

El Paso, Tex. 6/25/17

Dear Bro. Ray:--

I think I ought to write you now after working out the estimates. I gave them to Bro. Marrs to send in according to your instructions.

I trust that you will find them within reason. In fact they scare me, but I have calculated closely the whole thing. They are correct.

Note the "Comparative Statement" given. The amount to be paid to a Union linotype operator is \$130 per month. I do not know whether we can get a Mexican who is not a Union man or not. But even though we should have to pay the Union scale it would not cost as much as the composition work would using Mexican labor which is so unsatisfactory. There would be a great saving, I am sure, and so much better work can be done.

The Model 19 linotype costs with all the equipment needed for our work, \$2927.50. No. 18 would be \$100 less and would serve us fine. No. 5 would cost us with the equipment we would absolutely need to do our work, \$2604.75

The discount would about pay the freight. It is 5 % for cash.

I feel sure that this machine should be given us now. Even if we should later on want to move back to Mexico the machine could be packed and shipped easily enough, and this is one of the dreams of my life to get a linotype for the House installed and at work.

I trust that you can take this matter up at your next meeting--your very first meeting--so we can know, as it will take about 90 days to get our order in and the machine here, so the representative told me this morning. That would be none too soon I assure you.

We are leaving tonight for Eagle Pass and Mexico. Could not get off before as I had a lot of work to get in shape for the Expositor before going. You can reach me at León, Gto- Progreso 52.

Pray the Lord to prosper my mission to Mexico and that all may be done for His glory. I am very tired and will not write more just now.

Will let you hear about the work in Mexico as soon as I can. Will try to find out as much as possible.

May the Lord lead you, is my prayer.

Fraternally yours.

Lewis