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Dear Mr Monnig: The balance of the books arrived the other evening and was wee hours of the morning before I retired fo r the night. There was one article in the first three that I could just see the meteorite laying in the ground. First one there with a good machine could pick it up. Enjoyed the others. Have a lot to learn since coming in so late. Many thanks for sending them on.

In reply to your last letter I note you are well supplied with specimens of the Brenham fall. There was nothing said about price or dvision of spoils when I started to look. If my first one had been a one pounder I would have been just as thrilled. I suggested a 50-50 basis after finding the large one and they are to assist with tractor and help do the digging. With time involved I see I should have larger interest. The farmer is insisting on ho ding for a \$1.00 per pound as he sold others at that price. Due to number of pounds recovered in the past he may not realize that much. I am no hurry in dosposing of them at prrsent. Of course if others are found we will need sell what I dont need for display.

C onsidering time and the work they are surely worth the price. Would like a sample copy of the bulletin you publish. I judge it is on astronomy.

Your mention of d isplaying in small country banks is a good idea. I realize people are mislead by a Pallasite when we all are looking for the stony ones. I hope to have some to display along with my large ones.

I drove sixty miles today to pick up a stony one but am not sure of until I get together some materials and give it the nickel test. No showing of iron. It has the crust and pits but seems to be too light color.

As to machine I am using it is nothing different than LaPaz mentions, in fact may not be as good as his machine in some respect. I note his was all found in a crater with WPA to do the digging. Wish I could be at that crater just a half day.

I am using 135 Volts of B battery, double loop tuned to 25,000 cycles, loops parallel to ground. Mine will work in water or moist ground or variation of subsoil. LaPaz says opposite. They all require frequent tning but that only takes a second and once set. You always need the rest. LaPaz speaks of soil condition around the crater. I wo ld now of tnothing to affect a machine. Sure there are is no iron in the soil there.

My sucess in the Brenham field is due to the systematic way I work the fields. Some may call my finds mere luck but time will tell. I take a strip seven wheat rows wide (56 inches) back and forth across the field. This should catch even a ome pound stone just below the plowing. If you use a machine like Nininger mentioned over phone you could walk in figure 8 or S all day and be jsu luck

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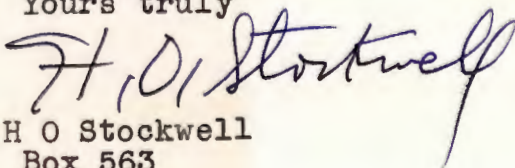
if you passed over one.

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Give me couple of months and may have something in a machine much larger and better to tell the boys. Have my entire engineering force thinking about one. It is very doubtful if a home made machine is better than a standard manufactured machine. The machine would be no good on small stony meteorites. I tested couple of 3 lb stones ones placed on surface of ground. One would not affect the machine. Oher gave fair reading so that if it weighed 50 lbs or more would show up if buried couple feet down. Also tested 1 1/2 lb. Ness Co stone and it gave about same reading. There has been more stones found in the Ness Co. fall than reported. I want to spend some time there mapping the places and try get trace of some larger stones.

Nininger makes metion of the Pallasite found at Argonia, Kansas years ago with one piece in some collection. We have party in Argonia working for more information. He writes the farmer found one Pallasite and presented it to Friends University in Wichita. In that case it must be the second from the fall. He reports a neighbor having two stones. We expect to make a trip there some Sunday. I would rather spend my time looking for the stony-lorns.

Have been busy past two weeks. Expect to get out this week if weather permits. May have more fairy tales to tell.

Yours truly

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