Wardner, Id., Sept. I5, 1900.

Operative informs us that on Sept. I2th he had occasion to go to Gem with John Voigtlander, who told him that he had business there to look after.

Operative learned that there is a man by the name of Sam Cassady, working at the Mammoth mine, near Gem, whose mission is to kill Sam Finnley, a deputy United States Marshal.

Operative states that Mr. Finnley is the man who took the Gem miners' union books, and John Voigtlander remarked to operative that the union would be avenged; that he (Voigtlander) was going to see Sam Cassady and find out what was the reason he had not followed out instructions.

Operative states that on arriving at Gem, Voigtlander went to the Mammoth mine to see Sam Cassady, but he had come to Gem that evening, where operative met him in a saloon and treated him, remaining with him until a late hour in the night; that while they were in the saloon Sam Finnley also was there, but Cassady took no notice of him, telling operative that, "that S. of B. (meaning Finnley) would go out of this town feet first some of these days".

Operative reports that it appears as if John Voigtlander was a sort of captain over a gang, who are in the Couer d'Alenes and detailed to differnt parts of the Couer d'Alenes to see that they do their duty.

Operative reports that Voigtlander informed him that J. M. Thomp kins and John Krutz are still in British Columbia.

Operative reports that the union at Wardner have decided not to hold any more meetings before election: that they have appointed Jack Bell as secretary of the union and S. C. Straten as president. Mr.Bell has all of the union's books and papers in his possession, and made the remark that he would like to see any of the deputies get hold of them.

Operative saw a letter which was received by Sec'y. Bell, from E. Boyce, dated Sept. IIth I900, stating, by all means not to let the union books and papers be taken, or it will go hard with the Wardner union.

Operative reports that during the last ten days about three hundred union men came into the Couer d'Alenes to vote: that Wardner district will go Republican; Wallace will be equally divided on Republican and Fusion ticket; Burk, Gem and Mullan will elect the Fusion ticket.

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 20, 1900.