

Moved and seconded that section first of article two become a law. Carried.

Moved that section second, article three, become a law. Carried.

Moved and seconded that a recorder be elected by ballot. Carried.

The house then proceeded to ballot. George Hoffman receiving a majority of the votes was declared elected recorder.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO THE MINERS OF CHICKEN CREEK IN CONVENTION ASSEMBLED.

Having made investigation of the laws of Independence Mining District and such other matters as we feel in duty bound [to] consider, your committee on laws beg leave to submit the following report:

SEC. 1. That there be a new district established, with boundaries by such as follows.

ARTICLE I.

This mining district shall be known as Lookout Mining District, with the following boundaries, to wit: commencing at the mouth of Centennial Gulch, and running thence up said gulch to the summit of hill; thence to where the road crosses the divide known as Hog Back on Jordan Gulch; thence on a continuous line to the summit of mountain between Burnt River and Snake River; thence along said summit to Lookout Mountain; thence down the summit of ridge between Sisley Creek and Swayse (?) Creek to old emigrant road; thence along said road to place of beginning.

ARTICLE II.

SEC. 1. There shall be a recorder elected for this district on the first Monday in April of each year, to hold the office for the term of one year, or until his successor shall be elected.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the recorder to measure and mark, number and record all claims in this district, on application of any person or persons, be there one or more claims, in a book kept for the purpose, and marked "Book of Mining Claims, Lookout Mining District."

SEC. 3. It shall be [the duty of] the recorder to record all water rights in this district upon application of locators thereof in a book marked "Book of Records of Water Rights, Lookout Mining District."

SEC. 4. The district recorder shall receive as a compensation for his services as such recorder the sum of one dollar for each and every notice so recorded.

ARTICLE III—OF CLAIMS.

SEC. 1. Placer mining claims in this district shall be divided as follows—creek, bar, gulch, and hill claims.

SEC. 2. A creek claim shall be three hundred feet along stream, up or down, and from rim on one side of the creek to rim on other side.

SEC. 3. A bar claim shall be three hundred feet front, and running back three hundred feet from the rim.

SEC. 4. A hill claim shall be three hundred feet square.

SEC. 5. A gulch claim shall be three hundred feet up or down the gulch, and seventy-five feet on each side from the center of the gulch.

ARTICLE V (IV ?).

SEC. 1. All placer mining shall be represented by labor on or before the first day of April of each year, provided that any person or persons [having] two or more claims adjoining may do such work on any one of said claims.

SEC. 2. All claims upon which a sluice head of free water can be obtained of twenty inches miners' measure shall be represented by at least one day's labor in every ten days.

SEC. 3. All labor performed upon ditches or flumes and reservoirs for the use and benefit of claims, shall be considered as representation of said claims.

ARTICLE VI.

SEC. 1. Whereas there is no recorder for this district, there shall be a recorder elected, to serve for the fractional term ending the first day of April, A. D. 1879.

CURRY COUNTY.—SOUTH FORK MINING DISTRICT.

The Miners of South Fork Sixes River Curry County Oregon met in Assembly on Limber Bar, pursuant to notice December 7th 1878 for the purpose of organizing a mining District, and making such rules and regulations for its government as a majority might decide upon. The meeting was called to order G D Elgin was elected chairman and E. T. Jennings Secretary. The following was then submitted and adopted.

1st The Territory embraced by the District consists of all the Country drained by the South Fork of Sixes River, to the Dam of Deadmond & Co, which is on the South Fork about  $\frac{1}{4}$  of one mile above its junction with the main river

2d It shall be known by the name of South Fork Mining District

3d The Mining Claims shall be of four orders namely.

