

Wardner, Idaho, Feb. 20th, 1901.

(Delayed in mail.).

Opr. reports that in an interview with Jack Conley ,XXX, he stated that the agents of the Mine Owners' Association of the Couer de Alenes are now scouring the camps of Missouri, Michigan, California, Illinois, and Colorado, Dakota mining districts for miners and laborers to come to Idaho . Conley says that these agents assure the dissatisfied miners of these mining districts that there is no strike orolabour troubles in the Couer de Alenes . They go into the districts of the East, West, South and tell men who are on strike or who are trying to have diffecences adjusted that there is an alarming lack of labour in the mines of the Couer de Alenes . Conley says that out of four thousand men imported into the Couer de Alenes no less than fifteen hundred have become union men . He says that the agents are not now progressing nearly so well in their efforts to get men to come here. The Western Federation of Miners have also agents who are going to the different districts in the East and these try and induce the men to stay away from here.

Opr. reports the following new arrivals.

William Goddard, XX	W.
J.E. Henning, XX	W.
John Hescatt, XX	W.
W.D. Ware XX,	W.
C.P. Phillips ,XX,	M.M.
Thos. Davis, XX	M.
W.E. Livingstone, XX.	M.
Bill. Wenstrum XX,	B
C.H. Branm, XX.	B.
Thos. Conway, XX.	B.
C.S. Keith, XX.	B.
E.P. Weeks, XX.	B.
Joe. Elmore, XX.	B.
A.J. Flowers, XX.	B.

Wardner, Idaho, Feb. 23rd, 1901.

Opr. visited Wallace on the 21st and 22nd, while there met Harry Smith, XX, Joe. Elmore XX, who are recently from Rossland, B.C., these men claim they made application to Mr. Edminston and were refused employment and are doing considerable hard talking against Mr. Edminston . Elmore told Opr. that some of these days some one would walk into Edminston's office and blow him to hell . These men, as well as others whom operative has talked with, are talking very bitter against Mr. Edminston's policy of rejecting outside miners . At the miners' union meeting tonight at Wardner there were only three men present , viz- Price, Campbell and Opr. The meeting adjourned without any business being transacted . Opr. finds that there are a great many union men in Wardner who are discouraged and say that it is all off with the union men in the Couer de Alenes . Some, however, think that there will yet be a change in their favor .

J.H. Henderson, XX, told Opr. while in Wallace n"the 21st, that there were hundreds of good miners in the Couer de Alenes who had their families and homes there and who could not get away but that all those who were not tied up in some manner were

making an effort or would make an effort to leave the country as soon as they could.

John Elliott and Mike O'Grady told opr. yesterday that the Companies will soon commence to cut wages and if they do and the scabs certainly expect it, "Watch out and see what a lot of fun there will be in the Couer de Alenes before a short time.

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Opr. reports

Jerry Cain, X X X, recently from Moyie, B.C.

John Anderson, X X.

Wm. Sullivan, X X -B-

Sullivan told Opr. and told all new comers to tell Edminston that they are from the East .

Henry Gillis, XX ,

James Boyce, XX, both recently from B.C.

Pat. McGuire, X.X.X. formerly from Colerado , worked on Hunter before that mine shut down. He says if Edminston don't give him a number he will kill him. He also stated that there are only four of the old men got work again.

Tin Horns and Gamblers are leaving the Couer de Alenes . They are discouraged at the outlook.

Geo. Roby, X.X., is on the R.R. black list. He claims he has a brother running an engine at Wardner where he expects to get work soon.

Ed. Hyde, X. G.

Ike. Unstead, XX, Baker City or Sumpter Unions. Claims he is now working at the Standard mine.

Ed. Grove, X. G. George Rhodes X. G. say that the proposition to annex the Couer de Alenes country to the State of Washington is a scheme of Mine Owners and that the W . F . M. will fight it.