

As to the character of her mines, in her immediate vicinity, we can say that they are extensive, deep, and inexhaustible. a portion of the famous Table Mountain is in the district, and many of her inhabitants are engaged in boring into its centre, to secure a portion of its great treasure. Turner's Flat which is also in the district, has recently been discovered to contain rich deposits, supposed to have come from a break in Table Mountain.

Quite a number of other localities are being prospected, if they prove rich, will still add more to the trade and prosperity of this new and thriving village.

Mining Laws of Montezuma District.

ART. 1. That the Montezuma mining district be bounded as follows: Commencing at the junction of Slate gulch and Wood's creek, and running up said gulch to its source; thence along the Table mountain in a southerly direction, to the first Pass below Wadsworth's garden; thence through the pass running along the easterly base of Table mountain to and through the first pass below "New York Tent" on the road leading to Green Springs; thence in an easterly direction, along the base of what is supposed to be a spur of Table mountain, to the road leading from the Oak springs to the Green springs; thence along the westerly side of said road, in a north-easterly direction to the bridge, crossing the Tuolumne County Water Co.'s ditch; (1st ditch north-east of Oak springs); thence east, to a certain large oak tree on Belvidier Flat, known as the boundary between the districts of Chinese Camp and Montezuma; thence to the place of beginning.

ART. 2. That a claim shall consist of three squares of one hundred feet each, to be marked by a ditch two inches deep and six inches wide surrounding each one hundred feet square.

ART. 3. That a man may hold three lots of one hundred feet square each, by location, and what ground he may purchase.

ART. 4. That all tunnelling or shafting claims may lie over from the 1st of November, until the 1st day of June, and shall not be liable to forfeiture from neglect to work the same.

ART. 5. That a surface claim shall be worked one day in three when water can be obtained on said claim by the owner.

ART. 6. That a tunnelling or shafting claim shall be worked one day in three, except during such time as protected by article 4.

ART. 7. That a claim that is both a surface and tunnelling claim, shall receive the protection of both or either classes of claims, and shall be classified as the owner may see proper.

ART. 8. That it is necessary to make special laws for the protection of all claims in this district, lying west of a line running from the north-east corner of Turner's Ranch to Harrel's garden; thence along the easterly base of Harrel's hill to the bridge of the Tuolumne County Water Company's ditch, mentioned in article 1.

and the following laws shall govern the same:

ART. 9. No man shall be entitled to hold except by purchase, more than one claim located in deep diggings, and one tunnelling claim, located in the hills or spurs of Table mountain.

ART. 10. All tunnelling claims either in the hills or spurs of Table mountain, shall not exceed one hundred and fifty feet in width, running from base to base.

ART. 11. The bounds of all tunnelling claims shall be established and defined by permanent erections of wood or stone, at each corner, bearing notices signed by the several persons holding such claims.

ART. 12. All tunnelling claims within one week from the date of location, shall be recorded in the book of the district registry, and from the date of said record, there shall be at least three full days of labor performed each week upon the same.

ART. 13. The size of deep sinking claims shall not exceed one hundred feet wide, by three hundred feet in length, located in one block, and marked into squares of one hundred feet each by a ditch two inches deep, and six inches wide; with stakes two feet high, erected at the four outer corners of each man's or company's claim.

ART. 14. All persons holding claims which require the sinking of shafts to work them, shall within one week from their location, have them recorded in the book of the district registry; and perform at least three full days labor upon them, each week thereafter.

ART. 15. All claims in wet diggings, which in the opinion of the Recorder and two disinterested persons, cannot be advantageously worked shall be held over to the first of June next, by having the same recorded, and the title shall remain valid.

ART. 16. All organized companies may work in one or more places of their claims, as they may deem expedient.

ART. 17. No mining laws of this portion of the district shall be so construed as to interfere with that portion of ground lying within the boundary of this portion of the district, located and being worked by the Montezuma Tunnelling Company of Montezuma Flint.

ART. 18. A Recorder shall be chosen for this portion of the district, who shall hold his office for the term of one year, and until his successor is elected, unless in a case of dissatisfaction; then the miners of the district may call a special meeting, and by a two-third vote declare said office vacant; after which they may proceed to elect his successor. The Recorder shall proceed to call a meeting of the miners of the district, by posting notices in three conspicuous places in the district, three days previous to the expiration of his term of office, for the purpose of electing his successor, and to transact such other business as may come before the meeting.

ART. 19. The fees of the Recorder shall be one dollar for recording each person or persons' claim, and one dollar for each arbitration, to be paid by the party asking such services, unless the time required of the Recorder exceed one