

Bunker Hill & Sullivan Mining & Concentrating Company.

MINES AND WORKS AT WARDNER, IDAHO.

BOARDING HOUSE.

POSTOFFICE ADDRESS. KELLOGG, IDAHO,

Aug. 2, 1899.

F. W. Bradley, Esq., President,
Bunker Hill & Sullivan Mining & Conc. Co.
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir,-

Referring to the enclosed memorandum in regard to the loss made by the Boarding House during the last two or three months. Most of this is due to our carrying men for their board. In May, immediately after the explosion and before we had started work, we allowed a number of men to board free in order to keep them on hand. Through a mistake, their full board was charged up to them in May, and it had to be credited to them in June, which accounts for the greater part of the June loss. We had in June only 37 boarders, and in May only 48, and with such a small number boarding, the institution is conducted on too expensive a scale to make any money for us. We have to pay more for our help than boarding houses or restaurants in town pay, and probably get less work from them. I have no doubt that we ~~can~~^{could} make some profit out of the business by renting the privilege to run it to some individual, to Toney Tubbs for instance, and in some ways this might be desirable, but I am always afraid of abuses creeping in under such an arrangement, through combinations that might be made between the person running the boarding house and the foremen and shift-bosses, the latter receiving some concessions on their own board in return for influence used in securing boarders for the establishment. This in the long run might result in giving us a rather inferior crew, and would in any case cause dissatisfaction, and throw upon us, although unjustly, the odium of coercing our men to board at our boarding house.

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When we get the mine in operation with a full force again, we shall probably be able to run the number of boarders up to 100 or more, and we ought to make some profit with that number. If we do not make a profit, we will then have to decide between renting the privilege as above mentioned, or closing the boarding house.

Yours truly,

Fred. Burbidge