

Wardner, Idaho, May 25, 1901.

Opr reports:

That in an interview with John Eliott and Mike O'Grady, they said that Ed. Boyce had got married and was going to take a trip to Ireland after the Convention in Denver, and that every thing will come to a stand still until he returns, unless things get to hot while he is gone.

These men are still talking of Finleys killing Fisher, and say that Finley will get his just dues, before they are through with him, that they will take their time and make sure of every step, and make no blunder.

Conway, Burkhart, and Evans are still up the Canon, and are expecting to catch on to something every day, Opr. asked Eliott about the Mine Mg'rs and he said that they will get theirs soon enough, but we can't do every thing at once.

There is considerable talk among the Union Men about Mr. Weber the Banker, and Supt. Burch, in regard to the townside of Wardner, and some say it is the scheme of the Bunker Hill Mining Co. to make the people move off their property, and they are helping Messrs Weber and Burch to get a patent through.

Wallace, Idaho, May 25, 1901.

Opr. reports:

That he had an interview with Jim Everett X X (M) who has a brother Jack, that is Mg'r of the Leslie Mine just across the line in Montana, Everett says there are 15 men working in the property, and all old timers and men that have been tried, and in a few months they will be working that many more, and also that there are other prospects that will be working men, and that Mullan will have old time Union men in her, when the S. B. (Meaning Mine Mg'rs) can't live there at all.

That from now on there will be enough old timers working around Mullan to keep all the old timers that care to stay in the Coeur D' Alenes in spite of the Mine Owners and all they can hire to do their killing.

Opr. finds Jim McAlister X X Butte, and H. Watson X Butte, Jack Thomson X Butte, Alfred Farmer X.

Colorado Charlie returned from Kellogg yesterday and is very sulky, he said that Arthur Wallace was to be down here Saturday night.

Opr. has observed Pete Miller X B. C., H. James, and J. C. Munson of Butte looking for work.

Wallace Idaho, May 25, 1901.

Opr. reports:

That he has spent considerable time in investigating the Fisher murder, and has been on the ground several times, and has investigated thoroughly both sides of the case.

Martin Fisher was shot in the back of the head and killed at Gem, Idaho, April 14th 1901, his body was found lying on the sidewalk in front of Dan Harringtons Saloon.

Opr. made the acquaintance of Dan Harrington, and during the conversation we had concerning the Fisher murder he said that the Saloon was closed (Meaning the door) when the shot was fired, he said that he saw the flash of the gun through the window but no one went out, until Sam Finley and one other man came in ten minutes later, on entering the Saloon Finley asked Harrington, if any one had come in or went out of the Saloon, and was told by Harrington, that no one had come in or went out since the shot was fired, Finley then left the Saloon followed by several others who were in the Saloon when the shot was fired.

Opr. asked Harrington if he knew Fisher very well and he said that he did and that he was a quiet nice man, Opr. asked Harrington why any one should want to kill him, and he said that Sam Finley the Deputy had ordered him out of town some time before.

Opr. asked what that had to do with the killing of Fisher, and he said when you are here as long as I have been you will learn not to say to much.

Opr. saw from Harringtons talk that he suspected Finley of the killing, but could not draw him out any more concerning the matter at this interview.

Opr. made a through investigation of Harringtons premises and found that there was no way to get up stairs, except by the means of a ladder and that there is only a small attic or space above the Saloon, which has

a window facing on the street, Opr. found out that the window does not open and that it would be impossible to take it out, without being seen or heard by the Saloon below, Opr. made a through investigation of the sidewalk in front of Harringtons place where Fishers body fell, and is of the opinion that it would be impossible for Sam Finley to have fired the shot that killed Fisher from the position the body laid in, the direction in which the ball passed through Fishers head, and the position that Finley was discovered in when first observed near the body as he was at that time and must have been a few minutes prior to the time the shot was fired, at a lower elevation on the sidewalk, making it impossible for him to fire a shot taking a downward course through Fishers head.

