound to us, not the men. This is the way business is done when you get some one else to do it. I hope it will come out all right, but it is not a very straight way of doing business. Seems he drew on you two weeks ago, and as I wired him I thought the draft might be lost in the flood and he had better duplicate it. I will have to pay the first one presented. If your draft comes, send it to me immediately, or pay it there and draw your draft for it. I had a telegram from Kansas City yesterday from E.B. Carver, which reads;--

"30 steers 3¢ average 875 14 tail ends 260, average 800 four cars cows 230 average 790" Your telegram "St. Joe cows 235 average 86 is about what my mind drew on. 5¢ better than St. Joe and 16 lots which is 80¢ a head of the Kansas City. These cows are going to net just about what I figured. Bad is it not, but can not be helped. Had an offer for cows at Bob's. Think I could have gotten a little more, but did not sell. Wright is at Gail. Left Saturday evening and I got home Sunday morning, and of course have not seen him. So I am working along with business, and it seems to be going all right here. Some things are going to be pretty hard. I think if I were you, I would not cut many more of Boy's cows, but send out the



bulls and cross jays as you think best. They are very low. Find the folks all well. Lou and Nellie Averill are here, and seem to be enjoying themselves. Do not know of anything more I can say to you just now.

Your father,

Alaughter

I enclose letter from Horner & Co  
which explains itself write  
him to correspond with you  
told we might want a  
few regatons Hampden bulls  
they shing but they would  
have to be cheap etc  
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St. Denis Hotel,  
Broadway and Eleventh Street.

New York, Oct 26 1904

Col C. C. Slaughter

Dear Sir - Your telegram received. I advise you through the State Savings Bank of Michigan Kans at sight for \$600. and have sent my checks out to the well men.

I will get back to New York by Nov 14<sup>th</sup> and will be ready to go right with George to receive these checks. Please communicate with him to this effect. I will write him on return to New York and he can join me place I will name.

Yours Truly

H. T. Grover



Dear George. I paid Groves for  
on you. so this one on me is  
a duplicate as I telegraphed  
him to do I will not pay  
this draft I suppose  
he is all ok. send this so  
you may arrange to meet  
him your Father



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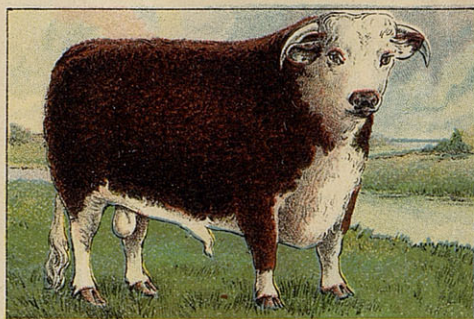
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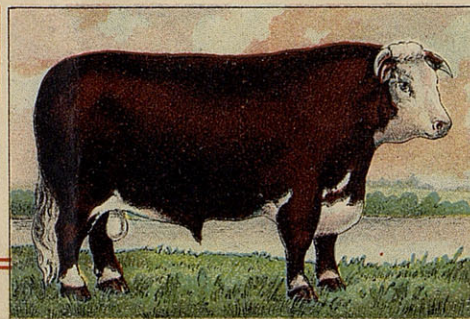
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## SLAUGHTER'S HEREFORDS



**ANCIENT BRITON, 55749**  
WORLD'S FAIR CHAMPION, 1893.

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*Dallas, Texas, October 27th, 1904.*

Dear George,--

I am in receipt this morning of a check from C.R. Thomas for \$40.00, premium which your cattle took at the Royal. I understand the steers that took the premium were not good at all, or did not really represent your stock, but there was no others to show, and consequently you got the \$40.00. You are that much ahead on taking the premium, but I doubt whether it will do you any good. I have papers from Thomas in regard to cattle that are to be shown in Chicago and at the St. Louis Exposition. I do not know what to say about these steers going to St. Louis and then to Chicago. I fear they are not good enough to show. However, I will leave that matter with you. I have heard from two of your shipments, one at Kansas City, the R.W. cattle six cars. They net \$2658.59. Also heard from the twelve cars that went to St. Joe, 335 head, which was one short I suppose in one car, that is, if there were 28 to the car there should have been 336. I think these cows did very well under the circumstances. The way I figure them out they net \$15-1/3 taking all expenses out, about \$15-1/4. I think we did well to send them to St. Joe in stead of K.C., although Carver writes that the shipper told him you gave him the tail ends and they brought 230 and weighed 790 and



