

## MINE MANAGEMENT.

### Competent Superintendence Especially Essential.

Speaking of the neglect of details in mine management the Salt Lake Mining Review says:

"In former issues comment has been made on the subject of 'mine management' and of the results following the employment of competent or incompetent superintendents. We have said that no mine, however good, could stand mismanagement for any length of time and continue to make profit for owners or shareholders. In the development of a prospect good management is especially essential, as it is more difficult to obtain money for the development and operation of a prospective producer than it is for the handling of a property of known merit and value. In the development of a prospect, a good manager will pay particular attention to the little details of operation—and they are many. It is an old saying that 'Wilful Waste Makes Woeful Want.' This applies to mining as well as to other occupations, and the careful superintendent and shift boss will pay as much attention to the economical use of powder, fuse, candles and other mine supplies as he will to the way the men put in their time; and this latter item, by the way, is a feature of mining operation that is often abused to such an extent that, as one mining man recently remarked, 'a miner who soldiers in the mine should be arrested for petty larceny, as a theft of time is a theft of money.' The miner who wastes an hour of his employer's time every shift, and sometimes he is compelled to do so through force of circumstances, may think that it amounts to but little; but, in eight days this amounts to a shift, for which he is paid at the rate of from \$2.50 to \$3.25 a day, and for which no recompense to the mine owner is made in any manner whatever. With a force of a dozen or twenty-five men at work in a mine, waste of time and loss of money means much in the course of three or six months; and, because of this loss, more than one mine in this intermountain country has been forced to close down for the reason that the funds available at the start of operations have been found insufficient to accomplish results anticipated; and yet the work may have been being intelligently and ably directed and performed in a workmanlike manner.

"We have known a force of men who have been compelled to suspend operations for an hour or more because a short length of ladder had not been supplied when it should have been. Lack of system in providing supplies has often kept many men in a mine in enforced idleness for half a shift. In the operation of machinery the failure to keep duplicate parts on hand, whose use may be hourly expected, is another source of loss of both time and money, and minor detail is so often overlooked that frequently the whole force of a mine is unable to perform good and satisfactory work for a day or two.

"This lack of attention to detail has a most important bearing on the successful operation of a mining proposition, and cases are numerous in this western country where an apparently legitimate enterprise and

promising mining venture lags along for weary months, but which, long ago, would have reached a sound footing and a paying basis but for this one thing of lack of attention to detail in every department of operation."

### ORDINANCE NO. 196.

An ordinance providing for the construction of a sewer system in the City of Sumpter, directing the manner of estimating the cost of the same, and to provide for the issuance of bonds to defray the cost of the same.

The City of Sumpter Does Ordain as Follows:

Sec. 1. That there shall be constructed in the City of Sumpter, a sewer system in accordance with the map thereof and drawings thereof entitled "Map of sewer system of the City of Sumpter", the specifications thereof entitled: "specifications of sewer system", prepared by C. H. Fenner, City Engineer, and designed by Philbrick & Fenner, Civil Engineers, and the estimate of cost thereof made by said C. H. Fenner, City Engineer, all of which are now on file with the City Recorder of the City of Sumpter, Oregon, and are hereby referred to and made a part of this ordinance.

Sec. 2. That the cost of said sewer system shall be estimated as shown by the specifications and estimate aforesaid, prepared by said C. H. Fenner, City Engineer, the total cost thereof as shown thereby, to be the sum of \$15,000. That said sewer system shall be constructed at the expense of the entire city, the funds therefor to be raised by bonding the City.

Sec. 3. That bonds shall be issued by the City of Sumpter to the amount of Fifteen Thousand Dollars in accordance with the provisions of the City Charter of Sumpter, Oregon, payable in 15 years to draw interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum, the moneys derived from the sale of said bonds to be used solely in defraying the cost of said sewer system.

Sec. 4. That before said bonds are issued, or any indebtedness for said sewer system incurred, an election shall be held as provided by the City Charter; and the making of said improvement and the issuing of bonds therefor, shall be submitted to a vote of the taxpayers of the City at a special election to be held for that purpose.

