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Guide to Collection

**Mellen Mining and Manufacturing Co. Papers, 1902**

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1 folder  
4 letters, Material use lists

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## HISTORICAL NOTE

April 30, 1898.

Berners Bay. Mellen Mining and Manufacturing Company. This corporation, with capital stock of \$300,000, has been carrying on development work during the winter. B. F. Von Behren is president, John J. Nolan secretary, Henry Stockfleeb treasurer, all of Indiana, while H. W. Mellen and H. F. Hoggatt are local managers. The group comprises five claims near the Comet mines. Several hundred feet of tunnel exposes two ledges from 6 to 10 ft. wide. The ore is said to average as high as \$12 per ton. About 15 men are at work.

*Information from: The Engineering and Mining Journal, Volume 65, page 528-529*

## SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

This collection consists of four letters from B. F. Von Behren, president of the Mellen Mining and Manufacturing Co., to Mr. Nathaniel [Greene?] regarding financial matters at Juneau mine claims. Also included is a May 1902 Report that lists supplies used at the mine and a June 1<sup>st</sup> 1902 inventory of items on hand at the mine.

## INVENTORY

Four letter from B. F. Von Behren president of Mellen Mining and Manufacturing Co. to Mr. Nathaniel [Greene?] of Juneau, Alaska regarding financial matters.

### Letters

Jul 4, 1902 letter from B.F. Von Behren to Nathaniel Greene, Juneau, Alaska (1 page)

Sept 16, 1902 letter from B. F. Von Behren to Nathaniel Greene, Juneau, Alaska  
(3 pages)

Sept 29, 1902 letter from B.F. Von Behren to Nathaniel Greene, Juneau, Alaska  
(3 pages)

Oct 14, 1902 letter from B.F. Von Behren to Nathaniel Greene, Juneau (1 page)

July 4, 1902 letter transcribed:

*Office of the President  
Mellen Mining and Manufacturing Co.  
Mines Located at Seward City, Alaska  
Evansville, Ind. July 4th, 1902*

*Mr. Nathaniel Greene,  
Juneau, Alaska,*

*Dear Sir,  
Yours of the 20th [not?] at hand. Am glad to see that you are again able to attend to business. According to your estimate of results of mill run up to July 1st we would be short about 600.00 in having enough money to pay all bills and labor. To make that good I deposited 500.00 in June and 600.00 yesterday. also wrote Wash Natl. Bank asking them to permit an overdraft of 1000.00 but do not want to resort to the latter unless absolutely necessary for if it cannot be made good by the mine within a reasonable time it will necessitate making another assessment and want to avoid that if possible. This is an ideal 4th of July Thermometer 98° in the shacks.  
Yours very  
B. F. Von Behren*

May Report 1902 (8 pages)

Supply Use lists - May 1902

Mill Boarding House, Mine Boarding House, Mining Supplies, Mill Supplies,  
General Repair Supplies, Office Supplies, Assay Supplies

Supply Inventory lists - June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1902

Mill Boarding House, Mine Boarding House, Mining Supplies on Hand