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Mine Sup't.

Rock Springs, Wyo. December 24th, 1912.

Mr. W. M. Hartman,  
Mine Superintendent,  
Hanna, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

Referring to your wire of yesterday, asking to have shipped the motor, - I am enclosing herewith bill of lading covering same which was shipped to-day in a special car, and will no doubt reach you in a short time.

Yours truly,

D. G. Thomas  
Mine Superintendent.

Enc.



ROCK SPRINGS, WYO.

Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 1912

Salt Lake City Utah

MINES

Period

Dec 16 to 31

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Tom Hayward	Mine 7	96 hr	34 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	3300	3300
Mark Lensen	" 8	96 "	34 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	3300	3300
Geo Darling	" 9	16 hrs	9000	4645	4645
Thos Le Morr	" 10	16 "	9500	4903	4903

Total

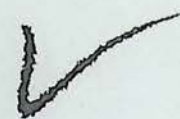
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No deductions.

The Union Pacific Coal Company.

D. J. Thomas  
P. Manager



Mine Sup't


Rock Springs, Wyo. January 2nd, 1913.

Mr. R. D. Handico, Mgr.,  
Western Union Telegraph Co.,  
Rock Springs, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

Will you please have your company extend to us, monthly credit on our telegraph account for the year 1913, as has been extended to us heretofore?

Yours truly,

  
Mine Superintendent.



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Rock Springs, Wyo. January 2nd, 1913.

Mr. F. A. Manley,

V. p. & G. M.,

Omaha, Nebr.

Dear Sir:--

Henry Thomas and John C. Williams of Evanston and Almy respectively, called on me to-day, wanting to know how best to proceed to secure a lease from the Union Pacific Coal Company on that portion of old No. 4 Mine formerly leased by Pexton and Thomas.

There is a little coal on the North and South entry and from that point up to the croppings which would be available for a little household coal. The two men in question worked for Thomas and Pexton as miners at that place, and are thoroughly familiar with conditions that exist there, their object being to furnish a little wagon coal during the winter for people in that vicinity and down on Bear River.

These men are reliable in every way, and if you could see your way to accord them the same privileges as were enjoyed by Pexton and Thomas, I would appreciate it very much.

Please let me hear from you in reference to this as soon as possible.

Yours truly,

*D. G. Thomas*  
Mine Superintendent.



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Mine Sup't

Rock Springs, Wyo. January 3rd, 1913.

Mr. F. A. Manley,  
V. p. & G. M.,  
Omaha, Nebr.

Dear Sir:--

Below please find statement of water used during month of  
December 1912:--

Green River Water Works	147179 gals.
No. 6 Water Works	<u>4289600 "</u>
Total	4436779 "

Yours truly,

D. J. Thomas  
Mine Superintendent.

Mine Sup't.

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Rock Springs, Wyo. January 3rd, 1913.

Mr. C. H. Griffin, Agent,  
Western Railway Weighing Ass'n,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:-

This will acknowledge receipt of pay checks favor weighmen  
in your employ at our Rock Springs Mines, period December 1--15,  
1912, which checks have been delivered.

Yours truly,

*D. J. Thomas*  
Mine Superintendent.



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Mine Sup't

Rock Springs, Wyo. January 4th, 1913.

Mr. F. A. Manley,

V. P. & G. M.,

Omaha, Nebr.

Dear Sir:--

Herewith I hand you card statements of coal mined and  
shipped from Rock Springs Mines during month of December 1912.

Yours truly,

S. G. Thomas  
Mine Superintendent.

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Rock Springs, Wyo. January 3rd, 1913.

Mr. F. A. Manley,  
V. p. & G. M.,  
Omaha, Nebr.

Dear Sir:--

The Board of Inquiry of the Union Pacific Coal Co., at Rock Springs, consisting of Ben Lewis, and Jos. Seaton, Mine Foreman, and John L. Dykes, Ass't Mine Superintendent, appointed for the purpose of investigating all serious and fatal accidents occurring in and about the mines, was called together this 31st day of December 1912, to inquire into the cause of the serious injury to one John Babchanik, in No. 8 Mine, 3 entry, 4 slope, 27 room.

We find that the injured man with his partner was engaged as miner in said room, that about the hour of 10:30 A. M., Babchanik was pulling over some loose coal from the face of the room nearly in front of the road line of props, which were about 7 feet from the face. He was using the tamping bar to pull the coal over with, and when the coal began to fall he ran, and when running ran into the road side prop nearest the face, with such force that it drove him back toward the falling coal, which also had 3" of cap rock coming with it. The falling material caught him, breaking his right leg in the thigh. There would be 1 car of coal and about 200 pounds of rock in the fall.



In conclusion, we do find that no blame can be attached to any one connected with the management of this mine, that had more caution been exercised by the man himself, the accident may have been avoided.

We take pleasure in commending the conduct of John White in applying splints and bandages to the injured which enabled the victim to be transported to the surface reasonably comfortable.

All of which is respectfully submitted by the Board of Inquiry this 31st day of December 1912.

..... *Ben Lewis* .....  
Mine Foreman No. 10

..... *John L. Linton* .....  
Mine Foreman No. 7

..... *James R. Dyke* .....  
Ass't Mine Superintendent

C. C. to Geo. L. Black  
D. G. Thomas.

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Mine Sup't

Rock Springs, Wyo. January 7th, 1913.

Mr. Henry Thomas,  
Mr. John C. Williams,  
Evanson, Wyoming.

Dear Sirs:--

Relative to matter of leasing a portion of old No. 4 Mine  
at Almy,-- I am enclosing letter from Mr. Manley, in which he  
states that he does not care to make this lease.

Will you please return this letter to me, when it has served  
your purpose?

Yours truly,

H. G. Thomas  
Mine Superintendent.

Enc.



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Mine Sup't


Rock Springs, Wyo. January 9th, 1913

Sprague & Wisely,  
% Kilpatrick Brothers,  
Beatrice, Nebr.

Gentlemen:--

I am enclosing herewith voucher in duplicate, covering purchase price of mules sold by you to the Union Pacific Coal Company for \$230.00. Please sign both copies of the voucher in space indicated by "x", and return them to me, and I will send you draft to cover the amount by first mail.

Yours truly,

  
Mine Superintendent.

Mine Superintendent

Rock Springs, Wyo. January 9th, 1913.

Mr. W. D. Brennan, Gen'l Sup't,  
The Superior Coal Company,  
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

The Board of Safety for the Union Pacific Coal Company at Rock Springs, was convened on the 8th day of January 1913, for the purpose of inquiring into the cause of death of one S. Smagazi, a native of Japan, and also the cause of the accident and injury to one Jack Wilson, which occurred in the same place and at the same time in No. 3 Entry, No. 10 Mine.

We find the facts to be as follows:--

In the face of No. 3 Entry, the miners are drawing stumps and pillars; that Jack Wilson was engaged as a miner in this place; that three loaded cars were standing in the face when the roof caved, covering one of the cars; that in recovering the first two cars, Charles Gregory, Ass't Mine Boss, with Ike Roberts and S. Smagazi, timbermen, were working together; that for the purpose of expediting the release of the car, Wilson was hired as a Company man to help Roberts and the Jap.

At about 2:30 P. M., Gregory was obliged to go to another part of the mine, and before doing so, gave the three men positive instructions to get the car out if it was free, but



not to take any chances, if they found the cave had settled on the car, to leave it in that position until morning, when it could be recovered easily.

The men set a prop about 20 feet from the car, and by means of a chain attached a "prop-puller", a ratchet-like contrivance, and by this method endeavored to pull the car from under the cave; but the car was too tightly wedged by the rock to move.

Then the men undertook, with a drill, to loosen the rock immediately on the car, one of them going under a part of the cave to do so. This man was beside the car and under the edge of the cave; the two white men took turns at this work, while the Jap held his hand on a large rock which was lying loose on the edge of the cave. The rock in question was known to be dangerous and the Jap was there to keep it in place if possible.

Here then is where the mistake was made which caused the accident; when Wilson relieved Roberts at the drill and went under the edge of the cave against the front end of the car for the purpose of working the rock loose, the Jap took his place in front with his hand on the said loose rock. Wilson, in working out the small pieces of rock from between the car and the cave, caused the cave to settle on the car. When the cave settled, it disturbed the large loose rock the Jap was holding, which slid down in front of the car, the forward end catching the Jap in such a manner as to double him up and kill him, the other end partly falling on Wilson and partly falling on the car.



We find that Wilson and Roberts are wholly to blame, in that they did not take the large loose rock off the cave when they knew it was dangerous, and not difficult to do; that to do so would have required but a few minutes extra work on their part and would have been the means of saving the life of the Jap and the injury to Wilson.

We further find that the said Jap might have saved himself had he stepped back quickly as the rock came off the cave.

We are free to confess that a recurrence of a similar accident is highly improbable in any of our mines, - for that reason we are at a loss to make a recommendation that could be applied generally.

Had these men obeyed the instructions of Charles Gregory not to take chances, all would have been well; had they used ordinary precautions in safe-guarding themselves, nothing would have happened, and lastly, had they lived up to the Company's long established rules governing just such cases, this report would not be necessary.

They were all experienced men, two of them being first class timbermen accustomed to work in dangerous places, the other was a practical coal miner and had worked a long time in this very place, and all of them are regarded as men of good intelligence.



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We regret very much the occurrence of this affair, but we are pleased to state the Company is in no way to blame for it.

Respectfully submitted,

..... *Joshua Benton* .....  
Mine Foreman, #7 Mine

..... *D. J. Thomas* .....  
Mine Superintendent

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Chairman, Board of Safety

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Mine Sup't

Rock Springs, Wyo. January 11th, 1913.

Mr. Jas. R. LeMarr,  
County Clerk,  
Green River, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

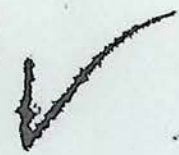
When the verdict of coroner's jury, and testimony taken at inquest held over the remains of S. Shumazi, who was killed in Mine No. 10, January 7th, is filed in your office, will you please forward it to me so that I may make a copy for our file?

Thanking you for past favors, I am

Very truly yours,

E. G. Thomas  
Mine Superintendent.





MINES SUPERINTENDENT



Rock Springs, Wyo. January 14th, 1915.

