

WILL WORK RICH PLACERS ON TOWNSITE.

The Oregon Blue Gravel Mining company, organized here last week to develop placer ground on the townsite, will get action in a short time according to the statements made by its officers. General Charles S. Warren, president of the new concern, who left a few days ago, will return in about three weeks. He will look after the incorporation of the company under the laws of the state of Washington while away. In the meantime Colonel E. S. Topping, vice-president and general manager, and A. J. Stinson, secretary and treasurer, will take steps toward having the diggings prospected.

Former operations on the ground, it is stated, warrant the belief that it will prove rich beyond conception. As far as definitely known now the pay channel crosses Powder river near the old Vincent sawmill on the Bourne road, and enters the townsite property in the northwestern part of the city extending between the school house and the Ellis Opera house in the direction of Bear gulch. The company has fifty blocks of townsite property located in the northwestern and southeastern portions of the city along the course of this

channel.

About two years ago Mr. Stinson crosscut the channel on Fairview street, where it showed a width of 150 feet, and he states that he obtained from the pannings at this point from twenty-five cents to \$1.50 to the pan.

He also at that time put down several shafts to the bed rock, which averaged about twenty-seven feet in depth. At several points in the city here wells have been put down along the course of the channel to obtain water for domestic purposes, good pay ground has been encountered.

Plenty of water for the greater part of the year can be obtained from Powder river. The management of the company states that besides the prospect work this fall an attempt may be made to start permanent operations. However, the first work will be to sink shafts, get in hoists and thoroughly prospect the channel, and it is not likely that active operation on any extensive scale will be begun until spring.

In addition the townsite holdings, as previously stated, the company has valuable placer ground in the John Day Valley.

ERECTION OF ALPINE MILL

Eastern Officers of the Company
Here to Look After
Work.

Thomas Lee, of Cincinnati, president of the Alpine Consolidated Gold Mines company, accompanied by A. D. Alcorn, secretary of the company, also of Cincinnati, and Colonel John Temple Grayson, general manager, are here looking after matters pertaining to the erection of the twenty-stamp mill on the property of the company in the Cable Cove district. Practically all of the machinery has arrived, and is being transferred to the mine. President Lee said:

"We are here to make arrangements to push the work of getting up the buildings and installing the machinery at the soonest time possible. Matters are to be rushed as rapidly as is within the power of men and money."

The eastern officers are highly pleased with the prospects of the Alpine, and state that no time will be lost to put it on a dividend paying basis.

MORMON BASIN.

Judge Newbury Returns From Visit
to Morning Star Group.

Judge W. S. Newbury returned today from a trip to the Morning Star group, in the Mormon Basin. Judge Newbury is heavily interested in this property and was looking after the

development work now going on. He states that the company has under advisement the installation of a hoist at an early date. The property is being worked steadily and good progress is being made. Relative to other mines in the Mormon Basin, Judge Newbury says:

"A hoist is being installed on the Tarbell group, which was recently sold to Eastern people, and I understand that the company will erect a ten stamp mill within a short time. The California and Rainbow groups are being developed very rapidly and I learned that these properties are showing up in excellent shape. I predict a very bright future for the Mormon Basin mines."

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