1st River Claims

2d Gulch claims

3d Bar. claims

4th Quartz claims

4th River claims shall be not more than 300 feet in length, along the channel and confined within the side walls of the same

5th Gulch claims, the same as the river claims

6th Bar or Bench claims shall be not more than 300 feet on a line parallel with the general course of the river (which is nearly east and west and extending back 1500 feet from the central point of the front, which is the top of the side wall of the river, the end lines shall be parallel

7th Quartz claims shall be in accordance with the laws of the State of Oregon, pertaining to such

8th Ditches and water privileges, shall be in accordance with the laws of the State of Oregon, pertaining to such

9th The location of claims shall be made, by posting a notice of such in some conspicuous place on the claim describing the kind of claim the number of feet, marking the end lines distinctly, and mentioning adjoining claims if any—Such notice shall hold for thirty

days, at the expiration of which time, on or before it shall be recorded, by the District Clerk who shall issue a certificate of location if required

10th The miners of the District shall be citizens of the United States or who have declared their intention of becoming so

11th Each miner shall be entitled to one claim of each order by location on due representation

12th The representation of claims shall consist, in doing three days or ten dollars worth of work each month (or the full amount at one time) that will cover the working season, and posting notices as stated.

The time to commence representation of River claims, shall be from the 15th of May to the 15th of June

The time for Gulch and Bar claims shall be from the 15th of October to 1st of November

13th A Sluice head of water belongs primarily to the river and Gulches and shall not be diverted from them while claims are being worked therein

14th All disputes or differences in regard to claims shall be settled by arbitration

15th The recording of claims shall not be obligatory until the 1st of March 1879

16th A Clerk or Recorder shall be elected whose duties shall be to keep a book of these laws and record all claims presented for Record and issue Certificates of location when demanded.

On motion George D Elgin was elected recorder of the District The meeting then adjourned subject to call by notice of the Recorder

GEORGE D ELGIN *Chairman*

STATE OF OREGON

*County of Curry ss*

I certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the local laws of South fork Sixes Mining District as it appears on Record in my office

Witness my hand and seal this Nov—5th 1880

[SEAL]

WALTER SUTTAR *County Clerk*

JOSEPHINE COUNTY.—LOWER SILVER MINING DISTRICT.

At a miners meeting held on Silver Creek below the falls, to form a Mining District on the 20th Dec 1878, formed and adopted the following.

This district shall be known as the Lower Silver Mining District, Bounded as follows. Commencing at the Mouth of Silver Creek and running up Stream to the falls, and likewise the North fork of Silver Creek, that puts into the Main Stream below the falls and opposite the upper bald hills. This District shall be governed by the Laws of Congress of 72 and that a claim or Twenty acres shall not be over one fourth of a mile long up and down the Stream, a man can hold but one claim in this District.

David Harris was elected Recorder,

CHARLES. BROWN, *Chairman.*

DAVID, HARRIS *Sec,*

STATE OF OREGON

*County of Josephine ss*

I F. M. Nickerson County Clerk in and for said County do Certify the foregoing to be a true Copy of the original By Laws of said Lower Silver Creek District as the same appears in my office & custody This 18th day of Nov A D 1880

[SEAL]

F. M. NICKERSON *Co Clerk*

COOS COUNTY.—JOHNSON MINING DISTRICT.

LOCAL LAWS—MINING DISTRICT ON JOHNSONS CREEK.

At a meeting of the miners on Johnson's creek for the purpose of organizing a Mining District pursuant to Notice, Thomas Green was chosen president, when the following was presented and adopted.

ARTICLE I. Johnson District to embrace all the the country drained by Johnsons creek and that part of the South Coquill river from the junction of Johnson's creek to the head of the Canon.

II. The dimension of a Mining Claim shall not exceed (400) four hundred feet

III. Claims shall be of three orders, Creek Bank and Gulch claims.

IV. Claims shall be represented by (\$10) Ten Dollars worth of work from 10th day of May until 10th day of June, and by one day's work from the 10th day of June until the 1st day of October

V. River or creek claims shall embrace all grounds between high bed rock on each side

VI. Bank claims shall embrace all ground from the margin of the stream to the raise of the main mountain.

VII. Ditches and Water Rights shall conform with the U S and State Laws

VIII. Any person discovering diggings in any gulch in the district shall be entitled to one claim for each discovery.

IX. No person or company shall be allowed more than one claim of each kind for each person in such Company at one time.

X. No claim shall be forfeited by sickness or legal inability of claimant.

XI. None but Citizens of the United States or those having declared their intention of becoming Citizens shall hold claims in this District.

XII. All disputes in regard to claims to be settled by Arbitration in and by the miners of this District.

Received and Recorded June 8th A D 1870

ALEX STAUFF *County Clerk.*