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James Parson
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Gregory District

LAWS AND REGULATIONS

OF THE MINERS

OF THE GREGORY DIGGINGS DISTRICT.

At a meeting of the miners of Gregory Diggings, on the north Fork of Clear creek, K. T., on the evening of the eighth instant, W. H. Deane was elected recorder, and Charles Peck Secretary.

First—Resolved that this mining district shall be bounded as follows: commencing at the mouth of the north fork of Clear creek, and following the divide between said stream and another creek, running seven miles up the latter named stream to a point where the north fork of Clear creek and the south branch of the same, the place of beginning.

Second—Resolved that no miner shall hold more than one claim except by purchase or discovery, and in case of purchase the same shall be attested by at least two disinterested witnesses, and shall be recorded by the Secretary, and the Secretary shall receive in compensation the fee of one dollar.

Third—Resolved that no claim which has or may be made shall be good and valid, unless staked off with the owners name, giving the direction, length, breadth, also the date when said claim was made; and when held by a company, the name of each member shall appear conspicuously.

Fourth—Resolved that each miner shall be entitled to hold one mountain claim, one gulch claim and one creek claim, for the purpose of washing; the first to be 100 feet long and fifty feet wide, the second 100 feet up and down the river or gulch, and extending fifty feet.

Fifth—Resolved that mountain claims shall be worked within 10 days from the time they are staked off, otherwise forfeited.

Sixth—Resolved that when members of a company constitute two or more, shall be at work on one claim of the company, the rest shall be considered as worked by putting a notice of the same on the claim.

Seventh—Resolved that each discovery claim shall be marked as such, it shall be staked held whether worked or not.

Eighth—Resolved that in all cases priority of claims, when heretofore staked off, shall be respected.

Ninth—Resolved that when two parties wishing to use water on the same stream or ravine, for quartz mining purposes, the person shall use more than one bar of the water.

Passed at the meeting on the 8th day of July, 1881.
 Jas. Deane, Secretary. W. H. Deane, Recorder.
 Charles Peck, Secretary.

Your Committee on the codification of the Laws of the District beg leave to report that they have examined the resolutions submitted to them since the printed copy was posted up, and find them so involved and, in many cases, so incompatible that they hereby report a New Code which they recommend, should be passed, and that the original Code be retained, with these additions.

First—Resolved that for the settlement of differences, and for the purpose of preventing disputes, the miners of this District hereby enact: That there shall be elected in this District, to hold for one year, a recorder of Claims, and a Sheriff, for the term of one year, from this date. That the President, Secretary and one assistant, to be chosen by the people, be tellers of said election, and that it take place immediately.

The above resolutions were passed on the 9th day of July one thousand eight hundred and fifty nine, when Capt. R. F. Foyris was elected President; C. A. Roberts, recorder; and Charles Peck Sheriff.

Second—It shall be the duty of the recorder to take charge of and safely keep, all records heretofore made by the Secretary and all records made necessary by law, shall be made by him.

Third—All claims may be recorded if the owners see fit—their name on claim which is being worked shall be obliged to be recorded.

Fourth—When any miner has a Lead claim which it is impossible to work to advantage this season, either for the want of water or machinery, he may hold the same until the first of June next, by filing a statement of the reasons with the recorder.

Fifth—All water claims not used shall be considered forfeited.

Sixth—All Bills of Sale or Conveyances of Claims, shall be witnessed by at least two disinterested witnesses and recorded.

Seventh—The books of the recorder shall be always open to the inspection of the public, and shall never be taken from the recorder's hands; but any person shall be entitled to copy any record at any reasonable time.

Eighth—All Laws relating to trials of disputed claims, are hereby repealed.

Ninth—When any person is aggrieved in regard to a claim, he shall file with the Commissioner of Justice or the Peace or, in his absence, the President of the Miners' Association, a statement of his grounds of complaint, which shall also bear the names of the parties complained of, and a prayer that they may be summoned to appear and answer. Thereupon, the Justice (or President) shall issue a summons to the adverse party, to appear and answer, within three days. If he fail to do so, the complaint shall be taken as true, and execution issued. If he appear and answer, the Justice (or President) shall strike off one until there remain three, who shall proceed to hear the evidence of the parties, with or without counsel, and try the case. Any juror may be challenged for cause known either by his own evidence, or the evidence of others.

Should the party losing feel aggrieved by the decision, he may appeal to a jury of twelve men, by paying costs already accrued; which jury shall be selected by the Justice (or President), and their decision shall be final.

Tenth—The Sheriff shall have power to serve notices and executions, and he shall have power to summon parties; put parties in possession of property, decided to be by law; summon juries, and do such service as a Sheriff in any other place may do, and shall be entitled to receive double the legal fees provided by the Statutes of Kansas.

Eleventh—The fees of the recorder, shall be one dollar for each claim recorded.

Twelfth—The Justice (or President) shall be entitled to five dollars for presiding at each trial and making out the papers.

Thirteenth—The Jury shall be entitled to one dollar each per day.

Fourteenth—The defeated party in each suit shall be liable for all costs of the suit; and the Justice—or President—shall issue execution for the same, which shall be collected from any property the person so liable may have—excepting tools, bedding, clothing, and necessary provisions for three months.

Fifteenth—In any case either party may call upon the other to give security for costs, or the suit shall be dismissed if plaintiff or defendant, if defendant.

Sixteenth—Any person may take up, by recording, forty feet front and one hundred depth for a mill race, or a mill race, or any other mill race used for mining, if found rich. Should any person work on the ground on which a house stands, he shall secure the house against damage.

Seventeenth—Any person or company intending to erect a quartz mill may select a location two hundred and fifty feet square, which shall be recorded. He may also claim the right to cut a race from any river to bring water to the same, and shall hold the water, not interfering with any vested rights.

Eighteenth—The Preemption Laws established by the citizens of this county, shall be recognized in the mines, but shall not conflict with miners' rights.

Nineteenth—Gulch Claims shall be one hundred feet up and down and fifty feet wide, following the meanderings of the stream, and shall be worked within ten days if water can be obtained; if water is wanting, he may record the same and hold it until water can be obtained. Any time after the first of September, any miner may record his gulch claim and hold it till the first of June.

Twentieth—When any miner hold both a gulch and lead claim, if one be worked, the other may be held without working, by recording the same.

Twenty-first—When Water Companies are engaged in bringing water into any portion of the mines, they shall have the right of way secured to them, and may pass over any claim, road, or other ditch; but shall so guard themselves in passing, as not to injure the party over whose ground they pass.

Twenty-second—When any Company is formed for the purpose of tunneling for discovery, the parties engaged may stake off, record and place notices on the ground, two hundred and fifty feet each way from the tunnel, and running as the tunnel is intended to run; after that the tunnel is commenced, the Company, to that extent. Claims already taken are to be respected, but new claims cannot be taken within the limits staked off if work be progressing on the tunnel. If work on the tunnel be stopped for one week at any time, the original claim shall be forfeited, and shall be again open to claimants.

Passed at the Miners' Meeting, July sixteenth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine.

Recorder—C. A. Roberts. Secretary—Charles Peck.