Mr. J. M. Faddies,  
 Mine Superintendent,  
 Cumberland, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

Per my wire to-day, I am enclosing herewith Attachment  
 Writ and Summons in garnishment case, Joe Zanon vs Matt Basso.

Yours truly,

*D. J. Thomas*  
 Mine Superintendent.

Enc.

MINE (REGISTERED)



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Rock Springs, Wyo. January 14th, 1913.

Mr. W. B. Cook,  
Mine Clerk,  
Reliance, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

Per 'phone conversation this morning, I am enclosing herewith.  
Attachment Writ and Summons, garnishment case National Grocery  
Company vs Andrew Bandura.

Yours truly,

*D. G. Thomas*  
Mine Superintendent.

Enc.



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MINE SUPERINTENDENT



Rock Springs, Wyo. January 14th, 1913.

Mr. W. M. Hartman,  
Mine Superintendent,  
Hanna, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

Enclosed please find Attachment Writ and Summons, garnishment  
case J. B. Young & Co. vs Charles Brooks.

Yours truly,

D. G. Thomas

Mine Superintendent.

Enc.



W. M. Hartman:--

We have only 900 fuses on hand. Better order supply  
through Mr. Lee.

D. G. Thomas.

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Rock Springs, Wyo. January 14th, 1913.

Mr. Jas. LeMarr,  
County Clerk,  
Green River, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

I return herewith verdict of coroner's jury, and testimony taken at inquest held over remains of S. Shumazi, who was killed in Rock Springs Mine No. 10, January 7th, 1913.

Many thanks for your courtesy.

Yours truly,

*E. G. Thomas*  
Mine Superintendent.

Enc.



ROCK SPRINGS, WYO.

Butcher's bill

Amount \$11.15 3

Three

Butcher's bill	96 lb	2.47	33.11	33.11
Meat	10 lb	3.47	33.11	33.11
Butter	10 lb	3.55	33.55	33.55
Starch	10 lb	9.50	42.97	42.97

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The Union Pacific Coal Company

C. H. Harris, Manager  
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Rock Springs, Wyo. January 16th, 1913.

Mr. Frank A. Manley,  
V. p. & G. M.,  
Omaha, Nebr.

Dear Sir:--

Herewith copies of Form 89, Monthly Statements , Rock  
Springs Mines, for month of December 1912.

Yours truly,

*B. J. Thomas*  
- Mine Superintendent.

Enc.

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P E R S O N A L

Rock Springs, Wyo. January 16th, 1913.

Mr. F. A. Manley,

V. P. &amp; G. M.,

Omaha, Nebr.

Dear Sir:--

Your personal letter of 13th inst., in reference to commission amounting to \$16.20, retained by C. P. Wassung on collection made from squatters on the South half of Section 25, 19 N., R 105 W., is received and given attention.

Herewith you will find enclosed a draft from Mr. Wassung to J. H. Griffith, Land Commissioner U. P. R. R. Co., for the above mentioned amount, retained by him as commission, also a letter from the said Mr. Wassung explaining in detail his connection with the matter.

I am in a position to know that Mr. Wassung made this collection on a Sunday and after working hours. The work of collecting said rentals was somewhat disagreeable and for that reason, Mr. Adams did not care to undertake the job, and Mr. Wassung only undertook it because he felt that he needed the amount of the commission, and figured that it would not and



could not interfere with any of his duties as a Mine Clerk. In fact, he regarded the labor of collecting in the same light as though it were outside any Company business.

This statement I make because Mr. Wassung was absolutely honest in the matter of doing this work. The work was done purely as an individual and not in any way as a Company man.

Very truly yours,

*L. J. Thomas*  
Mine Superintendent.



Rock Springs, Wyo. Jan. 22, 1911

F. A. Manley, Omaha, Nebr.

Cannot arrangements be made so foreign box cars loaded with H. I. be shipped to Rawlins and from there taken to points for special loading. Instructions here to effect that foreign box cars must be loaded to points East of Cheyenne.

Please arrange if possible to allow foreign box cars to be shipped West for a few days, so that we may be able to work on present commercial orders.

Eastern commercial orders filled.

W. D. Brennan.

*Confirmation*



MINE SUPERINTENDENT

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Rock Springs, Wyo. January 17th, 1913.

Mr. C. W. Griffin, Agent,  
Western Railway Weighing Ass'n,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:--

I hereby acknowledge receipt of pay checks favor weighmen in  
employment at Rock Springs Mines, for period December 16--31,  
1912.

Yours truly,

*E. G. Thomas*  
Mine Superintendent.

Adoption of Recommendations of Board of Mine Inspectors.

MEMORANDUM

Rock Springs, Wyo. January 12th, 1913.

Mr. W. D. Brennan, Gen'l Mgr.,  
Superior Coal Company,  
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

In accordance with instructions from your office to report progress in carrying out all the recommendations of the Board of Mine Inspectors, pertaining to the welfare and safety of the Rock Springs and Reliance Mines, I beg to report as follows:

That my general letter of August 14th, 1912, takes up in regular order the recommendations of said Board, together with all we have done to comply with and carry out all such calculated reforms in our methods of mining, having in view the safety of the men and mines.

In addition to what was then said, we have suggested our first aid cases by one at Reliance, have caused to be manufactured a bronze button bearing the legend "First Aid to the Injured", which is given to and proudly worn by each first aid worker; have added first aid boxes at convenient stations outside the mines so that dumpers and car handlers could receive attention should they fire it.



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That a more general supervision might be maintained in the mine, the boss driver has been created a second assistant mine foreman with full power to look after the safety of the men and to share in the responsibilities of the management of the mine in which he labors.

A Board of Inquiry was created for the purpose of investigating and reporting on all serious and fatal accidents. Its duties being to note closely every fact surrounding the accident and to place the blame, if any, where it belongs. The foreman of the mine in which the accident happens is not a member of said Board and has freedom to criticize and make recommendation against the recurrence of similar accidents is unhampered.

That because a change had to be made in the personnel of our electrical department, the matter of a system of red lights along our motor roads has not been perfected, but the new electrician assures me that the same will be in operation within the next thirty days.

That at Reliance an electric shot firing system has been installed and completed in No. 1 Mine, and some progress made along the same lines in No. 4. In the latter mine a runway had been provided so that no one is now required to walk in or out of the mine along the slope. In Nos. 1 and 4 Mines, fans for ventilating have been erected and they are now supplied with an abundance of good fresh air.

Every material recommendation of the Board of Inspectors has been carried out as near as possible to the letter, save the matter of red light along the motor road, and in addition to said recommendations many very important improvements and safety ap-

pliances have been installed and made a part of our general work.

We have encased the gears on all inside engines and made them safe.

We have put safety gates on the shaft at No. 8 Mine.

We have installed electric shot firing system at No. 1 Mine, Reliance.

We have discontinued the use of dynamite in all of our mines, and in place of it have adopted permissible powder, which is exploded by detonators, and ~~xxx~~ in all cases where black powder is used, it is exploded by an electric squib known as a "red spitter".

Very truly yours,

*D. G. Thomas*  
Mine Superintendent.



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Rock Springs, Wyo. January 20th, 1913.

Messrs. Sprague & Nisely,  
Kilpatrick Brothers,  
Beatrice, Nebr.

Gentlemen:--

I am enclosing herewith draft No. 57534 on Omaha National Bank in your favor, for \$230.00, covering price of mules purchased from you by this Company, recently.

Yours truly,

*B. G. Thomas*  
Mine Superintendent.

Enc.

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Rock Springs, Wyo. January 22nd, 1913.

Mr. W. B. Cook,  
Mine Clerk,  
Reliance, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:-

Herewith U. P. R. R. Co's Bill A-111 No. 300622, together with statements Form 883, covering freight charges on material delivered at Rock Springs and Reliance Mines during month of December 1912.

Please approve for your portion of bill, and send direct to Auditor's office.

Yours truly,

D. J. Thomas  
Mine Superintendent.

Enc.



MINE SUPERINTENDENT



Rock Springs, Wyo. January 23rd, 1913.

Mr. W. D. Brennan, Gen'l Sup't,  
Superior Coal Company,  
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

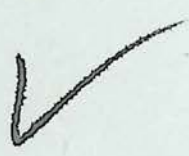
Dear Sir:--

Enclosed please find two copies of Insurance Schedule, Rock  
Springs Mines, year 1913, revised as per your instructions.

Yours truly,

*E. J. Thomas*  
Mine Superintendent.

Enc.



Rock Springs, Wyo. January 25th, 1913.

Mr. F. A. Manley,  
V. P. & C. M.,  
Omaha, Nebr.

Dear Sir:--

Per instructions in your letter of 23rd inst., I have handed Mr. C. P. Wassung, draft for \$16.20, retained by him as commission on collections made from squatters on the S 1/2 of Sec. 25, T 19 N., R 108 W, and am enclosing herewith his letter acknowledging receipt of same.

Yours truly,

*S. G. Thomas*  
Mine Superintendent. E

Enc.



Mine Superintendent.

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Rock Springs, Wyoming,  
January 25th, 1913.

W. D. Brennan,

Cheyenne, Wyoming.

My dear Sir:-

The gates for trimming the loaded cars at the mines were not installed as rapidly as they might have been because of the extremely cold and windy weather and because of a lack of carpenters, or wood-workers. Our main man at Rock Springs sick with fever, and necessitating bring men over from Reliance. They are all made, but Moffet has not the pulleys necessary for the work; these we are getting from Superior and I expect all will be in readiness by Monday morning at NO. 8 and 10 Mines. Duzham will likewise be ready at Reliance then.

I would like to suggest that when considering running south in NO. 8 mine to get the coal under NO. 1 mine, the advisability of starting in from NO. 10 slope and running back from that point. You will remember that a fault lies between NO. 8 and town amounting to about 60 feet downthrow, this would naturally throw our entry up or towards the crop; the same would be true of NO. 10 but the amount of coal to be gained per entry driven would be so much greater as to be an important item.

Besides there is an ideal long-wall proposition at NO. 10, a bottom that might be utilized to our advantage, and a fair sized coal vein as well as coal area.

Very truly yours

*D. J. Thomas*



Mr. W. D. Brennan, Gen'l Sup't,  
The Superior Coal Company,  
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

I am returning herewith two copies of Work order, Gen'l Manager's No. 42-13, covering Cadillac automobile for superintendent's use at Rock Springs. Machine and all extra repair parts have been received. Have retained one copy of this work order for our record and file.

