

Wallace, Idaho , 2/22/01.

Opr. reports

Harry Egris, XX, B.C., Charley Black, XXX, Butte, Jerry Ryan, XXX, Ouray, Col. Opr. met these men at Mullan and they seem very angry over the fact that new men are coming into the camp and being placed to work. Opr. ~~xxxx~~ was told by Ryan that there were two men at Kellogg who had the nerve to go with him to put Edminston out of the way as soon as they had an opportunity. He said the proper plan would be for them to go to Edminston's office and start a row and when Edminston made an attempt to put them out some one could do the proper thing for him and no one could swear who did it.

Opr. found John Minsic, XX Moyie, in Wallace. Minsic organized the strike at Moyie in 1900 and claims he is now working at the Standard mine but Opr. is of opinion that if he is working there it is under an assumed name.

Minsic said that if the men up the Canon had any nerve they could send some of the mine-owners over, but that none of them seemed to have any nerve and that there were so dam few of them left he scarcely knew who to talk to any more.

James Pierce, XXX G. - an old timer - with one eye, said that twelve ranchers got off the train at Gem on the morning of the 20th and went to work that afternoon. He said that they came to Gem with their clothes packed in orange boxes and he was in hopes they would sleep where a little powder could be put under their beds without hurting anyone else.

Opr., in company with Pete Erickson, X. G. and George Anderson, on the night of the 20th inst. were eating supper in a box at Moore's Restairant when he overheard a man talking to two others in an adjoining box. This man said his number was 1470 and Opr. took it that he worked at Gem or Burke. He said his foreman told him that he was tempted to quit work at times on account of the way he was compelled to treat the men under him. He said it made no difference how good a man was if the Company ordered him discharged he had to do it.

He said that some men working in their mine should be hanged and would be if they were in some camps. Opr. was unable to learn man's name.