

#14 reports:-

Dudley, Monday, April 27, 1908.

Peet Abinola of Kellogg and Thos. Shephard, formerly a timber man in the Bunker Hill and Sullivan mine and who also worked in the Federal mines during the labor trouble a few years ago, came to Dudley on a fishing trip and they report the prospect of the Last Chance mine opening up very bad and they say the company is selling off all of the horses ~~and~~ used in and about the mine at a very low price. They look for a complete shut down of all mining companies until after election and then Mr. Shephard said they would hire all new men and get rid of the union men. Shephard said he was blacklisted years ago and cannot get work in the Coeur d'Alene country.

Shephard is talking socialism and there are several around here who believe this the only show for a working man. Mr. Bailey told Shephard that such men as him were the cause of all the hard times. They talk rule or ruin all of the time and the mining companies dare not allow the labor unions to dictate to them for every inch they give them they always want more and are never satisfied.

Yours truly,

Reported M.
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