he thought they were equal to 235. I think St. Joe the best market. I have not heard from the others yet. I have your letter, also the one I got at Tahoka from Carver. I am undecided in regard to what is best to do with Carver & Witherspoon cattle. From all indications I fear they are going to throw the cattle up. I had a letter from Mr. Witherspoon the other day saying he wanted to come down to see me, but he has not come yet. I wrote Carver that he might try a few of the cattle on the market and see what they would do. If these cattle are to be shipped out, I am afraid they will only gather a few, and if we attempt to ship them out, I expect we will have to have some help. We might ship as many as two thousand, if in good fix. McGill told him they were in fine shape. They are big cows, and if they are fat, ought to bring \$15 or \$16, and it is probably best for us to ship them out and take what we can get. We might take two thousand of the oldest ones, and leave a remanant of one thousand or fifteen hundred there on the leased land and take care of them. What do you think about it? Let me know. Mr. Snodgrass, Coke County Attorney, was in this morning and said they were ready to pay up the judgment assessed against the land, and also says that the surveyors show that the bull camp and wells are on the land, as well as the other two wells. He wants to know if we want to lease it. He wants ~~me~~ to make the Court an offer, and I expect I will have to pay pretty high for it. What do you think we could stand for it? Let me know, per acre. If we lease, we would like to lease ofr five to ten years. At the present price of cattle, I can not pay very high, and am afraid some one else will go over us, but we will have to make a proposition, because if they pay off this judgment, then they will have the land. He says they are ready to do it. Of course, they have a suit against us for the rental since June 1903 I believe. However, I know but very little about it, as Wright has had the whole thing in charge. I will enclose you the Thomas



letter and etc. Let you take it up with them if you want to, without any advice from me, just do as you please. I have heard nothing further from Groom since I telegraphed him, as I wrote you day before yesterday. I expect if Carver & Witherspoon's cattle are going to be handled, we will have to send Ed Green out about the middle of next month with help to get them on board. However, I have not decided to do that yet. I am afraid they can not get them on board.

This leaves all well. I am sleeping fine since I came home, and trust I may continue. With lots of love to you and yours, I am,

Your father,

McSlaughter

P.S. We have had a slow steady rain here for 2 days & nights this morn it is clearing & is still warm & nice we are surely having a beautiful fall Cattle ought to get fat for winter expect to go to Baptist Convention about the 6<sup>th</sup> of next month write me fully & after  
you Father C.S.



Dear Pa:-

11/3/01.

I made a flying trip to the ranch-Left here Sunday morning got back last night-I changed teams at Boyds and went down where he was dipping bulls-He had just finished in the rain-Dipped 436 bulls he missed some in gathering them-it has been raining a little nearly every since we were there-He could not burn chips to boil the lime and sulphur and was burning posts, which is too expensive-So I stoppd him trying to dip the other cattle until it turned off dry-I had ordered some Beumont oil and it had not got there, so rushed back to jack up the R.R. and get it out to them as soon as I can-The train service has caught up since the flood-People have been laying on the R.R. from 10 days to 2 weeks waiting for cars and all local business has suffered their prorata-I told Boyd to go ahead and round up the south side and get what cattle were in there so that pasture would be clean to turn the cattle after they were dipped and then go to whitefaces and get them ready to dip, by which time I can get the oil to him and with the aid of Beumont oil he can burn medium wet chips-Boyd cut about 150 more cows and put them in the Bull camp pasture and as he has them cut to ship I guess we better let them go. Dont you? I think he will have some 200 of the J-which will make about 350 cows or about another train-Green will get over there with the steers about the 10th. when Boyd will have the bulls double dipped by that time and Ed will be ready to pull the 350 cows and the 236 bulls and ought to get to the R.R. about 15th or 16th. to ship-Now this is going to interfere with my meeting Groom to receive or rather pass on the bulls-Cant you have Bob to meet Groom and pass on the calves-I dont see how I can do it as I will have to be at Bovina to attend to shipping the cows and Bulls and have some prospective buyers to look at the Bulls and by being there I can get more money for them than by shipping-I saw Young Witherspoon yesterday and he said his father was down with slow fever was the reason he was not over to see you-Tom Trammel told me that the Lakes out from the river were full and that the cows were over there and doing fine and from what I can learn they will winter fine this winter-I dont know what is best to do with them-Young Phil talked like if a train of the oldest cows were out they would be alright-He says they are the finest cows in the land-Now about the Coke Co land you know what it is and the water that is on it and whether we can afford to let it go or not and how much rent we can stand-The white face 2 yr at the Royal were not very good I understand, but they say the reds were dandies-I guess we better let both cars go to St L, and the reds to Chicago-I have ordered anyway. Your Son. Geo.