Yours truly,

*D. Q. Thomas*  
Mine Superintendent.

Enc.



MINE SUPERINTENDENT

Rock Springs, Wyo. January 30th, 1913.

Mr. W. D. Brennan, Gen'l Sup't,  
The Superior Coal Company,  
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

Herewith three corrected copies of Construction Estimate,  
Reliance, No. 14, for tenement lighting for Reliance, electric  
lights.

Yours truly,

*D. G. Thomas*  
Mine Superintendent.

Enc.



ROCK SPRINGS, WYO.

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Salt Lake City

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Johnston	Mine	7	90.60	34 1/2	33.00	50	32.50
Manhattan		8	99	34 1/2	34.13		34.13
Goodman		9	16.00	90.12	46.45	50	45.95
Rocky Mountain		10	16	95.00	49.03	50	48.53

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L. J. Lewis, Manager



MINES SUPERINTENDENT

Rock Springs, Wyo. January 31st, 1913.

Mr. C. H. Griffin, Agent,  
Western Railway Weighing Ass'n,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:--

Please make the following deductions from weighmen in your employ at our Rock Springs Mines, period January 30th--31st, 1913, account hospital fees, and make remittance to cover to A. H. Deane, Local Treasurer, Cheyenne, Wyoming:--

Geo. M. Darling	.50
Thos. LeMarr	.50
James Hougard	.50
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	1.50

Am enclosing herewith orders signed by the respective weighmen, authorizing these deductions.

Yours truly,

*D. G. Thomas*  
Mines Superintendent.

Enc.

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Rock Springs, Wyo. February 1st, 1913.

Mr. W. D. Brennan, Gen'l Sup't,  
The Superior Coal Company,  
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

Answering your letter of 30th ult., will say that I have instructed our weighmasters when weighing railroad cars, to sign their full name, and also in cases where an error is made in stamping, to make out a new ticket.

With reference to weight on car 8168 Wabash, slack coal, on the 29th, Tom LeMarr went up to see something about the tipples, and while there the boy who stencils the car, weighed it and made the mistake in question.

Yours truly,

*L. G. Thomas*  
Mine Superintendent.



MINE SUPERINTENDENT

Rock Springs, Wyo. February 1st, 1913.

Mr. C. D. Brooks,  
320 Quincy Building,  
Denver, Colo.

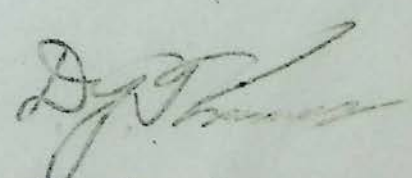
Dear Sir:--

Referring to yours of the 30th ult., relative to J. Shimozu, killed in Mine No. 10, January 10th, 1913, - would state the reason that we did not collect premium was that we had him on our roll as J. Shimagi, and as name did not correspond with one on roll, that is the reason deduction was not made.

Mr. Wassung, Mine Clerk, intended to see Mr. Gondow, Jap Agent, and get the right name so deduction could be made the next time you sent your list for collection.

He, J. Shimagi, had \$14.16 due him on pay January 1-- 15, 1913.

Yours truly,

  
Mine Superintendent.

MINE SUPERINTENDENT

Rock Springs, Wyo. February 3rd, 1913.

Mr. F. A. Manley,  
V. p. & G. M.,  
Omaha, Nebr.

Dear Sir:--

Herewith card statements of coal mined and shipped from  
Rock Springs Mines, month of January 1913.

Yours truly,

*D. G. Thomas*  
Mine Superintendent.

Enc.



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Rock Springs, Wyo. February 8th, 1913.

Mr. W. M. Hartman,  
Mine Superintendent,  
Hanna, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

I hand you herewith Attachment Writ and Summons in garnishment case, S. C. Sorenson, vs Charles Brooks.

Yours truly,

*S. G. Thomas*  
Mine Superintendent.

Enc.

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Rock Springs, Wyo. February 4th, 1913.

Mr. F. A. Manley,

V. & G. M.,

Omaha, Nebr.

Dear Sir:--

The Board of Inquiry of the Union Pacific Coal Company at Rock Springs, consisting of D. G. Jones, Mine Foreman, and John L. Dykes, Ass't Mine Superintendent, appointed for the purpose of investigating all serious and fatal accidents occurring in and about the mines, was called together the 1st day of February to inquire into the cause of injury to one Joe Szwedkar, a native of Austria, in No. 9 Mine, about 12:40 P. M., January 31st, 1913.

We find that the injured man and his partner, H. Tomlinson, were engaged as blaster helper and blaster in said mine in No. 3 entry, inside of 4 Plane, and they were working at the time the accident occurred in No. 22 room.

They went into this room to prepare the holes for firing. About 15 or 20 feet from the face of the room the powder was prepared for the holes. After charge of powder had been placed in the holes, Tomlinson noticed there was some very bad roof at the face and said to his partner that they would take it down. Szwedkar at this time was where the powder was prepared. He then went to the entry to set tamping for the holes; at the same time



Tomlinson was engaged in trying to get the rock down, Sarekar replying all right as he started. Tomlinson finding that the rock could not be pryed down with a pick and locating that the rock was broken over some overhanging coal on the face, was cutting this overhanging coal to free the rock. Sarekar returning unnoticed by Tomlinson, set down the buckets of tamping about the time the rock fell, and caught Sarekar injuring him severely about the hips, fracturing pelvis. The rock which fell was 6" in thickness in the middle, area 4' x 8'. Sarekar was under the middle of the rock; the same rock struck Tomlinson on the left shoulder when it fell, but caused no injury save scratching the shoulder.

We further find that Sarekar was a miner of many years of experience and considered careful in watching roof. That he could see there was no rock down when he had been told of loose rock that was to be taken down, and deliberately went under the loose rock without making any inquiry as to the safety of the place, nor making any examination himself, and that from his experience he must have known or at least should have known better.

In conclusion, we do not find that any blame can be attached to any one connected with the management of this mine; that the injured man was where he was aware the place was not safe and there was loose rock; that his injury was brought about by taking no precaution whatever, and that he was where common prudence forbade him.

All of which is respectfully submitted by the Board of  
Inquiry this 4th day of February 1913.

*J. C. Jones*  
.....  
Foreman No. 8 Mine

*J. L. Dykes*  
.....  
Ass't Mine Superintendent

C. C. to G. I. Black  
D. G. Thomas  
Thos. Gibson



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U. S. MINE SAFETY  
U. S. COAL  
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MINE SUPERINTENDENT

Rock Springs, Wyo. February 11th, 1913.

Mr. W. D. Brennan, Gen'l Sup't,  
The Superior Coal Company,  
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

I am enclosing herewith three copies of work order, covering  
compressor in No. 10 Mine with motor and silent chain drive.

Yours truly,

*D. G. Thomas*  
Mine Superintendent.

Enc.

✓  
Rock Springs, Wyo. February 11th, 1913.

Mr. W. D. Brennan, Gen'l Sup't,  
Superior Coal Company,  
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

We were at Reliance to-day where the new grips are in operation and they are working almost perfectly. A few more days and we will have them fixed up so that there will be no inconvenience nor trouble.

I look to be able to handle easily 1400 tons of coal every day that we work, with less men than at present employed.

To-morrow I shall go out with a kodak and take a picture of the cars along the plane, and will take great pleasure in sending you one of them, so that you can see how nicely they work.

Yours truly,

*D. G. Thomas*  
Mine Superintendent?



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Rock Springs, Wyo. February 13th, 1913.

Mrs. Cora B. Wananaker, Editor,  
The "Rock Springs Rocket",  
Rock Springs, Wyoming.

Dear Madam:--

Please send to this office at your early convenience, bill covering one year's subscription from January 1913 to January 1914, for the "Rock Springs Rocket".

Our Cheyenne office is inquiring for this invoice, so I would ask that you hurry it along all possible, and oblige

Yours very truly,

D. J. Thomas  
Mine Superintendent.

P. S. -- Also if you have any bill against us for advertising, send it in to us along with the above bill, on a separate bill head.

Rock Springs, Wyo. February 13th, 1913.

Mr. F. B. Crumley,  
Editor "The Miner",  
Rock Springs, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

Will you please send to this office at your early convenience,  
bill covering one year's subscription from January 1913 to January  
1914 for the "Rock Springs Miner"?

Our Cheyenne office is inquiring for this bill, so I would  
ask that you hurry it along all possible, and oblige

Yours very truly,

*S. J. Thomas*  
Mine Superintendent.

P. S. -- Also please send me any bills you may have for  
advertising.





Rock Springs, Wyo.

2/15/25

Salt Lake City

Mines

per day Feb 1st 1925

Tail Hays	Mine	7	hr	56	3476	1925	19.00
Mark Lamm	"	8	"	80	3476	2750	27.50
Ed. Dwyer	"	9	day	15	7000	4871	50.00
Thos. Lamm	"	10	"	15	9500	5089	50.00

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Rock Springs, Wyo. February 16th, 1913.

Mr. C. H. Griffin, Agent,  
Western Railway Weighing Ass'n,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:--

Will you please make the following deductions from amounts due weighmen in your employ at our Rock Springs Mines, period February 1--15th, 1913, account Hospital Fees, and make remittance to cover to A. H. Doane, Local Treasurer, Cheyenne, Wyoming:--

Thos. LeMarr	.50
Geo. Darling	.50

I am enclosing herewith orders signed by the respective weighmen authorizing these deductions.

Yours truly,

*S. G. Thomas*  
Mine Superintendent.

Enc.



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MINE SUPERINTENDENT

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Rock Springs, Wyo. February 17th, 1913.

Mr. F. A. Manley,  
V. P. & G. M.,  
Omaha, Nebr.

Dear Sir :--

Enclosed please find copies of Form 89, Monthly Statements,  
Rock Springs Mines, month of January 1913.

Yours truly,

*E. J. Thomas*  
Mine Superintendent

Enc.

MINE SUPERINTENDENT



Rock Springs, Wyo. February 17th, 1913.

Mr. F. A. Manley,  
V. p. & G. M.,  
Omaha, Nebr.

Dear Sir:--

I hand you herewith copies of Form 89, Monthly Statements,  
Reliance Mines, month of January 1913.

