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Dear Oscar,

I think lady luck is hovering near.

I could not find anyone who knew either of the persons mentioned in your telegram, but we went need their observations anyway. I checked with the San Saba paper and found that detonations were heard there described as "A heavy rumbling like deep tone thunder". I stopped and checked the Brady paper, and found a column of about 15 inches length, or possibly longer devoted to it. The paper there described the detonations as being like an earthquake in that it rattled windows and dishes. Everyone thought the day of judgement had come, and special church services were held. Everyone joined in the excitement and said prayers which they had long forgotten. It was described as looking like an electric light at first and then getting rapidly brighter. The duration was estimated at 4 seconds I believe. The paper also mentioned that J.F. Tindel had found something with a "Copper" appearance and had showed it to the Editor. J.F. Tindel is dead now but I talked with his son, Hillary Tindel, 805 E. Third, Brady, who recalled the object and described it as looking like iron with a blue glaze. He said it weighed about 10 lbs and was not porous but the surface was irregular. He described it that way without any help from me. I believe that was the real thing. He said his father found it about 10 miles SW from Brady, near Calf Creek. The farm it was found on is now owned by Tom Irvin, Calf Creek route, Brady. He said his father gave the object to someone, but he didn't know who. He promised me he would inquire and find out and let me know.

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I then went on to San Angelo. While there I checked with San Angelo Daily Standard. They mentioned the excitement it caused at Ft. McKavett and Menard. They expressed the opinion that it had fallen between those two towns on the old Muns Ranch, and that searching parties were out looking for it. The San Angelo paper said it started at the Zenith and went South. They said a noise like a car motor was heard, but nothing seemed to be too outstanding there.

On the way back, I checked with the Menard paper, and below is the complete story. It was in the middle of the paper without a heading.

"The meteor which passed over Menard Monday night caused considerable excitement, and awoke all of those afflicted with guilty consciences. The editor slept through it all."

I did a lot of inquiring at Menard and finally found A.J. Furr on the streets. and made arrangements to meet

(Over)



him at his home, 2 miles south of Hext. I passed out a few pamphlets between Menard and Hext on the way out. At his house he showed me the directions in which he noticed the Phenomena. He was in his house sitting by a kerosene lamp when suddenly everything lighted up outside like day, for a few seconds. He ran out the back door and looked around. In about 15 seconds there came forth from the heavens a noise of almost unbearable intensity. He said the noise was extremely loud and heavy, and a mixture of all kinds of noises. He was frightened, but remained calm enough to try to see what was making the noise. As he followed the noise across the sky, he noticed a long trail of "Smoke" stretching across the sky, and the noise followed the trail of smoke. He said the first noise he heard was beyond the end of the smoke, but came back to the smoke. The whole affair took place to the east of his zenith. Below are the observations, as measured on the spot.

(Noise)

Begain (first heard) alt. 52 deg N 12 W  
End (last heard) alt. 38 deg S 25 E

(Smoke)

from alt 63 deg N 65 E  
to alt. 38 deg S 25 E

I think the Sub Final point was not over 4 miles north of him or 2 miles north of Hext. A.J. Ricks Sr. of Brady, saw it, and said it ended southwest of there, I could not get an on the spot measurement, but he was sure that it was almost exactly southwest of where he was.

It was 6:00 PM. when I got through at Hext, and did not have the time to canvass any of the farms north of there. I went on to Brady where I spent the night.

L.B. Smith at the Brady standard said he would print a long story on it, if you will write it. He said he might even reprint the story from the 1917 paper. I think fragments of that meteorite are in the hands of several people around, and a newspaper story is bound to turn something up.

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*1947 8/26* } By the way, the 1939 "Contributions" list a 927 gram meteorite (stone) which was found 9 miles southwest of Brady in 1937. Could this be the one we are after????? Reported by Dave Rain to Amer Met Lab

The meteor seen by Billy Davidson may need to be turned around some, as he was in the middle of an open field at the time he saw it, and the landmarks were not any good. He did not notice any ground lighting effect, but it was the brightest he had seen for quite a while. He walked to the house after that and did not hear detonations, I asked about 8 people all together and none could recall any noises.

I left the BPT corrected to 9.2 deg E all through the trip, so you may wish to make a slight correction in the observations.

The editor of the Menard News is N.H. Pierce. I did not get to talk to him very long.

Sincerely,

*Gene*