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## CITIZENS' MEETING.

The following Order, No. 134, was posted in the post-office and other public places in Maiden, issued by the commanding officer at Ft. Maginnis, Capt. Charles Durham, on the 8th inst:

Ft. MAGINNIS, M. T. }  
Aug. 8, '83. }

### Order No. 134.

In obedience to general order No. 26, from headquarters of the army, dated Washington, D. C., April 13th, 1883, and subsequent instruction from headquarters department of Dakota, all persons now residing on the Military Reservation of Ft. Maginnis, M. T., or working in any mines or prospecting for mines, or carrying on any other kind of business, or who may hereafter come on said reservation, without proper authority, I hereby warn that they must leave the reservation, and remove therefrom all property that they may have brought with them, or acquired since coming on the reservation.

Sixty days from this date will be granted for the completion of the removal, herein ordered, at the end of which time those remaining without proper authority will be forcibly ejected.

By order of  
CAPT. CASS DURHAM.  
F. W. KINGSBURY,  
Second Cav. Post Adjt.

Immediately on the appearance of the above notice the town recorder, J. Beck, wrote and posted the following:

WARM SPRING MINING DISTRICT,  
Maiden, Meagher Co., Mont.,  
August 9th, 1883.

Notice is hereby given that a miners' and citizens' meeting will be held in Dryden & Esler's building, at the foot of Main street, at 8 o'clock P. M., today, Aug. 11th, 1883, to take into consideration in regard to a certain order (No. 134) issued at Fort Maginnis, and dated Aug. 8, 1883, warning all persons not duly authorized to remain on the reservation, to move from the Military Reservation of Fort Maginnis, within sixty days from the date of the above mentioned order.

By request of many miners and citizens.

J. BECK, Town Recorder.

Pursuant to call a large concourse of citizens gathered at the above named place, and at 8 o'clock the meeting was called to order by Mr. Pott, who, after a few explanatory remarks, nominated John Beck as chairman, who was declared elected, and C. S. Fell chosen secretary.

The objects of the meeting were briefly stated by A. M. Esler, who moved that a committee be appointed by the chair, to represent the people and take the matter in hand. Mr. Pott moved to amend by having the committee elected by ballot instead of appointed. On a vote the amendment was lost, and the question reverting to the original motion, it was carried.

The chair appointed the following committee: T. B. Stillman, C. S. Fell, William Dunton, C. W. Gardner and A. M. Esler.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

On Monday a majority of the citizens' committee met and after due consideration drew up the following petition to present to the commanding officer at Ft. Maginnis:

To the Commanding Officer, Capt. Cass Durham, at Fort Maginnis, M. T.:

Your petitioners, a duly elected committee to represent the people of Maiden, and Warm Spring Mining District, of Meagher County, Montana Territory, respectfully represent to you that we are partially located on the Military Reservation of Fort Maginnis, at Maiden, situated about six miles from the town of Maiden, and that in

said reservation; that these mines are rich and numerous; that an immense amount of money has been expended in their development, as in some of them a depth of over 240 feet has been attained from the surface; that costly mills have been erected and are under construction; also, business houses, residences, and other necessary improvements made to successfully carry on mining enterprises, and that engaged in such business there are about five hundred people who are located upon said reservation; that all of the area of ground embraced in the location of our town, mills, and mines, is worthless for military purposes; that the execution of your order, No. 134, will cause great distress and loss to all interested here. That we deem it the policy of the government to encourage and foster settlement around its military posts, and gradually extend it all over the country, that the government should be willing to take an even chance with the settlers and not exclude such valuable mining territory from them.

Wherefore your petitioners pray that the said reservation line upon the west be withdrawn to a line that will exclude all mining interests, and that you will give this petition your approval and commanding influence for a stay of procedure in the execution of order No. 134, until we can have sufficient time to secure a hearing from his excellency, the President of the United States. And your petitioners will, as in duty bound, ever pray.

Signed,  
ALFRED M. ESLER.  
C. W. GARDNER.  
WILLARD DUNTON.  
C. S. FELL.  
T. B. STILLMAN.

Committee.

After the adoption of the above petition and arranging to go to the post to lay it before the commanding officer, the committee adjourned.

