

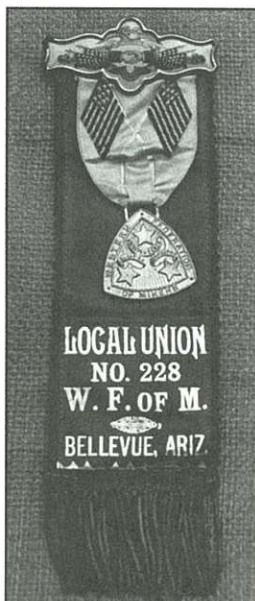
## WESTERN FEDERATION OF MINERS' UNION RIBBONS

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Miners' union ribbons have become an interesting aspect of artifact collecting. Like the miners' fancy candle holder, union ribbons are perhaps the most artistic and aesthetically pleasing mining artifacts that can be found. With these qualities, it is no secret that the availability of these ribbons is quite limited.

Pettibone Manufacturing Company of Cincinnati, Wm. H. Horstmann of Philadelphia and Whitehead & Hoag Company of Newark, N.J. are some of the compa-

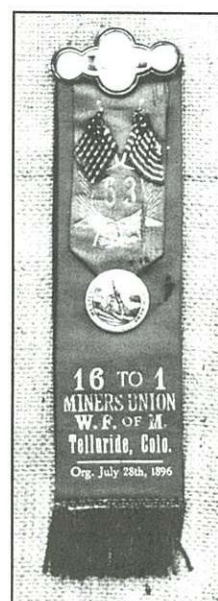
nies which manufactured miners' union ribbons around the turn of the century. Local unions would order ribbons from companies like these and then distribute them among its members. A union member would display the colorful side of the ribbon upon his chest during parades, Fourth of July festivities, Labor Day, Miners' Day, Conventions, etc. The black, mourning side of the ribbon was displayed during funeral processions and services for departed union brothers.



Parade side of badge from Bellevue, Arizona



Funeral procession side of badge, Bellevue, Arizona.



16 to 1 Miners Union, Telluride, Colorado.

The following ribbons from the collections of Leo Stambaugh, Tony Moon and Deric English illustrate the variety, beauty and historical significance of the Western Federation of

Miners' union ribbons.

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Parade side of badges,  
Olinghouse, Nevada and  
Creede, Colorado.



Funeral procession side of  
badges,  
Olinghouse, Nevada and  
Creede, Colorado.



Parade side and Funeral Procession side of Badge from Confidence, California.

Location of Badges represented with City, Local Union name, Union number, and the length of WFM affiliation.

**ARIZONA:**

Bellevue (Pinto Creek #228)  
.....1907-1915

**CALIFORNIA:**

Confidence (#47)  
.....1900-1905  
Hedges (Gold Cross #70)  
.....1896-1906

**COLORADO:**

Creede (#20)  
.....1903-1915  
Telluride (Sixteen to One #63)  
.....1896-

**IDAHO:**

Silver City (#66)  
.....1896-1914

**MONTANA:**

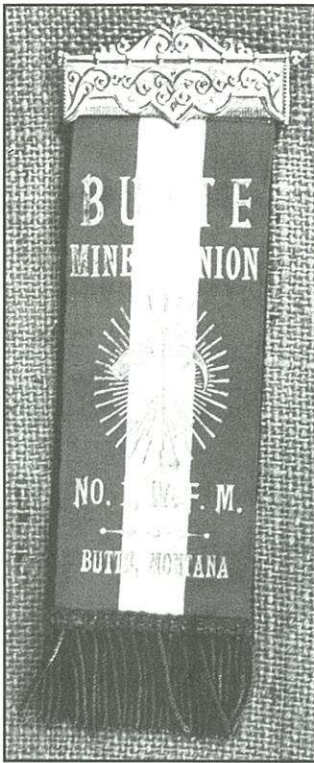
Butte (#1)  
.....1893-

**NEVADA:**

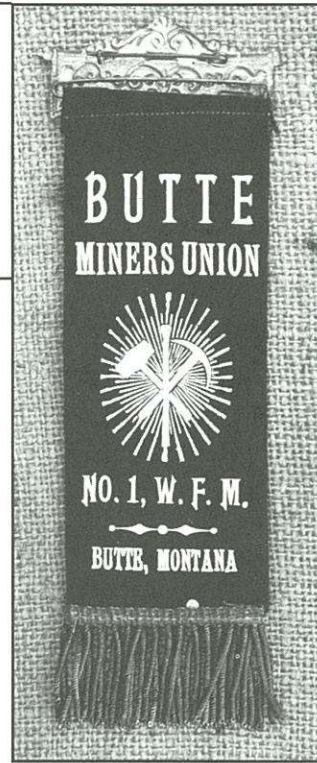
Olinghouse (#179)  
.....1904-1913  
Tuscarora (#31)  
.....1898-



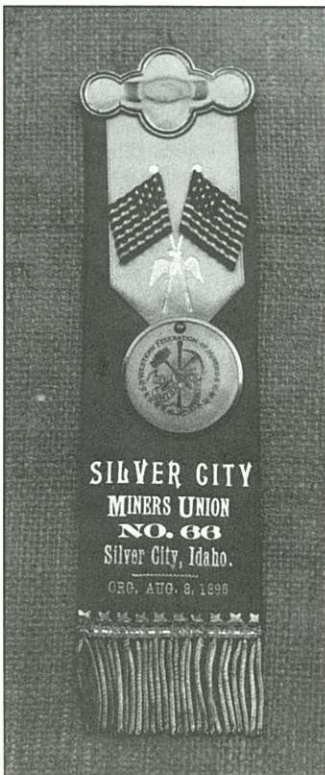
Parade side and Funeral Procession side of Badge from Hedges, California



Parade side and Funeral Procession side of Badge from Butte, Montana



Fine example of Parade side from Badge in Tuscarora, Nevada.



Parade side and Funeral Procession side of Badge from Silver City, Idaho.

