

Wardner, Idaho, March 31, 1901.

Miners Union Meeting.

Opr reports that at the Miners Union Meeting held the night of March 30th there were twelve members present viz. Victor Price, Malcolm Campbell, Jack Bell, Martin Davis, Ed Zimmerman, John Connors, Bill Dunstone, J. Day, ~~Peter Newman~~, Peter Anderson, Andy Myers, and Joe Newman.

The larger portion of the meeting was devoted to discussing the question of men being discharged at Burke, Gem and the camps up the canon.

Martin Davis made a statement that men who have worked two months up the Canon were considered old men, also that the Managers were afraid that a great many of the new men had joined the Union, hence the numerous discharges.

It was decided at the meeting to take in all the new members possible Jack Bell stated that the new men would be sore when they found out that two months was the limit up the canon, and that the most of them would join the Union and stand by us in case of trouble.

Martin Davis said that he had talked with a great many men who had been sent in here this spring and they all say they would be willing to join the Union but Union men shun them for coming into the Coeur D' Alenes

It was decided at the meeting that every member present should hustle members for the Union, so that when a close down comes again the Union will be strong enough to make the Mining Companies come to time.

Victor Price stated that it looked very much as though there was going to be trouble here soon and the more men that could be get into the Union the better it would be for the Union Men.

John Conally stated that he would be in favor of going around to all the mines and ask all the men to step out of the mines and make the managers sign a contract with every man for six months or one year and in case of discharge give the miner two weeks notice, this was thought by the meeting to be a good scheme but was laid on the table until next meeting.

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Opr reports that he met Pat Sullivan X G-, Arthur Wallace, and Representative Kelly, who is President or Chairman of Executive Committee of Miners Unions of the Coeur D' Alenes.

Sullivan had just been laid off at the Standard Mine and he stated that a great deal of the Missouriians had been laid off and he had been talking with some of them and they were willing to do any thing they could to get even with the companies and if the Unions could (Missouriians) to do something it would be a great thing for the Union.

Sullivan also stated that Thom Haney had some scheme on foot against the Employment Office and that his Attorney was Robertson of Spokane.

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