

IBEX BRINGS \$300,000.

S. W. RAY, OF PORT ARTHUR, CANADA, THE PURCHASER.

Mine Sold Last February for \$65,000— Jimmy Fain Perished on the Divide While Carrying the Good News to His Partners —A. L. McEwen Now in Charge of the Property for the New Owner.

After dozens of rumors from as many sources, it can now be definitely stated for a fact that the Ibez mine has passed into new hands. The first cash payment, a substantial one at that, was made last Friday and the deed placed in escrow.

The new owner of this valuable property is Colonel S. W. Ray, a resident of Port Arthur, Canada, but who has been in this city and district since October 17, on a mission which is now partially accomplished by this new acquisition, though he has in the brief time since coming here secured other holdings, among which are the White Elephant and three or four other properties. Only ten days ago A. L. McEwen purchased the Little Jessie fraction for him, adjoining the White Elephant, from O. Hemerstein, of Sumpter.

Under the able management of Mr. McEwen, who took full charge of the Ibez Monday, the work will go forward without interruption, and it goes without saying that this formerly well managed mine will continue to be known as one of the big things of the Sumpter district, as its ore values are equal to any ever found hereabouts.

The consideration for the purchase of the Ibez was \$300,000, a sum said to be very modest for so very valuable a property, and Colonel Ray is to be congratulated on becoming its possessor.

The Ibez was bought by S. S. Chapman and Arthur Hill, the latter of Michigan, last February, for \$65,000. Then it was that poor Jimmy Fain lost his life while carrying the good news of the sale to his partners, who had stayed with the mine for years, enduring hardships and privations. He encountered a storm while crossing the divide, which froze the joy in his heart and he never received the reward for his long labor on and loyalty to a property he knew to be "good."

Mr. Chapman and his associates have other mines in the district which they are developing.

HOW TO DETECT GOLD.

This New Method Doesn't Abolish Assayer's Occupation.

A new method of detecting the presence of a small quantity of gold has been recently discovered by Dr. Ohler. By this method the presence of quantities as low as 77 centigrammes per ton may be established. The operation is as follows:

A quantity of finely powdered ore, say 120 grammes, is introduced into a flask. To this an equal volume of tincture of iodine is added, and the mixture well agitated. It is then left for an hour, agitating from time to time, and is finally allowed to stand. When the solution has separated, a band of filter paper is saturated with this, and the paper allowed to dry. This operation is repeated five or six times in succession, in order to completely saturate the paper. It is afterward calcined, and it will be observed that the ash, when gold is present, offers a purple color. This color should disappear quickly if the ash is moistened with bromine water.

The test may be modified in the following manner: A quantity of the powder, 120 grammes, is covered with bromine water, and after agitating during the course of an hour, the solution is filtered.

Upon adding protochloride of tin to the solution, it takes a purple color, in the presence of gold, giving the reaction known as "Purple of Cassius." In the case of sulphides the ore should be previously roasted, and when the mineral contains a considerable proportion of carbonate of lime, it should be calcined in the presence of ammonium carbonate.—Scientific American.

Sideboards and dining room furniture at the Case, Looney Co., incorporated, opera house block.

Neckties, ribbons, laces, etc., at Johns & Co., for Christmas.

Fine line gloves and mittens at Johns & Co.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.— NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, La Grande, Oregon, Nov. 21, 1899. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892.

GENTRY TALLAFERO, of Sumpter, County of Baker, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 610, for the purchase of the lots 1, 4 and 5, and se 1-4 nw 1-4 of Section No. 6, in Township No. 10 south, range No. 37 E W M, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at La Grande, Oregon, on Thursday, the 15th day of February, 1900.

He names as witnesses: Frank G Shaver and James B Stoddard, of Sumpter, Oregon; James B Leishman, of La Grande, Oregon; Charles Fenque, of Sumpter, Oregon. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 15th day of February, 1900. E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

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JAMES H. LEISHMAN, of La Grande, County of Union, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 611, for the purchase of the s 1/2 se 1-4, nw 1-4 se 1-4 and se 1-4 sw 1-4 of Section No. 11 in Township No. 9 south, Range No. 37 E W M, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at La Grande, Oregon, on Thursday, the 15th day of February, 1900.

He names as witnesses: Frank G Shaver, Gentry Talafiero, James B Stoddard, Fred Atkinson, all of Sumpter, Oregon. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 15th day of February, 1900. E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

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HARVEY C. LOONEY, of Sumpter, County of Baker, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 612, for the purchase of the w 1/2 ne 1-4 and e 1/2 nw 1-4 of Section No. 8, in Township No. 10 south, Range No. 37 E W M, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at La Grande, Oregon, on Thursday, the 15th day of February, 1900.

