

*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.

Mr Miller then moved that a committee of five be appointed to investigate the nature of the grievances and examine the law on the subject and report to an adjourn meeting at one o'clock. Motion carried unanimously.

Messrs Brown, Gordon, Eaton, Pencost & Cameron appointed said committee.

Meeting adjourned to one o'clock.

Pursuant to adjournment meeting met at one o'clock, were called to order by the chairman Mr Cameron Committee reported as follows, having thoroughly investigated the laws and customs of the miners of Weaver. We fully concur in the opinion that Dr Ware is fully entitled to all the water in West Weaver except four tom-heads, which is allowed for the bed of the stream, also that the burning of his reservoir and the destruction of his dam and other property and the taking of his water from his race by force of arms are malicious acts and should not be submitted to by those who are in favor of law and order.

On motion the report was received and the committee discharged.

On motion it was

*Resolved*, that we assist Dr Ware in turning the water into his race and that we sustain him to the last extremity in keeping it in the Race.

On motion meeting then adjourned for the purpose of carrying this resolution into effect.

Recorded Dec 13th 1853.

#### PLUMAS COUNTY.—WARREN HILL MINING DISTRICT.

Public notice having been given calling a meeting of the miners of Spanish Flat, to consider the propriety of dividing said District and forming a part of the original territory into a new mining district to be called Warren Hill Mining District

In pursuance of said notice a large number of miners met at the House of J. M. Jackman & Kidder at 7 p. m. Oct 21st 1853, and proceeded to Business by the election of J. H. Kilbourn as chairman.

On motion of Mr. Haymond the chairman appointed the following gentleman as a committee to draft a constitution and Bye Laws viz: W. H. Lester C. M. Bosworth C. Bordwell C. F. Jackson Geo. McKelvey

On motion of W. H. Lester, the chairman was added to the committee and Creed Haymond appointed Secretary

On motion of Mr R. B. Sigafoose, the meeting proceeded to elect a recorder.

On motion of Mr M. Hall, the vote was taken by ballot, Geo. H. Stockwell and J. S. Hayden acting as Tellers. 59 votes were given of which J. H. Kilbourn received 37. C. F. Jackson 14. scattering 8.

On motion the meeting adjourned

Oct 22nd. Pursuant to a call of the chairman of the committee on Constitution &c, the miners of Warren Hill met in front of Jackman & Kidders store at 4. p. m. The object of the meeting was stated when the constitution was read by the Secretary.

On motion of Mr A. A. Hayden it was taken up article by article and the following with its preamble unanimously adopted.

#### STATE OF CALIFORNIA

*County of Sierra (note: now Plumas Co.)*

AN ACT to regulate Mining and miners claims on Warren Hill adopted October 22nd 1853.

We the miners and citizens of Warren Hill, in order to form a more perfect and correct understanding among ourselves and all others that may come among us, respecting our rules of mining our claims of ground, the condition of becoming in peaceable and permanent possession therein, to establish Justice and secure harmony, do enact and draft the Laws as follows.

#### ARTICLE 1ST.

We do declare and confirm the following to be our permanent boundaries viz: commencing at the Bridge near the Rabbit Creek House as the northwest corner and the Gibsonville thence to the foot of the main hill shall be the northern boundary and a noted slide near the foot of said Hill shall be the northeast corner, thence southerly down a ravine to the Dublin ditch and thence with said ditch to the Bowington Ravine, thence southerly to the Spanish Flat Road, thence westerly to a point on the Rabbit Creek where the trail from Spanish Flat to Secret Diggings crosses said Rabbit Creek, thence with said Creek to the place of beginning and all within said boundary shall be called Warren Hill.

#### ARTICLE 2ND.

SECT. 1st. All miners or other persons residing now within this district shall be considered citizens of Warren Hill and have the right to vote in our assemblies.

SECT. 2nd. All persons who come here for the purpose of mining or becoming residents shall after the 6th day be considered citizens and have the privileges as above mentioned.

SECT. 3rd. All persons who have previously lived within these boundaries and having recorded or legal claims, who have left with the intention of returning and working the same, shall have the right of citizenship on there arrival here.

#### ARTICLE 3RD.

SECT. 1st. All persons now residing here or who may hereafter become "citizen" residents shall have a right to take up one claim of ground for mining unless such person be in possession of a claim by location.