

WARDNER, IDAHO, Feb. 15th, 1901.

Opr. reports that John Elliott and Mike O'Grady came back today from Spokane where they have been for the past three weeks . They say they have come back to the Couer de Alenes to stay. Jack Elliott showed Opr. a letter from Ed. Boyce in which he stated that the Wardner Union was going to pieces since the last election of officers in that Union. Boyce in his letter to Elliott said there was some traitor in the Union at Wardner who is doing a lot of damage to the Union and it was his wish that Elliott and O'Grady should look into the matter and find out who it is, and if found out to stop at nothing to get whoever it is out of Wardner. Opr. asked Elliott if he thought he could find them and Elliott said he thought it would be no hard matter to find out . Opr. ~~was~~ was informed by Elliott that he thought it stood between the present Secretary, Victor Price, or the defeated Presdt. S.C.Stratton. Either one of these two men Elliott says are the ones and he would rather believe it was Price who has gone to Dr. France right along, but , of course, Elliott says "We must find out first before we can condemn anyone" Elliott asked Opr. earnestly to try and do his utmost to find out the guilty party.

Boyce in his ~~xxxxxxx~~ letter also stated that in his estimation he thought that everything would be o.k. in the Couer de Alenes for the W.F. of M. as everything goes to show in Montana that Labor is winning at every stage of the game. The Eight-hour law now exists in Montana and so it will in Idaho if everything goes alright and every laboring man will stand together as they have in Montana.

And lastly in his letter said "Hunt down the man or men who are traitors to the Wardner Union and spare no effort to get them out of camp. Opr. asked Elliott and O'Grady if they would stay in Wardner but they said no as they intended stopping in Kellogg.