

SLOT MACHINES.

Will Hereafter Contribute to City's Revenue.

An ordinance ratifying the organization of the Sumpter fire department was passed by the council at its meeting Saturday evening. The resignation of J. F. Shelton as chief was accepted and the election of M. E. Thornton approved.

The attorney was instructed to draft an amendment to the ordinance relative to fines, extending its provisions so as to include the entire town.

The committee on fire and water was instructed to examine and test the new fire apparatus Sunday afternoon, so that it found satisfactory, a warrant for payment of same can be drawn.

The mayor announced his committees for the ensuing year.

P. J. Canavan was appointed night watchman.

The city engineer offered to have the numbers placed on houses free and this was ordered done.

A motion was passed that an ordinance be enacted declaring the owning or operating of slot machines to be a nuisance, the purpose of which is to secure a revenue to the city from these money makers, through the medium of a system of fines, instead of a license.

HOSKINS' BRAVE TALK.

Tells a Portland Paper of the Situation in Sumpter.

"If I had gone into the eastern Oregon gold belt eighteen months ago instead of to Alaska, I would be a millionaire today," said John F. Hoskins yesterday. Mr. Hoskins is a miner of twenty years experience in Montana and British Columbia. He went north in the rush of February, 1898, and invested several thousand dollars in the Cassiar country. While he is satisfied that he will come out even in his northern investments, he wishes his money was in Sumpter.

"Sumpter is going to be as big a mining camp as Butte ever was," continued Mr. Hoskins. "Even now, in the middle of winter, 126 buildings are under construction, and more would be put up if carpenters could be had. Every train brings many people into Sumpter. By April 1 the town will have 10,000 people."

"I consider the eastern Oregon gold belt the greatest mining country ever discovered. It will astonish the world. Many mines are preparing to put in machinery. Among them are the Ibex, which is to have a 20-stamp mill; the Don Juan, 10-stamps; the Bunker Hill, 10-stamps, and the Northern Light, 5-stamps. Since the Diadem was rebonded for \$40,000, it has yielded enough ore to meet the bond. In a vein of 2½ feet the ore averages \$185 to the ton. There is any amount of \$40 and \$60 rock in sight."—Portland Oregonian.

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