

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Twenty Ordinances, Revised to Conform to New Charter, Passed.

At the adjourned meeting of the city council last Wednesday evening, the matter of passing revised ordinances to conform to the new city charter, was taken up and the originals, numbered from one to twenty, according to the new system Nos. 101 to 120, were passed.

A resolution was adopted providing that in future the council will meet regularly only on the evenings of the first and second Saturdays of each month.

At the regular meeting Saturday evening the judiciary committee submitted a report, recommending that ordinances be passed licensing peddlars and pawn brokers, prohibiting bicycle riding on sidewalks; relative to obstructions on sidewalks, including signs and awnings. The report recommended that no fee be fixed for circus exhibitions, but this matter be regulated by the character of the show. The report was adopted.

The committee on fire and water reported the purchase of various supplies for the fire department.

Reports of officers for the month were referred to the committee on finance, as were all bills except those for salaries and on contracts.

Mining is a Science and Pays.

In the creation of imperishable wealth there is no industry which compares with mining and in no other legitimate pursuit are fortunes so quickly made. It is not necessary to say that these assertions are based on facts, as we need only to point to millionaires in our midst to corroborate the statements made; men, who a few years ago, were individuals of exceedingly limited means, and who, perchance, were working in the mines in this western country at day labor and at day pay. Being positive as to the truth of the assertion that "mining pays," because we see evidences of the fact on every hand, we can also say that a multitude of eastern investors have made millions in mining, either in the way of stock investment or speculation, or in the actual operation and ownership of mining propositions; the financial papers of the east showing this to be true, one of the leading banking publications of the Atlantic states recently giving publicity to the fact that more money is now being invested in western mining propositions than in any other industrial line, and with far greater profit. It used to be that the investor in mining stocks and in various mining propositions greatly preferred to keep quiet about this branch of his business. Now, however, he goes about it with as much indifference to general publicity as the merchant does when he puts in a new line of goods, or the Wall street operator when he deals in wheat or corn. As a matter of fact, mining has for some time been reduced to a science, to a legitimate basis, and the army of those who are making big money out of the business is steadily increasing.—Salt Lake Mining Review.

Partner's Rights in Claims.

The Supreme court at Washington has handed down a decision in the case of McCarty vs the Holy Terror Mining company in favor of McCarty. This has been the most interesting mining case on the records of the Black Hills mining country. It was commenced in 1895 by McCarty, who sued for an eighth interest in the Holy Terror Mining company. Years ago he, with two partners, located several mining claims at Keystone, but not finding any great values in gold on

the ground, it was allowed to revert to the government. Later his two partners discovered a rich ledge of gold ore on one of the claims and the group was re-located, but McCarty was left out of the deal entirely. The point of law was whether a partner can be located out of a mining claim. The case has gone through all of the courts of the state and at last to the Supreme court at Washington. Last winter McCarty won a judgement for \$7,000 against the estate of the late J. J. Fayel, one of the original purchasers of the Holy Terror mine. There is still another suit held by McCarty against the company, it being for an accounting of all the ore taken from the mine between December 1895, and January, 1901. The case has been a test case in the Black Hills and a number of other trials will undoubtedly come up in the court on the same question—Ores and Metals.

Machinery for the West Side Company.

J. A. Simmons, president of the West Side Gold Mining company, of North Yamhill, Oregon, arrived here yesterday with Wm. Busbee, one of the directors, both of whom are on their way to the company's property, six miles west of the Bonanza mine, in the Greenhorn district. It is the intention of these gentlemen to begin work for the summer at once, having been compelled to shut down on account of water in the shaft of the mine. This will be remedied now by the installation of a boiler, engine and pump, which with a hoist is already purchased and will arrive in a few days, when work can go on indefinitely. As would be supposed, the company is developing its property by a shaft and expects to reach a considerable depth this season. Very satisfactory values were secured last winter at a depth of thirty feet, when work was stopped. Mr. Simmons is a former Colorado mining man and is also interested in the Ashwood and Red Jacket groups at Ashwood, Oregon, in Crook county, near Shaniko.

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