Yours truly,

*B. J. Thomas*  
Mine Superintendent.

Enc.



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Rock Springs, Wyo. February 17th, 1913.

Mr. L. D. Shafer, Veterinarian,  
The Union Pacific Coal Company,  
Rock Springs, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

In view of the fact that No. 9 Mine is permanently closed and the stock distributed to the various camps, together with the further fact that we are about to install electric haulage in all our mines, thus doing away with fully half the stock in all the mines, we feel that your services as Veterinarian will not be required beginning March 1st, 1913.

I assure you that this is not done from any motive other than a desire to cut down expenses; that your work has been highly satisfactory to the company at all times. This fact, we feel that we cannot too plainly emphasize at this time.

Wishing you well in any walk of life in which you might engage, I am

Very truly yours,

Mine Superintendent.

MINE SUPERINTENDENT



Rock Springs, Wyo. February 18th, 1913.

Mr. W. W. Hartman,  
Mine Superintendent,  
Hanna, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

With reference to your letter of 13th inst., to Rob't Muir,  
Master Mechanic, regarding 9" worms ordered for Hanna, please  
note copy of letter from Mr. Muir next attached.

Yours truly,

*D. J. Thomas*  
Mine Superintendent. *E*

Enc.



Rock Springs, Wyo. February 18th, 1913.

Mr. W. D. Brennan, Gen'l Sup't,  
The Superior Coal Company,  
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

On account of a severe snow storm, Reliance was obliged to close down this morning, after a trial lasting one hour. Last night the beginning of the storm was in the nature of rain, which froze on the rails until there was fully half an inch of ice. On this came a heavy fall of snow to-day combined with a severe wind, which made it impossible to run the cars, nor could they keep the track clean of snow drifts.

We figure that by running a few loaded cars around the plane at a time, until the snow and ice is worn off, we will be able then to go ahead and do a regular day's work.

Very truly yours,

D. J. Thomas

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CHEYENNE, February 17, 1913.

Mr. B. L. Betcher,  
Chief Electrician,  
Rock Springs.

Dear Sir:-

Will you please arrange to return immediately to the Westinghouse Electric & Manuf. Co. at Denver, the 100 volt, 3 phase, type "P" power factor meter, S#35128? Please advise Mr. Lee when shipment is made.

Yours truly,

WDB/C

W. D. Brennan:--

The above meter was shipped to the Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co., Denver, January 11th, 1913. Am advising Mr. Lee today.

B. L. Betcher

February 18th, 1913.





Rock Springs, Wyo. February 20th, 1913.

Mr. W. D. Brennan,  
Gen'l Superintendent,  
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

Referring to your letter of 19th inst., in reference to loading pillar coal at No. 7 Mine,-- would say that I have issued instructions to the effect that it is to be dumped as straight run of mine without going over the screens.

Last week while Mr. Pryde and I were looking around No. 7 dump, the men were making the change mentioned herein, and to do so it was necessary that they move the car down six or eight feet so as to get it under the R. M. chute. The idea occurred to us that it would be well if we could run an additional track through No. 7 dump in the rear of the present R. M. dump, thereby having a car at all times in readiness to load straight R. M. or coals that are taken from the croppings and which is discolored. Mr. Hallett was instructed to prepare a map of this work and later on I will submit it.

In the meantime, the men have strict orders to not dump any of this surface coal in with our commercial orders.

Yours truly,

*D. J. Thomas*  
Mine Superintendent.

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Rock Springs, Wyo. February 20th, 1913.

Mr. W. D. Brennan, Gen'l Sup't,  
The Superior Coal Company,  
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

I am enclosing herewith a letter written me by the Western  
Railway Weighing Ass'n, regarding condition of scales at our  
Rock Springs Mines.

Yours truly,

*B. G. Thomas*  
Mine Superintendent. E

Enc.



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Rock Springs, Wyo. February 22nd, 1913.

Mr. W. D. Brennan, Gen'l Sup't,  
The Superior Coal Company,  
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

Referring to your letter of 12th inst., I am enclosing herewith accident reports in the following cases. There are no doctor's reports:--

M. Charak, Mine No. 7  
S. Radovich, Mine No. 8  
R. C. Caldwell, Mine No. 7  
G. Haramea, Mine No. 8  
B. Germano, Mine No. 9  
John Jones, Mine No. 10.

Yours truly,

D. J. Thomas  
Mine Superintendent.

Enc.

MINE SUPERINTENDENT



Rock Springs, Wyo. February 22nd, 1913.

Mr. W. D. Brennan, Gen'l Superintendent,  
The Superior Coal Company,  
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

Answering your letter of February 21st, regarding Mr. Brentnall's criticisms on Rock Springs scales, - would say that these criticisms appear on copy of Mr. Brentnall's report, which report is filed in Mr. Black's office. This office does not keep these reports on file.

Yours truly,

*D. G. Thomas*  
Mine Superintendent.



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THE UNION PACIFIC COAL COMPANY

Rock Springs Wyo Feb 10 1913

Report of Power Plant, Month of January 1913

Light	Power	Total K W H	Total Cost	Cost per K W H
76285	328855	305140	\$4729.67	.0155

W. D. Brennan,

Copy to F. A. Manley.



Rock Springs, Wyo. Feb. 28th, 1913.

Mr. J. M. Paddies,  
Mine Superintendent,  
Cumberland, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

We are to-day sending to Auditor's office, Form 183 favor  
C. W. Wassung, account ticket purchased for Geo. Pickering,  
Rock Springs to Cumberland on the 24th, amounting to \$3.35. Please  
make up Form 4236 to cover, and send direct to Mr. Briscoe's  
office.

Yours truly,

*D. J. Thomas*  
Mine Superintendent.

C. C. to F. P. B.



ROCK SPRINGS, WYO.

Salt Lake City

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Joe Hargis - Mine 7 - 3000

Main Lease - 8 - 3000

The Leasing - 10 - 13 days 9500

No deductions

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The Union Pacific Coal Company

D. H. Hargis

MINE SUPERINTENDENT



Rock Springs, Wyo. March 3rd, 1913.

Popular Electricity Pub. Co.,  
54 W. Lake St.,  
Chicago, Ills.

Dear Sirs:--

Enclosed please find draft for \$2.25, also coupons,  
covering subscription to your magazine for one year, for L.  
Walters, E. P. Philbrick, and Beeman & Neuber Merc. Co., all of  
Rock Springs, Wyoming.

Yours truly,

*S. G. Thomas*  
Mine Superintendent.

Enc.





MINES SUPERINTENDENT

Rock Springs, Wyo. March 3rd, 1913.

Mr. W. D. Brennan, Gen'l Sup't,  
The Superior Coal Company,  
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

I was out to Reliance this morning, looking over the plane haulage, and inside of No. 3 Mine. Mr. Durham has installed on his retarders on the dump end of the plane, 40# rail, which does the work in a much better manner than formerly with the straight lumber retarders. However, there are two men placed, one on each side of the car, to see that the rope detaches itself and to sprag the car around the curve to the first retarder. Also one man manipulating the retarder, so as to let the car into the tipple at a proper speed. It has occurred to me that we with very little work, can do away with the services of these three men, by using the two sheave wheels at the dump end of the endless haulage, allowing the axle to said sheave wheels to project sufficiently high to attach thereon a sprocket wheel. The chain from the sprocket wheel running back to where the two men are stationed when the rope is detached. The chain from the lower sprocket wheel worked around until it passes the second retarder, near the scales. We have already an abundance of power in these

two sheave wheels which are revolving continuously.

To-morrow I shall take Mr. Hallett out and we will make a few measurements, so that he can more properly illustrate the idea which I desire to convey. In the mean time, I thought it best to write you this much, hoping you will catch my idea, and be able at that end to work out the proposition, in a more satisfactory manner.

By utilizing the power made by the endless rope around these sheaves, it is possible to bring the empty cars also down to where they can be attached to the rope, thus doing away with all save the tippelman and one other.

Very truly yours,



Mine Superintendent.



MINE SUPERINTENDENT



Rock Springs, Wyoming, March 3rd, 1913.

Mr. F. A. Manley,  
V. P. & G. M.,  
Omaha, Nebr.

Dear Sir:--

Herewith card statements of coal mined and shipped from  
Rock Springs Mines, during month of February 1913.

Yours truly,

*E. G. Thomas*  
Mine Superintendent

Enc.



Rock Springs, Wyo. March 3rd, 1913.

Mr. F. A. Manley,  
V. P. & G. M.,  
Omaha, Nebr.

Dear Sir:--

Below please find statement of water used at Rock Springs  
Mines during month of February 1913:--

Green River Water Works	75607 gals.
No. 6 Water Works	<u>3997600</u> "
Total	4073207 "

Yours truly,

*E. G. Thomas*  
Mine Superintendent.



MINE SUPERINTENDENT



Rock Springs, Wyo. March 4th, 1913.

Dear Sir:--

For month of February 1913, on U. P. R. R. Co's bill for telegrams sent from and received at Rock Springs office, you are charged the following:--

Reliance	9.00
Hanna	1.39
Cumberland	.25

Please make Form 4236 to cover charge against your office and forward same direct to Auditor.

Yours truly,

D. G. Thomas  
Mine Superintendent.

D. G. Thomas, Reliance  
W. M. Hartman, Hanna  
J. M. Faddies, Cumberland.

C. C. to F. P. B.

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MINE SUPERINTENDENT



Rock Springs, Wyo. March 5th, 1913.

Mr. W. D. Brennan, Gen'l Sup't,  
The Superior Coal Company,  
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

Your letter in reference to slack for the Omaha shop order is received and duly noted. If Superior will give us timely notice of their failure to supply sufficient slack on said order, we will be glad to fill the required amount, as we feel the lump coal made at such time will be to our advantage.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D. J. Thomas".

Mine Superintendent.



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U.S. DEPARTMENT



Rock Springs, Wyo. March 7th, 1913.

Mr. W. D. Brennan, Gen'l Sup't,  
The Superior Coal Company,  
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

Herewith for approval, three copies of Work Order, for  
60 new mine cars for Reliance Mines.

Yours truly,

*D. J. Thomas*  
Mine Superintendent. E

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MINING SUPERINTENDENT



Rock Springs, Wyo. March 7th, 1913.

