

GEM, IDAHO, JAN.16th,1901 .

Operative reports that Secretary Balch of the Miners' Union claims that the union has eighty members in good standing and the men pay their dues to him in his saloon . He also initiated men when someone brings them to him for that purpose . Balch told operative that they would try to hold meetings in a short time . That there were a lot of Cornishmen from Marysville in Gem and that they were good union men and kept their dues paid better than some of the old timers .

The foreman of the "Bell" mine is hiring men himself without any reference or regard to the employment office at Wallace . In an interview with a miners union man operative found that they had great faith in the Legislature doing something sothat they could get a chance of running the deputies out of here . It seems to be the talk of how they will get even when the opportunity affords.

MULLAN, IDAHO.

Operative reports that he was in Wallace on Monday the 14th inst. and noticed that there were not so many union men or idle men around the employment office as previously observed. The union men claim that the employment office is not sending as many men to the mines as usual . A great many union men of this camp are claiming that they can get ~~work~~ no work.

Finns from the Morning mine came to Mullan today and paid their union dues but did not stay in town very long . Operative noticed that they were not drinking very much .

The saloon men and the majority of the business men in Mullan are sympathising with the union and are anxious that martial law should be abolished and were badly dissappointed when they learned that the deputy here was employed by the mine-owners and that the Gov. had nothing to do with him.