

Burke, Idaho, Feb. 19th, 1901.

Opr. reports the following list of union men at Burke and vicinity

John Findley, B. M.
Andrew Peterson, M.
Sam. Norman, M.
Henry Volkman, M.
John Harrison, M.
X. Dan Meginnis, B. M.
B. Dohlman M.
X. Peter Nickles, G. M.
John Maloney M.
X. N.C. Nyler, M.
Lin. Jimmet M.
X. H.D. Fulton, B. M.
X. Ed. Cockran, M.
X. Henry Joiner, G. M.
X. Wm. Leonard Wallace, M.
X. Wm. Gogin, B. M.
X. J.C. Ivery, B. M.
XX. Wm. Mitchell, B. XX.
X. Pete. Swanson, B.C. M.

Thos. Farrell, Mammoth, M.
John Kingston, M.
Chas. Smith, Mullan, M.
C.W. Butler, M.
X. J. Nichols, B. M.
X. E. Pritchard, G. M.
X. John Bonsana, B. M.
X. Joe. Black
Wm. Green, M.
X. Rasmuson, (A), G. M.
X. Harry Bartolo
X. John Group, M.
Pat Connely, M.
M. Buchanan, M.
XX Nick. Pitatli, G.
X. R. Peterson, B. M.
X. Hans. Hogland, B. M.
Arthur Hicks, Agitator, B.
XX. Fisher, Gem.

Opr. also reports that there is considerable talk among the union men at Burke and vicinity concerning the action of the Mine Owner's Association in bringing men from the East, particularly Missouri, to take the place of old timers and union men. Some of the old timers and union men are inclined to think that it will cause some trouble but the majority of them speak of the matter in a disheartened sort of way and act as if they were very much discouraged concerning the future of unionism in the Couer de Alenes.

Gem. Idaho, 2/21/1901.

Opr. reports that there has been a large number of men leaving the Couer de Alenes for Montana, Colorado, and British Colum

-bia points the most of them being union men . Interviews had with a great many of them before leaving would indicate that they do not like unionism as it is carried on here and have no faith whatever in the future success of unionism in the Couer de Alenes.

In an interview with Secretary Balch he told Opr. that there were only about forty of the Gem Union who had paid their dues this year so far and he had very hard work collecting from even that many. He says they seem to have lost all hope since there has been nothing done at Boise to give them the right of holding meetings . He is of the opinion that the only course to pursue now is to let everything die out and not try to get new members or talk unionism until the Mine Owners get tired of keeping spotters here and think that the union men have all left the country , then to go quietly to work and open all the union halls and it would only be a short time until the unions would be as strong as ever.

Secretary Balch is writing a great many letters every day to outside unions insisting upon their keeping men away from the Couer de Alenes as the trouble is not over and there is no chance of work whatever for union men in the Couer de Alenes.

Wallace, Idaho, Feb. 23rd, 1901.

Opr. reports that a great many men are leaving Wallace for Montana points and some for British Columbia. In an interview with some of them Opr. learnt that they were very much discouraged at the condition of affairs and many expressed their determination to leave the Couer de Alenes for good . Several of those interviewed spoke of the bringing in of Missourians and Eastern miners by the Mine Owners' Association.