

Wallace, Idaho, May 23, 1901.

Opr. reports:

that a great many old timer are going prospecting, and it is a significant fact that all of them are well armed, and supplied with ammunition.

Opr. visited Gem on the 22 inst. and had an interview with A. W. Myers, he told Opr, that it was Balches intention to bring the Fisher Murder ~~mat~~ matter before the Convention of Western Federation of Miners at Denver and see if there is some way in which the murderer can be brought to justice, he believes the Western Federation, will take hold of the matter.

Myers requested Opr to secure all the information he could in regard to the case and feel around the Deputies and learn who their witnesses are and what they are going to swear to.

Myers said he had plenty of witnesses now to send Mike Miller to the "Pen" for perjury, as there were men who were playing cards with Miller at the time the shot was fired, and these men claims that Miller was not out of the card room for at least an hour before the shot was fired, and when some one in the Bar-room said, there was a man shot, Miller was at the table and said "Don't break up the game boys, it is only one dead man any way and there are plenty of men, and we can spare one."

Opr. saw Miller ~~ten~~ minutes before the shot was fired, he (Miller) swore on the stand that he was in his room fifteen minutes before the shot was fired.

Opr. was at Mullan and visited the Cabins up the Gulch near the Water Tank, where suspicious looking men had been seen some days ago, Opr found the Cabins locked with Padlocks on the out side and every thing looking as though the parties had not been around for two or three days, Opr. looked in the window of one of the Cabins, but saw nothing suspicious, the second Cabin had the blinds drawn close and could not see in, Opr talked with a wood chopper, named Wells who lives near the Cabins and he informed Opr. that the parties using the Cabins had gone prospecting for a few days, he said they were very quite fellows, and had nothing to say to him or any one else, that there had been a woman visited the Cabins but no one else.

Opr. met a miner named Beam X X X recently from Missoula, at the Windsor Hotel, Beam told Opr that the Coeur D' Alene miners were to slow as he wanted some of the boys to go out with him, the night before and give the Deputies a little fun, by getting up the hill a little way and shooting down at them, when they would get out by themselves, and if he could hit a Deputy, they would never know who did it.

Conway, Burkhart, and Evans are still at Mullan and are keeping very quite.

Eliott remains around Wardner most of the time.

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