

HIGH OPINION OF SUMPTER.

Most Promising Gold Field in the Northwest, Says R. H. Clarke, of Spokane.

The Sumpter district is the most promising gold field in the northwest, according to Roy H. Clark, E. M., of Spokane, who is back from a professional trip there, where he examined the Cougar, controlled by J. W. Larkin, David Evans and C. P. Hole, of Spokane.

Said Mr. Clarke yesterday: "For legitimate mining investments in gold properties I know of no better section than that in the Blue mountains of eastern Oregon. Occupying an area 130 miles long by 40 miles wide, the greater part of which is unexplored, well watered and timbered and surrounded by rich agricultural sections, this section is beginning to attract the attention it deserves from mining men. Over \$100,000,000 in placer gold, chiefly from this section, is accredited to Oregon in the past four years. Quartz mining is yet in its infancy, the large producers being opened up during the past seven or eight years. Between \$5,000,000 and \$6,000,000 in gold is the production of the section for 1902, as compared to a little more than \$1,000,000 in 1899. "The boom in 1900 induced over-speculation, chiefly in real estate in the larger towns, which hurt to some extent. Since that time, however, there has been a steady development of mining properties, resulting in most cases in great success, as evidenced by the rapid increase of production.

"We hear of the much abused terms 'true fissure vein,' 'well defined walls,' 'gange,' 'continuous outcrop,' 'values increasing with depth,' applied to almost any prospect offered for sale, but these expressions are seldom so well merited and seldom does the engineer get reassuring assays in place of blanks anywhere in the northwest as in the gold hills of eastern Oregon.

"The town of Sumpter, with a population of 3000, and rapidly growing, occupies a central supply point for the whole district.

"A number of Spokane people have interests there. Among them the John R. Cassin company has the Alamo, in the Alamo district, which is said to be showing much ore. Glass and Witherop have the Orofino, in the same district. Bradley and Halterman have taken up a bond on the Jay Gould group about nine miles west of Sumpter. Tom C. Gray, formerly of Roseland, is running a property. Menno Unzieker and Otto Herlocker, formerly of Roseland, are also in mining there." —Spokane Review.

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Timber and Homestead Filings. Timber and homestead filings, as well as final proofs, can be made before Charles H. Chance, United States Commissioner, office in First National Bank of Sumpter building, Sumpter, thus saving applicants expense of a trip to La Grande.

