

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WARDNER MINERS' UNION,

WARDNER, IDAHO, JAN. 1st, 1901.

A special meeting of the Miners' union was held last night to discuss the question of getting all or as many of the industrial union men as possible to join the Western Federation of Miners .

At this meeting there were present eighteen members . C.S. Stratton made a motion which was seconded by Martin Davis (x.x.) "That a Committee be appointed to wait on all Industrial Union men and try and influence them to join the Western Federation of Miners ".

The Union received a letter from Ed. Boyce of Butte in which he stated "That in order to gain strength over the entire district of which the Western Federation of Miners had control , the Western Federation of Miners had decided to appoint Committees in each district of the mining camps where it is necessary , to call on all men, union or non-union or any man who did not belong to any labour organization and teach them the right idea of Unions and all those who did not wish to submit or join the Western Federation of Miners are in some way to be got out of the camps.

JOHN CONWAY stated at the meeting that he knew of eight or ten industrial union men who would like to join the Western Federation of Miners but he was afraid to have them join for the reason that he thought they wanted to join so as to be spotters for Bunker Hill Mine Management . At this remark Martin Davis spoke up and said he knew of one big Swede who joined the Western Federation of Miners at the request of the Bunker Hill Mine Management so that he could carry news of the meetings to Burridge and

Burch . Martin stated that he could not remember the name of the man but he knew that the Swede did not know that we were holding meetings or he would try and get in and learn the proceedings of the meeting. At the close of the meeting there was considerable talking as to what to do with regard to admitting Industrial Union Men and it was decided to let the matter rest for a while until the Secretary could hear from Boyce and get his advice on the matter.

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