

YUBA COUNTY.—UPPER YUBA MINING DISTRICT.

YUBA COUNTY MINING LAWS.

1st. *Resolved*, That a River claim worked with Flume Race or Wingdam, shall consist of thirty feet deep up or down Stream from Notice and extending across said Stream, including such portion of Bank or Bar as could not be worked without the aid of said Flume, Race or Wingdam; attached to such Water claims there shall be a Notice posted in some conspicuous place, and renewed Monthly, naming the bounds and the party holding such claims, said notice to be valid during the time said claims cannot be properly worked or in preparation for that purpose; and thirty feet in the Bank hereafter, and this to conflict with no claims taken up under the old Laws.

2nd. *Resolved*, That a Bank, Bar, Ravine or Coyote claim shall consist of thirty feet square and be designated by Stakes or other visible bounds, and Tools shall be left on said Claims. Such Claims shall be worked at least as often as every five days.

3rd. *Resolved*, That every person holding a River claim shall be entitled to hold a Bank, Bar, Ravine or Coyote claim during that portion of the Year when he cannot successfully work said River Claim and while he is making preparations to do so.

4th. *Resolved*, That claims of deceased persons can be sold to the highest bidder, and the person thus purchasing shall be allowed to hold such claims for the purpose of Working, even if he is in possession of others.

5th. *Resolved*, That all disputes in relation to Miners' Claims, shall, on application by either party to the dispute, be settled by Arbitration or Reference, in the following manner to wit: The party aggrieved or Plaintiffs shall give the other party 24 hours notice; after the expiration of notice, both the parties shall choose two persons on each side, and then the persons thus chosen, shall choose another, making five Arbitors or Referees; These five persons shall proceed to investigate the matter in dispute by hearing such witnesses of facts as can be of any benefit to either Side of the question. The decision to be by the Majority. At the request of either party, the arbitors and witnesses may be sworn by a Justice of the Peace. In case the Defendants shall neglect or refuse to choose two arbitors, within twelve hours after the expiration of the first notice, they shall be defaulted. In case of an arbitration an appeal can be had to the County Court.

6th. *Resolved*, That all persons mining may hold one claim by purchase and one claim by Location.

7th. No person shall hold any more than as specified in the foregoing Resolution.

8th. *Resolved*, That any claims or disputes which may have been heard or which may be pending on appeal, shall be tried and settled as set forth in the foregoing Resolutions.

9th. *Resolved*, That each Sluicing Co. Fluming Co and all other Companies of Miners shall post and keep up conspicuously a notice of the name or style of Co. on their claims, giving the number of actual members and their names, which shall be kept up during the holding or working of such claims.

10th. *Resolved*, That no Company shall monopolize a Stream of Water for Speculation or unnecessarily use it to the injury of others.

11th. *Resolved*, That any person prosecuting the mining business on other claims than River, shall be allowed to hold possession and right of possession to such claims, by notice during such time as such claims cannot be worked to advantage on account of high water.

12th. *Resolved*, That the Upper Yuba District consist of Snake Bar and all above, and embracing the North Fork and the South Fork of the Yuba River.

J. C. STANLEY, *Secretary*.

Passed April 11th 1852.

L. A. DOOLITTLE, *Chairman*

J. C. STANLEY *Secretary*

TRINITY COUNTY.—WEAVER CREEK MINING DISTRICT.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Adopted by the miners for the government of miners rights and privilage on Weaver Creek, commencing at the first bend of the creek above the trading post on big flat and running down to the mouth of the creek.

ART. 1st Each and every miner shall be entitled to hold one claim at a time and no more, either by purchase or otherwise from this time forth.

ARTICLE 2nd. A claim in the bed of the stream shall be as follows. viz. To consist of 120 feet to each and every man, the same to extend from bank to bank at the low water mark.

ARTICLE 3rd. Bank claims shall be as follows viz: to commence on the face and work back in a straight line to the hill, the face of said claim not to exceed 30 ft to the man and running back as far as they choose

ARTICLE 4th. In order to hold a claim a person shall be required to *notify* the same if after three days he does not place Tools or other evidences of his intentions to work it, it may then be taken up by any other person

ARTICLE 5th. Any and every person shall be required either to be at work himself or represent the same at least one day in ten or lose the same, except in case of sickness, or high water when by notifying the same to that effect it shall stand good to him until such time as he is able to work it.

ARTICLE 6th. Whenever any disputes may occur in regard to claims they shall in all cases be settled by a Jury of miners, to consist of four disinterested persons Two chosen by each party and in case of their not agreeing, they to select the fifth (litigation to be thrown entirely aside) the parties are to abide by the decision of the miners law which is to be final

ARTICLE 7th. Any race which may have been cut or dam built previous to this Law shall be held good to the parties referred to in 2d article without any reference to the 120 feet.

