

Lubbock Texas SFriday P. M.

Dear Cleo:- I hope you are feeling better now than you were yesterday, that the song program and the rest of it last night was satisfactory and successful. I arrived here about two oclock - not a flit or a bit of trouble enroute. The trouble started after I showed up - no stock - the fair had made some extra business down here - more than I had anticipated so everything was low. I brought a few gallons of oysters along with me so we now have about a half gallon of oysters left and fifty or sixty pounds of several different kinds of fish and thats about all we have to offer them - however we expect oysters in on the five oclock bus from Parsons and some more arriving from the east on a night train - so guess we will pull through without getting thrown out or murdered the rest of the day. Fish business gets to be a hadake when it runs like it has for the past few months. For instance - Parsons inventory shows a loss of 267.72 from the twenty sixth of August until the first day of October. Our inventory here shows a loss of 238.41 for the month of September, and that Cleo gives a fellow something to think about.

I am having the watch fixed, but I am not sure that it will be ready before Monday, and I will try and bring it up then, I mean bring it or send it as I am not at all sure that I will be up before sometime next week. It is going to be necessary that I do something to stop, or try to stop these losses and frankly it is a problem.

Finances are some easier - yet disturbing enough at that, and a five hundred dollar loss for September is appalling if you ask me - especially when I thought I would get something like an even break - and I thought that right along up to the time the inventory was figured up, and still thought it after I had figured it - thought it so strong that I checked over the inventory figures a couple of times more before I would give up to the fact that we lost money at both places. I made one payment on one of the places since the first, and am going to make one on the other sometime in the next few days, though it is of course crowding me a plenty. I do feel that I will be able to stand my ground with them for a few months anyway.

Have the insurance all fixed except one quarterly payment on one, and part of an annual payment on another. In other words I must dig up 87.35 on one policy and 63.40 on another - 150.75 for insurance - thats a lot of money, but I have a month yet on one and until Nov fourteenth on the other so I guess I will manage them some way.

I have not written that letter nor returned the check yet, but will get that job done pretty soon, and again I mean to try and get it so well done that there will be no further such annoyance in the future from that source. I hope it can be so arranged.

Bill - Henry and one ~~other~~ something and then another comes up to disturb my attempt on this letter Cleo - and now it lacks only a few minutes of train time so I must bring this to a close. I miss you a lot - hope you dont let those prospective plans for an operation disturb you and that the letters are already in the mails and your mind made up. Really I believe now is as good a time as you could select and it appears to me as though it would cinch your damage case, and a good judgement for you.

If finances are confusing you (and no doubt they are) forget it. I will be able to lend a hand, both kinds old partner, and had a lot rather see you have the job done now than later. If you decide on having it done I will be right there from the time the operation is performed until you are past worrying and on the road to recovery.

I am getting mighty anxious about this home refinancing plan Cleo - dont you think it is about time? I want to get something done about it pretty soon, and remember I do love you.

I am not at all sure about Gordon
plans for this week end - however
it is doubtful if I will be able
up for Sunday. Will decide more about
that later. Hope to have a letter from you
tomorrow morning. That will help me decide the
schedule for Sunday. make plans for yourself
as you see fit for Sunday - and then if I see where
I can drop in maybe I will - but dont count
on such an uncertainty - it is rather doubtful if it
will be possible



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