

## BUTTE COUNTY.—CON COW MINING DISTRICT.

BY LAWS OF THE QUARTZ CONVENTION HELD AT RICH GULCH ON SATURDAY THE 15TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1851.

We the citizens of Rich Gulch and the adjacent mining District in Convention assembled do hereby enact the following laws to govern us in regard to Quartz Mining.

ARTICLE 1st. It shall be the duty of all persons or Companies intending to hold Claims in Quartz in this district, to have the same recorded by the Recorder of this district, within thirty days after discovery. Which claims can be legally held untill such times as machinery can be put upon it. Provided the time does not exceed six months.

ARTICLE 2nd. All person or companies claiming and working a Ledge of Quartz, shall be entitled to one hundred & fifty feet of each Ledge so worked and claimed, also one extra claim for discovering the same.

ARTICLE 3d. When a company have taken up a Ledge they shall be entitled to hold so much ground as they may deem necessary for the purpose of erecting machinery & other needful constructions. With the water privileges thereon. Provided the same has not been previously claimed.

ARTICLE 4th. The Recorder elected by this district shall receive for his services the sum of Twenty-five cents for each & every claim he records.

ARTICLE 5th. All difficulties arising from holding disputed claims or Mining Ground shall be settled by arbitration.

All persons buying a claim shall have an indisputable right to the same.

The Convention then elected L. C. Goodman Recorder & adjourned.

C A WEISERT *Chairman.*

JOHN Q. A. MILLER *Secretary.*

## LAWS OF 1852. RICH GULCH BUTTE COUNTY.

*By Laws of the Miners' Convention held at the store of J. I. Steward, Rich Gulch, May 22nd 1852.*

At a meeting of the miners of Rich Gulch & vicinity called by due notice at the store of J. I. Steward on the 22d of May 1852 a large & respectable portion of the miners of this vicinity assembled for the purpose of father regulating the mining interest of this district.

On motion Levi Hedges was elected Chairman & John Callon Secretary.

On motion the laws passed at a former meeting in regard to Quartz mining were read & the following preamble & resolutions were offered & unanimously adopted viz:

1st. *Resolved*, that all persons or companies claiming & working a ledge of quartz shall be entitled to one hundred & fifty each on each ledge so worked & claimed also one extra claim for discovering the same.

2nd. *Resolved*, that on placing a quartz Claim on Record they shall hold the same without working it for six months.

3d. *Resolved*, that no person shall be entitled to more than one Claim in a Ledge unless by purchase or inheritance from this date.

4th. *Resolved*, that if a claim has been taken possession of properly prospected so as to satisfy the parties that they shall work it. They may give due notice thereof & due proof that they have done so their Claims shall be good for 30 days from said notice.

5th. *Resolved*, That all disputes in regard to Quartz Claims shall be settled by three disinterested men. One to be chosen by each party & the third by the two chosen who shall be governed in their decision by the laws of this district & if it be desired by a party or parties said arbitrators shall summon a jury who shall decide the case, as before mentioned, under the direction of the arbitrators & subject to an appeal to a general meeting of the miners.

6th. *Resolved*, that when a company have taken up a Ledge, they shall be entitled to hold so much ground as they may deem necessary for the purpose of erecting machinery & other needful constructions with the water priveledge thereon. Provided the same has not been previously claimed

7th. *Resolved*, that no person shall hold more than sixty feet in length & thirty in width in Gulch, Ravine & Flat or Coyate diggins with the exception of present Claimants.

8th. *Resolved*, That Gulch or Ravine & Flat or Coyate claims not recorded must be renewed every ten days, unless the owner is on his Claim & working the same.

9th. *Resolved*, That all Gulch Ravine & Cayate diggins can be held during the dry season by recording the same until their is sufficient water to work the same.

10th. *Resolved*, That no person shall be entitled to more than one Claim in Gulch, Ravine or Coyate diggins unless by purchase or inheritance.

11th. *Resolved*, That all claims in Companyship each shareholder's name shall be incerted upon the Recorder's Book.

