

Thursday

1/20/15

#16 Reports to #20

The move at the camps today were more interesting than in several days in as much as Hedding John Carsons daughter, Maggie & her sister sent interesting reports from the River Mills stating sympathetic employees were many, and they were willing to come out in the spring. I did not read the letter myself but it was made known to entire camp. Also Sam Wilson stated a short time ago he was in the Pawn shop of Joe Jacobs, when a Jew came in telling Jacobs of buying several shares of the Mill stock and told Jacobs how cheap it was. Jacobs then called Mr Elsas or the party selling the stock and made negotiations for several shares. Then Miss Conway and Secretary Mullinax called Jacobs up next day under assumed names, and as prospective buyers, and received the information that Mr Elsas was fast selling his stock

and this was embodied in her complaints against the company, to take to Washington D.C. Every body now has instructions, not to burden the Camp with recruits, or advise anyone to quit work untill about the first of April unless it be some of the most valuable employes now in the mills, but to get on the good side of every body. Sam Wilson spoke of how he was cultivating Nona Bowers of 14 Brainard and stated she was working in the mill now as her brother-in-law, Bill Jones was also working. Wilson exhibited a ring stating it was the Bowers ring and he could pull her and Bill Jones out any day. At a Caucus meeting in 2nd head quarters, Adell was asked to put Mrs Dempsey off the ground at the first opportunity as she gark out to much information. Mr Thomas wanted money for his wife who is in the hospital looking to be confined, but as she had deserted Thomas and returned to Mrs Pryor, her mother in

more was made to get the money, and Thomas is sore. His wife was Bessie Pryor and has assumed her maiden name. [There were about 12 pickets at noon and Jim Murphy, changed a cap for a hat, stating some one might spot him, as did Hugh Porter, they talked of putting Morgan Saturday night and were warned by A. E. Wilson not to mention the matter along the streets, and to keep their eyes open.] Jim Ballard is out of the stockade and back at the camp. [At 5 P.M. Millard Stevens, Harry Wilson, Melburn Brown + Brother and John Bolden and Gus Fleming met at Turners Saloon and all agreed to not meet each day until 4 P.M. so as to show, Spratling, and Officer Wilson, but they were not afraid of White, and Lasiter. This means sleep in day and patrol at night. Harry Wilson told of calling up Byron + staying place night before last late at night and the watchman answered the phone. They were told by Byron Pierce that Brown

had 2 men sleeping in the store. Pierce also stated customers and Thums ought to steal from Byron because he worked poor girls for 50 + 75 per day. Byron Pierce is financially defunct, himself and is turning crooked evidently by his talk and actions. [The Magnolia Pharmacy, owner Dr. Barron was arrest for selling Cocaine to Fleming and others about 2 Pm. Officers Coker, giving the purchaser a \$2 Bill marked, which was taken from the cash register, soon as Coker received the Cocaine.] 6 Pm. I returned home for supper and to meet the bench at 7 at James Saloon and a supplementary report will follow for the balance of the day. This closing 6³⁰ Pm

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