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From your affectionate

Son

W J. T.

The mail which came to-day was a back one, letters mailed about July 1st