

ARTICLE 7th. Any person may hold claims as specified for fifteen days by posting written notice on the boundaries of said claims; but at the expiration of this time said claims must be recorded or represented by labor, or shall be deemed forfeited.

ARTICLE 8th. Any person may hold claims by recording them from the date of record until the 1st day of April, 1867, at which time such claims must be represented by labor one day in seven, except in case of sickness of the holder, until such time as water fails. Thirty inches shall be considered a sufficient amount of water to properly work claims, and any claims not having thirty inches of water shall not be considered workable.

ARTICLE 9th. Disputes regarding mining claims may be settled by a miners' meeting or by arbitration, in which case [the first] it shall be the duty of the recorder to post notices in the district and give six days' notice. At least eight miners shall be required to sign such notice of meeting.

ARTICLE 10th. Where any person or company holds more than one claim adjoining, work done on one claim shall be sufficient to represent all.

ARTICLE 11th. In order to amend or alter any or all of these articles it shall be necessary for twenty-five miners resident in the district to sign notice for a meeting to consider such alteration or amendment.

Resolved, That the recorder write out two copies of these articles—one copy to [be] posted in a conspicuous place in the district, and one copy sent to the county clerk of this County.

ROBERT KITCHEN, *Chairman*.

ALEX. K. MOORE, *Secretary*.

SHASTA DISTRICT, 24th Sept., 1866.

(Signed)

A. BOLLETT, *Recorder*.

The following is a transcript of the local laws of this district as finally amended and adopted January 23rd, 1869. There is no record of any later meeting.

MINING LAWS OF SHASTA DISTRICT INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED SATURDAY EVENING, JANUARY 23RD, 1869—
HELD AT DELANEY & BARNES' SALOON.

Resolved: (ARTICLES 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 remain unchanged.)

ARTICLE 7. Any person or company may hold claims for seven days by posting a notice on the boundaries of said claims for seven days, and a copy be handed to the recorder to hold for record until the expiration of the said seven days, or daily labor be done on said claims, Sundays excepted.

ARTICLE 8. That all claims shall be represented October the 1st and 8th day of April following after said time. Claims not having water need not be represented until water can be had to work said claims in accordance with article 9th.

ARTICLE 9. All claims shall be represented one day in seven by one day's labor for each and every claim when thirty inches of water can be had by purchase or otherwise, except deep diggings—such as Shasta creek, Rich creek, and Cottonwood creek: seventy-five inches of water shall be considered sufficient to work said claims.

ARTICLE 10. Any labor done for the purpose of working mining claims, such as digging or cleaning out ditches, cutting tail races, or building hydraulics, or any other labor for any particular piece of mining ground, shall be considered as representation of said ground.

ARTICLE 11. Where any company holds more than one claim adjoining, all classes of claims to be included (in this), labor done on one claim shall be sufficient to represent all.

ARTICLE 12. Creek claims, gulch claims, and flat claims shall have the right of a drain or tail race through the adjoining claims below, but shall fork all heavy tailings or headings on their own ground.

ARTICLE 13. That it will be the duty of each company of miners to set a stake at the end of their claims, and also to dig a small ditch on a line with their stakes, and that the same shall be done between the 1st and 9th days of April following.

ARTICLE 14. No claim shall be recorded in this district except by claimant in person.

ARTICLE 15. Hill claims have not the right to dump on to gulch, flat, or creek ground.

ARTICLE 16. In order to alter or amend any or all of these articles it shall be necessary for fifty resident miners in this district to sign a notice for a meeting to consider such alterations.

ARTICLE 17. All laws heretofore existing in this district are hereby repealed, and the above laws to take effect from and after their passage.

Resolved, That we, the miners of this district, in public meeting assembled, do hereby bind ourselves to a strict fulfillment of the above laws, and any person or company holding claims in this district in violation of the above laws and its provisions shall be deemed forfeited.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the recorder of this district to send a copy of these laws to the Grande Ronde Sentinel for publication, and to post three copies of the above laws in conspicuous places in the district.

A. BOLETT, *Chairman*,

JNO. J. GRAHAM, *Secretary*.

(Signed)

E. H. RICHARDSON, *Dep. Recorder*.

SHASTA MINING DIST., Jan'y 23rd, 1869.

BAKER COUNTY.—DIXIE CREEK MINING DISTRICT.

TRANSCRIPT. LAWS OF MAIN DIXIE CREEK MINING DISTRICT, ENACTED JUNE 5TH, 1868.

At a meeting of the miners and claim-holders, after due notice to claim-holders of upper Dixie Creek, Baker County, Oregon, held at the claims of Blanchard and Company, the following proceedings were had, the assembly being composed of the following persons among others: John Williams, Owens, John Barrett, J. Belheimer, C. Leguns, Charles Clark, Francis Drake, D. Granchamp, J. B. Altezard, L. Monique, W. Charette, A. La Mereux, L. H. Blanchard, Louis Voli, J. Edwards, locators and owners of placer mining claims on upper main Dixie Creek.