12th. *Resolved*, That the discover of any & all Kinds of diggins, shall be entitled to one extra Claim.

13th. *Resolved*, That the discover of any & all Kinds of diggins, shall be entitled to one extra Claim.

14th. *Resolved*, That all disputes in regard to Gulch Ravine or Coyate diggins shall be settled in the same way as in Quartz Claims.

15th. *Resolved*, That the Boundaries of this district shall be the North Fork & West Branch of Feather River

16th. *Resolved*, That a Recorder of Claims shall be appointed at this whose duty it shall be to keep a record of all claims handed in to him on receiving his fees for the same.

17th. *Resolved*, That the Recorder shall Keep one book for Quartz & one for Gulch etc. Claims. He shall act as Secretary at all meetings of the miners of this District provided said meeting be duly called as hereinafter specified He shall also keep a true record of all laws of this district duly posted, & have his books always ready for inspection & use of all persons calling for the same. He shall also put up Copies of all laws in two public places within the district.

18th. *Resolved*, That the Recorder be empowered to appoint a Deputy to perform his when he may be absent or sick.

19th. *Resolved*, That the Recorder's fee shall be for recording each Quartz Claim or bill of sale one dollar & for each Gulch Claim or bill of sale one dollar provided that he shall not charge more than one fee for recording a company which may comprise two or more shareholders.

20th. *Resolved* That the Recorder shall be elected by vote & J. I. Steward was unimously elected as Recorder of this district.

21th. *Resolved*, That future meetings of this district shall be called as follows. Any two miners may sign a request to the Recorder to call a meeting stating in their request the object for which the meeting is called

The recorder shall thereupon issue a notice stating in the same a copy said notice shall be posted up in three public places in the District at least three days previous to said meeting, provided that no other business shall be attended to at said meeting except what is specified in said notice.

It was then moved to adjourn for the time being.

LEVI HODGES *Chairman*

JOHN CALLON *Secretary*.

LAWS OF 1880

By virtue of a notice duly signed and posted on the 23d day of August 1880, a meeting of Miners was held at Yankee Hill, Butte Co. Cala on August 28th 1880, for the purpose of revising the mining laws and forming a new District and conforming to the United States Laws, also for the purpose of electing a Recorder for said District, at which place and time the Con Cow Mining District was formed.

Mr. M. H. Wells acted as Chairman and Mr. L. Glass acted as Secretary

Following are the laws passed to govern the District.

*Laws.*

- 1st. The Mining District shall be called the Con Cow Mining District
- 2nd. The District shall embrace the following described and bounded territory: Commencing at the Junction of the North Fork of Feather River on the West Branch of Feather River on the South end and following the West Branch of Feather River in all its course Westerly and Northerly to the North line Township 22, and thence Easterly to the North Fork of Feather River, thence Southerly and Easterly to the Junction of said North Fork of Feather River and West Branch River to the place of beginning, including to said River the centre thereof.
- 3rd. Chapter Six of Title 32 Revised Statutes of the United States is adopted as this article.
- 4th. In the location of mines in this district, copies of the notices of Location must be placed on the mines before any legal record of the same can be made by the Recorder, any location not so made shall be null and void
- 5th. All locations must be filed in the office of the Recorder within ten (10) days after the actual date of location
- 6th. The Recorder shall be entitled to a fee of one dollar (\$1.00) for each and every notice recorded with one name and twenty-five cents (25 cts) for each additional name.
- 7th. The Recorder of this District shall hold office from the 28th day of August 1880, until his successor is elected.
- 8th. The Recorder shall keep full and complete records of the minutes and proceedings of the respective meetings
- 9th. These rules and regulations and by laws shall not be altered or in any way changed except at a meeting of the miners of said District and then only by a majority of miners Present, which meeting shall be called by written notice posted in five (5) conspicuous places within the District, naming day and date etc, Which meeting shall have power to elect a Recorder, such fact being stated in notice of call.
- 10th. Any and all persons, who are citizens of the United States of America or who have declared their intentions to become such, and own shares or stock or interest in any mine in this district shall be entitled to vote at a miners meeting.
- 11th. Five (\$5.00) dollars per day shall be allowed for each and every eight hours work performed upon a mine, for the purpose of holding title or performing the necessary amount of work for a patent.
- 12th. All mines hereafter located in this District shall be marked by end and corner stakes or monuments at least eighteen inches in height above ground with sufficient marks placed in or upon them showing which end or corner of the claim they designate.
- 13th. All locations made and recorded previous to the adoption of these rules, regulations and by-laws are hereby fully legalized.
- 14th. These rules, regulations and by-laws shall be in full force and effect on and after this 28th day of August 1880.
- 15th. In this District a Ravine claim shall consist of four hundred and fifty feet (450) along the bed of Ravine and fifty feet (50) on each side from centre in width.
- 16th. Hill claims shall be three hundred feet (300) front, at base of hill, and running back to the centre of the Hill.
- 17th. River claims shall consist of twenty (20) acres for each person locating.

