

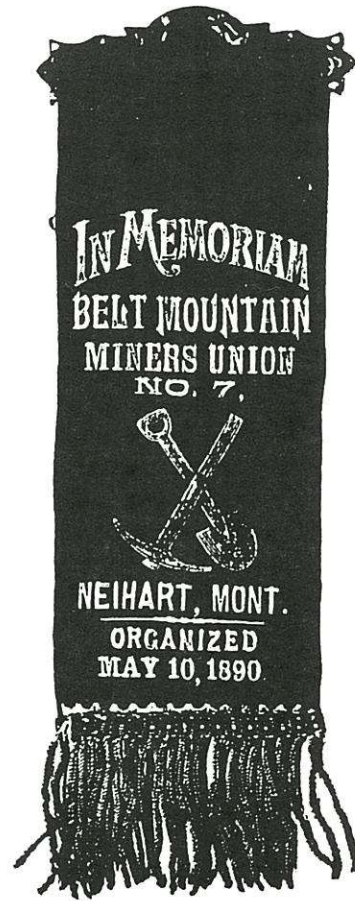
Another Miners Union Ribbon

Two years ago I purchased a miners union ribbon in Coeur d'Alene which is quite similar to the Silver City Miners Union ribbon in Jim Steinberg's article in the Fall 1993 issue of *MAC*.

The ribbon measures 8 1/2 inches long by 2 1/2 inches wide, and is from the Belt Mountain Miners Union, Number 7, Neihart, Montana. It states that it was organized on May 10, 1890. The front of the ribbon is blue, while the reverse side is black for mourning. There are several noticeable differences between the two ribbons. Primarily, the clasp at the top are different in shape only, but both have the clasped hands. The circular medallion in the center are similar with the pick, sledge, and drill steel. However, the Belt Mountain does not indicate membership with the Western Federation of Miners. The flags are also different. The reverses are similar, however, the Belt Mountain is not quite as elaborate as the Silver City ribbon.

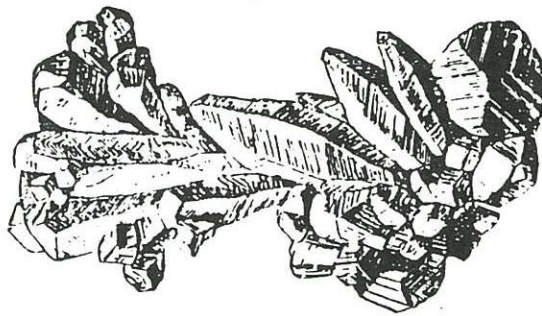
I would appreciate hearing about any information regarding this union and district.

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