

Wardner, Idaho, April 26, 1901.

Opr. reports:

That he went to Wallace with John Elliott, and Mike O'Grady for the purpose of meeting Bill Evans, Pat Donway, and Jim Burkhart, but did not find any one on our arrival but Pat Donway.

The meeting between these men was for the purpose to come to some understanding as to what should be done and who to commence on, first in case Sam Finley was acquitted by the grand jury.

Pat Donway gave Opr. to understand that they would do harm to the Managers first.

John Elliott and Mike O'Grady took rooms for the night over the Club Saloon with Mrs. Bard and Opr. took an adjoining room, there being a thin board partition between, Opr. could hear most of their conversation during the night.

They were trying to decide upon the best plan to attack the Managers and it was agreed that to place dynamite under their houses between three and four o'clock A. M. would be the safest and best plan.

The next morning when Opr. arose Elliott came into the room and asked Opr. to drink and pulled out a bottle and said, "Take a drink with me, and if you hear of some of these dam Managers going to their happy hunting grounds you will know where it comes from."

Elliott and his partners intend doing nothing until they see how the Finley case is decided.

Walter Baird of Wardner has a complete list of the members of the Industrial Union at Wardner, also their By laws and Constitution, which he has given to the Miners Union.

Wallace Idaho, April 27, 1901.

Opr. reports,

That he went to Mullan yesterday.

In an interview with Domino Flynn, X, M, and S. H. Mitchell, they stated that the Deputies fired the first shots at the time John Powell was killed, but did not think it possible to prove it against them now.

That the four men who was with Powell would return as soon as matters got settled and give evidence against the Deputies, they claim that Powell and his associates were looking for a chance to kill the Deputies, but that as soon as the Deputies got sight of the crowd (Powell in front) they commenced shooting without any provocation.

These men say there is no hope of the present Grand Jury finding any true bills against the Deputies as one of the Jury is an Ex. Deputy and another a watchman at the Mammoth Mine and each known to be Company men.

I. Gorman told Opr. ^{the witnesses to discuss their} to-day that John Kelly X G Representative, had forbid evidence with any one and not to swear to any thing more than they did at the Coroners Inquest, until they knew what the defense was going to be, and that this was not going to be the only grand jury, and intimated that others saw shooting that would testify if necessary.

John Kelly has been talking to each witness as he comes from the Jury room and has become suspicious that he is being watched and he has recently cut off his mustache so he could get around among the Deputies without being recognized.

Opr. took Representative John Kelly to a show last night, and during the conversation that we had, he said, that it seemed to him that the case against the Big S- B- (meaning Finley) was as strong as it well could be, but he had no confidence in the Jury.

Wardner, Idaho, April 29, 1901.

Opr. reports:

That, Red Stratton is very angry because he has lost his job on the Wilson house, he said that he had laid up a little money and was going to get out of the country, but before he done so he would leave his mark.

Bill Dunston says he is on the Black List of the Coeur D' Alenes and that he must get out of here.

John Elliott, Mike O'Grady, Bill Evans, Pat Donway and Jim Burkhart are keeping in close touch with each other.

Elliott and O'grady are in Wallace, Evans is in Burke, Burkhart is in Mullan and Donway is at Gem.

O'Grady told Opr. that things were coming out all O. K. and that they were laying low, learning the country and finding out where the most effective work can be done and when the right time comes " Watch us do our work/"

O'Grady told Opr. that they had written Ed. Boyce just how things stood and they don't intend to do much until they get word from him and it will also depend a great deal on how the Finley trial comes out.

O'Grady says that most of the Jurors are Pets of the Mining Companies, but it will go hard with, all concerened if any more men are killed.

Wallace, Idaho, April 29, 1901.

Opr. reports:

That in an interview with John Kelly he stated that the Prosecuting Atty had kept considerable evidence from the Grand Jury, against Sam Finley and that he had heard from one of the Jurymen that the evidence against Finley was very strong, but it looked as though the Deputies could do anything regardless of evidence against them, that the country would be to hot for Finley to remain after this, even if he did get clear.

