

GEM, IDAHO., Jan. 7th, 1901.

Operator is of the opinion that Mike Dedd , County Assessor, has Gem Union books in his keeping .

The Butte Miners Union which pulled out of the Western Federation of Miners over a year ago and paid their per capita tax have gone into the Western Federation of Miners again because the Couer de Alene miners refuse to take out cards of the Butte Union unless the Union re-entered the federation. Operator has visited the different towns in the Couer de Alenes during the past week and after talking to the men of each union found that their intentions after martial law is declared off is about as follows;-

To put a boycott on employment offices at Wallace and men who would go and get a job there and to try and persuade the men in case permits were given not to go to work and to have all union men working in the mines quit their work at the rate of four a day from each mine Not to call the men out they say but to have them quit by twos and threes and by this means they figure that the mining companies will be compelled to hire their men . They figure that \$200. subscribed will be sufficient for each place to feed such men as they would advance the argument that they were broke and had to go to work. When asked how it would be after taking the union men out of the mines and the mine owners got men from somewhere else , they replied that there would be no danger of this that the mine owners can't get men to come in here under the circumstances as the men would be afraid to undertake it. McQueen and Flynn who were reported as going to work for Morning mine Co after going there found that there were men in their places and were much disappointed .

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