Resolved, That the foregoing rules and regulations be recorded in the County Clerks office of Trinity County and that they also be published in the Shasta Courrier.

WM AUGUSTUS KNAPP *Secretary*.

The following Resolutions were then passed appended to and embodied in the above

That we allow the Saw Mill Co. to hold for the accomodation of their mill, those mining claims which they have bought for that purpose and those which they find necessary to purchase hereafter for securing a sufficient pond or head of water for said mill.

Resolved, that we are satisfied that the bed of the creek and banks which is flowed by said mill Dam, has been generally worked out and will not justify an interference with said dam to work the same. Therefore

Resolved, that we will not sustain any miners in interfering with said mill or dam for the sake of working mineral ground which is flowed by said mill Dam, provided such claim shall have been made since the commencement of said Mill Dam.

WM AUGUSTUS KNAPP, *Secy.*

Filed and Recorded this day the 19th of June 1852 at 7. a. m.

TRINITY COUNTY.—WEAVERVILLE MINING DISTRICT.

MINERS MEETING.

WEAVERVILLE June 7th 1853.

The miners of this district met to-day en masse in front of the Independence for the purpose of finally settling the claims to the water of West Weaver, and which heretofore has been conducted to those "diggings" by two races known as Dr Wares and Fiddler's races; but now claimed by the miners of West Weaver.

On motion Col. W. B. May was appointed President and Wm Feast *Secy.*

Col. O. H. Allen rose and stated in a concise and short address, the object of the meeting, giving the history of the above Races, the cause of their origin &c and concluded with an expose of the law on the subject.

After some desultory from some few of the claimants and others the following preamble and resolutions were adopted by a *seventh eighth* vote.

Whereas, some malicious persons residing on West Weaver, have without cause or provocation committed a wanton destruction of property in the burning of Dr Ware's reservoir on West Weaver, and cut and otherwise injured the Race known as Dr. Wares Race, which in part supplies water for the diggings on McKenzie's Gulch and its tributaries, to the serious injury of not only Dr Ware but also the miners working on said gulches and whereas the several Race companies of East and West Weaver have incurred considerable expense in constructing reservoirs and conducting water from said creeks to Weaver for mutual benefit without having interfered with the right of any miner or miners working on said creeks at the time; and

Whereas, it becomes us as Americans and good citizens to protect one another in our rights and privileges therefore be it;

Resolved, that we the miners of Weaver assembled, en masse, do hereby repudiate and frown upon any and every such spirit of agrarianism as has so lately manifested itself in the burning of the reservoir and cutting of Dr Wares Race and will protect all persons in their respective rights and privileges, as guaranteed to them by the constitution of the state as well as that of the United States.

Resolved, that the aforesaid Race Companies be entitled according to their priority of right to so much of the water of said creeks as their respective Races will convey. Provided always that a sufficient quantity be allowed to run in the natural beds of said creeks for the benefit of miners at present working or who may hereafter work said beds; and that four tom-heads shall be deemed sufficient for that purpose.

Resolved, that any individual or company of individuals who have dug or who may hereafter dig a race or races (not otherwise mentioned in this our act) for the conveyance of water not in use at the time, from any gulch or creek in this district, shall be protected in the to said water so long as he or they shall keep said race or races in proper repair, provided such water be used for mining purposes.

Resolved, that we will assist Dr Ware in the repair of his race, and do hereby constitute a committee of the whole and pledge ourselves to see the provisions of this meeting be complied with

On motion it was

Resolved, that the president appoint at his leisure six persons to act as directors of said committee.

On motion the proceedings were ordered to be published in the Shasta Courier when the meeting adjourned sine die. By order

WM. B. MAY, *President.*

WM FEAST *Secy.*

Recorded Dec. 13 '53.

L. S. WILLIAMS *Recorder.*

MINERS MEETING.

Pursuant to notice a meeting of miners was held on Tuesday the 9th of August at Johnsons old house at Sidney flat.

Mr Cameron was appointed Chairman and called the meeting to order.

On motion R. T. Miller was appointed Secretary.

The object of the meeting was to investigate the existing difficulties between Dr Ware and a mob of miners on West Weaver, who without any apparent cause and in violation of all laws of the country and of honor, have destroyed his property with that of other individuals, and as we are creditable informed are now holding water by force of arms, that is justly the property of Ware and others.

Dr Ware explained the object of the meeting in a few pertinent remarks. He said that McDermot told him on yesterday that unless he gave up one half of the water in the creek aforesaid, that he McDermot would take a body of men and take the water by force of arms and hold the same until he and his men were whiped off the ground. His party as above mentioned have taken possession of the water and are holding it by force of arms, in this dilemma Dr Ware calls upon his fellow miners to assist him in defending his rights, agreeable to the old miners laws, they said that this was a serious affair but that they were willing to defend the old and established miners laws and the right.