He names as witnesses: Ed Houser, Harly Woods Isaac Williamson, John Hinton, all of Sumpter, Oregon. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 15th day of February, 1900. E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.— NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, La Grande, Oregon, Dec. 5, 1899. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892.

JOHN THOMSEN, of Baker City, County of Baker, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 614, for the purchase of the s 1/2 nw 1/4, n 1/2 sw 1/4 of section No. 16 in township No. 8 s, range No. 35 E W M, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at La Grande, Oregon, on Tuesday, the 20th day of February, 1900.

He names as witnesses: George J. Barrett, John Berberic, C. H. Godfrey, George Crawford, all of Granite, Oregon. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 20th day of February, 1900. E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

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JAMES W. CALL, of Sumpter, County of Baker, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 615, for the purchase of the w 1/2 nw 1-4 Section 14, ne 1-4 ne 1-4 Section 11, se 1-4 se 1-4 of Section No. 28 in Township No. 9 s, Range No. 37 E W M, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at La Grande, Oregon, on Friday, the 23rd day of February, 1900.

He names as witnesses: James B. Stoddard, Gentry Taleatero, Emmett H. Graybeal, Wilson B. Reed, all of Sumpter, Oregon. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 23rd day of February, 1900. E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

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United States Land Office, La Grande, Oregon, December 5, 1899. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892.

ROSA A. CALL, of Sumpter, County of Baker, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office her sworn statement No. 616, for the purchase of the w 1/2 ne 1-4 and e 1/2 nw 1-4 of Section No. 34 in Township No. 9 s, Range No. 37 E W M, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish her claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at La Grande, Oregon, on Friday, the 23rd day of February, 1900.

She names as witnesses: James B. Stoddard, Gentry Taleatero, Emmett H. Graybeal, Wilson B. Reed, all of Sumpter, Oregon. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 23rd day of February, 1900. E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.— NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, La Grande, Oregon, Dec. 6, 1899. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892.

CASPER THOMSEN, of Baker City, County of Baker, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office her sworn statement No. 617, for the purchase of the se 1-4 sw 1-4 w 1/2 se 1-4 and lot 4 of Section No. 35 in Township No. 8 s, Range No. 35 E W M, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish her claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at La Grande, Oregon, on Tuesday, the 20th day of February, 1900.

She names as witnesses: George J. Barrett, George Crawford, Charles H. Godfrey, John Berberic, all of Granite, Oregon. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 20th day of February, 1900. E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.— NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, La Grande, Oregon, Nov. 18, 1899. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the public land states by act of August 4, 1892.

ISAAC WILLIAMSON, of Sumpter, County of Baker, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 608, for the purchase of the se 1-4 of section No. 16 in township No. 10 south, range No. 37 E W M, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at La Grande, Oregon, on Friday, the 10th day of February, 1900.

He names as witnesses: Andrew Dewar, Van Rensselaer Mead, William C. Hoseason, Archibald Downie Sr., all of Sumpter, Oregon. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 10th day of February, 1900. E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.— NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, La Grande, Oregon, Nov. 21, 1899. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory."

FRANK G. SHAVER, of Sumpter, County of Baker, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 609, for the purchase of the e 1-2 se 1-4 sec. 20, ne 1-4 ne 1-4 sec. 20, and nw 1-4 nw 1-4 sec. 28, in township No. 9 south, range No. 37 E W M, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at La Grande, Oregon, on Thursday the 15th day of February, 1900.

He names as witnesses: James H. Leishman, of La Grande, Oregon; James B. Stoddard, Gentry Talafiero, Esther A. Stoddard, of Sumpter, Oregon. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 15th day of February, 1900. E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.— NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, La Grande, Oregon, Dec. 11, 1899. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892.

CHRISTIAN THOMSEN, of Granite, County of Grant, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 622, for the purchase of lot 4, sec 13, tp 8 s, r 15 1/2 E W M, lots 1, 2 and 3 of section No 1 in township No 9 s, range No 35 E W M, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at La Grande, Oregon, on Wednesday, the 21st day of February, 1900.

He names as witnesses: George Crawford, Charles H. Godfrey, George J. Barrett, John Berberic, all of Granite, Oregon. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 21st day of February, 1900. E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

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