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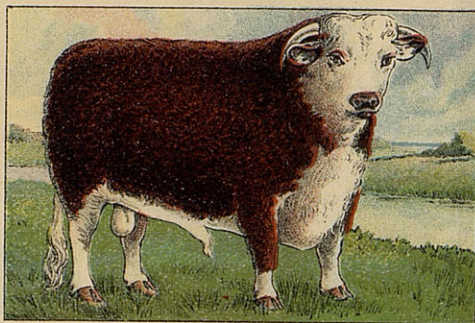
Dear Father:-

I en lose a letter from Joe Nations-I thought-it would be better better to turn this over to you and let Bob make a deal if you could arrive at the right price on his cows-I have not got but 350 cut out to go and 200 of them are Cross J and I was not figuring on selling him them at that price-I thought I would write Nations that I had changed my mind on letting that many go now, as I had not heard from him and am through working my cattle-that he might make a deal for the Club cows and they would save him freight as he could run them right into El Paso or buy from Bobs and run over the T.&P. but I expect he would get better rates over the R.I. from Santa Rosa or the closest shipping pens that C.M. could get from their Ranch. Bobs cows ought to weigh 850 and the Club cows ought to go 900 or better-I guess if Nations wanted to buy you might spring him another dollar as the cows would weigh more and would save him quite a little freight-anyway I will have write you and see if you all can get together on a deal-Young Phil thinks his cows will put on flesh up to the 10 of Dec. I am busy getting Harry off and having farm put in shape to receive the bulls and what stock we have here-You talk about rain, you dont know anything about rain -We have had nothing but rain since the 2nd flood and the ground never dried up from the flood-it is perfectly awful and I am very fearful that I will have to move my family from here if it dont dry up pretty soon-I see in the papers this morning where a death fro Diphtheria-I am worried to death-and I am very anxious to rush matters to a close on business so I can get away from here-The continuous rains we have had on the ranch is bringing the loco in the sand and quite a few places are showing a good deal of loco in the south side of pasture in the sand nothing to hurt yet in the north side and on the hard ground-but I am uneasy about the sandy land-Horses are beginning to eat it a little and am fearful I will have to bring them all over here, but enough to run the line camps--let me hear from you soon and often and give me your best thoughts on how you would manage things-all well so far love to all at home,

your son,

George.





**SIR BREDWELL, 63685**  
CHAMPION OMAHA EXPOSITION, 1898.

## SLAUGHTER'S HEREFORDS



**ANCIENT BRITON, 55749**  
WORLD'S FAIR CHAMPION, 1893.

*Dallas, Texas* November 2nd, 1904.

Dear George,--

Yours of the 28th has been received. You ask me to figure on these bulls and yearlings past, you now have at \$30.00, delivered in the spring to Knorpp, one hundred and fifty head. I think if you cansell him 150 at \$30.00 for certain, you had better take them back and graze them on the pasture? Seems to me you ought to have him collect the bulls and brand them now, if you could, or sell them to him and let him select them in the spring and take them back to Portales. Very low price, but I think it better than to keep them. Of course, they will not look very well until late in the spring. However, as I have told you before, go ahead and make your trade the best you can. In regard to wintering the bull calves on the farm, will say you might top out the best and take them over. If you do take them, I would not take anything but the best. I would only take about one hundred and fifty, so you can push them. Jack Alley is going to take my trade, but he is not going to take the cattle. He is going to buy with money and give me 10% above what they cost and then 7% interest. He has a nice lot of milk pen stuff that ought to be up on the ranch, but they are going to be a little hard to winter up there. I sent you the Groom letter the other day that stated



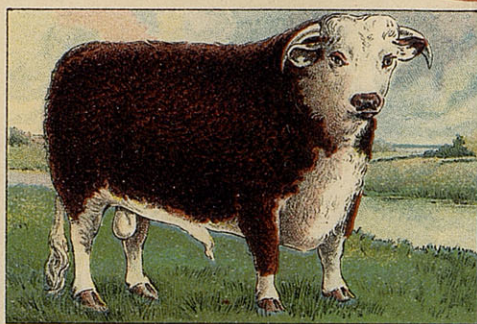
he had drawn another draft on me, which I presume the Wichita Bank understands is a duplicate of the one on you, as I wired him I would pay the first one presented.

