

Frisco Cons'd Mining Co.

Operative reports, Dec. 11th, that the new system of employing men is very much disliked in Gem. The old timers say that it hurts the trade of the town as there is very little transient trade now, and the employes of the Frisco go down to Wallace on Saturday evenings to spend their money.

Dan Harrington says that it is very plain to him that the mine owners want to get rid of the old timers, but they will not manage it, for when martial law is declared off many of these so called Dynamiters will come back again. He and Bob Bradley and Balch are all against Gov. Hunt for doing away with the employment offices; they say that it is against the laws of the State to run a blacklisting office.

The unemployed men who are looking for work at Wallace are afraid to say much but keep very quiet.

Mr. Bigsbee, shift boss at Frisco, is cultivating the acquaintance of Barney Hynes, Bradley and others. Hynes told operative that Bigsbee would soon have a better position.

The Union men of the town are very glad of the action that was taken against the men who fired the shots in the street, as their wives, and some of themselves, get rather frightened when they hear shooting.

Master Mechanic Bennet thinks that J.R.Conell is the best man he ever had and wishes he were back again. Operative has seen Conell and thinks that he is all right and that there must be some mistake in his having his permit taken away.

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