SEMI-WEEKLY MINER

SATURDAY, FEB. 24, 1883.

OUR HELENA LETTER.

The Amended Bounties for Killing Certain Wild Animals and How the Bold Hunter May Cash the Scalps.

Assessor's Compensation Bill.

Special Correspondence of the Miner.

HELENA, Feb. 19, 1883.

Council convened this morning at the usual hour, with all members present except Mitchell and Witter, who are absent on leave. Among the first measures that received the attention of the Council was a substitute for an act to amend an act relative to bounties for killing certain animals. The measure immediately concerns stock men, but as it may be interesting to the readers of the MINER it is given in full.

To amend sections 657, 658 and 659 of article 3, chapter XXVI, of the fifth sub-division of the revised statutes of Montana.

Section 657. From and after the passage of this act there shall be paid out of the Territorial treasury for the killing of the animals hereinafter mentioned, the following bounties, to-wit: The sum of ten dollars for each bear, ten dollars for each mountain lion, or panther; one dollar and fifty cents for each wolf, and seventy-five cents for each coyote slain or killed in said Territory. Provided, that this act shall not apply to any of the above named animals that are killed within the limits of any Indian reservation. And provided further, That any person killing or causing to have killed, any one of the above named animals, shall within thirty days from the date of killing said animal or animals, exhibit the entire skin of said animal including the tail and the skin from the forehead, embracing and including the ears of each animal, to any probate judge or acting justice of the peace within the county in which the said animal or animals were killed, and shall file an affidavit with the said officer setting forth that affiant killed or caused to be killed the animal or animals from which the skin or skins were taken, and that the same were killed within the bounds of the county in which the application for the certificate is made, and were not killed within the limits of any Indian reservation, and the said probate judge or justice of the peace shall, before issuing any certificate to any person or persons for killing any of the above mentioned animals require the affidavit of two respectable freeholders, residents of said county, that to the best of their knowledge and belief they were killed within the limits of said county and not upon any Indian reservation, and the said probate judge or justice of the peace, as the case may be, shall minutely examine each skin presented, in order to prevent fraud, and should any officer after careful examination find that the scalp and ears belonging to each skin, have not been sewed, patched or punctured, he shall then and there mark each ear by punching a hole one-half inch in diameter in the same, in the presence of two witnesses, and shall then deliver said skin to the owner, and shall make out and deliver to said owner a certificate showing the number and species of skins so purchased, which certificate shall be duly signed by him in his official capacity, and shall be attested by the two freeholder witnesses; and said officer shall receive for his services from the party receiving the certificate, the sum of fifty cents for each bear, mountain lion or panther skin so punched, and ten cents for each wolf or coyote skin so punched.

Section 658 provides that the Justice of the Peace or Probate Judge shall keep a record of all skins so punched, showing the dates, number and kind of skins so punched, the name of the owner and the witnesses.

Sec. 659. It shall be the duty of the Territorial Auditor to take up all certificates presented, that have been issued under the provisions of this act, and shall give the person presenting the certificates a warrant on the Territorial Treasurer for the amount as specified in Sec. 657 of this act. The persons presenting the certificate shall receipt upon the face of it the full amount received and the Auditor and Treasurer shall keep an account of warrants so issued and paid which shall appear in the annual reports of the Governor.

Sec. 659, (a) Any person who shall falsely make, alter, forge or counterfeit any of the certificates mentioned in this act shall be deemed guilty of forgery and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by imprisonment in the Territorial prison for a term not less than one year, nor more than fourteen years.

Sec. 659, (b) That any person or persons who shall patch up any skin or scalp with intention to defraud the Territory shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than one hundred nor more than one thousand dollars, and imprisoned in the county jail for not less than three nor more than twelve months or by both such fine and imprisonment.

The bill occasioned the Council to go into a committee of the whole and after considerable discussion, Mr. Stuart explaining the measure at length, it was reported back with recommendation to pass and it will pass the House almost unanimously.