Opr. learned that Sam Finley had been drinking, and was intoxicated at the time.

From A. W. Myers Opr. learned that the wound in Fishers head was made by a large Calibre, soft nozed bullet.

In looking up the whereabouts of Arthur Wallace on the night of the killing, Opr. learned that he was at Gem, and that at about fifteen minutes after the shooting he came down the street from the direction of the Frisco Mine, where he had been visiting a Mrs Robertson that evening, on arriving at the point where Fisher had been killed he asked John Wan, what was the matter, Wan told him that some one had killed Fisher, and that some of the boys say that Sam Finley was on the street at that time and may have had trouble with him, Wallace then went to Henry Connelys Saloon where he remained for about five minutes when he went up stairs.

Opr. learned that there were several old timers on the street and in the vicinity of Dan Harringtons Saloon at the time of the killing, but as soon as it was reported that Finley had shot Fisher, they all went home claiming that they were afraid that they might get mixed up in it.

Wallace, Idaho, May 26, 1901.

Opr. reports:

That he was sitting in the office of the Hathaway Rooming House, when Catharine Kaine remarked, there goes Archie Granahan X X X G, Opr looked across the street and saw a man 38 to 40 years old 5ft. 10 inches high, 165 lbs. dark complexion, dark sandy mustche, sharp features, dark clothes sack coat.

Miss Kaine said that the day "Kneebone" (a blacksmith at Gem Mine shortly after the strike in 1892) was killed, that she and her niece Loretta Kaine were walking down the rail-road track, when they met a crowd of masked men, and that she noticed that her brother Will Kaine was among them, and that she watched them and that they went across the creek and approached some men near the Mine, and that all of them gave up to the masked men except "Kneebones", who went towards his cabin, and that she saw Granahan and Killdee ( who was killed at Gem last fall by Dick Admans) raise their guns and fire, and saw "Kneebones" fall, and that later Granahan came to her home with her brother Will Kaine and unmasked, that at the time she was not sure about Killdee but later learned it was him.

Opr. got on to the street as soon as possible and saw Granahan get on a Northern Pacific train for Gem, but did not get an opportunity to talk with him, Opr. observed Granahan shake hands with Bill Baxton, and heard him say that he was going to Gem at 3:45 P. M.

Long Shorty (Gant) of the firm of Sweet and Gant, told Opr. that he and his partner had no love for the Deputies, but it was business on their part to treat them nice, as they blowed their money and he might as well have it as any one else.

A Spokane, Swede Gambler (who runs a poker game at Fred Steers place) says that the men who are keeping this country down (Meaning Mine Mg<sup>r</sup> and Deputies) should be blown to Hell.

Oly Jacobbs X (Gambler at Mullan) went him one better by saying that it was the Sheriff, for he the Sheriff had sold his principals and manhood to the Managers for a few dollars, and that he is the man to rid the country of, and that the County Commissioners should put a man in his place.

Opr. finds that Martin Fisher killed at Gem Idaho, April 14, was about 27 years of age, light complexion, square shoulders, and weight from a 180 to 185 lbs, and that at the time of his death wore dark clothes a narrow rimmed dark brown low crown hat, and that Finley is over 6ft. high, 245lbs or more, and on the date above mentioned wore black clothes and a very wide rimmed light colored hat, that in walking Fisher swung his hands more than Finley, and that he also walked with his head thrown back, while Finley walks erect and swings his hands but very little and carries his

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head a little forward, a person not being familiar with the two men might at night mistake one for the other, but if we are to believe the evidence that was given before the coroners jury and what the same witnesses have said since, Finley and Fisher was on the same street and near one and other at the time he was killed, and no one else could possibly have taken Fisher for Finley under such conditions unless the parties that did the shooting was in such a position that he could only have seen one of them, it is possible that the man who fired the shot could have been laying in a cramped position at some elevation, and it being night would have shot Fisher for Finley, but if such is the case it occurs to Gpr. that Finley could enlighten his friends on this point.