Mr. J. M. Faddies,  
Mine Superintendent,  
Cumberland, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

Cumberland's portion of charges for telephone toll service during month of February 1913, amounts to \$2.40. Please make up Form 4236 to cover, and send direct to Auditor's office.

Yours truly,

S. G. Thomas  
Mine Superintendent.



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Mine Superintendent.

Rock Springs, Wyoming,  
March 8th, 1913.

W. D. Brennan.

Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:-

Herewith find pencil sketch of my idea of a possible means of obtaining power for the purpose of conveying loaded cars to the tippie and the empty cars from the tippie to the cars at Reliance.

By utilizing the piano rope sheaves we could install a system that would convey the loaded cars from where they are detached and around the curve to the tippie, and but very little effort would be required to make the same system bring the empty cars from tippie to the rope, thus doing away with a number of men and at the same time enabling us to deliver the cars to the tippie with certainty; as it is or as it might be with a system of grades the cars would not all run alike and this would cause us some inconvenience at times, as a stiff car would likely delay the whole place.

I would thank you to at least look this over as it might be the means of enabling us to do many useful tricks with the power that is now going to waste, a sprocket wheel on each sheave of a drum fastened to the axle or pulley. Sheaves, together with the fact that the piano engine and rope run almost continuously thereby affording us a constant power, which we should take advantage of.

Yours truly D. G. Thomas

Mine Superintendent.

Rock Springs, Wyoming,  
March 8th, 1913.

W. D. Brennan,

Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:-

I wish to call your attention to a matter of which you ought to be informed as at some time, if it continues, it may cause an accident to life or limb.

During the first week in February the crosshead broke on the high pressure side of one of the American Ball engines; the piston came back with such force as to knock the center out of the cylinder head and also broke the piston, and cost us in material and labor \$115.00.

Yesterday another engine broke a high pressure piston and knocked the center out of the cylinder head, which to repair will cost about \$45.00.

Mr. Muir reports that these occurrences are quite frequent and have happened to these engines many times over.

To prevent such happenings he suggests that the piston and crossheads be made of semisteel as the steam pressure is higher now than formerly and consequently severer on the engines.

The damage done to close lying fixtures is considerable, and should a man or men be in the vicinity when the accident happens he or they would suffer.

Very truly yours

D. J. Thomas



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MINE SUPERINTENDENT



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Rock Springs, Wyo. March 13th, 1913.

Mr. W. M. Hartman,  
Mine Superintendent,  
Hanna, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

Herewith bill of Rattlesnake Creek Water Company, for  
February, which was sent to this office by the Auditor in error.

Yours truly,

*B. G. Thomas*  
Mine Superintendent.

Enc.

MINE SUPERINTENDENT



Rock Springs, Wyo. March 14th, 1913.

Mr. W. D. Brennan, Gen'l Sup't,  
The Superior Coal Company,  
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

Herewith I hand you three copies of Form 97, Work Order,  
for pump for No. 10 Mine, to pump water to Nos. 7 and 8 Mines,  
for sprinkling.

Yours truly,

*D. G. Thomas*  
Mine Superintendent.

Enc.



## THE UNION PACIFIC COAL COMPANY

Rock Springs Wyo March 13 1913

Report of Power Plant, Month of February 1913.

Light	Power	Total K.W.H.	Total Cost	Cost per K.W.H.
63228	1,9665	252887	\$3813.14	.01508

C.C. to J.A. Manley.

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U. S. COAL CO. FIRST

MINES SUPERINTENDENT

Rock Springs, Wyo. March 14th, 1913.

Mr. J. M. Faddies,  
Mines Superintendent,  
Cumberland, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

Per my wire, I am enclosing herewith Attachment Writ and  
Summons in the following garnishment cases:--

Western Mercantile Company vs John Zinke.  
Joe Zanon vs Mateo Basso, alias Matt Basso.

Yours truly,

*D. J. Thomas*  
Mines Superintendent.

Enc.

3. W. Belmont--  
\$6.35 is the correct amount, as the bank returned  
\$122.00, instead of \$110.00.  
3-13-13.  
D. J. Thomas





ROCK SPRINGS, WYO.

L. H. L. Co.

Mines

Mar 1-15 3

Geo Hansen	Mar 7	24	34 7/8	8.25
Mark Loran	8	56	24 1/2	19.25
Thos L. Mear	10	15 day	95 1/2	45.97

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No. deductions.

The Union Pacific Coal Co.

J. G. Thomas my Sept

MINE SUPERINTENDENT



Rock Springs, Wyo. March 15th, 1913.

Mr. W. D. Brennan,  
Gen'l Superintendent,  
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

I return herewith three copies of work order for 60 mine cars for Reliance, which I have approved, as you requested in your letter of 8th inst.

Yours truly,

*D. G. Thomas*  
Mine Superintendent.

Enc.



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MINES SUPERINTENDENT



Rock Springs, Wyo. March 15th, 1913.

Mr. W. D. Brennan, Gen'l Sup't,  
The Superior Coal Company,  
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:-

The air compressor in No. 10 Mine is not working satisfactorily, on account of lack of power. The compressor receives 325 volts and the armature requires 550 volts. The result is that she moves along slowly and becomes very hot, and may ultimately damage it. Mr. Betcher can help it along considerably with heavier feeder wires, and in this manner bring up the voltage to 500, but it will be impossible to bring it up to 550, the required amount, as we have not that voltage in the power house.

Would like to have you give this matter your close attention and either come out or write us what in your opinion would mean a correction of this trouble.

Yours truly,

Mine Superintendent.

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MINE SUPERINTENDENT



Rock Springs, Wyo. March 17th, 1913.

Mr. F. A. Manley,  
V. P. & G. M.,  
Omaha, Nebr.

Dear Sir:--

Enclosed please find copies of Form 89, Monthly Statements,  
Rock Springs Mines, month of February 1913.

Yours truly,

*S. G. Thomas*  
Mine Superintendent.

Enc.



MINE SUPERINTENDENT



Rock Springs, Wyo. March 17th, 1913.

Mr. W. D. Brennan, Gen'l Sup't,  
The Superior Coal Company,  
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

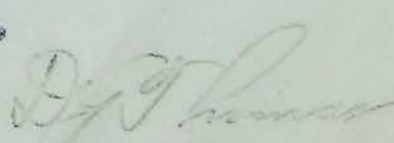
In the matter of requisition for car bands, will state that we are very short of front car bands for No. 7 and 8 Mines. I do not think it necessary that these bands be purchased and punched and cut to the necessary lengths at the factory, because we have the facilities for doing the work here.

We understand that the work can be done so much cheaper at the factory than at Rock Springs, and that is why the order was made.

However, I believe we might as well make a start now towards using the iron in the rough for all our future work.

You may change the requisition and have the iron come in the rough, and we will make the bands here.

Very truly yours,

  
Mine Superintendent.

MINE SUPERINTENDENT



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Rock Springs, Wyo. March 17th, 1913.

Mr. W. D. Brennan, Gen'l Sup't,  
The Superior Coal Co.,  
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

Herewith I hand you three copies of work order for longwall  
mining machine for Reliance Mine No. 3.

Yours truly,

*D. J. Thomas*  
Mine Superintendent.



MINE SUPERINTENDENT



Rock Springs, Wyo. March 17th, 1913.

Mr. D. J. Jones,  
Avery, Iowa.

Dear Sir:--

I have your letter of 6th inst., and in reply will say that at present our mines are working but three days a week, and the prospects are not very encouraging for steady work this Summer. One of our mines has closed down permanently, thus throwing many of our employees out of work, and we are finding work for them as fast as possible.

Very truly yours,

*D. J. Jones*  
Mine Superintendent.

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MINING SUPERINTENDENT



Rock Springs, Wyo. March 19th, 1913.

Mr. W. G. Jones,  
Ogden, Utah.

Dear Will:--

Our head boiler maker died last week, and I am writing you to look up a good man for us as his successor. Wages 50¢ per hour. Let me hear from you.

Very truly yours,

D. G. Thomas



MINE SUPERINTENDENT



Rock Springs, Wyo. March 19th, 1913.

Mr. Lewis Griffiths,  
Material Clerk,  
Reliance, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

I enclose herewith statements, Form 883, covering freight received at Reliance during month of February 1913. Please approve same and forward to Auditor's office.

Yours truly,

*D. G. Thompson*  
Mine Superintendent.

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MINE SUPERINTENDENT



Rock Springs, Wyo. March 20th, 1913.

Mr. W. O. Jones,  
Ogden, Utah.

Dear Will:--

I wrote you yesterday to get us a boilermaker to succeed W. B. Logan, deceased. We had notified Cheyenne of our need, and on Mr. Brennan's order, wrote you to get us one, if you could.

Evidently the Cheyenne office had also taken this matter up, as I am in receipt of a telegram from a Denver agency that they are sending us a man on No. 3 to-night.

I have just wired you to not send a man.

Very truly yours,



MINE SUPERINTENDENT

Rock Springs, Wyo. March 20th, 1913.

Mr. J. W. Faddis,  
Mine Superintendent,  
Cumberland, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

Per my wire to-day, I am enclosing herewith Attachment Writ  
and Summons in garnishment case, Joe Zanon vs Mateo Basso.

Yours truly,

D. G. Thomas  
Mine Superintendent.

Enc.

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MINING SUPERINTENDENT



Rock Springs, Wyo. March 20th, 1913.

*Personal*

Mr. W. D. Brennan, Gen'l Sup't,  
The Superior Coal Company,  
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

The enclosed correspondence speaks for itself. After reading it kindly return so that I can keep it for my file.

The matter herein mentioned occurred as stated, and in addition thereto, I am given to understand by the bosses that many such things happen from time to time, the excuse in all cases being neglect and a general disposition to ignore orders issued from this office and from my assistant. This condition of affairs if persisted in, cannot redound to our benefit, as it interrupts our system of operation. I would thank you to give the matter attention so that when you come out next week, we can talk it over in a manner looking to the correction of the evils herein complained of.

Very truly yours,

*D. G. Thomas*  
Mins Superintendent.



MINE SUPERINTENDENT



Rock Springs, Wyo. March 20th, 1913.

Mr. W. D. Brennan, Gen'l Sup't,  
The Superior Coal Company,  
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

I attach hereto all correspondence relative to foreign matter in two cars loaded at Reliance. I am satisfied that there will be no more such complaints.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D. G. Thomas".

