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MAYOR ROBBINS

"Boxers" Were Defeated at Every Turn.

MANY ILLEGAL VOTERS

People Found Out What the Johns-American Push Wanted and Then Voted the Other Way—McEwen Made a Splendid Run Considering His Handicap—Results in Detail.

J. H. ROBBINS, Mayor.
T. D. BELLINGER, H. B. GRIFFIN and J. B. STODDARD, Councilmen.
E. L. MANNING, Recorder.
W. R. HAWLEY, Treasurer.
ED RAND, Marshal.

It was not Tom McEwen that the boys turned down yesterday, but that despised gang of Boxers that nominated him and so offensively worked for his election. Mr. McEwen entered the race too heavily handicapped, with Cato Johns, the American, E. J. Godfrey et al as his sponsors, for even him to win. Had he been running on his own merits, he would probably have won out without turning a hair. As it was, he made a surprisingly good run, receiving 200 out of 503 votes cast. Not one of his managers could have worked up fifty votes for either of themselves, to have saved their worse than worthless lives. This, of course, refers to the gang mentioned above, and not to Mr. McEwen's personal friends. The voters also, naturally, wished to express their disapproval of the insolent attempt of a private corporation to secure control of the municipal government.

J. H. Robbins was the ideal candidate to head a ticket in such a contest; in which public spirited enterprise and progress stood opposed to retrogressive selfishness and a job lot of personal prejudice and factional hatred. Having been the leader in, the most liberal contributor to every public enterprise, he had not only the good will, but the perfect confidence of this community. It is a remarkable fact that the name of but one merchant or business man in this town has been generally mentioned as being opposed to Mr. Robbins, and every one knows that Cato Johns was born with that rare affliction of getting off wrong on every conceivable proposition. Previous to election day not one of the other candidates openly—or secretly, so far as THE MINER knows—opposed him. Yesterday, however, John Austin, the present marshal and candidate for re-election, worked against him, and received 61 votes as his reward.

There were 503 votes cast, several of which were thrown out because they were not properly marked. The following is the vote in detail:

For Mayor—Robbins 277, McEwen 200.
Aldermen—Bellinger 312, Griffin 308, Stoddard 295, Neill 201.
Recorder—Manning 212, Roblin 196, Larm 53.
Treasurer—Hawley 224, Durgan 201.
Marshal—Rand 149, Fiegle 121, Schulpus 93, Austin 61, Baker 53.

There were some interesting features connected with this election. One to be regretted is that more than fifty men were

brought in from the outside to vote for McEwen. It was an attempt to win the fight by fraud. About forty of these illegal voters were challenged by Mr. Robbins' supporters. A number of them refused to swear in their votes and left the polling place, not caring to get themselves into trouble. A large majority of them did swear in their votes, however. Several warrants were issued, but for some reason were not served. Whether or not criminal proceedings will be instituted against these illegal voters is not yet determined.

The Boxers were issuing printed hand bills all during the day. Early in the day an imitation of the official ballot, with an X indicating the candidates they were supporting, was circulated. The law forbids this and warrants were made out for several men connected with the American, where the printing was done. These tickets had different reading matter at the top, however, which was deemed a technical evasion of the law, so the warrants were not issued. Here is a small slip that was passed around during the forenoon:

"VOTERS, ATTENTION!

"Don't vote too early. Votes may be worth something later on."

At noon an eighth sheet was circulated, announcing that Tom McEwen was ahead and gaining rapidly. This whole system of trying to fool somebody failed and every new play was greeted with derision.

J. B. Stoddard issued a circular, denying certain accusations against himself; among others that he was pledged to any candidate, except J. H. Robbins for mayor. This drew the fire of the Boxers, who at once began to scratch Mr. Stoddard. The crowd took cognizance of this fact and proceeded to vote for him, resulting in his election. This fact doubtless accounts for R. L. Neill's defeat. Some one of the four candidates had to be beaten.

But the greatest humiliation rubbed in on the Johns-American outfit was the election of E. L. Manning as recorder. For months past that paper has been venting its petty spite against him and in its last issue made him the special target of its attack. Yesterday its hired men contributed their efforts to encompass his defeat—and failed, as they did in every other instance.

In the case of treasurer, it was a go as you please, no one interfering on either side. Mr. Hawley's excellent record in that office secured his re-election.

Aside from John Austin, whose case is explained, the race for the marshalship was a free for all, with no factional interest attached. Ed. Rand was elected because he is a good man and was endorsed by the "Citizens" movement, Mr. Robbins heading the ticket.

After the vote was counted the winners had a great jollification and joshed the active worker of the opposition off the streets.

The "old gang," as the present city administration has been called, is all right. To a man they supported the winning ticket of yesterday.

NOTICE.

Having sold the business of the Sumpter Meat Market to the Austin Meat company, all parties indebted to me are notified to make immediate settlement. This matter is imperative and must be complied with at once. A. MANNS.

Sumpter, December 1, 1900.

All kinds of pies, cake, bread, etc., at Brechtel's bakery, opposite depot and in Neill building. Orders promptly filled.

