

Bunker Hill & Sullivan Mining & Concentrating Company.

MINES AND WORKS AT WARDNER, IDAHO.

TACOMA SMELTER.

POSTOFFICE ADDRESS, KELLOGG, IDAHO, Dec. 31st, 1899.

F. W. Bradley, Esq., President,
Bunker Hill & Sullivan Mining & Concentrating Co.
Crocker Building, San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir,-

I think that Rust is "gouging" us-not so much on assays as on moisture. A great many of our shipments lately he has returned as containing from 1% to 2% more moisture than our determinations show at the time of shipment. The contrary should be the case, as the natural tendency is for the ore to dry out to some extent in transit. On a statement covering 28 lots just received, there is a shortage in the net weight of 21 tons, having a value of over \$500. I shall watch this a little longer, and if Rust continues to treat us in that way, I will send Linney over there for a month or so to watch the sampling and assaying in our interest. The cost will amount to only about 10¢ per ton, and I am satisfied that such watchfulness would save to us many times that amount.

Yours truly,

Frederick Burbidge