

SPRINGFIELD.

Titus Camp, situated at the head of Mormon creek, receives its name from the fine spring that breaks out from that point, affording sufficient water to give employment to several hundred men, who in the dry season haul the dirt from their claims to the springs to wash.

There has been rich claims around Springfield, and late discoveries show that the ground immediately around the Springs is very valuable.

Indian antiquities, such as pestles and mortars, are often found deep in the alluvial soil, as also the remains of the mastodon or animals of that class.

The town is well laid out, with a large Plaza in the centre. The Methodist Episcopal Society have a Church at this place, and there is also a large and flourishing Division of the Sons of Temperance. There are quite a number of Stores, Hotels, &c., &c. Springfield has always been noted for the quiet, good order and sobriety that distinguish its inhabitants.

It is one of the few, and has been said the first place in the mines that erected a church before it did a gambling house. The latter can hardly be said ever to have existed there. The upper part of Table Mountain is in the immediate vicinity of Springfield, and many of the inhabitants of the place are engaged in exploring its centre for the precious ore. Many of whom have already penetrated to the subterranean deposit, the existence of which, as a continuous lead is rendered more certain every day.

Mining Laws of Springfield District.

Adopted at a Mass Meeting, April 15th, 1852; revised, August 11th, 1852, by a Mass Meeting; and again revised Dec. 22d, 1854, by a Mass Meeting of the Miners of Springfield Mining District.

Bounds of Springfield Mining District.

Commencing at a Spring, above and near Yaney's Steam Saw Mill, the line running from thence, in a westerly direction, to the north side of McKennie's Old Store, thence to Wm. Cox & Co.'s Cabin on French Gulch; thence to a Spring, at the head of Dead Man's Gulch; thence following said Gulch, to the Stanislaus river; thence down the river to Horse Shoe Bend; thence in an easterly direction, to Mormon Creek, intersecting it one hundred feet below the Illinois House; thence up the Creek to Saw Pit Gulch; thence up Saw Pit Gulch to the Sullivan Creek Water Company's Reservoir; thence

in a straight line to the Spring, the place of commencement.

Resolved, That California is, and shall be, governed by American principles; and as Congress has made no Rules and Regulations for the government of the Mining Districts of the same, and as the State Legislature of California has provided by statute, and accorded to the Miners of the United States, the right of making all laws, rules and regulations, that do not conflict with the constitution and laws of California, "In all actions, respecting Mining Claims."

Resolved, therefore, That we, the Miners of Springfield Mining District, do ordain and establish the following

Rules and Regulations.

ARTICLE 1. A claim for Mining purposes, within this district, shall not exceed one hundred feet square, to each man; nor be more than one hundred feet in length.

ART. 2. That no man within the bounds of this District shall hold more than one workable claim.

ART. 3. That each and every man within the bounds of this District shall perform actual labor upon said claim one day out of every three, or employ a substitute; otherwise, such claim shall be forfeited: *Provided*, that claims on dry gulches, or other places, that can be worked advantageously, only by water brought by water companies, &c., shall be good till water is brought in: *Provided, also*, that wet claims and carting claims, not workable in the rainy season, shall be good, also, without working, from the 15th of November to the 15th of May.

ART. 4. The bounds of claims shall be established and defined by putting up good and substantial stakes at each corner, and recording the description of the lot in the books of the precinct registry; and by putting up one notice at each end of a claim; signed by each person or individual of a company; and the names of the several persons holding such claim, shall be signed in their own hand writing, in the book of registry.

ART. 5. When two or more claims join together, and are worked by companies, such companies can work any portion of such claims as they may deem expedient, complying with Article 3.

ART. 6. Disputes concerning claims shall be settled by referring the same to a Standing Committee of five, or by arbitration, or by jury.