

Knoxville, Tenn.,

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Dear Prof:

Owners of Harriman meteorite now claim they have an offer of \$150.00 for their iron. I still haven't seen it but they sent a special representative to see me this afternoon about it. I don't believe they have had any such offer but told their man to be sure to see me before they sold. I told him I positively would not make a definite offer until I saw it. I am SURE I will know an iron meteorite when I see it. Consider the matter well and let me know air mail or wire, depending on how interested you are, what to do about it. I can raise the extra money if necessary, I think, but cannot believe it will take that much to buy it.

I should not have made any suggestion even as to price I was able to offer, but I hardly knew what to do under the circumstances. The son-of-guns claimed they had never had an offer on it, which I think is probably the truth, so I merely mentioned the \$1 a lb. as a basis for negotiations. Frankly I do not know where I stand, as well as I know these East Tennessee Jews. I am pretty sure they have a real meteorite and think they will stick me for it. And am sorry that I have already been out some expense in connection with it.

HOWEVER? DO NOT send any more money until you hear from me further. I will try to transmit the entire story of the chase after this specimen later. I expect ~~the~~ to hear from these fellows the first of next week.

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Logan and family were by this afternoon for about 8 minutes. I pleaded and ~~argued~~ coaxed but could not get them to stay over with us. It was a real disappointment to us. I was very favorably impressed with Logan's wife. Mrs. Logan was friendly as usual. They had had good luck so far.

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