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Dear Mr Monnig: If it wasnt for your letters to pep me up I am afraid I would begin to loose interest from the long cold days. Along with your letter last night threre was one from Houston in Cincinnati,O. wanting to know how to make a machine and uses. A two page letter from Dr.Humberd, Barnard,Mo with a perscription to get my old bones to moving. Quite some letter. He spends his time observing.

I came home last night after two days at Brenham. Counting one day a week ago when I got snowed out I spent three days and found one measley little meteorite weighing 110-120 lbs. Scientists would say I had wonderful results. It was a fine specimen without any rust and nice shape. Even this small size was 22 inches in hard clay. Would make a wonderful specimen to be cut and polished.

Writing Mr Kimberly today quoting your offer. I am quite sure he will accept. Can ship you one at once and would like to keep other until I can haul in another.

Now I wonder if you would care to sell me a duplicate stony meteorite from your collection. It may be sometime before I can go to Ness county and then maybe not be able to buy one. If you do not care to sell maybe I could borrow one for few months. These large Pallasites are missleading to my customers. I psend a great amount of time explaining the different meteorites in hopes it will bring me new leads. Even the schools are asking for fragments for study.

Will pass up Mr Pruett. Would be good joke on a young fellow.

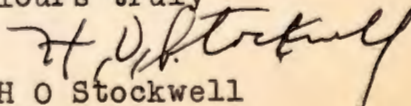
Tell your friend in West Texas not to give up looking. If satisfactory with him might have the last one(110-120) cut and polished and divide with him. Would make two good specimens.

By the way are you equipped to cut a meteorite? I have power hack saw in shop but regualr blade would not do the work.

Will take two to four days to test out the Argonia field. Will want to work in all directions from the fall. The adjoining land looks like sand hills and might be too deep for a reading.

I would like present address of Claude H. Smith, RFD3, Waterloo, Iowa. Latter addresed to him was returned. From letter written by him to your Meteoritical Society makes me think he would be about same calibre as myself.

Yours truly



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