The bill to reduce the fees of Assessors was reported back by the committee to which it was referred, with the recommendation that it do not pass, and Council adjourned until to-morrow morning.

Scalpers' Bounties.

The following letter was handed to us by a resident of this city to whom it was addressed, who, while he thinks there's millions in it, does not care to engage in the proposed enterprise at present:

WEEKSVILLE, M. T., Feb. 12, '83.

Friend John:

If things are not coming your way in the mines, I think we can make them break even by going into the bear speculation as soon as the varmints get out of their holes. Everywhere in the Cœur d' Alenes, the country is full of bear. They are thicker than fleas on a dog, on all the streams where the salmon run up, and when the berries get ripe they can be found anywhere you want to go in the mountains. Montana gives $10 a piece for the scalps and I think we can get twenty a day easy for three months this summer. We may have to go over the line into Idaho, but we can sell the scalps in Montana all the same. If beats placer digging, come down and we will outfit here. Yours Truly, L.

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In Addition to the Clothing Sale we will add a few specialties in Hats, Plush Caps, white and colored shirts, which we offer at a bargain to close out the lots.

The remnant lots of Dry Goods and Ladies Suits will be placed upon the side counters and closed out.

Respectfully, SANDS & BOYCE.

Notice.—The prices that we have placed upon our Clothing will not admit of altering or pressing of same.

TERRITORIAL ASSEMBLY.

An Adverse Report on the Assessor Bill—Assessable Mining Shares Bill Passed the Council.

Territorial Auditor Nominated—A Boom Hotel.

Special dispatch to the Miner.

HELENA, M. T. Feb. 20, 1883.

COUNCIL.

The bill limiting the compensation of county assessors to $2,500 and twenty per cent. on special poor tax assessments, was reported back from the Ways and Means Committee with the recommendation that it do not pass. The Council went into Committee of the Whole for consideration of the bill providing bounties to be paid for killing certain wild animals. The committee rose without definite action on the measure. House bills concerning the assessment of mining stocks, and providing for the formation of a fire department at Fort Benton were read a third time and passed, and each will now become a law upon receiving the signature of the Governor and Speaker of the House. The remainder of the day was consumed in committee of the whole in consideration of various measures.

The Governor sent in the nomination of J. P. Woolman for Territorial Auditor. The nomination will probably be confirmed to-morrow.

A joint stock company was formed here to-day to build a large hotel on lower Main street. Several prominent capitalists are interested in the enterprise, and it is proposed to erect a first-class hotel with all the modern appliances. The estimated cost will be $200,000.

HELENA, M. T., Feb. 21, 1883.

COUNCIL.

The nominations of Cornelius Hedges for Superintendent of Public Instruction and J. P. Woolman for Territorial Auditor were confirmed.

The following bills were read a third time and passed. Bill to provide for the assessment for purposes of taxation of mining claims at their true valuation when not worked for mining purposes; bill providing for the recording of notices of location on placer claims in the same manner as required in locating quartz lodes. The bill to amend the charter of Butte City with an amendment striking out that portion of the bill which provides for the extention of the city limits was made the special order for consideration in Committee of the Whole at 2:30 p. m. on Friday. The bill to extend the eastern boundary of Silver Bow county so as to embrace within the limits of that county a portion of Elk Park was read by title and referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties. The measure will meet with strong opposition, and may be defeated. The bill to increase the salary of the Treasurer of Silver Bow county to four thousand dollars per annum was indefinitely postponed.

City Limits Extension.

On Monday, Mayor Owsley sent the following telegram to President Stuart:

BUTTE, Feb. 9, 1883.

Granville Stuart, President of Council:

City Council remonstrates against the passage of the bill to amend the Butte city charter. Will forward recommendation of amendments needed.

(Signed). WILLIAM OWSLEY, Mayor.

The recommendations referred to were adopted by the City Council at their meeting Tuesday evening, the purport of which has been published in the MINER. The Clerk was engaged yesterday in making a clear copy of the petition and proposed amendments which were mailed to Helena last night. They will be brought before the Council on Friday afternoon, when according to our Helena despatch published this morning, the city charter amendment will come up for consideration in Committee of the Whole, with amendments striking out the clause extending the city limits.

