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PERMANENT ORE EXHIBIT FINANCED

At a mass meeting of Sumpter citizens and Sumpter District mining men, held Saturday evening in the lobby of the Hotel Sumpter, the following resolutions were adopted:

"Whereas, a permanent exhibit in the City of Sumpter of the mineral product of this district, would be highly beneficial to the business and mining interests of all, and,

"Whereas, a good and creditable display of ores and metals from this district at the Lewis and Clark Centennial to be held in Portland, Oregon, during the coming summer, would be likewise expedient and beneficial to this community as a whole.

"Now, therefore; Be it Resolved, By this meeting in mass of the prospectors, miners and business men of the Sumpter district that it is the sense of this meeting that such exhibits and displays should be made, and that in order that such exhibits and displays may be economically and successfully made, a permanent organization is hereby formed and perfected, which shall consist of a board of managers, whose duties it shall be to execute and carry out the intent and purposes of these articles in their fullest and broadest sense.

"That said board of managers to be numbered and distributed as follows: One general manager in Sumpter, Oregon; one assistant general manager in Sumpter, Oregon; one district manager each to the communities of Rock Creek, Bourne, Cable Cove, Granite, Greenhorn, Susanville, Quartzburg, Canyon City and Alamo.

"That it shall be the duty of the members of this board of managers, the custodians of exhibits, and employees to act for the public good and in a fair and impartial manner, in the discharge of their duty, and any violation of this trust shall subject the transgressor to the discipline of a majority vote of the board of managers, even to the extent of expulsion.

"It is further resolved that the said board of managers herein provided for and to be hereafter elected should and will receive the hearty co-operation and support of the people of the district in this undertaking for the public benefit.

"Submitted by J. Win. Wilson."

Secretary Anthony Mohr, of the Sumpter district Miners' association, called the meeting to order. On motion of J. N. Ditmars, of Granite, Mr. Mohr was made chairman of the meeting and J. Win. Wilson secretary.

Chairman Mohr delivered a neat speech of acceptance, outlining the purpose of the meeting, which he said was to devise ways and means to

collect and install a permanent ore exhibit in Sumpter.

"The City of Sumpter," said Chairman Mohr, "through its progressive mayor and council, has seen fit to take the initiative in this matter, which is for the betterment and upbuilding of the whole camp, by appropriating \$350 for a permanent home for the exhibit.

"We are at this time confronted with a grand opportunity to advertise the Sumpter mining district, by reason of the forthcoming Lewis and Clark fair. Thousands of easterners will come to Portland this summer and many of them are interested in Sumpter. These will make it a point to visit our camp for the first time. What have we to show them in the way of a comprehensive mineral collection, evidencing the richness of the whole region? It is true, we have a few private ore collections, but not what a mining camp should have. Therefore, we are gathered together here tonight to enlist co-operation with the object of preparing an exhibit second to none in the west.

"Whenever a mining promoter from Sumpter goes east to finance a deal, he loads his pockets with ore specimens. Easterners, as a usual thing, know nothing about ore. They are therefore led to believe that all of eastern Oregon is paved with just such ore as the specimens in the promoter's pockets. We don't want to create such an impression. We should show the world that while there are mines hereabouts which frequently yield ore worth \$100,000 per ton, the bulk of the ore from which gold bullion is produced, is abundant, even if it does not average higher than \$50 per ton. Therefore, let us educate the east by installing an ore exhibit here, consisting of big pyramids of average milling ore—the stuff from which gold bars are made—and make specimen displays a secondary consideration.

"Such an exhibit will cost about \$1250 for the first year. It is up to you gentlemen to provide this sum."

The resolutions printed above were then introduced and passed without a dissenting voice. Pursuant to their provisions the following board of managers was elected:

General Manager—Anthony Mohr.
Assistant General Manager—J. E. Reed.

Manager for Rock Creek—Otto Herlocker.

For Bourne—Henry Neidermeyer.
For Cable Cove—A. L. McEwen.
For Granite—J. N. Ditmars.
For Greenhorn—Fred D. Smith.
For Susanville—E. G. Stevenson.
For Quartzburg—Zoeth Houser.
For Canyon City—G. I. Hazeltine.
For Alamo—L. Steinmetzer.

A motion by Mr. Ditmars to in-

crease the representation from Bourne was lost.

