

Bunker Hill and Sullivan M. & C. Co.

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Operative reports that in an interview with Jack Cuckern at Wallace, he was told that on Nov. 1st the permit system would be abolished in the Cour d'Alfenes and that the men are returning very rapidly. He also says that many are coming back to vote.

The union men figure that the republicans will get 800 votes at Wardner and the democrats 300 votes at that place: at Wallace it will be about tie but that at Burke, Gem, Murrie and Mullan the Democrats will carry the election by a great majority.

Operative reports that there was no meeting of the union last night Oct 20, because the president said he thought it best not to hold a meeting as five deputies had just come to Wardner. Stratten says there is a secret service man among them and warned all union men not to talk to them at all.

Stratten further says that there is a man here by the name of Al Scott, who is a deputy and a spotter and that after election this man had better get out of this country or he will be found dead with a bullet hole through his head. Stratten says this man is hired by the permit gang to way lay old miners and lead pipe them, which he did last week at Wallace.

Jack Bell told operative that Mr. Chas. H. Stevens, who published the article in the Wallace Advance concerning Blackhawk of Deadwood being a halfbreed, and also the one referring to Burk's gambling cinch, and who further stated that Sheriff Sutherland had armed Baldy Rice, who murdered Mat Maitey, so that he could defend himself in case a mob came to take him out of jail- has procured a great many votes for the Democratic party. He says that the Wallace Advance is a Republican paper but that the editor can not help but see how "rotten" the affairs of this state are with Steunenberg as governor and Burbidge as his backer. He says that Mr. Stevens sees that the Democrats will win this election and in order to stay in this country he is putting in a good word for the union men.

The Union men at Wardner are much pleased to hear that the

permit system is about to be abolished and say that the unions will grow in strength and once again be in a flourishing condition. Many of the old miners will return and "then let some of the scabs and deputies show up and there will be a hot time in this place," so says Jack Donovan.