Local News.

A patient at the Miners' Hospital submitted to the amputation of both feet on Tuesday. His feet were badly frozen during the last cold snap.

The skating furore has reached Helena. Mr. Hartupee, formerly of the Opera House rink in this city has opened a rink for the east siders.

The funeral of C. Sullivan took place yesterday, under the auspices of the Miners' Union. The remains were followed to the grave by a large cortege, preceded by the Miners' Union band, which played a solemn dirge.

Al. DeBeau was arraigned in Justice Eddy's court yesterday, on a charge of the larceny of dressed meats from J. Ornstein's slaughter house. He waived a preliminary examination, and was held to answer to the grand jury in $1,000 bail.

A young lady at one of the "bargain counters," yesterday gave herself dead away. She wanted a pair of gentleman's gloves. She had forgotten the size, but she knew he wore a fourteen and a half collar, if the clerk could tell by that!

The farewell *soiree* given to Miss Marie Renoard on the eve of her departure for St. Louis, at Renshaw Opera House last night, was an exceedingly enjoyable affair, and the large attendance of our society ladies and gentlemen was a graceful tribute to the popularity of the fair recipient.

Having afforded the *Inter Mountain* an opportunity for the full display of its woeful ignorance upon the subject of copper, we now refer the mental *tonus naturæ*, who poses as mining expert for that journal, to Mr. Saly Raunheim, who, being thoroughly informed upon the subject, and one of the most prominent stockholders of the *Inter Mountain* company, is a proper person to impart to that individual some of the education and intelligence of which he stands so much in need.

Historical.

A resolution providing for an appropriation of $600 for collecting statistics for the historical society of Montana was passed in the Council on Monday. The object of the measure, as explained by Mr. Stuart, is to procure from the eight or ten old men living in the various counties of Montana, men ranging in age from 60 to 90 years, and who have been here from the time Lewis and Clarke passed through this country, such accounts of their early life and the early history of the Territory and to publish such accounts for the benefit of the public.

Buried Alive.

Yesterday a disastrous cave occurred at the lead mine, Bingham. It appears that very large chambers had been worked out and timbered with square sets. This timbering began to give about noon, when the alarm was given to the miners and they came up. Edward Griffin was engaged in ground beyond the cave, and was told to come, but not realizing his peril answered that he was in safe ground and out of danger. The result is that he is there yet, and is so shut in that it is impossible to rescue him. He has been in Bingham only a few months and our informant could give no information in regard to where he is from. He is on the 200-foot level and between him and daylight there is a mass of earth and rocks filling a space seventy-five feet wide and one hundred feet long, extending from the 200-foot level up to within thirty feet of the surface of the ground. To drift through this would be a hopeless task, and the man is doomed to a terrible fate.—*Salt Lake Tribune*, 16th.

Hugging Parlors.

Hugging parlors are now considered quite the thing in the more progressive cities of the east. One was recently given at Cleveland, and the hugs were sold as follows: Girls under 15 years, 25 cents; from 15 to 20 years, 50 cents; from 20 to 25 years, 75 cents; another man's wife, $1; widows, according to looks, 10 cents to $2; gum widow, few offered, but in active demand, prices varying; old maids, 3 cents or two for a nickel.

Taxation of Mining Claims.

House bill No. 29 was passed by the Council yesterday, and will now become a law upon receiving the signature of the Governor and Speaker of the House.

