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Mr. Glen Orr,
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Dear Glen:

I had the same idea as you, and the week after you were here I came down to our store and loaded our platform scales in our Willys Waggoner. I hauled these over to the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History and we ran them down the ramp to where the Tishomingo irons were and weighed them.

The smaller one weighs 213 pounds and the larger one 349½ and this is correct, I am sure, because these are well calibrated and tested Fairbanks scales. These figures are indeed close to what we had been using, 214 and 360. I find most meteorites seem to "shrink" a little!

I appreciate your decision to let us have the meteorites and I will follow your suggestion to come up there soon at a good opportunity--and bring Juanita, my wife. We can then agree on some final details as you say.

We have had some meteor excitement in this region recently. There was a minor fireball in the Houston, Texas, region Feb. 5, thought to have ended about 20 miles east of there and very near the Gulf coast. Some men at NASA and the Houston planetarium were working on it, but I fear some heavy rains a few days later with flooding the region of supposed fall literally "washed them out".

Anyway, a really first class fireball over Mexico Feb. 8 seems to have yielded a fall of stony meteorites near a little town called Hidalgo del Parral, south of Chihuahua. The natives are said to be finding them and bringing them in to town to sell in the streets, but they won't tell where they find them because they don't want people coming and tromping down their bean fields! The editor of the paper at Chihuahua wrote me they found pieces of 20 and 30 pounds and many smaller ones, but I have not actually seen any nor am I 100% sure they really fell--I am depending entirely on reports.

Sincerely,

P. S. We also had a good minob fireball in the Ft. Worth-Dallas region Feb. 17th at 9.33 p.m. It would have been visible from Tishomingo. I am working on it this week-end and if you know of any body there who witnessed it, what I chiefly need is the bearing towards the end point. It ended almost due east of Ft. Worth and if I knew the precise direction from Tish in which it was last seen we could go to the intersection of those two lines of sight and inquire for possible meteorites.