

Mineala Tex 11-13-1935

Dear Mr. Morning:-

Your letter came to hand, but I was awfully busy at the time as I was arranging to exhibit part of my collection Saturday and Monday, and really I had in mind at time of rec' of your letter going to Ft Worth and hearing the lecture on the 12th, but on the 11th a gentleman ^{who} came in to my exhibit at Mineala - ~~what~~ as I understood is the Expert on meteorites, and he looked at my specimen, and satisfied himself that it is Arizona metal, and mostly Iron at that, with a small value, of perhaps less than it has cost me, consequently there was nothing for me to gain by going over to hear his lecture, However I am very glad he came, for I have walked over a larger meteorite than the very valuable one he showed me, while I may never be able to retrace my steps and find it again, but I am confident it was a meteorite, as I will remember that I was looking for Lead - and noticed

a rather peculiar flat that I thought was heavily impregnated with iron and I made several attempts to burst it, but instead of getting to see the inside - I got buy a new hammer handle, but at the time I left I thought I was only passing up an ordinary flat of iron ore, but in outside appearance it was identical with the best specimen the man showed me at Mineala Monday, and entirely different from the one I have.

In regard to the Melearite that I have located I can buy it for \$75⁰⁰ but there is no danger of it getting away, and before buying it - I will determine positively about its inside markings, for I run on to another streak of good luck during the display of my collection. Monday was a hot day at Mineala - lots of showers - and main streets roped off for an Armistice celebration, so a man going East who had been touring Mexico

decided to see what could cause a
 little town like Mineola to close a
 State Highway, not that it interfered
 with his getting through - but thru curiosity
 he wanted to see what a small town
 Armistice celebration was like, and
 besides he was a patron of the
 Spanish American War, and also
 of the World War, so he came into my
 little show, and was the most appreciate
 patron I had, and he happened to be one
 of the Homocide Squad that worked on
 the Hauptmann - Linberg kidnap case,
 so he quickly spied my meteorite - and
 along with all the rest it came to light
 that while he is at all times interested
 in meteorites - they are not new
 sights to him, as he has examined
 them in both foreign and American
 museums, and he has a friends

in new york that is an expert in
 that line, so really - this tourist and
 my self formed quite a friendship for so
 short a space of time, as we had many
 views in common, but to cut the evidence
 of our friendship short, and condensed - will
 say that ^{leg} would not let me off at noon till
 I accepted his ~~invitation~~ invitation
 to go to the best place in our little town
 and partake of the best lunch we could
 select - so when a man pays a stranger
 10 cents to see his show - then takes him
 by the arm - and drags him to a cafe -
 and spends a dollar extra on a 10 cent
 show man - there is some mutual
 interest somewhere, so hark to the
 point - then his friend hark
 east he can find what acids are

ore used and how applied - To make
 positive tests, and when I get this information
 I will see what the Anderson county specimen
 is, and if valuable - I will buy it, if not
 I will pass it up, as the specimen I now
 have regardless of whether it is a piece of
 fat metal or what not, is giving entire
 satisfaction not only to men seeing their
 first specimen - but to men who have viewed
 meteorites in the best museums in Europe,
 But I acquired this specimen to use as I am
 using it, but now that the ice is broken
 on the way of procuring positive information
 when my new friend returns to New York
 and procures for me the information on how
 to make the acid test - it won't take me long
 to become as efficient in such tests as
 your friend from Denver is, and not
 only will I try to retrace my steps and
 find a specimen personally,

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but I will add such specimens
to my regular line of trade, and
sooner or later - I am pretty sure
that I will be able to fix you up to
your entire satisfaction, so at the
present time - I bid you good bye
With best wishes,

L. P. Bertillon