

Frisco Cons'd. Mining Co.

Operative reports, Nov. 24, that he has been at the F. & H. mine every day during the past week, and has seen quite a crowd of men looking for work, and states that they seem very anxious to get work.

Operative reports that the Boarding House had a meeting the other night but he does not know what took place at it.

There is a report around Gem that the men working at the F. & H. mine must board at the Co.'s Boarding House or lose their work.

Operative has not seen any of the Burke agitators about, this week, but has noticed Balch, Secretary of Union, Brabley Nugent xxx, and some others together a good deal. They always talk where they cannot be overheard. Balch and an old-timer, by the name of Van, have bought Wm. Roberts' saloon, right across from Union Hall, and had an opening there last night, Nov. 23rd, at which quite a crowd of men gathered.

Operative reports that there has been some talk that all the Mining Companies in the Canyon are going to hire all their men in Wallace, and have a kind of Intelligence Office, with the man who issues the permits to do the hiring also.

Operative has noticed several men from Rossland, B.C. in Burke, but they are not working. He had some talk with Tom Callahan, xxx, Tom Leary xxx, and Wm. Driscoll xxx, who say that there will be a ^{change} great by the first of the year, and that they have some men marked who will have to leave the Canyon.

Operative reports that all is quiet in Gem. He noticed Judge Johnson around on Saturday night.

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