

Wardner, Idaho, April 12, 1901.

Opr reports.

That John Elliott and Mike O'Grady returned to Wardner last night, after having been in Butte for the past six weeks.

In an interview with them they told Opr. there were many Union men coming into the Coeur D' Alenes this spring, as there was trouble brewing in Butte and Rossland B. C. consequently the Union Men would come into the Coeur D' Alene country.

Elliott informed Opr. that he and O'Grady had been sent in this time by Ed. Boyce, to report to him what the Unions were doing, and to learn the position of the Managers toward Union men since Gov. Hunt was in the Coeur D' Alene and especially to watch Mr. Burbridge.

Elliott said the Unions of the Coeur D' Alenes were going to hold a meeting soon, and each Union was going to send a delegate to the Managers of these Mines in the Coeur D' Alenes, and ask them to recognize the Western Federation of Miners, and to come to friendly terms with them, then if the Managers will not come to terms, they had better look out as the Unions will become desperate and do some damage to the mines, also to the Managers personally.

O'Grady stated if ever there should be trouble in Butte, look out as that is the seat of the Western Federation Of Miners, and all other allied Unions, these Unions will either try to make each stronger or burst the corporations, as matters are fast shaping themselves to the point where Union labor will not be recognized unless it be sufficiently strong for the corporations to recognize them.

Both Elliott and O'Grady stated that they have friends among the non-union men who will inform them of every thing in the mines at Wardner, these friends are also working in the B. H. S. and Empire State.

Elliott said Mr. Miller of the Empire State Mine is not a bad fellow, & as he will give us pointers right along and not give us away", The B. H. S. is the worst Mine said he, but we have men there who will inform us of every thing.

O'Grady said we would like very much to get in closely with Mr. Burbridge, we would also like to have an interview with the Managers of these Mines and learn what they think in general, " if they give us the go by then they must look out".

O'Grady said he thought by Christmas time it would be pretty well known what will be done, he also stated that it would be no trick to blow up the Flume of the B. H. S. as often as they repaired it, and this way disable the Mine so that they could not operate it.

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