Percy E. Ellis told Opr. this evening that there was only one vote that kept the Grand Jury from indicting Deputy Rose for the trouble at Mullan, that the best thing that could happen to the country would be for the Deputies and Extreme Union Men to get to-gether and kill one another and that some of the Mine Owners should be included in the killing.

Ike Gorman X told Opr. that there was a woman at Gem who saw the flash of the Gun and recognized Finley and that the prosecuting attorney knew the woman and knew of her evidence.

C. C. Higby one of the jury stated that there was a great deal of testimony against Finley, but the most of the witnesses could not look you in the face on the stand, and he was satisfied they were not telling the truth.

Opr. has recently met a great many men in the Coeur D' Alenes from Butte, among them are:

Jas. E. McGrew X	Bob Madden X	George Davis X
Aken Smith X	J. B. Ryan X	D. McDonald X
Jerry Dooley X	Oly Hansen X	

Opr. finds the Union Men are very bitter because the Grand Jury failed to find a bill against Finley and every thing indicates that they intend to do Finley harm if an oportunity presents itself.

Wallace, Idaho, May 2, 1901.

Opr. reports:

That John Clark X says that a great many men are going to quit the Morning Mine on account of the water.

Opr. counted 56 men who were laid off at Frisco Mine, going to the Morning Mine, John Livingston X G also Dick Daxton X B-, says that several old timers at Burke and Gem have been told to remain in camp by foreman of Frisco and Mammoth as there would be an opportunity for them to go to work soon.

Shirtz Miller X and Fred Williams X gamblers say that Deputies Hicks and Finley are to be sent to Gem or Mullan and that as soon as the snow is out of the mountains the Mine Managers will have to get new Deputies and that every thing is ready to make a cleaning up.

Opr. finds:

Peter Rowe X Butte Herman Griggs X Butte Henry Connell X Butte.

Wardner, Idaho, May 3, 1901.

Opr. reports:

That in an interview with Jerry O'Rourke Prest Miners Union No. 105 White Hall, Mont., he said he had made Paul Cocoran a visit and had found him very well excepting his rheumatism, also that W. F. Bradley of the B. H. & S. M. & C. Co. had discharged white men in his mines in California and had filled their places with Chinamen, and that the Japs and Chinamen will fill the places of white men in the quartz mines and Smelters in this country yet.

Gem, Idaho, May 3, 1901.

Opr. reports:

That A. S. Balch has received a circular letter from Ed. Boyce saying that there had been 250 men let out at the Frisco Mine at Gem Idaho and warned all Unions not to accept any of those men into the Union at any time or place as the Mine Owners had tried them and had found it impossible to run their Mine with Scabs, and found it necessary to close down to get rid of them.

After reading the letter to us Balch said he had been talking to Mr. Moffitt at Wallace and was of the opinion that the Mine Owners are tired of the Scab business and are going to get them all out of here as soon as they can, and put Union Men in the Mines.

Balch advised the men not to be in a hurry to leave here as the mines would open up in a short time.

Arthur Smith said Edmiston had put 5 or 6 Union Men on during the last few days.

A great many men are leaving camp and Balch is to write them when to return.

Balch received a letter from Fishers brother in Wyoming who said there was another brother in Oregon and that one of them would be here soon to look into the case, but no one here thinks Finley can be convicted since the Grand Jury failed to hold him.

Burke, Idaho, May 1, 1901.

Opr. reports:

The following list of Union Men:

S. H. Nihell X B-

Pat Kelly X

Joe Josephson X

Chas. Lecta X

Nels Nelson X

Chas. James X

Rowe X

Ike Gorman X

Chas. Anderson X B-

Pat Corbett X

J. Ross X X Butte

Bob Davis X B-

John Hunt X

Pat Kelly X

Walter Murphey X

Dick Lorey X

J. Doyle X

Chas Cheiseman X

Gus Josephson X

Wm Buhler X

Butch Petterson X

Wa. Allen X

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