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Dear Sir:--

I was glad to notice that in a recent number of the Wardner News that you were preparing to lay a pipe line and flume to carry water from the Break Station flume into the Cheyne flume. I hope you will make this means of conveyance amply large so as to provide for future increase lead tunnel water. If we establish complete ownership of this water you can see what a great thing it is going to be to us on the Kellog tunnel level, because 60 or 70 inches there from the Reed tunnel level will furnish continuously 100 horse power or intermittently 200 to 300 horse power, which will be ample for all hoisting purposes below the Kellog tunnel, and thus furnish the best possible port for future sinking below the Kellog tunnel:

I hope that when you have Fulsom readjust those affairs you can make the amount belonging to the Last Chance people five inches instead of seven; I am sure there was not even this amount at the time Sweeney made his location.

In my letter of the 13th. to Stevens I forgot to say that we would want his party to remain in Mexico several months longer. I refer to the party that he took down there without our knowledge or consent; it is important now that the party remain there until after a decision is handed down.

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Is there much need now of the Pinkerton Operator we have at Wardner?

Hereafter in shipping second ore to Tacoma that runs about or around 50 o/o lead, I wish you would call it first class ore - that is - calling it first class ore gives us a counter claim against Rust in case he makes any claim on crude ore to the extra lead above 42 o/o; calling 50 o/o concentrates, which we have a perfect right to do, will give us a claim against him for less lead contained in the first class ore than we are paying for, which will very much more than offset any claim he can make against us.

Yours very truly,