A New Miner's Union

A new union badge recently surfaced in the wastelands (?) of Utah that is from a union that I had not heard of before. It is from the "United Mineral Mine Workers Union of North America" (or U.M.M.W.U. OF N.A. for short-no wonder the U.M.W.A. was more popular!) which was organized on November 27, 1895. The badge is for Local No. 16 from Elvins, Missouri, which is located in the old lead belt. The badge is quite similar to many UMWA badges with red, white and blue crossed flags on the front and the bacd is black with the words "In Memorium" in silver. Does anyone have any information on this union?

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An Unusual Fraternal Badge

Once in awhile fraternal badges show up with a mining theme. Illustrated is a badge from a meeting in Butte for the Fraternal Order of Eagles (FOE) on July 7-8-9-10, 1915. badge depicts a miner in a cage descending the saft together with crossed picks and shovels. Suspended from the pin-back portion of the badge is an ore bucket with the date. The author has seen three or four of these badges over the years and at least one of them was missing the ore bucket. Does anyone else have any FOE badges with mining themes?

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A Packing Slip From A Giant 'Eagle' Powder Box

This is a photocopy of a paper slip that was apparently packaged inside 50 pound Giant 'Eagle' powder boxes prior to sealing. This example is in good condition and was recovered from a dusty pile of lumber, boxes, and cap tins found in a dry Nevada mine. The number in the upper left corner, ending in 2-06, indicates that the printing date of this paper slip was February of 1906. The paper itself is pale green in color, with black lettering. The Giant Eagle symbol in the center is stamped in red. Only one of these slips was recovered from this locality.

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