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POSTOFFICE ADDRESS, KELLOGG, IDAHO,

Oct. 9th '99.

J. W. Bradley Esq.,  
Dear Sir,

A few days ago Bartlett Sinclair, in conversation with Mrs Burbidge, said that we ought to put in a claim on the County, for our loss, that is the Company's loss as well as our personal loss. He stated that the County ought to pay it - that the County is under great obligations to the State at present, and that now would be a good time to put in a claim, and he would write a letter to the Commissioners, and also get the Governor to write them, urging its payment. I was not present at this conversation, & have had no opportunity to see Sinclair since, and am therefore unable to form any opinion as to the value of his suggestion in this matter. I will see him, however, as soon as a convenient opportunity occurs. In the meantime I would like to hear from you as to the advisability of making a claim. It does not appear probable to me that the County Commissioners would honor

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such a claim unless by law compelled to do so, notwithstanding the urging of the Governor and Mr. Sinclair. As a matter of fact the County has taken almost no interest in our loss, and it seems to me that in the absence of a law compelling payment, our best chance of recovery, on sentimental grounds, would be from the State. Perhaps Sinclair is trying to head off anything in that line - by trying to get us to make a claim against the County, the failure of which might prejudice us in the State. What do you think of it?

Yours truly  
Fredr. Burbidge