Mine Superintendent.

Enc.

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WINE SUPERINTENDENT



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Rock Springs, Wyo. March 22nd, 1913.

Mr. C. H. Durham,  
Outside Foreman,  
Reliance, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

In view of the recently discovered injury to the animal in the drift entry at Reliance, which occurred about three weeks ago, but which was not reported for some reason or other, together with the fact that no effort was made to find out what ailed said animal, nor who caused the injury, I feel that a change in the position of stable boss at Reliance is very necessary and timely.

Please relieve Mr. Stover of any further responsibility at said barn, and put Mr. Tom Brady as stable boss in his stead.

Very truly yours,

*D. J. Thomas*  
Mine Superintendent.



MINE SUPERINTENDENT



Rock Springs, Wyo. March 22nd, 1913.

Mr. F. A. Manley,  
V. P. & G. M.,  
Omaha, Nebr.

Dear Sir:--

Enclosed please find copy of corrected Form 89, monthly statement, of Rock Springs Mine No. 4, to take the place of the one sent you a few days ago.

Yours truly,

*B. G. Thomas*  
Mine Superintendent.

Enc.

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MINE SUPERINTENDENT



Rock Springs, Wyo. March 24th, 1913

Mr. W. M. Hartman,  
Mine Superintendent,  
Hanna, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

I return herewith two copies of Form 117, Chief Engineer's statement of loss, and Form 118, Claim against Insurance Fund covering fire at No. 3 Mine dump June 10th, 1912, which I have numbered Dep't No. 47. Please keep one copy for your file and forward the original to Mr. Black's office. I have retained two copies, - one for the Chief Engineer's file and one for our office file.

Yours truly,

*B. G. Thomas*  
Mine Superintendent.

Enc.



MINE SUPERINTENDENT



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Rock Springs, Wyo. March 25th, 1913.

Mr. W. D. Brennan, Gen'l Sup't,  
The Superior Coal Company,  
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

I enclose herewith two copies of the following Work Orders  
(Form 99), on which work has been completed:--

Reliance, one slaughter house, 20' x 26'.  
" 125 new mine cars.

I have retained one copy each of the above for our file in  
this office.

Yours truly,

D. G. Thomas  
Mine Superintendent.

Enc.

MINE SUPERINTENDENT

Rock Springs, Wyo. March 25th, 1913.

Mr. J. M. Paddies,  
Mine Superintendent,  
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

We have to-day made up Form 183, Distribution of Bills Payable, favor Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Co., for telephone toll service and telephone rental for March and April respectively, your portion of which is 60¢.

Please make up Form 4236 to cover this amount, and forward same to Auditor's office.

Yours truly,

*D. J. Thomas*  
Mine Superintendent.

C. C. to F. P. Briscoe.



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MINE SUPERINTENDENT



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Rock Springs, Wyo. March 27th, 1913

Mr. R. L. Sifford, Agent,  
Union Pacific Railroad Co.,  
Rock Springs, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

Referring to the attached, would say that the applicant, James Hougard, was in our employ as stated in his application for employment, and that during said time his conduct was all that could be desired,-- good habits and the ability to discharge the duties imposed upon him by our requirements.

We recommend him to your favorable consideration.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D. G. Thomas".

Mine Superintendent.

Enc.

Mr. L. C. Eschen:-

The above applicant while in our employ was honest and capable in the discharge of his duties as a mine clerk.

Very truly yours,

*D. G. Thomas*  
Mine Superintendent.

Rock Springs, Wyo.,  
March 27th, 1913/





Dear Sir:-

We called upon Mr. Harry Sullivan, the Master Mechanic, and he informed us that the complaint arose from the fact that said coal contained too much slack for their use. This explanation was somewhat of a surprise in view of the fact that we furnish them mine run coal over a 5" screen. He took us down the yard and introduced us to a passenger engineer, who was the cause of all the trouble. The engineer in question stated it was not the slacky nature of the coal, but that it appeared to him to be a coal that was very light in its nature, so much so, that it burned like tinder after it had escaped from the smoke stack. He distinctly stated that it was not slack, and this man it seems was the only one to make a complaint in reference to said coal, and it was from said complaint that the wholesale condemnation of



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seven cars was made. The Master Mechanic stated that he was at a loss to understand why it was that one engine or locomotive should have a poor quality of coal in its tender, while from the others no trouble in any way was experienced.

This set us to thinking that possibly the whole trouble arose because of some crop coal being loaded at Reliance and No. 7 Mine and dumped in such a manner in the car that when unloaded at Green River, one locomotive would get the most of this kind of coal, and this kind of coal we figured would act in the manner as described by the locomotive engineer. Anticipating this to be the trouble, I this morning, took pains to stop further loading at Reliance of the coal in the new motor road at No. 3 Mine, which is going under the creek, the coal being very rusty and quite dry. To-morrow we will stop the worst coal in No. 7 Mine ~~for~~ the present time, or until we hear from you and other arrangements are made.

Very truly yours,

*D. J. Thomas*  
Mine Superintendent.



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Rock Springs, Wyo. March 27th, 1913.

Mr. F. A. Manley,  
V. p. & G. M.,  
Omaha, Nebr.

Dear Sir:--

Referring to your memo of 24th inst., I am enclosing herewith  
copy of report of power plant for December 1912.

Below please find statement showing water used during month  
of January 1913, at Rock Springs Mines:--

Green River Water Works	57158 gals.
No. 6 Water Works	<u>5402800 "</u>
Total	5459958 "

Yours truly,

*D. G. Thomas*  
Mine Superintendent.

Enc.

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Rock Springs, Wyo.

March 31/12

Salt Lake City

Money

Per. & March 16/12

Geo. Hansen	Mar 7	7.15	34 3/4	2475	2475
Merrill	8	64	34 3/4	2200	2200
Mr. L. Mann	10	10/31	95	4902	4902

Total

9578

No deductions



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Rock Springs, Wyo., April 1st, 1913.

Mr. W. D. Brennan, Gen'l Sup't,  
The Superior Coal Company,  
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

Referring to your letter asking what speed motor would be best for the 9 x 10 H and B hoist now at Cumberland, which is to be equipped with 50 H. P. motor for Reliance, No. 3, I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter from Rob't Muir addressed to me, relating thereto.

Yours truly,

*D. J. P. Kanner*

Mine Superintendent.

Enc.

C O P Y

Rock Springs, Wyo. March 29th, 1913.

Mr. D. G. Thomas,  
Mine Superintendent.

Dear Sir:--

In regard to Mr. Brennan's letter asking what speed motor would be best for the 9 x 10 H and B hoist now at Cumberland, which is to be equipped with 50 H. P. motor for Reliance No. 3.

The speed of this motor should be 900 and fitted with steel cut pinion, 23 teeth, 3 pitch, 4" face. It will also be necessary to order 1 steel cut gear 81 teeth, 3 pitch, 4" face, 3-15/16 bore, and 2 rigid pillow blocks 3-15/16".

There is a 20 H. P. hoist at the shop here that was used in No. 7 Mine, that could be easily equipped with motor if one was ordered for it.

Yours truly,

(Signed) Rob't Muir.

Master Mechanic.





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Rock Springs, Wyo. April 1st, 1913.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:--

The statements of the said Harry George Parker, Jr., are true  
His services were good and we are pleased to recommend him to  
the favorable consideration of any person or persons wishing to  
employ a steady man.

Union Pacific Coal Company,

By.....  
Mine Superintendent.

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Rock Springs, Wyo., April 1st, 1913.

Mr. W. D. Brennan, Gen'l Sup't,  
The Superior Coal Company,  
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

Enclosed please find three copies of Reliance work order,  
covering mine stock transferred from Rock Springs Mines, amount  
\$950.00.

Yours truly,

*E. G. Thomas*  
Mine Superintendent.

Enc.



MINE SUPERINTENDENT



Rock Springs, Wyo. April 1st, 1913.

Dear Sir:--

Your portion of charges for Western Union telegrams sent from and received at this office during month of March 1913, is as follows:--

Reliance	6.60
Hanna	.98
Cumberland	.50

Please make up Form 4236 favor Union Pacific Railroad Co., Rock Springs, to cover, and forward direct to Auditor's office.

Yours truly,

*D. J. Thomas*  
 Mine Superintendent.

Reliance Mines ✓  
 W. M. Hartman  
 J. M. Faddies.

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MINING SUPERINTENDENT

Rock Springs, Wyo. April 3rd, 1913.

Mr. F. A. Manley,  
V. P. & C. M.,  
Omaha, Nebr.

Dear Sir:--

Enclosed please find card statements of coal mined and  
shipped from Rock Springs mines during month of March 1913.

Yours truly,

*D. G. Thomas*  
Mining Superintendent.

Enc.



MINE SUPERINTENDENT



Rock Springs, Wyo. April 3rd, 1913.

Mr. W. D. Breman, Gen'l Sup't,  
The Superior Coal Company,  
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

Enclosed please find three copies of work order for lines  
for power distribution at Reliance, Wyoming.

Yours truly,

*D. G. Thomas*  
Mine Superintendent.

Enc.

MINE SUPERINTENDENT



Rock Springs, Wyo. April 5th, 1913/

Mr. Lewis Griffith,  
Material Clerk,  
Reliance, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

I have to-day made Form 183, charged to Reliance material  
as follows:--

John Stoddard  
Raymond Keirle

\$52.50  
52.50

The above are account wiring tenements at Reliance. Please  
make up Form 4236 to cover and forward to Auditor.

Yours truly,

*D. J. Thomas*  
Mine Superintendent.

C. C. to F. P. Briscoe.



Mr. W. D. Brennan, Gen'l Sup't,

The Superior Coal Company.

Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--Herewith I enclose copy of report of Mr. Durham at  
Reliance, regarding runaway of loaded railroad cars on April  
4th. This properly should have been included in the last weekly  
report, and perhaps now it might be made supplemental to said  
weekly report.

Very truly yours,

*W. A. Thomas*  
Mine Superintendent.

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C O P Y

Brilliance, Wyoming. April 5th, 1913.

Mr. D. G. Thomas,  
Mine Superintendent,  
Rock Springs, Wyo.

Dear Sir:--

Herewith report of runaway of loaded R. R. cars on April 4th, about 3:30 p. M.

