

Wallace, Idaho, June 4, 1901.

Opr. reports: That he has had interviews with Joe Richards X X (M), who is doing considerable talking concerning the Sheriff's Office and his past experience in the Coeur D'Alenes.

Richards claims that he went to Wardner at the time the Bunker Hill Sullivan Mill was blown up, that he touched off the fuse that blew up the Mill, he is claiming that Sheriff Southerland and himself are old time friends, and that the Sheriff helped him out of the trouble without his laying in the bull-pen, although the Sheriff knew that he was in the crowd.

Richards claims to have hired \$35.00 worth of rigs to get the men back to Mullan the night the Mill was blown up.

That he would not injure the Sheriff himself, but he would show the Deputies a hot time if they ever monkeyed with him, and that some good Union man should give the Sheriff a dam good beating for the cussedness he is allowing his Deputies to do.

On Sunday night June 2, Jesse Briggs X X X Cook, was looking for Deputy McCuen with a carving knife blade some sixteen inches long.

Briggs claims that Deputy McCuen owes him a bill and wouldn't pay it.

Opr. was trying to stop him when Ed Cuff X X X (M) came along and said for Christ sake let the man go on and we will help him or any one else that has nerve enough to go after the Sheriff or any of his Deputies, so he (Cuff) went and got a gun and came back to Ungers Cigar Store and took Briggs and went out hunting for Deputy McCuen, but couldn't find him any where.

Opr. finds Oly Anderson X (B. C.), Jack Murphey X (B C), Pete Myers X (Utah), Phil Stevens X (Utah).

Wardner, Idaho, June 5, 1901.

Opr. reports: That in an interview with Martin Davis, he said that the men that Boyce had sent into the Coeur D' Alenes to get away with the Mg^{ss} have not got the sand to do what they were sent here for.

Davis told Opr to-day that if he had a thousand dollars back of him there would be a Manager or two less in twenty-four hours.

Opr. told Davis that Elliott and O'Grady were waiting for Boyce to tell them what to do, and in reply Davis said that their orders were to go ahead and use their own judgement, but they lack sand, and that is what is the matter with them.

Davis said that these men were sure that Finley killed Fisher but they are afraid to take a shot at him, but some one else will do so soon, if he don't get out of the Coeur'D Alenes, as every thing is all framed up to commence operations soon, as there are others working up these matters and they are not saying much but the work will show up for itself.

Bill Dunston and Jim Elmore have gone to Colo., they said that they did not want to stay where they had to write up a death warrant in order to obtain employment, Red Stratton is also going to Colo. soon.

Martin Davis also says that he is going to stay here and show these fellows, that he can and will win out, and that the Western Federation of Miners are going to win every point that they start out for, and that the Bunker Hill Sullivan Mining Co. will have to employ Union men only, and that it will all come to this during the next year.

Elliott and O'Grady are still up at Mullan and say that they don't know just when they will return to Kellogg.