

Bunker Hill and Sullivan.

Seattle, Nov.1, 1900.

Operative reports that Jack Davis, Sam Buckley and Anton Vino came in from Cripple Creek today and reported that their union at that place in Colorado had been notified that the permit system would soon be done away with in the Couer d'Alenes and that things were looking brighter for Union men. S.C.Stratton of the Wardner Union is the man who sent the above notice to Cripple Creek.

Operative reports that no meeting was held on the night of the 27th ult., for as Mr.Stratten, the president, said there were too many deputies in town to call a meeting with safety. He told operative that things would be permitted to run along as they are until after election when they would have "a big blow out" and show these deputies and Companies "what is what". "They will all have to dance after our music or we will give them a hard dance".

Jack Conley says the Democrats will surely win the election and that he is glad of it as we will all get work then or the companies will be obliged to close down, which they will never do. He says the companies had better give the old miners a show and see what they will do. If they do not The W.F. of M. will oblige them to close down. Conley says that since it has been rumored about that the permit system would be abolished, nearly 300 men have come to the Couer d'Alenes from different parts.

All union men seem to think that the Democrats will be successful and that the Companies will have to employ all union men after election or close their mines.

Union men in and around Wardner are not looking for employment at present. They say they will remain here until after the election and vote when they will be "dead safe".

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Seattle, Wash., Nov. 4, 1900.

S.C. Stratten, pres. of the Wardner Miners' Union, told operative that it was necessary to act with great caution just now before the election as the officers were looking for every opportunity of throwing our men into jail.

Stratten borrowed \$1.00 from operative last night, went up to Brady's saloon and treated. While there a deputy stepped in and Stratten says the deputy was half intoxicated, called him vile names and endeavored to start a fight so that he might have an excuse for jailing him. Stratten says that he paid no attention to him but that after election this deputy will have to eat every word he uttered or he will fill him full of holes.

On Oct. 29th two men came in from Arizona who are members of the W.F. of M. They took out their permits and went to the B.H. & S. boarding house and intend to stay there until they get employment in the mines. Operative could only learn the name of one which is Wine-miller. Both are of dark complexion, medium height and weigh about 160. Operative was informed that both registered and that they intend to vote. They say that they heard in Arizona that the permit system was about to be abolished and that many men are coming into this camp.

They all say that if the election goes their way the deputies will have to get out of the country in double quick time.