There were four loaded coal cars standing <sup>5</sup> about four car lengths below dump with brakes set on three of them. Ed Hill, the car changer, was starting from the dump with another loaded battleship and the man letting the empty under the chutes bumped into this load. The brake on the load was no good and Hill was blocking it down to the other loads. When the empty hit the load it knocked his block and started the car so that the block would not hold.

The loaded battleship hit the other four loads so hard that it must have knocked the dogs of the brake and the five cars started down. Hill ran back for a brake stick and then ran for the loads. He caught up to them about the scale house, but they were going too fast and he could not check them any so they went to the end of the track and ran ~~fix~~ into five loads and one empty that were standing above the derail.

They drove the first three cars over the derail and the second car, a battleship, was turned on its side. The next car was off the track all but the last two wheels and the draw bar was broken. The first car, which was empty, was off all around and the next three cars seemed to be all right.



Of the five runaway loads the first two were steel bottom with wooden sides. Both ends of first car were broken and the front end of the second telescoped the first car.

The next three loads seemed all right, none of the brakes were set on the last 3 cars when inspected.

The weighman and car dropper were bringing down empties and were not near to give any help.

I have taken off both Hill and the man working above dropping empties.

The number and initial of cars are as follows:--

O. S. L.	20531	Battleship	empty	seemed all right.
U. P.	12550	"	over on side	badly broken around trucks
O. S. L.	25108	Coal car	twisted	and one draw bar broken.
U. P.	12689	Battleship	seemed	all right.
O. S. L.	20667	"	"	"
S. P.	54100	Coal Car	"	"
S. P.	48456	"	"	wooden sides - both ends stove in.
S. P.	78293	"	"	temporary sides - front end telescoped 48456 and raised off of trucks.
S. P.	54145	"	"	seemed all right.
S. P.	40755	"	"	"
S. P.	91240	Battleship	"	" bad brake.

Yours truly,

(Sgd) C. H. Durham,

Foreman.

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MINE SUPERINTENDENT

Rock Springs, Wyo. April 8th, 1913.


Mr. W. D. Brennan, Gen'l Sup't,  
The Superior Coal Company,  
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

In the matter of the Michelin case for the automobile, will state that when the old case was taken to the garage for repairs, and I was informed that the same would be required sent to Denver, in order that a new piece might be spliced into it, the manager of the garage stated he would let me have a new case. I inferred from the way in which the statement was made that he was loaning the case to me, and I was surprised when a bill covering the same was presented. I am informed to-day that the old case will not be repaired and returned for two more weeks, and without an additional case it would hardly be safe to take the automobile out of the garage, for should an accident happen in the way of a puncture or a blow-out anywhere between here and Reliance, the difficulties of getting home would be considerable. I could return the case to the garage and tie up the automobile until the old case is repaired and returned, and in the meantime using old John as a means of traveling between the two camps, but I hesitate to do so.

Really, I believe this new case is very necessary, in view of the predicament in which we are placed at this time. I will hold the requisition until I hear from you further.

Yours truly,

  
Mine Superintendent.



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MINE SUPERINTENDENT



Rock Springs, Wyo. April 8th, 1913.

Mr. W. D. Brennan, Gen'l Sup't,  
The Superior Coal Com pany,  
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

Your two letters to-day, and replying to same will state that screens and other necessary machinery for No. 4 Hanna, will be loaded to-morrow morning and shipped at once to Hanna.

I am informed that said screens and machinery are completed and in shape to be installed upon arrival at Hanna.

Mr. Muir is at Reliance this afternoon obtaining the information relative to horse power to run the rope sheave, etc., also the number of gallons per minute required for the water works, etc. If he returns in time, I may be able to get this information to you in to-night's mail.

Very truly yours,

*D. G. P. [Signature]*

Mine Superintendent.

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MINE SUPERINTENDENT

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Rock Springs, Wyo. April 11th, 1913.

Mr. Lewis Griffiths,  
Material Clerk,  
Reliance, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

I have to-day made up Form 183, Distribution of Bills Payable, favor The Superior Lumber Company, account work done on school house during month, amount \$120.00. Please make up Form 4236 to cover this amount, and send to Auditor's office.

Yours truly,

*S. J. Thomas*  
Mine Superintendent.

C. C. to F. P. Briscoe.



MINE SUPERINTENDENT



Rock Springs, Wyo. April 11th, 1913.

Mr. W. M. Hartman,  
Mine Superintendent,  
Hanna, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

I am to-day making up Form 186, Distribution of Bills Payable, favor H. Larsen, account work done on Hanna tenements, amount \$240.30. Please make Form 4236 to cover and forward to Mr. Briscoe's office.

Yours truly,

*D. G. Thomas*  
Mine Superintendent.

C. C. to F. P. Briscoe.

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Rock Springs, Wyo. April 12th, 1913.

Mr. W. D. Brennan, Gen'l Sup't,  
The Superior Coal Company,  
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

Per your letter of 11th inst., I am returning herewith  
Rankin Ballance requisition dated April 3rd, 1913, covering  
miscellaneous repairs to gas engine and automobile.

Yours truly,

D. G. Thomas  
Mine Superintendent.

Encl.



CHICAGO, April 10th, 1913.

Mr. W. C. Thomas,  
General Superintendent,  
Rock Springs, Wyo.

Dear Sir:-

I have your letter of the 8th with attached copy  
of Mr. Durham's letter of the 5th relative to the railroad  
cars runaway at Edlance on April 4th.

In looking over Mr. Durham's report I feel that  
we are probably liable for the damages to the railroad cars  
in this case.

Would suggest that you issue instructions to the  
effect that when cars are left standing under the bridge  
prior to being moved for shipment that they be well blocked  
so that in case of a movement of the bridge the cars  
will not be damaged.

Very truly,  
W. C. Durham

C. H. D :-  
Please note  
4-12-13. Dr. J. E.

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MINE SUPERINTENDENT



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Rock Springs, Wyo. April 14th, 1913.

Mr. F. A. Manley,  
V. P. & G. M.,  
Omaha, Nebr.

Dear Sir:--

Herewith detail of repairs to Cadillac automobile since it has been in service at Rock Springs.

In January on an exceptionally cold day, while at Reliance, the radiator burst after it had traveled from the office down to the dump, necessitating a new one as there is no one here able to repair radiators. The principal cost, as you will see, grew out of the destruction of this radiator.

Will say that another bill is forthcoming for a case, caused by blowing up of one of original cases by reason of a sharp stone in the roadway, which tore the case in such a manner, that it had to be sent to Denver and a new piece spliced in. It will be two weeks before the old case will be returned. In the meantime, I could not safely use the automobile without an extra case to carry along in the event of puncture or other disability to the tire.

Very truly yours,

Mine Superintendent.

Enc.



## Repairs for Cadillac Automobile

1912		
December	Wire to Detroit for block	1 15
	Express on distributor	45
	1 hour changing tire	75
	1 Patch on tube	50
1913		
Jan	wire to Detroit for radiator	75
	1 Radiator	75 00
	Express on same	11 73
	5 Hours labor on radiator	3 75
	1 Large funnell and chamois	2 75
	1/2 Hour changing tire	40
	1 patch on tube	50
March	2 Spark plugs	2 50

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MINE SUPERINTENDENT



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Rock Springs, Wyo. April 16th, 1913.

Mr. W. D. Brennan, Gen'l Sup't,  
The Superior Coal Company,  
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

In reference to the matter of 100 cars R. M., as per Mr. Manley's wire of the 9th, - please find enclosed copies of all telegrams in connection with said matter, and also a statement by Mr. Anderson, the Shipping Clerk, explaining his position in the premises. I feel that the matter was attended to as promptly and as fully as possible, but that in the transmission of telegrams, a misunderstanding occurred.

Hoping this matter is satisfactory, I am

Very truly yours,

*D. J. Thomas*  
Mine Superintendent.

Enc.





Rock Springs, Wyoming, April 15th, 1913.

Mr. D.C. Thomas,  
Mine Inspector  
Building.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to attached letters pertaining to instructions received from the Omaha Office regarding shipments of 100 cars minurum to Grand Island and three thousand tons to North Platte; Herewith telegrams received from Omaha and our reply which is self explanatory.

Relative to the 550 tons minurum short last week for the R.S. chutes we were going to be short somewhere on the Company orders for the week and having something like 25 cars under load for the chutes here we thought it advisable to cut the chutes out and apply the coal on some of the orders needing it, so it was applied on the surplus ordered for Grand Island and North Platte.

The discrepancy between report of coal shipments from the Shipping Clerk and Mr Dykes report occurred by making report up from pencil copy before it was completed.

We are certainly working at all times in this department according to instructions received from the Omaha & Cheyenne Offices. When we made our report daily to Omaha of the Grand Island shipments, we assured that the Superior mines would do the same on the North Platte shipments they were making, but we now understand this was not done. Relative to orders placed at Superior, while we have no copy of instructions as to dates these egg orders were placed there to be filled, we are positive that each day we have called their attention to the fact that they are very slow in getting them out, and whenever we get a new order we immediately phone it, so as to place it on their records.

Yours truly,

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MINE SUPERINTENDENT



Rock Springs, Wyo. April 15th, 1913.

Mr. W. D. Brennan, Gen'l Sup't,  
The Superior Coal Company,  
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

I note what you say in reference to slacky condition of coal from No. 10 Mine, and will state that yesterday I made arrangements with Pickering to go to No. 10 Mine and stay there during the entire shift.

The slack made at said mine is undoubtedly caused by the nut coal being allowed to accumulate under the hopper, which in passing to and fro to unload itself, rubs against the pile and pulverizes it. I was in the car in the forenoon and afternoon yesterday and observed this slack-making feature very closely. Pickering has strict orders to see that the coal does not pile up under the hopper. He will also look after the front chute and the slate pickers.

Very truly yours,

*D. J. Brennan*  
Mine Superintendent.



MINE SUPERINTENDENT



Rock Springs, Wyo. April 15th, 1913.

Mr. W. D. Brennan, Gen'l Sup't,  
The Superior Coal Company,  
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

In the matter of repairs to the automobile, - will say that I note your suggestion that we arrange to have some of our men do the repairing, and that the necessary repairs be purchased by Mr. Lee, so as to avoid the commission we pay at this end.