Hardly think it would pay to winter the 240 we have now on the alfalfa. They have a little set back any way, and you had better take them to the ranch, I expect. The cattle market is very hard, though you did very well with your cows owing to circumstances. We will try Bob's cows about the middle of this month. I understand that Scarborough sold his steer yearlings for \$16.00 at Midland. If it is so, it is a good sale. Some others sold the same way. I expect they are fine and fat, as the grass is very good there. The weather is still nice here. I suppose it is out west, and cattle ought to be getting pretty good. Cows ought to be putting on fat. Hope you will get a good price yet for them. I have been looking for Witherspoon every day, but he says he is sick and will come down soon. Mrs. Compton, nee Jennie Bingham, has been up visiting the folks. She got a telegram yesterday morning to come home that her husband was sick. She got home last night about 9 o'clock and wired me about 10 that her husband had passed away at 12:45. So she is a widow. Poor girl. She talked a good deal of you and wanted to see you very much. Minnie left this morning to meet Dr. Veal at Jefferson and from there go to the World's Fair. This leaves all well. Hope will find you the same. With much love to you and yours, I am,

Your father,

P.S. I Enclose letter from C.C. Slaughter  
which explains itself C.C. Slaughter  
Clay R & Co





**SIR BREDWELL, 63685**  
CHAMPION OMAHA EXPOSITION, 1898.

# SLAUGHTER'S HEREFORDS



**ANCIENT BRITON, 55749**  
WORLD'S FAIR CHAMPION, 1893.

*Dallas, Texas.* November 7th, 1904.

My Dear George,--

Yours of the 5th, with enclosures, to hand. The two steers held up that come from Bob's were released and the money sent us. Denson of course released the steers on what you said, and that makes it all right on the whole of your letter, as I suppose you wanted to know if the steers were released. One of them weighed ten hundred and fifty and the other eight hundred and ninety. It is all right. We will try to keep up with this business of steers when we can. Sometimes we have to send them to you. Now if I had not sent these steers of Bob's marked with the J on the shoulder to you, I would have had to lost the money because I did not know anything about it. So you see it is necessary for me to send these reports to you. I suppose the cow is all right. I do not know that I have heard of her. If I have not, I will. I wrote you Saturday evening you would have to go and look after the bulls, as it was impossible for Bob to go. You will have to make your arrangements. I would try to go myself, but I must go to the Baptist Convention at Waco on the 10th and it will last until the 14th I suppose. Now if you remember, Groom stated in a letter I sent you that he would not be back to New York from Scotland, to the best of my recollection, about the 14th.



I expect he will make it the 16th to the 20th to have the bulls there. If I get back from Waco and it is after the 15th, you can wire me when you get wire from Groom, and I may go up and help you look at the bulls. Though I am very much needed at this office.

Bob is on a trade with the Evans boys for their land in Indian Canyon. He has bought the man out who bought Jno. Evans land, for little over \$1.00 per acre bonus and it was \$1.00 per acre land. He had an option, at least another party had an option for him, on Frank Evans's, Will and Bob Evans. The Evans and a man by the name of Baker control about 30 sections in the Rock Canyon, and we have land on the south, north east and west of it, and it is a fine place. He has made part of the trade, and is now on the other. I wrote him to make the trade and draw on me or make the trade and let them sign it and send to me for my approval. He is trading for 16 sections of school land, 3 sections of patented land and twelve and one half sections of leased land. They ask two hundred a section for their leased land. I do not know how long the lease is for. This makes 31-1/2 sections, and will cost us about \$27218.00. I put it all on the land that we will own, that is I add the \$200.00 lease to the land that we will own, which makes it cost us \$2.25 per acre. We will have to pay about \$15000.00 in cash, about \$2000.00 in notes one to three years at 8% interest on patented land and about \$10,000.00 to the State and one to thirty-seven years at 3%. While I think it is high, I thought we had better make the trade if we can, so this is one of the reasons I can not let Bob go, besides there is another reason I can tell you of afterwards. Sorry I can not. I would like to go with you to Kansas City to see those bulls or could go myself if I knew I would be able. When you get the wire from Groom, you wire me, If it is after the 15th, which I am satisfied it will be, and I will try to go and help you.



