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Mess<sup>rs</sup> Linsheimer Bros

Dear Sirs

You are no doubt thinking that I ought to have seen you ere this, and my intentions were to have paid you some on a/c before now, but having had so much weather as prevented me from hauling in wood which we have had ordered for some time, we have some very good pine ~~fir~~ & oak fire wood 14" long cannot we sell you some ~~it~~ will help us to pay our bill which we are anxious to do, I also wish to ask your further aid that is to let me have some more provisions for a few months until we can get some wood hauled in and my son gets a job he is a strong young man and willing

and capable of turning his hand  
to anything. can speak Spanish partly  
having learned himself, could you  
give him a job of work or do you  
know any one wanting a trust worthy  
man, I have found a first class  
peice of government Land <sup>160 acres</sup> which I  
am desirous of filing on 60 or 80 acres  
of level land close to railway & Creston  
which as escaped the notice of people  
and I want to make sure of it before  
any one might hear of it, the place I  
had of McComas being all hills and  
having so much large trees on it is  
more than my strength is capable  
of doing. I have been living on this  
place not having filed, and to file  
on this other place I shall have  
to get your kind help in assisting  
me in provisions for 3 months longer  
than with my daughters aid who

are in situations in San Luis Obispo  
one at Lewis, the other at C H Phillips  
Esq<sup>r</sup> and with my sons help and  
what I can do myself hauling  
wood, we shall be able to clear  
ourselves of debt, and you will  
be making me your debtor for  
waiting, having a large family  
we should be a good customer  
for plain food as we live very  
plain, believing in do so until we  
can afford it better I have been  
waiting hoping that the weather  
would have been better, so that  
I could have had a talk with  
you instead of writing, but the  
roads are too bad from here to St  
Margaretta for me to hope to get in  
just yet with a load, your  
kind reply will oblige yours  
Truly E. J. Couch