

COEUR D'ALENES MINE OWNERS' ASSOCIATION.

Wallace, Id. April 20th, 1901.

Operative reports that Dave Firth (X B.C.), John Cleary (XXX B.C.), Chas. Cheasman (X B.C.), Wm. Wilson (XXXB) and Peter Johnson (X Butte) are here looking for work. The last named two are going to Gem tomorrow.

Operative had some talk with David Rosenbaum, Merchant, who was on the coroner's jury at Gem. He said that formerly he had believed that the Union was to blame for the trouble existing in the Coeur d'Alenes district, but what he saw and heard at Gem while on the jury had convinced him and the other jurors that the Deputies alone are to blame for the strife, which they create in order to hold their jobs. He said that he and the other jurors had started a movement to get all business men to join to put a stop to the doings of the sheriff and his deputies, that they intend to impeach the sheriff, and that he is sure the Union will assist them with money or in any way they can, and that the majority if the county commissioners are in favor of the movement.

Operative learned that the deputies at Mullen have ordered a Swede, by the name of Ryan, to leave the country. He claims that they took his gun from him and knocked him around a good deal. He left here this afternoon for Mullen, in company with French Charley a gambler, heavily armed, intending to get even with the officers.

Operative was introduced to a man whose name was given as J.H. Johnson (X Butte), but operative has heard him go by three other names. He left for Gem on 12 P.M. train in company with John Kelly (XG), legislature

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