Well the election comes off to-morrow. If the Republic gets it, the market is not going to go up much, from the fact that I believe the trust is putting up one-half million dollars or more to elect Roosevelt. I rather think he will get it. If Parker is elected, I look for the market to go up considerably, and that right away. I think the market will spring a little, ten or Fifteen cents any way. Liable to at least. St. Joe is the best place I think to send those cattle, but I can not tell. I am going to Waco Tuesday or Wednesday.

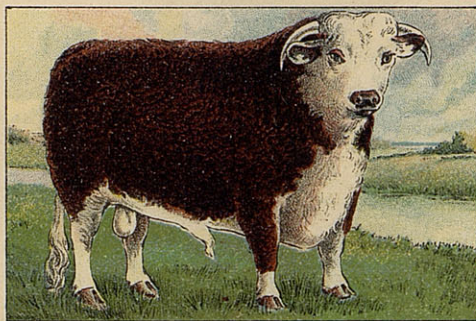
We broke dirt for the Sanitarium and a report of it is in the News of the 6th. It is going to be a good while before we build it, I think.

Leaves all well and hope will find you all the same.

Your father,

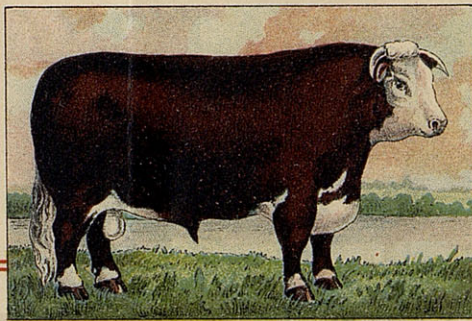
*C. Slaughter*





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## SLAUGHTER'S HEREFORDS



**ANCIENT BRITON, 55749**  
WORLD'S FAIR CHAMPION, 1893.

*Dallas, Texas.* November 23rd, 1904.

Dear George,--

Your letter of the 21st inst. received, and in reply there to will state that in reference to the ditch matter, will take it up and give it that consideration it deserves. Of course, it is rather a difficult matter for any municipal corporation to impose such obligations on its citizens, as seems to be indicated in your letter, that, Roswell, by ordinance intends doing. The facts of the case, however, as they exist, you failed to detail. It would be necessary for me to have the facts in the matter from beginning to end with the ordinances of the city respecting the ditch. New Mexico being a territory and the city of Roswell being an incorporated city, I take it derived its authority from the legislative body of the territory, or there may be a general statutory provision for the organization of municipalities clothed with certain powers. At any rate the city can not extend its power by implication and must be confined to whatever authority it gets from its charter, though the charter be by a special act of the legislature or under a general law of the territory. Is there any reason assigned why this radical requisition is made on the owners of the ditch? I expect in order for me to get full information in reference to this matter, it would



be to come out there and investigate what authority the city has as a municipality under the power creating it for that is where you will have to go. As to what is best for you to do in the matter, I suggest that you do nothing at present, but wait until all of the people interested in the ditch, call a general meeting and then it will be time enough for you all to come to a conclusion as to what is best to be done. You all should act together, for what is ones interest is the interest of all, and it would make the burden that much lighter on each one. For one to pick up the cudgel and make the fight by himself for the benefit of all, is hardly fair, to say the least of it. However, in these matters it is always best to act conservative, and weigh well the expense question of a long legal fight. I do not, however, anticipate much of a fight on the part of the city, as in all probability they are not able to employ counsel to give the matter that consideration it deserves. If they should be, then will be plenty of time for you all to marshal your forces and get together and make one common fight, and in this connection you will understand that it is often the case that some of them will pull back, thinking that the others who are more interested will spend their money to take care of themselves, and in doing so, the ones pulling back will receive as much benefit as though they had shouldered the responsibility and expended their money in making the fight. I do not see any use of you incurring any liability to pay for the opinion in the matter, unless all interest in the matter should get together and decide on that course. I think the proper way to do, is when there is a legal proceeding instituted or a condemnation proceeding of any kind is begun, to then look into the matter with a view to how it can be successfully defended.

