

WARDNER IDAHO, Jany. 18th, 1901.

Operator reports that Jee Moore, Ike Bowers and Bill. Skidmore came to Wardner recently from Butte City . These men were going to work but they told operator that some of the deputies and spotters got on to them and told the Supts. of the Mining Companies that we were from Butte and are strong union men so it is off with us in Wardner . They said that the best thing that they could do was to go to Celerade while we have money enough . They told operator that they were going and meanwhile they wanted to tell all miners to keep away from the Couer de Alenes as a union miner would not stand any show here as the managers of these mines do not want old time miners . They want to fill their mines with farmers &c.

Frank Green who left here for Moyie City ,B.C., last Sept. and who, while here, worked in the Last Chance Concentrator deserted from the U.S. Army while they were here when the men were in the "Bull-pen" . S . C . Stratton told operator this yesterday and said that it could be made hot for Green had it been known. Operator asked Stratton if he knew Jee. Freeman one of the men who escaped from the Bull-pen . In answer to this he said yes . The W . F . of M. have all three of these men in safe keeping . Stratton says that there is a big reward out fertham . He says that he knew where these men were up to about two months ago but at presentx he does not know of their whereabouts.

MULLA N, IDAHO, Jan. 18th, 1901.

Operator reports that he was in ~~Wardner~~ Wallace on the 18th inst. in company with numerous union miners . He observed on his visit to the employment office that a great many Butte miners were making application for work and observed that the majority of them were men of his acquaintance ^{whom} we never held a job longer than the first pay d

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day . Union miners from the Morning Mine are complaining that the majority of the men put to work there are "scabs" although they are admitted by some to be good workmen . Nearly everybody in Mullan is talking of what the legislature is doing and the majority of them expressed themselves as being well pleased with what the legislature has done of late. It is reported among the union men at Mullan that Tom Henry has written to some of the members of the legislature and that he has had replies from them informing him that martial law will soon be declared off and that probably in ten days there will be a change in the ~~xxx~~ condition of affairs in the Couer de Alens in favor of the unions. Engineers Reed and Jehnson are both stopping at the Windsor hotel in Mullan . They are very radical in their views and spend most of their time talking unionism in and about the hotel and town.