Will state in this connection that so far as patching inner tubes is concerned, there will be no great amount of difficulty. The only source of hardship will be in inflating the tires with a hand pump to ninety pounds pressure.

However, we will be able to do this also.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'D. J. Thomas'.

Mine Superintendent.



MINE SUPERINTENDENT

Rock Springs, Wyo. April 15th, 1913.

Mr. W. D. Brennan, Gen'l Sup't,  
The Superior Coal Company,  
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

I return herewith two copies of Reliance work order, covering  
stock transferred from Rock Springs, amount \$950.00. I have  
kept one copy for our file here.

Yours truly,

D. J. Thomas  
Mine Superintendent.

Enc.



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MINE SUPERINTENDENT



Rock Springs, Wyo. April 15th, 1913.

Grant Coal Mining Company,

Chicago, Ills.

Gentlemen:--

Replying to your letter of the 8th inst., will state that we have no locomotive of the kind you mention in operation at our mines, and are therefore not in a position to furnish you the desired information.

Very truly yours,

*D. H. Hamer*  
Mine Superintendent.

MINE SUPERINTENDENT



Rock Springs, Wyo. April 15th, 1913.

Mr. C. H. Griffin, Agent,  
Western Railway Weighing Ass'n,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:--

This will acknowledge receipt of pay checks favor weighmen  
in your employ at our Rock Springs Mines, for last half of March  
1913, which checks have been delivered to the respective weighmen.

Yours truly,

*D. G. Thomas*  
Mine Superintendent.



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THE UNION PACIFIC COAL COMPANY

Rock Springs Wyo April 14 1913

Report of Power Plant, Month of March 1913

Light	Power	Total K.W.H.	Total Cost	Cost per K.W.H.
61616	184849	246465	\$3881.82	.01575

Copy for H.B.B. ✓  
Copy to F.A.M.

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THE SUPERINTENDENT

Rock Springs, Wyo. April 16th, 1913.

Mr. W. D. Brennan, Gen'l Sup't,  
The Superior Coal Company,  
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

Complying with your request of the 12th inst., I am enclosing herewith in duplicate, a statement showing the cost for labor and material and unloading and installing the boilers transferred from Cumberland to Rock Springs in July 1909.

Yours truly,

*D. J. Thomas*  
Mine Superintendent.

Enc.



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MINE SUPERINTENDENT



Rock Springs, Wyo. April 16th, 1913.

Mr. C. H. Durham,

Foreman,

Reliance, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

Please post the attached chart in a conspicuous place in the motor house at Reliance. You may find this chart valuable in connection with operation of gasoline locomotives.

Take good care of and see that it is kept in good condition.

Yours truly,

*L. J. Thomas*  
Mine Superintendent.

Enc.

MINE SUPERINTENDENT



Rock Springs, Wyo. April 17th, 1913.

Mr. F. A. Manley,  
V. P. & G. M.,  
Omaha, Nebr.

Dear Sir:--

Herewith find copies of Form 89 (Monthly Statements), Rock  
Springs Mines, for month of March 1913.

Yours truly,

*E. G. Thomas*  
Mine Superintendent.

Enc.



MINE SUPERINTENDENT



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Rock Springs, Wyo. April 19th, 1913.

Mr. W. D. Brennan, Gen'l Sup't,  
The Superintendent,  
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

The following is a list of wood pipe fittings on hand at  
Rock Springs:--

- 6 -- 8" Couplings.
- 1 -- 8" 30 degree Ell.
- 1 -- 6" Gate Valve
- 2 -- 8" Gate Valves.

Yours truly,

*S. G. Thomas*  
Mine Superintendent.

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MINE SUPERINTENDENT

U.S. DEPT. OF COAL

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Rock Springs, Wyo. April 24th, 1913.

Mr. H. L. Sullivan,  
Foreman,  
Green River, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

I regret being absent from Rock Springs on the receipt of your letter wherein you make complaint concerning two cars of coal shipped you from Reliance.

To-day I was over to the mines at that place and took particular pains to ascertain the reason for the shipment of the kind of coal you mentioned you received, and learn that during my absence in Missouri, the workmen at the mines at Reliance, cleaned out their bins which had been occupied for more than three months, the coal on that account having deteriorated considerably. A large percentage of this coal was necessarily slack and should have been loaded and labeled as such, instead of being shipped you as run of mine. True that a nut coal was loaded on the top of this slack, so that it would pass for mine run coal.

I regret very much that this coal was loaded and shipped you



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and I assure you that you will never again be in a position to make a similar complaint, regarding our slack, and nut coal, because the bin has been cleaned out and hereafter no coal will be allowed to stand or remain in said bin longer than the time necessary to take it out.

Since meeting with you at Green River, we have stopped all places in all our mines where an inferior quality of coal was produced, and I hope that you had success in looking after the matter of keeping out of our cars, the rubbish from the Green River yards, which we talked over on my visit to your office.

Very truly yours,

*D. J. Thomas*  
Mine Superintendent.



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MINE SUPERINTENDENT



Rock Springs, Wyo. April 24th, 1913.

P E R S O N A L

Mr. W. D. Brennan, Gen'l Sup't.,  
The Superior Coal Company,  
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

Last night between twelve and one o'clock, A. M., the material store at Reliance was discovered to be afire and before anything could be done toward saving it and its contents, it was a burning mass. The men engaged in fighting the fire had all they could do to save the Company's office adjoining the material store.

Said building was not heated by a stove, nor was there any fire in that vicinity, consequently its origin cannot be accounted for.

You will recall a vicious character by the name of Ford who quit our service about three months ago and went to Superior. This morning I learn that this man has been at Reliance for more than a week, and applying for work in the mines, but on account of the closing down of No. 3 Mine, miners from that place being taken into the other mines, there was no room nor a disposition to find employment for this man Ford. I have instructed Mr. Durham to employ a watchman specially to keep Ford in view every hour of the night, that is to know exactly and for a certainty



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where Ford happens to be..

I believe and Durham and Cook believe that this man Ford set fire to the material room at a time when no one would be in that vicinity. They base their belief on the knowledge of his vicious life. Cook has heard him say that he was an anarchist and would not hesitate to destroy life or property in the interest of his kind of people.

Perhaps it would be a good idea to put a secret service man on Ford's trail; someone closely affiliated with the Union, who could get drunk with him and in this way lead him to make admissions.

His wife was living in a house in the vicinity of our material store. The Union paid her rental for a while, but at this date they owe us rent. I have authorized that a notice be served upon them to vacate our premises at once, and for the purpose of emphasizing our demand, I think it would be a good idea to have Pickering go there and act as a watchman around our premises.

The estimated damage resulting from the fire is about \$2500.00.

Please let me hear from you at as early a date as possible in reference to the secret service man. In the meantime, I shall go ahead using Pickering at Reliance.

Very truly yours,

*W. J. Harrison*  
Mine Superintendent.

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U. F. COAL CO.

MINE SUPERINTENDENT

Rock Springs, Wyo. April 24th, 1916.

Mr. W. D. Brennan, Gen'l Sup't,  
The Superior Coal Company,  
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

Enclosed please find three copies each of the following  
Rock Springs work orders, for your approval:--

1 Burroughs adding machine for office use.  
Pipe and fittings drainage of new rock slope, No. 10.

Yours truly,

*B. J. Thomas*  
Mine Superintendent.

Enc.



MINE SUPERINTENDENT

Rock Springs, Wyo. April 24th, 1913.

Mr. Thos. Whitmore,  
Clerk of Court,  
Green River, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

Answering your letter of 16th inst., would say that there is nothing due estate of Mark Aggelakis, deceased, from this Company. I am returning herewith certified copy of Letters of Administration.

Yours truly,

*E. G. Thomas*  
Mine Superintendent.

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MINE SUPERINTENDENT



Rock Springs, Wyo. April 24th, 1913.

Mr. Lewis Griffiths,  
Material Clerk,  
Reliance, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

I have to-day made up Form 123 favor B. L. Betcher, account personal expenses incurred during month of April 1913, amounting to \$60.40, chargeable to Reliance Material, - this account looking up electrical equipment for Reliance.

Please make up Form 4236 to cover and forward to Auditor's office.

Yours truly,

*D. G. Thomas*  
Mine Superintendent.

C. C. to F. P. Briscoe.



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MINE SUPERINTENDENT



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Rock Springs, Wyo. April 25th, 1913.

Mr. F. A. Manly,  
V. P. & G. W.,  
Omaha, Nebr.

Dear Sir:--

Per Mr. Brennan's instructions I am sending you under separate cover, one complete set of the Rules and Regulations in the various foreign translations.

Yours truly,

E. G. Thomas  
M. Superintendent.

C. C. to W. D. Brennan.

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MINE SUPERINTENDENT



Rock Springs, Wyo. April 25th, 1913.

Mr. W. D. Brennan, Gen'l M't,  
The Superior Coal Company,  
Cheyenne, Wyo.

Dear Sir:--

Herewith for your approval, three copies of work order  
for new 50-foot, 150-ton airbanks scales, to replace <sup>lower</sup> scale now  
at No. 8 Mine.

Yours truly,

*D. J. Thomson*  
Mine Superintendent.

Enc.



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MINE SUPERINTENDENT



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Rock Springs, Wyo. April 28th, 1913.

Mr. W. D. Brennan, Gen'l Sup't,  
The Superior Coal Company,  
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

Now that the town lots are all sold in China Town, and the purchasers are desiring the houses occupied at present by the Chinese to be taken therefrom, and in the absence of definite instructions, I write to ask how we shall arrange for the removal and rebuilding of the Chinese tenements on Blocks 3 and 4 of said addition.

I understand that the lots are surveyed and indicated by stakes, but I do not recall that I have authority to move the houses from lots that are not on Blocks 3 and 4.

Is it the wish that we do this work for the Chinese?

Kindly write me in full, with instructions as to what I shall do.

Very truly yours,

*D. J. Thomas*  
Mine Superintendent.

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MINE SUPERINTENDENT

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Rock Springs, Wyo. April 26th, 1913.

Mr. Lewis Griffiths,  
Mine Clerk,  
Reliance, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:--

I am to-day making Forms 183 favor Raymond Kestle and John Stoddard, amount \$34.26 each, account work done during April 1913, wiring tenements at Reliance. Please make up Form 4236 to cover and forward to Auditor's office.

Yours truly,

R. G. Thomas,  
Mine Superintendent.