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FRENCHTOWN, Oregon township, Feb. 14, '54.

At a meeting called by the miners and friends of humanity in Frenchtown and vicinity held at the store of J. I. Stewart, & Co., for the purpose of taking into consideration the conduct of those men, or fiends in human shape, who are in the habit of committing outrages upon the Indian women of this vicinity, the meeting was called to order by L. C. Goodman, Esq., F. Y. Johnson was chosen President, and Edward Pope appointed Secretary.

It was moved that a committee of three be appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the sense of the meeting, whereupon L. C. Goodman, James McKay, and James Cannon, were appointed as such committee. On motion, T. E. Cannon of Spring Valley, was added to the committee.

The committee after retiring for a few moments, reported the following preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The peace and quietude of this neighborhood has been disturbed, by the frequent outrages committed on the Indian women, by lawless characters—and

Whereas, The Indians have been driven from their ranches, and have come into the cabins of the miners, with their feet frozen and nearly famished. And *whereas*, even children, from ten to twelve years of age, have not been spared by these *fiends* in human shape—Therefore; we, the citizens of this community in meeting assembled, do

Resolve, That complaint be made before a Justice of the Peace, against all those persons when proof can be had, that warrants may be issued for their arrest. Be it further

Resolved, That if the civil law cannot teach such offence, to meet out to them the punishment their crimes so justly merit—that we, after due trial of the law, will feel ourselves in duty bound, to take the law into our own hands, however severely we may deprecate such a course. Be it further

Resolved, That the District Attorney be requested to use all just and legal means in his power, to convict those who may be sent before the proper court for trial. And be it further

Resolved, That we will support the officers in enforcing the law, and each other in carrying out these measures.

Resolved, The proceedings of this meeting be published in the *Butte Record*."

On motion the meeting adjourned.

F. Y. JOHNSON, Pres't.

EDWARD POPE, Sec'y.