When you get back from your trip, if there is anything threatening in this matter, let me know, and I will come out. Of course, I do not want any liability to be incurred any more than can possibly be avoided, for it looks like everything is going into expense account. It is



certainly a heavy account, and it looks like it is on the increase. Roswell Farm for October cost \$942, without any prospect of its being reduced. The invoice of the farm and ranches that you sent me was rather a crude piece of work, but we have it copied as best we could, though I have no copy to send you. I will have a copy made from the office copy and forward it to you. Will keep the original that you sent me, so when you come down we can get it and go over it and fix it up. The inventory is not what it should be. By the time you get back I will have the copy for you, I expect, though we are rather busy here now, with land, taxes and etc. I have been up now for a day or two, though am rather feeble from the effects of the spell of sickness I had. I do not know how long this condition of affairs will last. Certainly hope it will not be long. When you return, let me hear from you in reference to this ditch matter, as I feel some interest in that, and want it to go through intelligently, which every way is adopted.

Am just in receipt of a wire from National Stock Yards "one load of cows sold for two sixty, average 980, balance two fifty, average 830. Market steady at decline". Cassidy S.W.Com. Co."

Yours truly,

*G. G. Wright*



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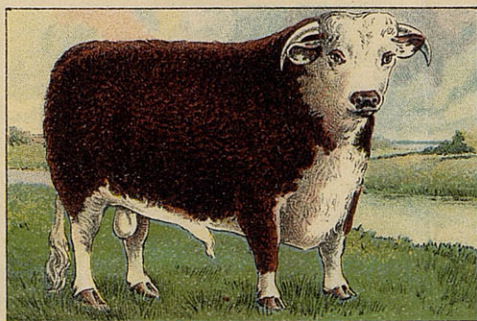
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**SIR BREDWELL, 63685**  
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## SLAUGHTER'S HEREFORDS



**ANCIENT BRITON, 55749**  
WORLD'S FAIR CHAMPION, 1893.

*Dallas, Texas* December 17th, 1904.

My Dear George,--

I am trying to work up an inventory of all the assets belonging to me and the C.C.S.C.Co. I find it almost impossible to give any definite valuation of the stock on the farm, or in other words, that in New Mexico. You have a book here, and Mr. Wright has been working on it. It shows a good deal, and yet really nothing. It is in such a shape that it is impossible for me to come to any conclusion as to any thing like a correct valuation of the stuff you have down. I told Bud that you and he reminded me of two boys playing marbles, and forgot who was head in the game, and came back to figure up, and finally left it in a tangle and quit. Now I have gotten this far on the New Mexico business.

First, I valued the farm of about 950 acres at	\$100000.00
Hay on the farm at 4000 tons \$5 per ton	20000.00
38 Registered Hereford cattle average \$200	7600.00
155 Registered Short Horn calves at	7000.00
220 Grade Hereford Bull Yearlings	6000.00
Grammer Grass Pasture 1360 acres at \$10	13600.00
Salt Grass Pasture 360 acres & 44 at 20	8080.00
160 acres Cooper Place at \$20	3200.00



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This is as far as I have gone. Now I wish you would give me the number of work animals on the farm, mules and mares, the other grade cattle on the farm and the other mules and horses, jacks and stallions that belong to the farm. Then give me what you consider you are pasturing for sale, and about their valuation. The farm implements I consider go with the farm, including wagons, harness and etc. Now I think this is plain. I repeat, give me the work stock that belongs to the farm. Give me the spans of mules and spans of mares, also the breeding stock. Of course, some of the spans of mares may be breeding. I want this in order to get a fair estimate of what we have there. Do this at once, so I can complete my inventory. I have made an inventory of your land. I considered the Coke County as gone, and the Edwards County as in suit, and have therefore made no report of it. Added Randall County 17712 acres and Hardiman 2952 making 20664, which I intend to transfer to the Company, which leaves the company 266378 acres that will be clear of suits. I valued this land at \$3.00. I have no estimate of the horses and cattle on the C.C.S.C. Co., so if you can give me an idea of the number of cattle and number of horses and mules on the company ranch, I would be glad if you would do so. I simply would like to have the horses and cattle. Give me the number of cattle on the Running Water Ranch and the number of horses. If you can do this right away, I believe I can finish my rendition, or rather get at what we are worth.

This leaves us all well, and hope you are the same. Please attend to this at once, so I can have it arranged before you come down, as then we can talk matters over during Christmas. I hope I have made it plain enough. Everything is moving along all right, so far as I know.

Your father,

