

TOWN CROWDED WITH STRANGERS

Here Looking for Mines, Business Openings, Homes.

For a month or six weeks past, business men meeting on the street, "passing the time of day" and exchanging a few remarks on shop talk, have agreed that the business outlook was good. The brokers have discussed the question as to whether or not it is possible here in Oregon to have a real live boom, a spirit of optimism tinging the discussion. And now these surface indications are already panning out rich; these indications of a general revival all along the line are being verified; these hopes of even "better days coming" are being realized.

The town is crowded with strangers. For ten days past hotels have been turning away guests and lodging houses have been moving stove wood from hall bedrooms and bringing out those long unused cots. They have all been full to overflowing. Last Friday and Saturday nights every hotel in town was overtaxed and chairs around the stoves were occupied until morning.

Restaurants report the same rush of business. Two or three months since, if one were of an unsociable disposition, he could always get a table to himself, by "feeding" at a different time from the usual meal hours. Now, it is otherwise. Go when you will, and you will find all tables occupied, and if you get a seat without waiting, you are in luck. Landlord Denny, at the Capital, uses a system of numbered checks, whereby he can tell accurately the business transacted during the day. During the past week he has served on an average of over 300 meals daily, the number increasing every day. W. H. Mather, of the Golden Eagle, says he dishes up grub for over 150 a day. Mike Spengler, of the Delmonico, reports that there is also something doing over on the corner of Auburn and Columbia. Dad Griffin, at his house, tells a similar story. The above figures may not seem large to outsiders, but those familiar with the capacity of the several hotels, know that it is a big business.

Interview these strangers and they will say that they are merely here "looking around." That's what they are doing, all right; but they are looking for a mine, a prospect, a business opening, a piece of real estate that can be bought reasonably—and they have rolls of money concealed on their persons that would choke a drove of cows.

Several important real estate deals are now pending that, when consummated, are liable to stir up a breeze of excitement. The closing of small transactions are of daily occurrence, and are growing in frequency.

And our mines have done it all. When gold in great quantities is being taken from the ground, as has been the case in eastern Oregon for two years past, this condition of affairs is inevitable.

Another Good Mine Will "Resume."

The owners of the Magnolia mine, at Granite, informed us at Sumpter this week that within the next three weeks a large force of men will be put to work on this property, in both tunnels, and that work will be rushed with the utmost vigor all winter, preparatory to starting up their big stamp mill in the spring. The Magnolia has a brilliant future and no doubt will become one of our heaviest gold producers.—Granite Gem.

Best brands of cigars at Hoffman's Bakery.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1898.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, La Grande, Oregon, October 8, 1902.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of congress of June 3, 1898, 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,

LAWRENCE M. WELSH, of Sumpter, county of Baker, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 1557 for the purchase of the ne $\frac{1}{2}$ Sec. No. 9 in Tp. No. 11 south, range No. 38 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 Charles H. Chance, U. S. commissioner, at Sumpter, Oregon, on Wednesday, the 7th day of January, 1903.

He names as witnesses: Frank E. Hobson, Claud W. Roe, Nora Killen and Maud Roe, 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 7th day of January, 1903.

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NORA KILLEN, of Sumpter, county of Baker, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office her sworn statement No. 1558 for the purchase of the se $\frac{1}{2}$ Sec. No. 9 in Tp. No. 11 S, R No. 38 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 Charles H. Chance, U. S. commissioner, at Sumpter, Oregon, on Wednesday, the 7th day of January, 1903.

She names as witnesses: Lawrence M. Welsh, Claud W. Roe, Kate N. Welsh and Maud Roe, all of Sumpter, Oregon.

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KATE N. WELSH, of Sumpter, county of Baker, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office her sworn statement No. 1559 for the purchase of the ne $\frac{1}{2}$ Sec. No. 9 in Township No. 11 south, range No. 38 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 Charles H. Chance, U. S. commissioner, at Sumpter, Oregon, on Wednesday, the 7th day of January, 1903.

She names as witnesses: Claud W. Roe, Maud Roe, Lawrence M. Welsh and Nora Killen, all of Sumpter, Oregon.

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MAUD ROE, of Sumpter, county of Baker, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office her sworn statement No. 1560 for the purchase of the se $\frac{1}{2}$ Sec. No. 4 in Tp. No. 11 S, R No. 38 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 Charles H. Chance, U. S. commissioner, at Sumpter, Oregon, on Wednesday, the 7th day of January, 1903.

She names as witnesses: Claud W. Roe, Lawrence M. Welsh, Kate N. Welsh and Nora Killen, all of Sumpter, Oregon.

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CLAUD W. ROE, of Sumpter, county of Baker, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 1561 for the purchase of the se $\frac{1}{2}$ Sec. No. 1 in Tp. No. 11 south, range No. 38 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 Charles H. Chance, U. S. commissioner, at Sumpter, Oregon, on Wednesday, the 7th day of January, 1903.

He names as witnesses: Maud Roe, Lawrence M. Welsh, Kate N. Welsh and Nora Killen, all of Sumpter, Oregon.