On Monday the committee went to the post. Capt. Durham met and invited them to his quarters and gave all a most cordial reception. The petition was laid before him and after a careful perusal of its contents he produced a map that had been drawn for the purpose, and said he would approve of a petition to cut down the reservation to the extent thereon outlined. The proposition made was all that could be desired, and received the unanimous approval of the committee, whereupon Capt. Durham caused to be drawn up and endorsed the following:

Ft. MAGINNIS, M. T. }  
Aug. 13th, 1883. }

"The proposed reduction of this reservation, as outlined on this map, and described as follows, to-wit:

"Commencing from a point on the northern boundary, one and one-half miles from the northwest corner of the present reservation, running due south one and one-half miles, from there one mile due east, then due south one mile, then due west one-half mile, then due south one half mile, then in a south-westerly direction seven-eighths of a mile, then due south one half mile, then due west one and one quarter mile to the original western boundary.

CASS DURHAM,

Capt. 19th Infantry, Commanding Post.

On the return of the committee to Maiden a public meeting was called to listen to and take action on their report. A large audience was present and at 8 o'clock J. Beck called the meeting to order and was unanimously chosen chairman, and S. G. Sharpless secretary. The report of the committee was then called for and read, and on motion unanimously adopted and the committee discharged. C. W. Gardner was designated by the committee and unanimously elected to represent the people and lay the matter before the proper authorities.

A vote of thanks was extended to the committee for the prompt and impartial manner in which the work was done.

On motion a committee of five was chosen, by acclamation, to solicit the funds to defray the delegate's expenses, C. C. Snow, C. H. Williams, W. W. Shakley, John Dunton and John Beck were chosen as such committee.

On motion a committee of three, consisting of C. C. Snow, W. Pott and J. Erwin were appointed to procure such evidence of prior claim, etc., as would be of value and report to Mr. Gardner.

On motion the meeting adjourned. Everyone expressed themselves as greatly pleased with the result of the proceedings of the meeting, and all are confident that a speedy adjustment of matters will be reached.

The above postage stamp will soon be a thing of the past.

Cincinnati received 1,500,000 water-melons in July. Wat-a-melon-chole place it must be.

Chief Justice Waite is rapidly recovering from the accident that befell him in Yellowstone Park. He can expound Blackstone better than he can manage a bucking cayuse.

William M. Evarts is to deliver the address at the driving of the last spike in honor of the completion of the N. P. road. He should begin his first sentence a week before the road is finished.

Vanderbilt is reported to be growing blind and contemplating suicide.—Exchange.

The country would not mourn if Jay Gould would also proceed to perforate himself with "a bare bodkin."

A New York cigar dealer named Frederick Gebhard is going to have his name changed. He could stand a strike by his employes, a dull market and all that, but his name has lost its charm. He evidently did not keep the "Langtry brand."

As it is our purpose to devote a portion of the columns of THE MINERAL ARGUS, to stock raising and connecting interest, we would be pleased to receive short communications from various localities on this rapidly growing industry. We do not care so much for literary finish as we do for facts and news, and we hope those interested, in a large or small way, will deem it a privilege and duty to take a hand in the matter at once.

## NEWS IN BRIEF.

The decrease in the public debt for July was \$7,900,500.

S. P. Rounds, public printer, is to spend his summer in Colorado with a son-in-law, who owns two hotels in Denver.

W. W. McNair, of Minneapolis, nominated for governor of Minnesota, on the democratic ticket, has declined the nomination.

Ex-Senator Tabor has a \$10,000,000 fraudulent suit on his hands for alleged fraudulent representation in the sale of the Chrysolite mine.

The "big muddy" is reported so low that steamers cannot reach Benton, and freight is being shipped to that point via Junction City.

Proctor Knott was elected Governor of Kentucky by a majority of 55,000. The democrats will have a majority of 87 on joint ballot.

One hundred railroad hands employed on the Illinois Central and Northwestern roads struck for an increase of 25 cents per diem, and a general demoralization of affairs there is feared.

O'Donnell, who killed Carey, the informer, is committed for trial on a charge of wilful murder. In ordinary course of events he will be tried at Port Elizabeth assizes in October.

Seven Englishmen were killed by the earthquake at Ischia. It has been ascertained that Miss Van Allen, who was mentioned among the injured by the disaster, is a resident of San Francisco.

G. W. Starr is working in Chicago on an aerial ship, which has been well endorsed by scientists. A stock company with \$2,000,000 capital is behind it.

The Bozeman tunnel is expected to be completed by Dec. 1st. Two thousand and two hundred and sixty out of 3,650, the total length, is now completed.

A fatal election row occurred at Bryantsville, Ky., Aug. 6th, in which two negroes were killed, two more were injured, and three others (two white) were injured. A white man was killed by his vote to buy the goods of the trouble.

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