The following resolutions were also adopted at this meeting.

*Resolved*, that parties holding claims under the old laws may at their option relocate and have recorded in the name of the company, as many claims of twenty (20) acres each, as may be embraced within their present boundaries, without invalidating prior and accrued rights and that when five hundred dollars (\$500) has been expended by any company on their claims, that the annual recording and expenditure of fifty dollars (\$50) on said claims, will be held sufficient to confirm title, providing that nothing in the new laws shall be construed so as to affect any rights acquired under the old laws.

*Resolved*, that we learn with much satisfaction that James C. Logan, Frank McLaughlin and Geo. W. Cummings of Orville contemplate running a tunnel from a point on the North Fork of Feather River near Hamilton Bar through the ridge, to a point in Dark Canon, for the purpose of diverting the water of said North Fork from its natural bed in that portion of the River known as "Big Bend" so that the whole bed of the river may be dried up and mined from said Hamilton Bar to the junction of the West Branch and North Fork of Feather River. And recognising the fact that the bed of said North Fork through said Big Bend cannot be successfully mined in any other way than by drying up or diverting the waters thereof, and believing that the very large amount of money necessary to be expended to accomplish such purpose will give a new and beneficial impetus to the mining interest of this district and reposing the utmost confidence in Messrs Logan, McLaughlin and Cummings be it further resolved and recorded as the sense of this meeting that we the miners of this district do hereby agree to pass such laws governing the district as will from time to time meet the requirements of this great enterprise and we agree that nothing in existing laws, governing this District shall be so construed as to interfere in any manner with the successful carrying out said undertaking. And all laws and parts of laws enacted heretofore in this District for the government of ordinary placer and quartz mining which are not applicable to the present undertaking, (We recognize the fact of the novelty of this enterprise) are hereby declared inoperative and void, as to their application to this great tunnel enterprise. And we further resolve and decree that during and after the completion of said tunnel Messrs. Logan McLaughlin and Cummings shall have the right to and shall own all the precious metals and minerals in the bed of said River, throughout its course through Big Bend, between the points before named, excepting only the product of bars and flumes now being worked by persons having established and legitimate rights held and enjoyed under the laws of this district previous to the first day of June A. D. 1880.

*Resolved*, that the Recorder be requested to record the proceedings of this meeting and that the foregoing enactment be recorded as special by laws governing the aforesaid tunnel enterprise within the limits of this district

M. H. WELLS *Chairman*

LOUIS GLASS, *Secretary*

EL DORADO COUNTY.—GRIZZLY FLAT MINING DISTRICT.

ORIGINAL QUARTZ LAWS PASSED FEB. 4TH 1852 IN CONNECTION WITH PLACER MINING.

ARTICLE 1st SECTION 1st—No. 6—*Resolution*—That for the engagement of the discovery of Quartz dikes or lead in this vicinity the discoverer be entitled to one extra claim and that one hundred and fifty feet in length and the dip or inclination of said lead to any depth and its width constitute one claim.

