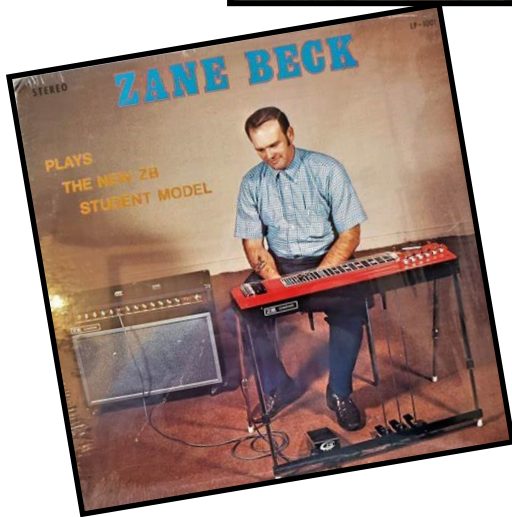


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The Russellville Democrat, April 8, 1886
 Russellville, Pope Co., Ark.

The loud report heard throughout Pope and adjoining counties on Saturday the 27th ult., was caused by the explosion of an aerolite, fragments of which have been found in Johnson and Pope counties. One piece weighing 110 pounds was found on John Chandlers place near London. It buried itself three feet under the ground and was extricated three hours after it had fallen and was so hot as to burn at the touch. It is said to resemble other meteors that have heretofore reached the earth, judging from published reports. Aside from their value to scientists, such discoveries are not worth much to the finders.

The Russellville Democrat, April 15, 1886
 Russellville, Pope Co., Ark.

—Will Webb of Cabin Creek gave one hundred and twenty-five dollars for the meteor found by C. C. Shandy.

These examples of newspaper accounts of the Cabin Creek Meteorite show that the “facts” as reported near the time of event lack consistency.

The Russellville Democrat, April 29, 1886.
 Russellville, Pope Co., Ark.

—The wonderful meteoric stone as it is called, but erroneously, for nothing is further from stone than it is, is now on exhibition here. We looked at the strange thing and wondered what it was and where it came from. The noise it made when it struck the earth's atmosphere on the 27th of March and come whirring to earth near Knoxville, will never be forgotten, neither will any one who looks at it ever forget it. It is unlike any other meteoric stone we ever saw, and looks as if it had been molten or heated metal which on striking the earth had been mashed into shape rather after the fashion of a large turtle, only not so regular, resembling in its outer conformation a very large cabbage leaf with a corrugated surface, with its thickest part at its base. It is not over six inches thick at the thickest place and but little if any over twelve inches across at the broadest, and yet weighs 105 pounds, a weight altogether out of proportion to its size in ordinary metal, and especially of its degree of hardness. It is hard enough to scratch glass and is too hard to be cut by a file. It is a strange piece of creation, and altogether beyond our power to tell what it is.