On motion of C. H. Chance the board of managers was empowered to select its own secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Chance then called upon Frank P. McDevitt, whom he said had just returned from attendance upon the legislative session at Salem and who could undoubtedly enlighten the meeting as to what is being accomplished by Representative Smith in the way of legislation for the benefit of the mining industry.

Mr. McDevitt took the floor and injected the first note of discord into the meeting by "roasting" the citizens of Sumpter and by fulsomely eulogizing the representative from Baker county.

"I did not expect," said Mr. McDevitt, "to be called upon tonight to tell you what Smith is doing. I think Smith is under no obligations to this community to tell what he has done, what he is doing, or what he intends to do. Since my return from Salem I have discovered a sentiment on the part of this community to hold Smith up to ridicule. This makes me sick.

"When we went to Salem [the speaker evidently referred to himself and Representative Smith] we did not expect to be able to do anything against the Eddy law, which we were given to understand was held supreme by the webfoot members of the legislature. Imagine our surprise upon discovering that there are many warm friends of the mining industry in both houses. We laid down our own bill, exempting mining corporations from taxation under the Eddy law, in favor of Bingham's bill along the same lines. The Bingham bill will pass, I am sure. And the governor will sign it.

"Smith, of Baker, stands high in the lower house. He works quietly, but he is there with the goods. He is entitled to appreciation from the people of this community instead of being held up to ridicule. That's all I've got to say."

Mr. McDevitt presented the secretary with copies of two bills, one by Smith, which McDevitt says he "laid down" in favor of the Bingham bill, and the Bingham bill itself. The secretary read them both, the Bingham bill being as follows:

"House Bill No. 199. Introduced by Mr. Bingham, and read the first time January 19, 1905.

"A bill for an act to exempt certain mining corporations within the state of Oregon from paying an annual license fee now required by law; to provide for furnishing to the secretary of state a correct statement of such corporations, together with the amount or value of the output or product from the mines of such corporations, and to repeal all acts or parts of acts so far as they may be in conflict herewith. Be it enacted by the legislative assembly of the State of Oregon; be it enacted by the people of the state of Oregon:

"Section 1. Every corporation formed or organized under and pursuant to the laws of the state of Oregon, whether now existing or hereinafter created, for the purpose of engaging in the business of mining for any of the precious metals and whose business it shall be to engage in said

business, principally, shall during the month of June of each year and before the first day of July of each year furnish to the secretary of state, upon blanks to be supplied by him for that purpose, a correct statement sworn to by one of its officers or the managing agent of such corporation, before some officer authorized to administer oaths, setting forth in detail the name of the corporation, the location of its principal office, the names of the president, secretary and treasurer thereof, with the postoffice address of each, the date of the annual election of officers to and directors of such corporation, the amount of the authorized capital stock, the number of shares, and per value of each share, the amount of capital stock subscribed, the amount of the capital stock issued and the amount of the capital stock paid up, together with a statement of the value of the output or products of the mines of such corporation, and any such mining corporation whose annual output or product shall not exceed in value the sum of \$1,000, shall thereupon be exempted from the payment of the annual license fee or corporation tax as now provided by law: Provided, that no such corporation shall be required to make such statement if it shall pay the said annual license fee, as now or hereafter required by law.

Section 2. All statements, reports and data of every description, required by this act to be furnished to the secretary of state, shall be suitably filed and indexed in his office, and shall be deemed public records.

Section 3. Wherever a document is required by this act to be sworn to or verified to by an oath, an affirmation shall be deemed equivalent thereto, and a false affirmation is to be deemed perjury equally with a false oath.

Section 4. All acts or parts of acts so far as they may be in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

The Smith bill, which has been "laid down" has been printed before in these columns.

The meeting was largely attended, particularly by out-of-town mining men. Sumpter was represented by nearly every business and professional man in the city.

The board of managers selected consists of the best men in the camp. General Manager Mohr is a hustler par excellence.

The board will at once begin collecting funds and ore. The exhibit is expected to be in place within 30 days.

Just before adjournment, General Manager Mohr was called to the phone, where he was heard to say, in the course of a conversation over the wire, "Hurray. Bully for you!" Upon his return to the chair, he said: "I have just been talking with Harry Hendryx, who told me to sign his name to the subscription list for \$250. The Sorenson company, the Killen, Warner, Stewart company, and a few others are already down. Every man here is invited to come forward and sign."

Slab wood \$2.00 per cord.—Sumpter Lumber Co.