On motion Louis Voli was elected president, and Justus Edwards was elected secretary, when the following laws were enacted.

Whereas the Congress of the United States provides that miners may make local laws regulating the location, possession, and working of mining claims in the district; and whereas the statutes of the State of Oregon provide that miners may make local laws in relation to the possession of water rights and working of placer claims, Therefore be it enacted by the assembly of miners and claim owners of upper main Dixie Creek:

SEC. 1. That a district be made, to be known as main Dixie Creek District, for the creek placer claims therein, and for the gulch claims above, and ditches on said creek, and that said district be bounded as follows, to wit: commencing at a certain canyon about 500 yards, more or less, below the head of a certain ditch known as the lower ditch, and extending up said creek to the main divide above the source thereof, 10 miles more or less; thence descending on each side thereof—of said creek—along the divide, around the heads of the gulches emptying into said creek, back to the place of beginning.

SEC. 2. That any person or persons entitled by the laws of the United States and this State to hold mining claims shall be entitled to one claim each by location, and not exceeding two by purchase, of 200 feet each along the creek, and from rim rock to rim rock each side thereof, and a like number of gulch claims above all ditches, 200 feet long and from bank to bank in width.

SEC. 3. The boundary of claims shall be marked by a stake, mound, tree, or rocks at the head of each claim, with a notice thereon with name or names of claimants attached.

SEC. 4. That from April to December of every year, every claim when in workable order and water can be had shall be worked unless prevented by sickness or other good cause, or the same will be considered as abandoned and forfeited, provided that all work can be done on one claim, and the same shall represent two or more claims owned by same person or company, and claim-holders shall have ——— days after locating to commence work.

SEC. 5. That creek claim owners shall be entitled to a sufficient quantity of the natural waters of the creek channel flowing over their creek claims at the time the same was taken to work the same, and shall use the same in a workmanlike manner, with slum dams to settle the water, and shovel or dump tailings out of creek or dam so as to prevent injury to others claiming below as much as possible by using the water for mining purposes.

SEC. 6. That in the location and claim of water rights the use of a ditch constructed is the measure of appropriation and right of claimant to the common of natural waters of Dixie Creek, and that right commences at the head of the ditch, where it takes the natural stream.

SEC. 7. That there shall be a recorder elected, who shall record all claims, notices, and water rights within 30 days after filing, and return said record every month to the county clerk of Baker County. He shall keep a copy of these laws subject to inspection of the public at reasonable hours, and all persons holding claims in this district, or water rights, shall record them in 30 days.

SEC. 8. These laws shall take effect and be in force from and after June 5th, 1868.

LOUIS VOLI, *President.*

(Signed) JUSTUS EDWARDS, *Secretary.*

On motion of Louis Voli L. H. Blanchard was put in nomination for recorder of main Dixie Creek District, and upon a vote being taken was elected unanimously.

LOUIS VOLI, *President,*

(Signed) JUSTUS EDWARDS, *Secretary.*

Filed June 8th, 1868, at 1 o'clock P. M.

(Signed)

JOSEPH H. SHINN, *Clerk [of Baker County,].*

BAKER COUNTY.—PINE CREEK MINING DISTRICT.

TRANSCRIPT. PINE CREEK MINING DISTRICT LAWS.

Minutes of Miners' Meeting.

The resident miners of Pine Creek in North Burnt River Basin, in the County of Baker and State of Oregon, assembled in meeting at Jackass Point, on the aforesaid creek, on Monday, August 3rd, A. D. 1868, for the purpose of enacting laws and rules for the regulation of the mining interests within the limits hereinafter specified.

Organized by temporarily appointing E. D. Boone chairman, and George Tykle secretary of the meeting.

Whereupon the chairman announced the meeting fully organized, and in readiness to proceed with the business under consideration.

When the secretary presented for consideration a draft of the following code of laws hereunto annexed.

On motion of W. W. Jones the aforesaid code of laws was received, and on being read by the secretary was on motion of Ferdinand Bowman submitted to a vote of the meeting, which resulted in their unanimous adoption as follows, to wit:

ARTICLE 1ST.

SEC. 1st. The title of this mining district shall be known as the Pine Creek District.

BOUNDARY LIMITS.

SEC. 2nd. The limits of this district shall commence on North Burnt River, near the head of the rapids in the cañon at the lower extremity of the mountain spur intersecting said North Burnt River on its right bank, extending up the crest of said mountain spur or ridge to the summit of the divide separating the waters of the former from John Day's River; thence along the crest of said mountain in a northwesterly direction to the intersection of a diverging spur adjacent to west and source of Jones's Creek; thence down said spur in a northerly [or] northeasterly course, an recrossing North Burnt River at the mouth of Bennet's Creek; thence up the point of dividing ridge between the former and Lost Horse Creek, having its ——— in North Burnt River and the waters flowing into Camp Creek, to a certain point on the mountain summit at the head of Craven's Creek; thence northward down the crest of the ridge terminating on