

Wardner, Idaho, May 20, 1901.

Opr. reports:

That a Miners Union meeting was held at Wardner on Saturday May 18, 1901., there were 11 members present.

A communication was read from Ed. Boyce of Butte Mont., in which he said, that he had received a letter from Jim Burkhart ( who is now at Gem Idaho), saying that the man who killed Fisher is almost sure to be Sam Finley.

Boyce also said that there had been men working on the case ever since the murder had been committed and that all the men are of the same opinion, as to who killed Fisher.

Boyce also said that the Western Federation of Miners were going to push this case to the front and if Finley did kill this man he will have to suffer for it.

Boyce also stated in his letter that there would be a Miners Convention held at Denver Colo. in June next and that he would represent the Wardner Union, if the Wardner Union would elect him a delegate, the Union at once voted on the question and Boyce was elected Delegate to the Denver Convention by a vote of 10 to 1.

Ed. Boyce is a member of the Wardner Union and in his letter he stated that he intended to stay in the Union and pay his dues, aside the election of Boyce as a Delegate to the Convention there was little done.

After the meeting there was considerable talk indulged in by the members, and there seems to be some hitch among them, in regard to the proper manner to get at the Finley case, some of the men say kill him on sight, and others say arrest him, and give him another trial.

John Elliott said that he was going to do any thing until he got orders from Ed. Boyce, what to do.

O'Grady is at Mullan and Elliott will go up there on Wednesday next to look after Bill Evans, as they have not heard from him for a week.

Red Stratton is going to join the five men that are in here and will receive pay from the Western Federation of Miners to look after the interests of the Miners Unions.

Wallace Idaho, May 20, 1901.

Opr. reports: that on the 17th inst. he went to Mullan with Pat O'Donald X X X , one of the men who was sent to prison and Jim McAlister(X X X ) Butte, but recently from Burke.

These men stated to Opr. that Deputy Sheriff and young Rose should be in Hell and that it was about time there was something done about it.

O'Donald told Opr. that McAlister was a dangerous man, and that the Union had given him a job as janitor of the Union Hall, that he was a warm Union man, and could be depended on to look after the interests, and that they would take care of him.

On last Friday night Arthur Wallace was drinking, and the Deputies were watching him very closely, and when he started to leave the Dance Hall, McAlister and Mike Walsh, went to Wallace and told him not to go out the front way as the Deputies were watching for him, and might take a shot at him on general principals, so Wallace and his friends sneaked out the back way and went to the Windsor Hotel, McAlister had a gun, and is about the only one that carries a gun although they all have them.

Pat O'Donald told Opr. that there was 140 rifles in Mullan, that the Union had charge of beside those owned by individuals.

Pat Conelly(X X X ) M has gone to Denver to attend the Western Federation of Miners, and intends to stop in Butte, to transact some business for the Coeur D' Alene Union Men.

Arthur Wallace asked Opr. to stay with him at the Hotel, and Opr. spent most of his time with Wallace, Opr. and Wallace went to see Oly Jacobbs(X X ) M a Gambler who runs a Black Jack table in Jarvis Dance Hall and during the talk with Jacobbs, he cautioned Wallace to stay sober, and attend to his business, warning him that the Deputies had spotted him, Jacobbs said that he knew what he was talking about, as the Deputies believed that he was a friend of theirs, he said that he could run the game and get protection from them, and that the fools believed him.