

Larson & Greenough.

Operative reports, Dec. 10th, that he has not yet got work, but has been watching the Board for his number (184). Thinking that he was being over-looked he went in to inquire about it, but was told that there was no demand at any of the mines, so near pay day. He expects a rush, however, after pay day. Operative has been going around talking to the men. Those living up the Canyon and the outlying camps do not like having to come down to Wallace for work. Strangers think it is all right. Operative knows men that have homes at the outlying camps, who have been coming in every day.

The miners say that it is worse than the permit system. The Union has not done anything as yet, but seems disposed to let the matter alone until after the change in State Officers.

Operative reports that he was talking to Pat Harris, who runs a saloon in Gen. He is very much against the present condition of things, and says that he has been in the Cœur d'Alencs over 8 years and there has always been trouble, and nobody in business can make any money. He is a Union man, an Honorary Member of the Miners' Union. Operative asked him if the present system of hiring men would break the Union. He replied that it would not, that that was what the mine owners wanted, but they would not manage it. He said that the mine owners and the men should work together, or there would be trouble as soon as the Union was strong enough again, that the Union would have regular meetings whenever martial law was declared off.

Operative hears the Union miners say that Jos. Carson of the Morning Mine is against this system, and they all speak well of him.

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