S. 2nd No. 7. *Resolution* That a company or a part of a company discovering a Quartz lead shall be entitled to as many claims as there are members in the Co but that said Co be entitled to only one extra claim as in case of a single individual making the discovery.

S. 3rd No 8 *Resolution*. That the notice of said individual or Co be set up at some convenient point of said claim or claims designating the same and that the owner of said claims be required to improve them once in every ten days till machinery is brought on.

S. 4th No. 9 *Resolution*. That the improvement of one claim of a Co at a time by said company be considered valid as though the whole number of claims were being worked at the same time.

On motion the secretary was requested to post up one or more notices of the same also retain the original copy.

J. W. STEELEY *Clerk*.

FEB. 26th—1853—

At an adjourned meeting of the miners resolution 8. altered so as to read every sixty day instead of every ten days.

*Also Added* on the same day. That company claiming water-privileges for the purpose of running machinery shall be allowed the same or so much as will be necessary for their use in connection with their quartz.

L. GOULD, *Sec'y*.

J. W. STEELEY *Clerk*

(NOTE:—None of the books containing records made under the first laws are in existence—Date of first record unknown.)

AMENDMENTS AND REVISION OF MINERS LAWS.

ARTICLE 1st SEC. 1st This district shall hereafter be called and known by the name of Mount Pleasant Mining District—

SEC. 2nd The Boundaries of Mount Pleasant Mining District are as follows to-wit:—

Commencing as a starting point at the mouth of Steeley's Fork of Cosumnes River and running from thence a due South course to the Middle fork of Cosumnes river, thence up this side of said River the line and boundary of said district following the most northerly branch of said stream to its source or to the Sierra Nevada range of mountains to the most northerly branch of the north Cosumnes River thence down said stream to a point due north of place of commencement and from thence across (due south) to starting place—

SEC 3rd The Mining interests of this district are divided into the following classes as follows:—

1st Into Placer Mining

2nd Into Quartz and Mineral Vein Mining

ARTICLE 2nd SECTION 1st Placer Mining is divided into—

1st Ravine and River diggings

2nd Flatt and surface diggings

3rd Hill or tunnel diggings

4th Wet diggings

5th Dry diggings

S. 2nd Ravine, Cañon and River diggings are one hundred and fifty feet in length (up and down) and the entire width of the same including the bed from base of hill to base of hill.

S. 3rd Flatt and Surface diggings are three hundred feet square—

S. 4th Hill or tunnel diggings are four hundred feet wide, commencing at the base of the hill and running to the summit of the same—

ARTICLE 3rd S. 1st Each miner shall be entitled to take up only two claims one in the wet diggings and one in the dry diggings except by discovery in which case the discoverer shall be entitled to one extra claim for right of discovery.

S. 2nd All claims may be taken up by a prospector's notice designating the same in which case a prospector is required to use reasonable diligence.

S. 3rd All claims must be notified by a notice of the same with the proper names of each claimant.

S. 4th All claims after it is ascertained that they will pay must be registered on the Clerk's docket with the name of the company and the individuals names annexed at the times or within fifteen days after such fact is known, or else such claim or claims shall not be cognizable by these Laws.

S. 5th All forfeited claims of Cos. shall renat to the remainder of the E by a registry of the same on the Clerk's docket at or about the time of forfeiture—

S. 6th All purchased claims shall be rallied by the purchaser holding a certificate of the same registered on the clerk's docket subject to the same Laws as the original owners

S. 7th (offered by L. Gould & passed) No man shall be allowed to hold but two claims at once by purchase.

S. 8th Any dirt thrown up for the purpose of washing when water can be had or for the purpose of letting the sun or weather act upon it in order to make it wash easier is entitled to all the ground under said dirt.

S. 9th All dirt thrown up will hold good twelve months at which time such dirt shall be subject to the other laws which compels the owners thereof to work it in the working season.

ARTICLE 4th SECTION 1st Dry diggings are those which have not a sufficiency of water to work them profitably only during the rainy season—