

June 15, 1917

Mr. A. W. Pray,  
Escondido, Cal.

Dear Sir:-

I am interested indirectly in a paint rock mine which Mr. Case tells me you are very familiar with and that you were at one time interested in the Pinite Mines in Spook Canyon. The names were White Hawk, Ocean View and Pinite Queen.

I would be very much pleased if you would write and give me an idea of what you found there and the value of the raw material. Anything that may be of interest in the way of how you accounted for the mineral and the continuity of same.

Thanking you very much for any information you can give in order to help me form some idea of the value of this product as existing in these mines. Mr. Janssen apparently owns these mines now. Do you know whether this is correct or not?

Yours very truly,

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ESCONDIDO, CALIFORNIA

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Escondido Cal June 21 1917

Thos P. Ellis

San Diego Cal

Dear Sir

I received both of your letters and would have answered your inquiry before, but was feeling out of sorts having had a bad cold and forgot about your inquiry until I read your letter of yesterday. I was at one time interested in the property you ask about, i.e. the White Hawk, Ocean View & Pinite Queen. we sold the property to a Mrs Standford of Oakland Cal. many different Companies have had the property mostly for selling stocks as I sized it up. as I remember they were first the Palaginote Industrial Co. the Federal Paint Co of S. F. and the Premier Investment Co. the latter putting up some buildings. Mr J P Janssen is the present owner I believe. he having secured a patent for the three dyes about 3 years. there are ~~2~~ about 20 shades of the material. 7 in quantity each the most prominent being the yellow ochre. mineral Bismuth similar to Parisian metal used so much for painting roofs, several shades of grey. White &c. the white being mostly Kahlm the run will average about 100 feet as shown by some cross cuts, when I worked them last for the Premier Co. Mr J. H. Conaghan the Color Chemist. made numerous



combination with the clay and clained the material would make a fine grade of Kalsomine that would be permanent in color, as they would be lime proof. I enclose you an old prospectus of the Premier Co. showing a report made by Smith, Emery & Co of S. F. which you can judge for yourself. making due allowance for several statements, as to the amount of material, it is immense, as the vein shows string for 4000 feet or more, the material lies in strata, the yellow ocher being near the foot wall, <sup>the</sup> some of them others being 14 feet or so in width, I believe at the present time the material should prove valuable, any more information I can give, I will be pleased to.

Do you know, or can put me in touch of someone who I could sell a fine proposition I claim enough work has been done to secure a patent. there is a thousand tons or so of Pyramite & Potash Feldspar in the dumps waste from mining here, it is very accessible plenty of water, would like to sell ~~at~~ <sup>at</sup> very much, and at a very low price, would be pleased to show the property. Yours Respectfully A. W. Pray

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J. J. RUTHERFORD, CASHIER  
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CAPITAL, \$50,000.00  
SURPLUS, \$25,000.00  
TOTAL, - - \$75,000.00

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### Escondido National Bank

ESCONDIDO, CALIF., June 27, 1917.

Mr. Thos. P. Ellis,  
San Diego, Cal.,

Dear Sir:

In answer to your letter of the 25th to Mr. Wohlford beg to say that today we interviewed Mr. Pray who said that he would write to you today. Glad to have been of service to you.

Yours very truly,

Cashier.



July 6, 1917

Mr. Ed Fletcher,  
Office.

Dear Sir:-

I received another letter from A. W. Pray, Box 291, Escondido. He was the man who located the Paint Claims up Escondido Creek and did most of the development work. Do you think we had better take him along Sunday? We may be able to get some history from him that is worth while.

T. P. Ellis.

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SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

July 6, 1917

Mr. A. W. Pray,  
Box 291,  
Escondido, Cal.

Dear Sir:-

Please leave word at the Occidental Hotel, Escondido, where I can get you Saturday, Sunday or Monday, July 7, 8, and 9th. I will be up that way and want to talk over the paint mines with you.

Yours very truly,



**Ed Fletcher Papers**

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**General Correspondence - Pray, A.W.**



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