The City Recorder shall immediately after the passage and approval of this ordinance give notice as provided in the City Charter for the holding of such special election, said notice shall state the time and manner of holding such election and the persons entitled to vote thereat, and said election shall be held in a similar manner as a general municipal election is held in the City of Sumpter.

Passed the council this 25th day of June, 1903.

(Attest) S. S. START, Recorder.

Approved June 26th, 1903.

C. H. McCOLLOCH, Mayor.

### ORDINANCE NO. 197.

An ordinance creating the office of Clerk of the Recorder's Court, defining his duties, and fixing his compensation.

The City of Sumpter Does Ordain as Follows:

Sec. 1. The office of clerk of the Recorder's Court of the City of

Sumpter is hereby created, the said Clerk of the Recorder's Court to be appointed by the mayor and his appointment confirmed by a majority vote of the council, in accordance with City charter.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the clerk of the Recorder's Court, in addition to any other duties which may be hereafter imposed upon him by ordinance, to attend at all sessions of the Court, make up and keep a docket of all proceedings thereof, in which shall be entered the title of all causes commenced in said Recorder's Court with the name of the defendant and the proceedings had therein.

He shall also keep such other records of said court as may be necessary, and perform such duties in connection therewith as may be required of him by the City Recorder or the common council of the City of Sumpter.

Sec. 3. The Clerk of the Recorder's Court shall receive as compensation for all duties performed by him, the sum of \$25 per month, payable monthly by warrants drawn on the City Treasurer.

Passed the Council this 27th day of June, 1903.

S. S. START, Recorder.

Approved June 30, 1903.

C. H. McCOLLOCH, Mayor.

### Resolution Authorizing the City Attorney to Employ As- sistance.

Be it Resolved by the common council of the City of Sumpter that the City Attorney of said City of Sumpter be, and is hereby authorized and empowered to employ such assistance as he may find necessary in connection with the work being done and to be done hereafter in connection with the establishment of a sewer system in the City of Sumpter, and the opening and grading of streets. Any person or persons employed by said City Attorney to assist him in said work to be paid such compensation as may be reasonable by warrant drawn on the City Treasurer, the total amount to be expended therefor, to not exceed the sum of \$200.00.

Passed the council this 27th day of June, 1903.

S. S. START, Recorder.

### Resolution of Intention to Im- prove Auburn Street.

Be it Resolved by the common council of the City of Sumpter in meeting duly and regularly assembled, that the City of Sumpter through its proper officers, intends to improve Auburn Street from the West line of Ibex Street Easterly to a point where the West line of the alley in the center of block 11, Sumpter Heights, McEwen's addition to the City of Sumpter, as shown on the plat of said addition, of record in the office of the Recorder of Conveyances of Baker County, Oregon, extended Southerly would intersect said Columbia Street.

That said improvement shall consist of establishing a grade of said street, removing all obstructions therefrom, grading the same to the grade so established and laying all necessary gutters along said street.

Said improvement is to be made at the expense of the property owners to be benefited, as provided by the City Charter.

Adopted by the council this 27th day of June, 1903.

S. S. START,  
Recorder of the City of Sumpter.

### Resolution of Intention to Im- prove Auburn Street.

Be it Resolved by the common council of the City of Sumpter, in meeting duly and regularly assembled, that the City of Sumpter through its proper officers, intends to improve Auburn Street from the East line of Center street Easterly to a point where the West line of the alley in the center of block 11, Sumpter Heights, McEwen's addition to the City of Sumpter, as shown on the plat of said addition, of record in the office of the Recorder of Conveyances of Baker County, Oregon, extended Southerly would cross said Auburn Street.

That said improvement shall consist of establishing a grade on said street, removing all obstructions therefrom, grading the same to the grade so established, and covering said street with a layer of gravel to a depth of seven-tenths of a foot in the center of the street and to a depth of four-tenths of a foot at the gutter line, which shall be laid on the top of the earth, and the laying of all necessary gutters along said street.

Said improvement to be made at the expense of the property owners to be benefited thereby as provided by the City charter.

Adopted by the council this 27th day of June, 1903.

S. S. START,  
Recorder of the City of Sumpter.

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