

O B Ranch  
Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>

Dear Dad:-

Well we loaded out your steers this morning about daylight, and I have just returned from a good 70 mile trip all by myself up there and back, but I met some other fellows up there. We separated the light and heavies as you ordered. I was going

to go back over  
to Garden City but  
Mr Benson and Stewart,  
wanted to  
hire me to stay  
until <sup>the</sup> works all  
shaped up. I told Ben-  
son I would stay  
and help anyhow,  
but Stewart and  
he said that if  
they didn't hire  
me they would  
have to hire some  
one else anyhow.  
So I agreed to stay  
knowing they didn't  
have any special  
work over  
at the Cole Ranch.  
I will be over  
here until the

12<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>. But  
if you should  
want me to go  
back over there  
I can get another  
hand in my <sup>[over here]</sup> place.  
We branded 1251  
head of Brahmas  
last wk and I sure  
did put the ~~to~~ to  
em. Sure been  
putting out some  
hard labor, but  
enjoying every  
bit of it. We had  
to rope and brand  
several head, and  
I sure can build

the branding fire,  
tail them steers  
and brand em with  
a ring. We have  
a bunch coming  
that are unbranded  
and so there's some  
more work.

They are paying me  
\$2.00 a day, and so  
you have my pay  
stopped from you  
the 31<sup>st</sup> of July, until  
I guess the 15<sup>th</sup> of  
Aug, or I'll tell you  
the exact date I fin-  
ish up here.

now glad I told  
them I guess I could  
stay, and would  
help them with-  
out pay, but Benson

came to me, up at  
Thurmond, and told  
me Stewart <sup>he</sup> wanted  
to hire me until <sup>Beeson</sup> he  
left, and they  
said I could do  
as much work as  
the other hands, so  
I knew they didn't  
need me, even at  
the Cole ranch right  
now, and I didn't  
want to draw wages  
on you and not do  
the work, so I hired  
out to them, until  
you need me, and  
not later than the

13<sup>th</sup>. So my wages  
on you will stop  
the 31<sup>st</sup> of July until  
the 15<sup>th</sup> of Aug, and  
will then start again,  
if you want it  
to.

Be sure and wire  
me, and tell when  
you and the buyer  
are coming up.

Well I hope every-  
thing suits you, and  
I offered to help  
them for nothing, but  
they wouldn't do  
that.

Tell Mother  
to ans. my letter, &  
tell em all hello.  
I am sending a letter from Uncle  
Geo. to me. - Save it -

Your Boy  
T. B. Jr.

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