Mining deeds for sale at this office.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, La Grande, Oregon, March 6, 1903. 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 May 18, 1903, viz: H. E. No. 9095. EDWARD A. WREN, of Whitney, Oregon, for the sw 1/4 section 26, s e 1/4 section 27 and n 1/4 section 28, township 10 S, R 36 E W M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Burton Miller, David B. Fisk, Marshall K. Young, and John C. McHenry, all of Whitney, Oregon. E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. Department of the Interior, Land Office at La Grande, Oregon, Feb. 7, 1903. 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 George F. Ward, U. S. Commissioner at Canyon City, Oregon, on April 6, 1903, viz: H. E. No. 7903. PATRICK FINLAN, of Austin, Oregon, for the w 1/2 section 34, s e 1/4 section 19, s w 1/4 section 20, T. 11 S., R. 15 E W M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: John S. Gairidge, Lewis Hess, John Kelly, of Prairie City, Oregon; and G. W. Dart, of John Day, Oregon. E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. United States Land Office, La Grande, Oregon, January 12, 1903. 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. WILLIAM C. WILLEY, of Sumpter, county of Baker, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 1841, for the purchase of the s e 1/4 section No. 19 in Township No. 11 South, Range No. 18 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 Friday, the 3rd day of April, 1903. He names as witnesses: Van Rensselaer Mead, William A. Green, James Collins and Ralph Mead, 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 3rd day of April, 1903. E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. United States Land Office, La Grande, Oregon, Jan. 27, 1903. 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. WILLIAM HILL, of McEwen, county of Baker, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 1919 for the purchase of the n e 1/4 section No. 25, of section No. 25, in township No. 10 south, range No. 17 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 A. B. Combs Jr., County Clerk of Baker county, at Baker City, Oregon, on Friday, the 19th day of April, 1903. He names as witnesses: Peter Hogenson, Joseph Neilson and Rutherford B. Halstead, of McEwen, Oregon, and Louis J. Lewis, of Baker City, Oregon. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 19th day of April, 1903. E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. United States Land Office, La Grande, Oregon, Jan. 27, 1903. 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. ALBIN SELIN, of Sumpter, county of Baker, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 1909, for the purchase of the sw 1/4 section No. 20 and s e 1/4 section No. 20 in township No. 11 south, range No. 18 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 Chas. H. Chance, U. S. Commissioner, at Sumpter, Oregon, on Friday, the 19th day of April, 1903. He names as witnesses: William A. Green, Van Rensselaer Mead, Edward Reed, Ralph Mead, 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 19th day of April, 1903. E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. United States Land Office, La Grande, Oregon, Jan. 27, 1903. 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. JOEL G. SHANNON, of Sumpter, county of Baker, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 1896, for the purchase of the n e 1/4 section No. 19 in township No. 11 south, range No. 18 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 Chas. H. Chance, U. S. Commissioner at Sumpter, Oregon, on Wednesday, the 15th day of April, 1903. He names as witnesses: Van Rensselaer Mead, William A. Green, Edward Reed, and Ralph Mead, 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 April, 1903. E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. United States Land Office, La Grande, Oregon, Jan. 27, 1903. 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. JOSEPH RYAN, of Sumpter, county of Baker, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 1899, for the purchase of the s 1/2 section No. 8, and n 1/2 section No. 11, township No. 11 South, range No. 17 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 Chas. H. Chance, U. S. Commissioner at Sumpter, Oregon, on Thursday, the 9th day of April, 1903. He names as witnesses: Timothy J. Ryan, Robert Patterson, Peter Soards and Daniel Rogers, 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 9th day of April, 1903. E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. United States Land Office, La Grande, Oregon, Jan. 27, 1903. 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. TIMOTHY J. RYAN, of Sumpter, county of Baker, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 1898, for the purchase of the n w 1/4 section No. 9 in township No. 11 south, range No. 17 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 Chas. H. Chance, U. S. Commissioner, at Sumpter, Oregon, on Thursday, the 9th day of April, 1903. He names as witnesses: Joseph Ryan, Robert Patterson, Peter Soards, and Daniel Rogers, 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 9th day of April, 1903. E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. United States Land Office, La Grande, Oregon, Jan. 27, 1903. 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 W. LONG, of Dayton, county of Columbia, state of Washington, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 1910, for the purchase of the n e 1/4 section No. 20, in township No. 11 south, range No. 18 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 Chas. H. Chance, U. S. Commissioner, at Sumpter, Oregon, on Friday, the 19th day of April, 1903. He names as witnesses: Van Rensselaer Mead, William A. Green, Ralph Mead, and Joel G. Shannon, 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 19th day of April, 1903. E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. United States Land Office, La Grande, Oregon, February 9th, 1903. 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. ROSE A. CALL, of Sumpter, county of Baker, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office her sworn statement No. 1925, for the purchase of the w 1/2 section No. 6, and n 1/2 section No. 7, in township No. 10 south, range 17 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 Saturday, the 9th day of May, 1903. She names as witnesses: Eugene Brown, Thomas Moore, Melvin Clark and Cornelius S. Van Duyn, 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 9th day of May, 1903. E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. United States Land Office, La Grande, Oregon, March 11, 1903. 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. ALEXANDER S. WATT, of Sumpter, county of Baker, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2008, for the purchase of the e 1/2 section No. 10 and s 1/2 section No. 10 in township No. 11 south, range No. 18 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 Chas. H. Chance, U. S. Commissioner, at Sumpter, Oregon, on Saturday, the 6th day of June, 1903. He names as witnesses: Van Rensselaer Mead, William A. Green, Ralph Mead, and James Collins, 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 6th day of June, 1903. E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. United States Land Office, La Grande, Oregon, March 14, 1903. 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. ANNA WEIGAND, of Bourne, county of Baker, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office her sworn statement No. 2007, for the purchase of the w 1/2 section No. 28, and n e 1/4 section No. 28, in township No. 11 south, range No. 18 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 Chas. H. Chance, U. S. Commissioner at Sumpter, Oregon, on Saturday, the 6th day of June, 1903. She names as witnesses: Van Rensselaer Mead, and William A. Green, of Sumpter, Oregon; Frank Zerlaut and Henry S. Morrison, of Bourne, Oregon. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 6th day of June, 1903. E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. United States Land Office, Sumpter Oregon, March 4, 1903. 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. SAMUEL A. BERNESSE, of Sumpter, county of Baker, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2007, for the purchase of the s e 1/4 section No. 20, and w 1/2 section No. 20, in township No. 11 S., range No. 18, 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 Chas. H. Chance, U. S. Commissioner, at Sumpter, Oregon, on Monday, the 10th day of May, 1903. He names as witnesses: Van Rensselaer Mead, William A. Green, George Wright, Sr., and Ralph Mead, 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 May, 1903. E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. United States Land Office, La Grande, Oregon, March 14, 1903. 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 ZERLAUT, of Bourne, county of Baker, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2006, for the purchase of the s w 1/4 section No. 21 in township No. 11 south, range No. 18 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 Chas. H. Chance, U. S. Commissioner, at Sumpter, Oregon, on Saturday, the 6th day of June, 1903. He names as witnesses: Van Rensselaer Mead, and William A. Green, of Sumpter, Oregon; Henry S. Morrison and Anna Weigand, of Bourne, Oregon. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 6th day of June, 1903. E. W. BARTLETT, Register.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. United States Land Office, La Grande, Oregon, March 16, 1903. 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 G. F. YEAGER, of Sumpter, county of Baker, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2000 for the purchase of the e 1/2 section No. 11 and 4 of section No. 19, in township No. 11 south, range No. 18 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 Chas. H. Chance, U. S. Commissioner, at Sumpter, Oregon, on Monday, the 8th day of June, 1903. He names as witnesses: Van Rensselaer Mead, William A. Green, Ralph Mead, George Wright, 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 8th day of June, 1903. E. W. BARTLETT, Register.