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RUBY AND SILVER CITY WAR MEETINGS FEBRUARY 14-15, 1866

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Indian troubles in the Owyhee country early in 1866 led the citizens to decide to send out a company of volunteers on a campaign that winter. The following proceedings of their war meetings are from the Owyhee Avalanche (Ruby City), February 17, 1866. p. 2, c. 1.

WAR MEETINGS

A meeting of the citizens of Silver and Ruby cities was held at the Challenge Saloon, Silver City, on Wednesday evening, 14th inst. R. T. Miller called the meeting to order.

R. Tregaskis was elected President--C. G. Whitcomb, Secretary.

A Committee of five was appointed to collect money and provisions--Lytle, McGraw, Mills, Stanford and Bohannon.

E. Bohannon was dispatched to Boise City to confer with the Governor; and to raise money and munitions of war, and men to cooperate with us.

A Committee of five was appointed to collect arms. Also, a Committee of twenty-five men to collect horses for the expedition.

A. J. Sinclair and J. A. Lytle were appointed enrolling officers.

H. Bloom was elected Treasurer.

Resolved, That Boise Valley and Basin be invited to cooperate with this company.

2. That any one who has lost stock of any kind can have it going out with this company and capturing it, but not otherwise.

3. That E. Bohannon's expenses to Boise City be paid out of money collected for this company.

4. That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the AVALANCE.

Meeting adjourned to meet at the Challenge Saloon, in Silver City, Thursday evening, 15th inst, at 7 P.M.

THURSDAY EVENING, Feb. 15, 1866.

Meeting came to order, President Tregaskis in the chair.

Subscription list foot up, in round number, \$1,140.

The following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED, That three men be appointed to select twenty-five men to go Indian hunting, and all of those who can fit themselves out shall receive a nominal sum for all scalps that they may bring in, and all who cannot fit themselves out, shall be fitted out by this Committee, and when they bring in scalps, it shall be deducted out.

2. That for every buck scalp be paid one hundred dollars, and every squaw scalp fifty dollars, and twenty-five dollars for everything in the shape of an Indian under ten years of age.

3. That the Chair appoint three men to pick out the twenty-five men to go hunting Indians. The Chair appointed Massey, R. Brown and Mills.

4. That each scalp shall have the curl of the head, and each man shall make oath that the said scalp was taken by the company.

5. That Mr. Massey act as temporary Quartermaster.

6. That this meeting adjourn to meet at 7 o'clock tomorrow night.

G. C. WHITCOMB, Sec'y.