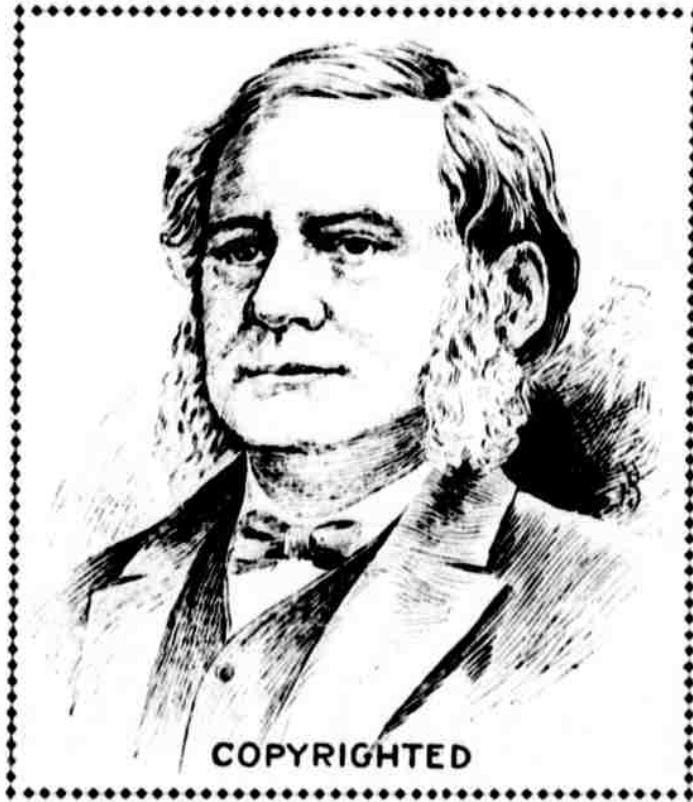


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### CASE NOW GOES INTO COURT.

#### Sumpter Free Gold Mining Company Stockholders Disagree.

In another column of THE MINER today is an account of the two annual meetings of the Sumpter Free Gold Mining company, held the same day. The following is a special from Colfax to the Spokesman Review, regarding further differences of the stockholders:

The troubles of the Sumpter Free Gold Mining company, which held two rival meetings in Spokane Wednesday, have not yet been adjusted, and the courts will be asked to settle the controversy. Chas. F. Stuart, secretary and treasurer, was much surprised when he read the report of the evening meeting, at which officers were elected. Mr. Stuart said: "Those present at that meeting did not represent a majority of the stock and had no right to hold a meeting. Of the four men present only two, Gallimore and Higgins, are shown by the books to be stockholders. Of the officers elected two are not in sympathy with the meeting at all. I hold the proxies of Frank Rowlee, elected one of the directors, and J. W. Jessee, elected treasurer. Rowlee has 166,666 shares and Jessee 55,555 shares of stock. It was only owing to the fact that Mr. Baker, of Dayton, was unable to attend that we did not hold a meeting of a majority of the stockholders and remove Gallimore and Higgins from the board of directors."

Mr. Stuart showed a letter from Mr. Baker, one of the heaviest stockholders, asking that the meeting be postponed to August 6, as he could not attend, and saying he hoped then to remove Gallimore and Higgins from the directorate and management of the board. Continuing, Mr. Stuart said: "It was the intention to remove them for mismanagement of the property, which will be done. The circus

is not over yet. There will be a side show with startling features. It is likely the case will be taken into court in a few days, when some startling disclosures will be brought out. You can make this just as strong as you want to, for the public will soon learn the inside history of this affair."

Mr. Stuart is backed by J. S. Carter and other Colfax, Dayton and Sumpter stockholders. He has employed an attorney and will begin proceedings to annul the action of the meeting held in Spokane Wednesday night.

J. W. Higgins, who was elected secretary at the Spokane meeting, called upon Mr. Stuart this morning with a typewritten demand from M. E. Gallimore, who was elected president at the same time, for the books of the company. Mr. Stuart refused to give them up.

#### John Day Fossil Fields.

A press dispatch of recent date from Berkley, California, says: Discoveries of paleontological material are reported in a recent letter to President Wheeler, dated Monument, Or., July 4, from Professor John C. Merriam, who is at the head of the expedition sent to the John Day fossil fields in eastern Oregon by the University of California. It says in part: "So far we have been operating in the northern range of the Blue Mountains. Among our specimens are quite a number of fine skulls, some of which are the best that have been found here. One of our most interesting finds is a new geological formation, which is a very important feature of this region, both geologically and paleontologically." Collections are also being made by this expedition for the University of Munich, one of the chief seats of paleontological learning in the old world.

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