The bill as passed provides that "from and after its passage no direct tax shall be levied upon any placer claim, quartz lead or lode, except to the extent of the price paid for any mining claim in obtaining patent therefor from the government of the United States, and the only taxation of the proceeds thereof shall be that provided in this article, provided that this article shall not be so construed as to exempt from taxation improvement consisting of buildings, erections or machinery placed upon any quartz lode or lodes, or used in connection therewith, or to the assessing of any such placer claim quartz lead or lode claim, when the same shall have a value for other than mining purposes, to the full extent and value thereof, except such claims as are held and being worked for mining purposes, said claims not to exceed twenty acres each, and to be worked not less than thirty days in each year. Provided, further, that the assessor shall at the time of assessing any person, firm, corporation or association, have the power to examine the books and accounts of said person, firm, corporation or association, to fully satisfy said assessor that he has been furnished with a truthful report, and if satisfied from such examination that the report is false, he shall assess the same at the true amount of the net proceeds, so near as he can arrive at the same. Provided that no one by virtue of the provisions of this article shall be deprived of his right to appear before the proper board of equalization as other tax payers under existing laws."

ALDER GULCH.

The Old Capital Waking Up and Paving the Way For a Future Quartz Boom.

Special Corr. of the MINER.

VIRGINIA CITY, M. T., Feb. 18, 1883.

Editor MINER:

Just now, and here, the absorbing topic is "concentrator."

About two weeks ago Messrs. C. L. Dahler and J. M. Knight started out to solicit subscriptions for the erection of concentrating works at or near Virginia City. In a few days the sum of $10,000 had been subscribed and steps taken to organize a company and incorporate it under the laws of the Territory.

On last Monday, the 12th, a meeting was held in the court house. The corporate name of the company is to be "The Virginia City Reduction Company," organized for the purpose of owning and working mines; reducing, smelting and concentrating ores for the extraction of the precious metals; building and maintaining works suitable for metallurgical purposes; building roads and keeping them in repair; buying and selling ores; and carrying on a general mining business.

The capital stock, at organization, is ten thousand dollars, divided into two hundred shares of fifty dollars each. A large part of this stock was taken by the people of Virginia City, but numerous subscriptions were received from Laurin and other points in the Ruby valley. The capital stock may be increased from time to time as required.

The affairs of the corporation are to be managed by a board of five trustees. Messrs. Chas. L. Dahler, Julian M. Knight, Geo. Gohn, Geo. Thexton Sr., and John Reed were elected and named in the articles as trustees to serve for three months from the date of incorporation, when the first annual election will be held. I cannot say positively what the trustees will do, but it is generally understood that they will immediately order machinery and arrange for the erection of concentrating works. It is further understood that the works will be located just below town, and that steam power will be employed.

Many of the subscribers to this enterprise looked upon it as an opportunity to aid the neighboring miners. It has long been claimed that the establishment of such works as those contemplated would cause a quartz-mining boom here, and be the means of developing some valuable mines. It is held that the veins in this vicinity will yield large quantities of base (sulphides) ores which can not be amalgamated in a mill—without roasting—and are not sufficiently high grade to warrant shipment to reduction works abroad; but which can be concentrated and then shipped for treatment, yielding large profits. The miners have complained that with such a statement of facts known and acknowledged they were unable to obtain the little assistance necessary to enable them to prove the truth of their assertions. It looks now as if this cause of complaint was about to be removed.

May the most sanguine expectations be more than realized. K.

Fence Posts That Will Last.

A writer in an exchange says: I discovered many years ago that wood could be made to last longer than iron in the ground, but thought the process so simple that it was not well to make a stir about it. I would as soon have poplar, basswood or ash as any other kind of timber for fence posts. I have taken out basswood posts after having been set several years that were as sound when taken out as when first put in the ground. Time and weather seems to have no effect on them. The posts can be prepared for less than two cents apiece. This is the recipe: Take boiled linseed oil and stir in pulverized coal to the consistency of paint. Put a coat of this over the timber and there is not a man that will live to see it rot.

A fall of red, or crimson, snow is reported from the head of the Big Laramie, Wyoming, which occurred a few days ago. It was about an inch in depth, and covered the whole country thereabouts.

It is said the Prince of Wales is $3,000,000 in debt.

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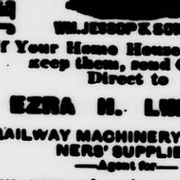

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