

MULLAN, IDAHO, Jan. 7th, 1901.

Operator visited Wallace during the day and the employment office and found several men waiting for their numbers to appear on the board and in looking them over found that they were a much better class than are usually in attendance. Operator observed a ~~xxxxxx~~ scarcity of union men among those waiting at office and is of the opinion that the majority of them are keeping away from there as they do not like this way of securing work. Operator is of opinion that union men for a while will not seek employment through office unless they are compelled to do so. Operator observed a good many union men from Butte , Cripple Creek, and Rossland . Operator was talking with a miner named McCann (xx) from Butte who says that he got a letter from the employment office to the Supt. of the Morning mine and that after the Supt. had read the letter told him (McCann) that he was full handed. McCann thinks that he was spotted by somebody and is doing considerable talking about spotters in the camp . Several miners from Mullan who have recently expressed themselves as believing that Supt. Carson of the Morning Mine is not in favor of the permit system although they do not appear to have any proof of the same.

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