

Helena, Mont., Jany. 29, 1893.

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Dear Sir :

Please send me a description of where the copper mines that you spoke about, are located, so that I can have them examined as soon as the snow goes off. I left the specimens that you gave me in your car. Cruger wired to have them sent to him at Anaconda, which I hope the box has done.

On my return here, I found things about the same, with the exception that Beecher of Cascade County - one of the Populists - had been taken to Butte, for the purpose of having an interview with him and getting him to state that he would vote for Clark at any time Clark should get votes enough to elect him, - or any other democrat, by this meaning Hauser. This interview was had, and was published in the "Miner" this morning. The matter was engineered by Gallagher, Chairman of the Democratic Central Committee, from Cascade County, who by the way seems to be a very bitter enemy of Collins' and is now working for Hauser in case they cannot get Clark.

Conrad also has been very active in this, and he really has done us more harm than any other man in the canvass. The position

he took of first going to Hauser and then to Clark, and the fact that he comes from Missoula County, where we are so heavily interested, gave backbone to men from the eastern part of the State who are following the fortunes of Clark. Now, if this thing goes unnoticed, it will weaken us very much in any future contest that may come up, and with the amount of property that the Anaconda Co. and the Great Northern Ry. have in the State of Montana, there will hardly be a Legislature meeting in the future that we will not be interested in <sup>in</sup> some way or other. I sincerely hope you will see this in the same light that I do and give it the importance that it deserves. If Mr. Conrad continues to retain the superintendency of the Townsite of Kalispel, and the patronage of the railroad people at his bank -- as the Committee from Kalispel openly brag and with the further assertion that he has the endorsement of the Railroad -- it will very materially weaken us. With the man Gallagher from Cascade it is different; he is a creature of circumstances, does not amount to anything and is not worth noticing. But, with so prominent a man as Conrad, if he is allowed to go ahead in this way without any obstruction, it will be the means of manufacturing public opinion against us and will cause us great damage. On the contrary, if he is called down in this instance it will tend to make men loyal to us in the future, when we may have greater need than we have now for the support of the people who are depending on us and from whom we have the right to expect support.

Very truly yours,

Marcus Daly