

Cholame

Mar. 28th 10.

Dear Father:

It seems as if it has done nothing but rain since you left the ranch and in our last storm, the rainfall was over half an inch. The crops are in excellent shape.

I drove that cattle buyer over the lower part of the valley and he admitted our cattle were the best he had yet seen. Beef are going to be later than last season and if you contract with a buyer, try to get as much time as possible. Our first

shipment ought to go
~~anywhere~~ anytime from
May 1st to 15th. and will probably
run between 400 & 500 head.
Of course in the latter part
of April it would be possible
to get some off but if you
contract it is going to be
greatly to our advantage to
hold them.

This Seattle buyer was
very favorably impressed
with the cattle here and if
you could have talked
personally with him, it
might have been possible
to strike a good bargain. He
said he would write you.

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This buyer does not handle
veal at all, owing to the long
distance for shipment.

We ought to veal some
of the calves belonging to
these Arizona cows. We will
order to brand calves anytime
between the 10th & 15th of April
and will at that time part
out the Arizonas. I will see
Bill Cahill at once and find
out when Perry, the Coalinga
buyer, will take the remainder
of his calves.

I received your letter with
enclosed lease to Gruenbogen
Place.

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Graham told me that as soon as the roads permitted, Baker and his efforts would run over and locate the well and that the work would start immediately.

Capt. Barrett has English capital interested and has purchased the Oak Shade Company and their holdings.

I wonder if he knows our pump and tank are up there.

Is that barley at house crushed? If not, when the team arrives, it should be hauled up to the mill and attended to. As soon as the roads are in shape - probably

the last of the week - The team¹⁵
will start for San Luis.

Has Mother arrived home
yet? Hope that she and Ethel
are well. With love to you
all.

Your affect. son,
Howard.