

LARSON & GREENOUGH.

Operative reports, Jan. 1st, that during the last two shifts he has been working in No.2 raise, 42 floors above level, with the same man Barney Fakey, an old timer and a good worker. He tells operative that he has worked for a year at the Morning Mine and has lost only three shifts.

There is some talk among the muckers and carmen, of asking for 8 hours, on account of the dampness in the mine. The talk is not general however, but is confined to a few among the old hands. Fakey told operative that last year they worked only 8 hours, when the mine was not nearly so wet as it is now.

Operative was in Mullan all day, on January 1st. He reports that a great many of the miners quit on that date, some because they feared they would be fired anyway, and others, because the water in the mine was bringing on rheumatism. No complaints are made about the management, though the board might be improved. Operative will go to Wallace with these men.

Operative has been talking to some of the miners who were here before the trouble. There are about 25 or so, who cannot get work, and they say that if the Employment office is not discontinued, they will have to emigrate.

Operative was talking to Curley, Proprietor of the Elite Saloon and Restaurant, and was asking him about Crotty, whom operative knew in Cripple Creek. At the time of the first strike, years ago, Crotty had to leave Mullan; he was one of the men who broke out of the Bull Pen. Curley told operative that Crotty was now in this vicinity, but he could not say where, as he belonged to the same order. Crotty is ex-President of the Miners' Union, and a dangerous man.

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