70 Stratton Estate
Cripple Creek, Colo.
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Dear Dr. Stenzel —

How is the Geology Dept. faring these days? Hope everything is fine and that you have plenty of new equipment, and incidentally lots of smart boys to use it. Haven't been able to get back since I left in '30, but have been thinking a great deal about the old school, and wishing every day that I could go back and look it over, and see every one I used to know. From all the pictures I've seen, it must be a swell looking campus now. One to be proud of!

Am up in the Cripple Creek Gold Mining District at present, but not so much because I want to be here, or like it. It is a case of work or starve, so I'm here. The work, snow, and disagreeable cold weather together creates a rather tough assignment. I find that I'm just a common laborer up here after all. However, when I first came in Nov. I mapped out the drifts and stopes with a Brunton and made cross-sections, but that didn't require much time.

Have picked up a few rocks here and there, and that I'd send you a few. Don't know how your rock collection is by now, but that perhaps you could use some of these. If not,

just throw them away. As the mine I am working at is not so productive, haven't been able to get hold of any Sylvanite or Calaverite samples, but if you want some, I probably would be able to manage some. The quartz is known as "Bull Quartz" locally, and the long slivers, as "Ringtail Ponyhorn". Much gold around here is found in connection with the bull quartz and Manganese, the black stuff. About all our mine produces is pyrite.

How is the Paleontology? By the way, I picked up some fossils and a Nautilis down in Bell Co. some months ago. If you want them I could send them sometimes.

If you find time and care to, drop me a line any time.

Sincerely,

S. A. Teasley