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Dear Mr. Monnig:-

Have your letter of the 8th and am very sorry to hear that you are not completely recovered from your illness.

I had intended writing you again but could not seem to get to it. I will average about a rock a week coming in for examination as to its possible meteoric origin, a week ago I got six. It does not take long to make the examination (one look is usually sufficient) but each one calls for writing a letter, which with my other work keeps me busy.

I have not done anything more in regard to the Boynton story.

Have been much interested in the Crescent story, both in the Bulletin and your letter and mighty glad to hear that you obtained a specimen. It was mighty nice of you to think of me in connection with this fall and if you find a large amount of material I would appreciate a specimen. What kind of meteorite is it, What is its classification?

Please do not think you owe me anything for the Pasamonte I sent you. It was not one of my best specimens. It is half of one that got broken. The crust is poor but the interior is as interesting as any I have.

I will be glad at any time to give you any information you may wish in regard to any specimens in my collection.

My Blackwell is such a pretty specimen I have never got up courage to cut it so am not able to give you the correct classification.

Blackwell, Oklahoma.

Fell May, 1906 about 8 P.M. do not know the day.

Class, Aerolite probably CS or CSA

Weight 2381 grams

I do not know of any others from Oklahoma but will look through what records I have and if I find anything I will let you know.

I enjoyed the short visit with Mr. Morse very much and am sorry that he was not able to spend more time with me. You are very lucky in having a bunch of fellows around you that are interested in this subject. There is not a man in Trinidad or vicinity that knows a meteorite from a prune seed and cares less, and I get mighty lonesome for some one to talk to along this line. I used to have some very pleasant visits with Dr. Nininger until he got to where I had to tell him to go to hell. I hated the necessity of taking this step but it was just one of those things that had to be done.

MR. CASSIRER

I have not been able to obtain those moldavites yet. He insists they are meteorites and wants meteorites in exchange and will not set a money value on them. He takes the position that as "They are not obsidian, They are not found in situ, Their terrestrial origin can not be explained, Therefore they are of celestial origin"

This does not go at all with me, and I am not able to find any authority that will class them as of meteoric origin.

I have a small specimen that is rather interesting under a glass which I am sending you, but it can not compare in any way with the other beautiful specimens. You fellows examine it and tell me what you think is its probable origin. You may keep it. May get you a better one sometime.

I have just had an interesting thing come up while etching a slice of Canon Diablo.

You are probably aware of the fact that Neumann lines are well known in hexahedrites and that Canon Diablo is an octahederite.

When I etched this slice I got very beautiful figures and a large area covered with fine Neumann lines. I did not know what to think about this as I have been under the impression that these lines were confined to the hexahederites or those low in nickel.

I photographed the plate and sent a copy to the Smithsonian and Dr. Foshag replied that Neumann lines have been known in the kamacite portion of some of the coarse and coarsest octahederites, but the ones I got are much better and over a larger area than is usually the case. He asked for the plate for ~~exam~~ examination. I may have found something. *WILL SEND YOU PHOTO SOMETIME*

I would be mighty glad to have you come up sometime. I want to see the south and if I ever go down I will stop off and see you.

Best regards to all of you,

CP Allen