

A News reporter hunted Mr. Druce up today and questioned him regarding Shafer's affidavit. He replied: "I am willing to stand by every statement I have made concerning this affair. I have told nothing but the solemn truth and will tell nothing else."

"What have you to say in reply to Shafer claiming that he had a private arrangement with you for which you were to receive your board?"

"That is not true. No such understanding was ever made between us. I was simply to receive \$2.50 a day and board for city work."

"Did you always work eight hours a day for the city?"

"No, sir; we never worked eight hours a day for the city at any time, nor anywhere near that number. In regard to smoke filling the mine so as we could work only two hours and a half each day, I will say that the first two weeks we never fired a shot and did scarcely no work for the city but were engaged in cleaning out and timbering the mine. So there was no smoke during that period. Everything I said was and is the plain truth and I will prove it."

Considerable enmity has been exhibited towards Mr. Druce since he made his charges and there is a lot of idle and childish talk of "doing him up" and "running him out of town." To all this Druce says that he has an aged father and mother to support and that he doesn't propose to be bulldozed by anyone. He says Salt Lake is his home and he proposes to remain here. He says he has no fear and looks upon such talk as being made simply to frighten him. If an official investigation is held he says he will tell everything freely. He is anxious that Mayor Baskin should know all the facts.

This morning's *Tribune* announces that Mr. Moran was a surprised man on WEDNESDAY evening when he learned from the columns of this paper that he was one of the locators and owners of the Mogul mine. Moral: Read the News; it increases your fund of information and according to Mr. Moran's statement it has made him a wealthier man.

All joking aside, it is a singular coincidence that the councilman from the Fourth should have been kept in profound ignorance of his increased property interests. The following taken from the records today proves him absolutely one of the original locators:

NOTICE OF LOCATION.

Notice is hereby given, That the undersigned, having complied with the requirements of section 2324 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, and the local laws, customs and regulations of this district, have located fifteen hundred feet in length by six hundred feet in width, on this, the Mogul mining claim lode, vein or deposit, bearing gold, silver and other precious metals, situated in Hot Springs mining district, Salt Lake County, Utah Territory, the location being described and marked on the ground as follows, to wit: commencing at Discovery Monument; thence in a northeasterly direction 500 feet to center end stake; thence 300 feet northwesterly to corner stake; thence 600 feet southeasterly to corner stake; thence 1500 feet northwesterly to corner stake; thence 300 feet northwesterly to center end stake. This mine is in City creek canyon about eight miles from the mouth

of the canyon and about 400 feet from the Big Spring.

The Mining Claim above described shall be known as the Mogul mine. Located this 17th day of July, 1892.

Names of Locators—W. H. Ryan, J. A. Shafer, P. J. Moran, J. L. Hoke.

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—J. J. SNELL, Recorder, Utah, H. S. M. D.

Mr. Moran has always upheld himself on being a patronizer and close reader of the newspapers. It is therefore a notable incident that he did not learn of his mine ownership through some of the city papers which chronicled his connection with the mine soon after the location.

It is only fair, however, to state that Mr. Druce completely exonerates Mr. Moran from taking any part in the game which he alleges has been played, although he is chairman of the Council committee on water works and should be pretty well posted as to what is going on in his department.

THE MAYOR'S ADVICE.

When the present City Council took their seats about nineteen months ago, Mayor Baskin (having been elected at the same time) was the presiding officer of that body. The Liberals vociferously, and on every occasion when opportunity afforded, declared that the administration would be one they could point to with pride; one that would spend the public funds with discretion. "One part of that statement is true," said an ex-Liberal councilman today. "The money has certainly been spent."

Mayor Baskin, too, placed great confidence in the new council and in making his inaugural address affectionately referred to the members thereof as his "boys." He promised great things providing the "boys" would stand by him; but they didn't. It was not long before they kicked over the traces and started off on a ruinous pace. His honor plainly saw what the consequences would be unless there was a most effectual halt. He admits, it is understood, that it was with exceeding regret that he was compelled to refer publicly to the recklessness of his party. The following note of warning is an extract from his first annual message delivered at the beginning of the present year:

"During the past year the heads of departments have made expenditures for improvements, the objects and amounts of which were unknown to the council until the matter appeared in the appropriation list, and did not appear there until after the work was performed for which the expenditure was made. I therefore recommend that in the future each head of departments be required, in advance, to send in estimates of all contemplated expenditures, stating the amount of money required and the object for which it is required, and that the council, through its proper committees, before making any appropriation to meet the same and before permitting the work to proceed, make inquiry regarding such objects. Of course, in practice, many emergencies will arise in which immediate action will be required; such as the breaking in of bridges, bursting of water pipes, etc. Provision should be made excepting such cases from the operation of the plan hereinbefore recommended. Without the adoption of such a plan it will be almost impossible

to keep the expenditures within the desired and necessary limit."

During the whole of the present administration the loose practice of allowing heads of departments to employ men and spend money just as they saw fit without reporting to the Council has prevailed, notwithstanding an apparent effort of late to follow the Mayor's advice. The latter emphatically declares that had his counsel been regarded the city would have had no outstanding warrants today and that it would have had \$250,000 in the treasury. This is regarded as a very conservative estimate. It is also a noteworthy fact that Treasurer Duke likewise raised his voice in condemnation of the course pursued and that he, too, was turned down by the high moguls who spent money in their own precincts and on their friends as though it had been so much trash. A couple of Liberal councilmen are now preparing a list of the work done and money expended in the various precincts without authority and by whom. It promises to be an exceedingly interesting document and its presentation will doubtless cause a good deal of quaking in the Liberal municipal closet.

IN BOX ELDER COUNTY.

WILLARD CITY, July 23, 1893.—Considering the busy season and short evenings, we had a very successful free illustrated lecture in this place last evening, in the meeting house. Willard is noted for intellectual lectures and knows how to appreciate them.

M. W. Dalton and I took a stroll through an eleven acre fruit garden in the borders of Willard City. Meeting the proprietor, Byron Barker, he made us welcome and conducted us around, explaining the varieties of pears, plums, peaches, quince, prunes, apples, blackberries and raspberries. I thought this one of the choice sights of a long journey. Great credit is due Brother Barker and his family, who, I learn, have contributed much to make this choice home what it now is. I should say there will be gathered 400 cases of blackberries, 200 of raspberries, about two tons of plums, 2000 boxes of peaches and forty or fifty boxes of pears.

There is another Barker here, but no relations, and who has a model grape field, the best in this part of the country. It is said he makes people feel over-joyful some times. These two gardens are exceptional, though there are here other creditable orchards and productive gardens.

Although crops here appear pretty fair, complaints are made of lighter yield than usual. The caterpillars did bad work on fruit trees. Some few apricot trees are at this time leafless with shrunken fruit, which is dropping from the trees. Grasshoppers are eating the lucern badly. They are very numerous, and fears for next year are expressed by the farmers. Water seems to be plentiful hereabouts, and the prospects are good and encouraging for a supply. No one appears idle. Every one has something to do.

I attended the Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement Association meeting, which was well attended. Essays, lectures, questions and answers, singing and remarks were made with a very agreeable time. E. B.