

Wardner, Idaho, June 21, 1901.

Opr. reports:

That he had an interview to-day with Martin Davis and John Couley who say they are going to celebrate on July 11 next and that there has been set aside out of the funds of the Burke, Gem, Mullan, and Wardner Unions \$875.00 for the occasion.

They inform Opr. that they are going to celebrate right, and that there maybe such a thing that some body in the Coeur D'Alenes will remember the 11n day of July, that the men that were sent in here by Ed. Boyce have not shown up very much, but the day is near at hand when they can show what they are made of, and that there is no doubt but what some of the deputies will nose around on the 11 of July and see what they can do, but the best thing they can do is to lay low, for just as sure as they are alive now, they will be dead then.

That this celebration is more for the purpose of bringing all of the Union Miners to-gether and learning how they all stand in case of trouble which is sure to start before next fall, and that they feel sure now that they are strong enough to make a stand and win every point they go out after.

Opr. asked Davis what he thought would be asked by the Unionmen when they sent a committee to the Managers, in reply he stated, that the Union would demand that the Managers employ nothing but Union labor, and compel every man to join the Union, and another thing we intend to get the eighthour shifts in this camp, and we will make that too, for we have more members in the Union now than we have ever had, that two thirds of the men that were sent in here last spring and winter have joined our Unions and are now members in good standing although they never come to a Union meeting.

These men pay their dues every pay day and keep things very quiet for they would not last long if the Companies found out that they had joined the Western Federation of Miners.

Opr. asked Davis how it was that the Companies happened to catch on to the Union men, and in reply he said, that the Companies had some Dam spotters working in the Mine that keeps the management informed, and they let men out without more cause than a spotters report, thinking that they have got rid of a Union man, and they don't often miss it as they are about all Union men now.