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E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at La Grande, Ore., Oct. 7, 1902. 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 the Clerk of the Supreme Court, at Pendleton, Oregon, on Dec. 22, 1902, viz: H. E. No. 10462, Nils Svenson of Pilot Rock, Oregon, for the Lots 2, 3, sw $\frac{1}{4}$ ne $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 10, Tp. 7 S., R. 18 E.W.M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Mike Burroughs, George Tilletson, Samuel Warner and J. H. Meridith, all of Pilot Rock, Oregon.

E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

DESERT LAND, FINAL PROOF—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, La Grande, Oregon, October 8, 1902. Notice is hereby given that Franklin McCullough, of Unity, Oregon, has filed notice of intention to make proof on his desert-land claim No. 257, for the sw $\frac{1}{4}$ ne $\frac{1}{4}$, se $\frac{1}{4}$ nw $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 31, Tp. 12 S, R 17 E W.M., before the county clerk of Baker county at Baker City, Oregon, on Friday, the 5th day of December, 1902. He names the following witnesses to prove the complete irrigation and reclamation of said land: Thomas Whited, Mack Yeager, John Powell and James Whited, all of Unity, Oregon.

E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at La Grande, Oregon, Sept. 22, 1902. 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 Charles H. Chance, U. S. commissioner at Sumpter, Oregon, on Nov. 19, 1902, viz: H. E. 10118, **CHARLES F. KEAR,** of Bourne, Oregon, for the sw $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 27 Tp. 10 S., R. 17 E.W.M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Frank Zerlat and Ben G. Ross, of Bourne, Oregon; V. R. Mead and Robert Jolly, of Sumpter, Ore.

E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, La Grande, Oregon, Sept. 9, 1902. 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 Charles H. Chance, U. S. Commissioner, at Sumpter, Oregon, on October 25, 1902, viz: H. E. No. 10549, **JOSEPH F. DIAS,** of McEwen, Oregon, for the Lots 1 and 4, se $\frac{1}{2}$ nw $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 6, Tp. 11 S, R 38 and se $\frac{1}{2}$ sw $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 31 Tp. 10 S, R 38 E.W.M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Luther French and Charles Gardner of McEwen, Oregon; V. R. Mead and Manuel R. Gon: salves of Sumpter, Oregon.

E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PATENT.

Mineral Application No. 227. Mineral Survey No. 104. United States Land Office, La Grande, Oregon, July 10, 1902. Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of the United States Mining Laws, A. W. Ellis, whose post-office address is Sumpter, Baker county, Oregon, has made application for patent for 17.60 acres of placer ground embracing the "Meadow" and a portion of the "No Name" placer claims, situated in no-organized mining district, Baker county, state of Oregon, described as follows, to-wit:

MEADOW PLACER. Beginning at Cor. No. 1, identical with $\frac{1}{4}$ cor. to Sec. 20-19, T. 9 S., R. 17 E. W. M., thence south 87° 55 min. west 660.7 ft. to Cor. No. 2; thence north 19° 12 min. west 660.6 ft. to Cor. No. 3; thence south 87° 0 min. east 661.2 ft. to Cor. No. 4; thence south 19° 17 min. east 578.9 ft. to Cor. No. 1, the place of beginning.

A PORTION OF NO NAME PLACER. Beginning at Cor. No. 1, whence the $\frac{1}{4}$ Cor. to Sec. 20-19, T. 9 S., R. 17 E. W. M. bears north 80° 55 min. east 660.7 ft., thence south 80° 55 min. west 660.8 ft. to Cor. No. 2; thence north 0° 48 min. west 656.8 ft. to Cor. No. 3; thence south 80° 44 min. west 656.0 ft. to Cor. No. 4; thence north 0° 21 min. west 654.6 ft. to Cor. No. 5; thence north 80° 41 min. east 1253.2 ft. to Cor. No. 6; thence south 87° west 644.1 ft. to Cor. No. 7; thence south 87° east 122.6 ft. to Cor. No. 8; thence south 19° 12 min. east 660.6 ft. to Cor. No. 1, the place of beginning, containing 17.60 acres, and forming a portion of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 20 in Township 9 S., R. 17 E.W.M.

The locations of these claims are recorded in the office of the Recorder of Conveyances in Baker county, Oregon, as follows, to-wit: "Meadow" Placer on page 64 Vol. G, the "No Name" Placer on page 62 Vol. G, records of Placer Locations. Adjoining claims are Sumpter Placer Mine, J. D. Young Co. Placer Mine, Natchez Placer Mining Claim and unknown claimants.

Any and all persons claiming adversely any portion of said mines or surface ground are required to file their adverse claims with the Register of the United States Land Office, at La Grande, in the state of Oregon, during the sixty days period of publication hereof, or they will be barred by virtue of the provisions of the statutes.

E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE.

To William D. Stout: You are hereby notified that I have expended One Hundred (100) Dollars in labor and improvements upon the Empire lode claim, in no organized mining district, situated on Sardine creek, about one-half mile from the Mountain View mine, in Baker county, Oregon, as will appear by certificate filed August 21, 1902, in the office of the recorder of said county, in order to hold said premises under the provisions of section 2324 Revised Statutes of the United States, being the amount required to hold the same for the year ending December 31, 1901. And if within ninety days from the service of this notice, or within ninety days after this notice by publication, you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of such expenditure as co-owner, your interest in said claim will become the property of the subscriber under said section 2324.

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