

Extract from Operative's report of Miners' Union

Meeting at Rossland, B.C., Jan. 24th, 1901.

After the meeting had adjourned President O'Brien, Secretary Woodside, and Editor Walker of the Spokane Trade and Labour Journal, and others retired to the office of the Secretary of the Miners Union and had a long talk over union matters at Rossland and in the Couer de Alenes. Editor Walker said that he had heard in Spokane that Manager Ebernberg of the Frisco mine was very uneasy and that he was doing all in his power to avoid trouble. He said that the Union men of the Couer de Alenes were going to adopt the policy of boycotting Edministon's employment agency by keeping away from the same and advising all union men to do so. He said that when martial law was declared off and the unions were running smoothly again that the mine-owners were to be compelled to hire their own men and to recognize the union and that on the 11th day of July next, Labour Day, the union men were going to march with rifles one thousand strong under the Stars and Stripes and their big banner with the clause of the Constitution printed on it "The right of every American citizen to bear arms". Editor Walker seems to be very well versed in the ways of Companies and frequently spoke of the manner in which the Companies in the Couer de Alenes were employing spotters which led the operative to believe that he has had some experience with them.

MINERS UNION MEETING WARDNER JAN. 19th, 1901.

A Communication from Ed. Boyce of Butte City Montana was read to the members of the Wardner Union which communication stated that there was another strike in Colorado and that the Mining Companies were trying to fill the Mines with "scabs". The strike was at Vulcan, Colorado,

but through the efforts of President James Cassidy and J .H. Thomas the Secretary of the Union, the Managers were forced to compromise. Boyce stated to the Union that he thought it would be a good plan for all the Unions in the Couer de Alenes to get together and go to the Managers of the Mines and reach some understanding with them and if possible arrange that the old time miners should go to work. Some of the members present thought his suggestion a good one but others flatly opposed it. One member whose name is unknown to operative, took the floor and stated that as soon as the Mining Companies saw that the W . F . of M. were eager to consult with them that the Managers would soon commence to cut wages and to do that would place things in a worse position than they were in now. Operative observed that the large proportion of the members present expressed themselves of the belief that the conditions between the mine managers and the unions in the Couer de Alenes would soon reach an amicable settlement. There were four new members initiated , viz- Jack Filmore, Ed. Newhouse, Jim. Ellmore, and Frank Spears.

