

SUMPTER WELL AND WIDELY KNOWN.

District Favorably Compared With California Mines.

EDITOR MINER: After seven months pleasantly spent in the Blue mountains of eastern Oregon, I find myself again on my old stamping ground. With some knowledge of your mining field and a tolerable familiarity for thirty years with mining belts of California and a pretty thorough inquiry as to the progress made here during my absence, I can only say that the favorable impression I got while in the Webfoot state east of the Cascade mountains is only intensified by comparison with what I hitherto thought was the equal of any section of this world, taking its record of a quarter of a century as a basis by which to judge.

California is a great gold producer yet and will be for an indefinite time, but the opportunities for profitable investment and for quick returns I unhesitatingly assert are far superior in the Sumpter and adjoining mining districts. When one-half the number of stamps are dropping there as there are in this state, the annual product will open the eyes of the world. San Francisco, like Portland, has been slow to discover the advantages possessed by your mining fields, and still accept statements with a good many grains of allowance.

It seems to me that every miner in Baker county should be a subscriber to the Portland Evening Telegram. It will do much to advertise your section where it will do good. But I feel quite sure that the merits of the different districts will advertise themselves.

Your town of Sumpter is becoming pretty well known.

The tide that is going to Cape Nome in the spring is remarkable. It is caused principally by the great army of unemployed. The proportion of idle men in California is much larger than in Oregon. The egress of a large number of them to Alaska will relieve the congestion and hence will be a desirable thing for those who are left behind. We haven't any snow here, and the mercury seldom gets anywhere near the freezing point; but one will shiver more than in wintry eastern Oregon.

I expect to see Sumpter putting on metropolitan airs by the time I arrive there.

B. J. WATSON.

San Francisco, January 4.

A. F. and A. M., Attention.

A smoker will be held at Ellis opera house Saturday, January 13, at 8 p. m., in honor of the pilgrims who are going to Portland to attend the Scottish Rite ceremonies and for other purposes. All Masons are earnestly and cordially invited to attend. COMMITTEE.

Watch next week's issue of THE MINER for announcement of Vinson's West Side addition to Sumpter.

Solifine for shoes.

Standard or fancy table wines, champagnes and after dinner liquors at the Mint saloon, corner Center and Sumpter streets.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior.

Land Office at La Grande, Oregon.

January 5, 1900.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before county clerk of Baker county at Baker City, Oregon, on February 21, 1900, viz: H. E. 6622.

GEORGE WILGATER

of Unity, Oregon, for the NW 1-4 SW 1-4 sec 17, and N 1-2 SW 1-4, SW 1-4 NE 1-4 sec 18 TP 12 S, R 37 E, W. M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Boyd C. Elliott, Lewis Elliott, Thomas J. Whited, Patrick McGinnon, all of Unity, Baker County, Ore. E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

DESERT LAND, FINAL PROOF.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office,

La Grande, Oregon, January 5, 1900.

Notice is hereby given that Thomas J. Whited, of Unity, Oregon, has filed notice of intention to make proof on his desert-land claim No. 245, for the NE 1-4 of SW 1-4 of sec 21 TP 12 S, R 37 E, W. M., before county clerk of Baker county, at Baker City, on Friday, the 23rd day of February, 1900. He names the following witnesses to prove the complete irrigation and reclamation of said land: Samuel Cavin, George Wilgater, Boyd C. Elliott, Michael Rouse, all of Unity, Oregon. E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

DESERT LAND, FINAL PROOF.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office,

La Grande, Oregon, January 5, 1900.

Notice is hereby given that Boyd C. Elliott, of Unity, Baker County, Oregon, has filed notice of intention to make proof on his desert-land claim No. 245, for the lot 4 sec 21 TP 12 S, R 37 E, W. M., lot 4 sec 6 TP 13 S, R 37 E, W. M., before county clerk, Baker county, at Baker City, Oregon, on Friday, the 23rd day of February, 1900. He names the following witnesses to prove the complete irrigation and reclamation of said land: Thomas J. Whited, Michael Rouse, George Wilgater, Patrick McGinnon, all of Unity, Oregon. E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

TIMBER LAND, AT 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 3, 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.

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

United States Land Office,
La Grande, Oregon, Nov. 22, 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.

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 SW 1-4 NW 1-4 NW 1-4 SW 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 Tallafero, 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.

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

United States Land Office,
La Grande, Oregon, Nov. 22, 1899.

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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 NW 1-4 and 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, Harry 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 THORSEN, of Baker City, County of Baker, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 613, for the purchase of the SW 1-4 NW 1-4 NW 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.

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.

JAMES A. CALL,

of Sumpter, County of Baker, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 614, for the purchase of the W 1-2 NW 1-4 Section 34, NE 1-4 NE 1-4 Section 35, 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 Tallafero, 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, AT JUNE 3, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office,
La Grande, Oregon, December 5, 1899.

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ROSA A. CALL, of Sumpter, County of Baker, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office her sworn statement No. 615, for the purchase of the W 1-2 NE 1-4 and NE 1-4 NW 1-4 of Section No. 14 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 Tallafero, 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.

CARRIE THORSEN, 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 NW 1-4 and lot 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 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, January 3, 1900.

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.

ROXIE A. SCULTON, of La Grande, county of Union, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 618, for the purchase of the lots 1, 2 and 3 and SW 1-4 NE 1-4 of section No. 16 in township No. 8 south, 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 Friday, the 16th day of March, 1900.

He names as witnesses: Joseph N. Ditmars, of Granite, Ore., Grant Thornburg, of Granite, Ore., William B. Sargent, of La Grande, Ore., Charles L. Fox, of La Grande, Ore. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 16th day of March, 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 16th 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 16th 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," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892.

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. 20, 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 Tallafero, 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 THORSEN, of Granite, County of Grant, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 604, for the purchase of lot 4, sec 11, TP 8 S, R 35 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.

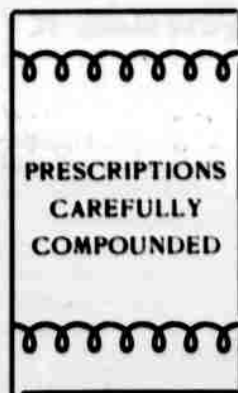
TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office,
La Grande, Oregon, January 3, 1900.

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WILLIAM B. SARGENT, 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 SW 1-4 of section 25 and N 1-2 NW 1-4 of Section No. 16 in Township No. 8 South, 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 Friday, the 16th day of March, 1900.

He names as witnesses: Joseph N. Ditmars, of Granite, Ore., Grant Thornburg, of Granite, Ore., Charles L. Fox, of La Grande, Ore., John C. French, of La Grande, Ore. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 16th day of March, 1900. E. W. BARTLETT, Register.



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