Never fails—Giant powder.

OPTION ON GOLCONDA.

Held by J. Frank Watson, of Portland, for 60 Days.

Information from a reliable source is given that J. Frank Watson, of the Merchants National bank, of Portland, has a sixty day option on the Golconda mine, beginning the first of this month. What the consideration is has not been made known.

Two experts, representing the possible purchaser, arrived here today to examine and report on the mine.

It is also said that a prominent mining man of Sumpter is authorized to purchase outright this well known property for a wealthy Spokane capitalist and mining operator, one who has plenty of means to pay any part or all of the purchase price "spot cash."

It is confidently expected that this valuable property will have a new owner at an early day.

There is no doubt that immediately following the holiday season, the transfer of several large mining properties will be recorded.

GORDON GROUP DEVELOPMENT.

Experienced Mining Man Pushing the Property to the Producing Stage.

J. M. Webster, formerly a mining operator in British Columbia and Spokane, and who has been here during the past summer, has acquired the Gordon, Gordon Extension and Great Western mineral claims, together with the water rights, which, it is claimed, are the only water rights to be had after the stream leaves the North Pole mill. These claims are located on Cracker creek four and one-third miles from Sumpter, and are now being developed by Mr. Webster.

The work done consists of a crosscut tunnel of 85 feet and 125 feet of work directly on the lead. Fair samples have been had, running \$2.13 to \$27.62. These values come from a vertical depth of about 98 feet, gained by the tunnel as it has been driven up to the present time, but depth will be gained more rapidly as work is pushed, on account of the steepness of the mountain, making the work strictly a tunnel proposition.

A force of men are steadily at work and will continue indefinitely, as the owner expects to make a mine of the property. Mr. Webster's experience as a thorough prospector and mining man stands him in hand here, where he now says he is satisfied to remain, asserting that in all his travels this field bids fair to excel any place he has ever been.

J. H. Batchelder on the Sumpter District

J. F. Batchelder, chairman of the committee on mining and minerals of the Chamber of Commerce, returned this morning from a trip through the Sumpter mining district in eastern Oregon. He visited the Dixie creek section and other well known localities, and says the affairs in the different districts are looking favorable for an extensive mining business next season. In the Dixie creek region extensive developments are in progress, and in the other localities like developments are being carried on. Mr. Batchelder asserts that between two and three hundred carloads of mining machinery have been carried into the Sumpter district during the present year. The machinery goes to no particular district, but is scattered in the different localities.

This vast amount of machinery, Mr. Batchelder says, means a decided increase in the output of the mines next year. The machinery is of the latest pattern and in most instances comes from Chicago, Denver and San Francisco. In a few instances Portland has provided the machinery, but the shipments from this city have been the exception rather than the rule. A hoist is being placed in the Red Boy mine that has a capacity of raising the ore from a depth of 1500 feet.—Portland Telegram.

Obituary.

The following tribute to the memory of departed ones, is handed to THE MINER for publication: "Died, December 4, 1900, the whole gang of local Boxers, from a disease known as unpopularity. The funeral was the largest one ever attended in this city. The remains were interred in the vault back of McEwen's barn, subject to the order of Li Hung Chang, who will later on have the same cremated and shipped to the Flowery Kingdom. We will miss their smiling faces, their kicks and abuse of the city government, their smallpox scare and stories of fraud and grafting perpetrated by city officials, and their knocks against every business enterprise that would help to build up the town."

Meeting of the City Council.

The council held a meeting Saturday evening, but transacted little business of importance. Salaries and bills, amounting to \$437.25, were allowed. The treasurer was the only officer who handed in his monthly report. The others were presumably too busy campaigning to look after this little matter. The judiciary committee reported that the services of Attorneys Richards and Chance had been secured to revise the charter, for consideration at the approaching session of the state legislature, and that those gentlemen were at work on the job.

Change in Star Hotel Management.

The Star hotel has again fallen into worthy hands, when J. M. Landis assumed its management yesterday morning. Mr. Landis has been a resident here for more than a year and has been accustomed to hotel business most all his life, consequently patrons, transient or local, can depend upon a good service at the Star.

Mineral Exhibit for Pan-American Fair.

Mrs. Edith Tozier Weathered, who has charge of the work of collecting the exhibit in this state for the Pan-American exposition to be held in Buffalo next year, has been in town today arranging to secure mineral specimens for this exhibit. It is understood that she has met with gratifying success.

Card of Thanks.

It is desired to extend our thanks to brothers and strangers who assisted in bringing in and making comfortable our late brother, Morris Cushing, who was recently injured while at work. Eagan Tribe No. 26, I. O. R. M.

Money For The Grizly

R. C. Pentland writes from Portland that he is meeting with gratifying success in securing money for the development of the Grizly, and that work will be continued all winter.

Prompt attention to orders for cut flow, ers and floral pieces. City Green House Baker City, Oregon.

The best is always cheapest—buy Giant powder.

Five quart bottles of Olympia beer for \$1.00 at Henry Fingers'.