

OVERLAND SOON IN PRODUCING CLASS

President of The Company Inspects
Property and Says It Is Good
Enough For Him.

Dr. P. Roy, president of the Overland Gold Mining company, Father P. Rulquin, who has friends that are interested in the property, both of St. Paul, and Father T. Roser, professor of mineralogy at All Hallows college, Salt Lake, and General Manager M. E. Bain, returned from an inspection of the property Saturday evening. To a Miner representative, President Roy stated yesterday:

"I am not a mining man myself, but became interested in the Overland last summer through the recommendation of friends who know Mr. Bain. I know that large capital is necessary to develop and equip a mine so as to make it a producer, so I determined to come out here and look into the business end of the proposition myself, and get the judgment of a competent expert relative to the value of the property before I put any more money into the enterprise myself, or ask my friends to do so.

"I am perfectly satisfied on both points, and will see that Mr. Bain is supplied with ample funds to continue work uninterruptedly from now until the Overland is a dividend payer. I am convinced that Mr. Bain is a competent manager, and as you know, his standing in this, his home, community is above reproach. Through the advice of my friend, Father Rulquin, I engaged the services of his friend, Father Roser, who is not only an educated, scientific mineralogist, who is enthusiastically devoted to the study, but is also, man of large practical experience, to expert the mine. His report is favorable, and I feel that I can rely with confidence on his judgment; so now I can enter more heartily into the enterprise. I already feel the fascination of the business and hope to aid in adding another producer to your wonderful gold mining country."

Father Roser said: "I am better pleased with the Overland than I expected to be. Mr. Bain has been very conservative in his written statements regarding the property. It is, of course, only a prospect as yet; but has every indication of the making of a mine. On the Overland ground there are four veins, two of which have been opened up so that I could examine the ledge matter and formation. The walls are clearly defined, and the ore bodies are large. It is my opinion that now it is a mere matter of running in to the pay shoot and blocking out the ore.

"Through the courtesy of Superintendent Townsend, we were shown through the California, the adjoining property, and a great mine it is, too. There I saw a number of ledges all carrying values sufficient to pay a profit on mining and milling. At a depth of 470 feet there is a magnificent ore body full fifteen feet in width, every inch of which will pay to put through the mill, that will begin operations Monday or Tuesday. In fact, the California proves that the entire mountain is a series of highly mineralized parallel ledges. The forma-

tion is identical with that of the Overland, and I can see no reason whatever why the Overland will not make equally as valuable a mine."

Mr. Bain has been working on this proposition for more than two years, staying with the property through thick and thin, and is naturally highly pleased over his ultimate success in raising money with which to open it up. He has ordered rails and cars for his tunnels; bought the old postoffice building at Cableville from Tom Costello for a boarding house, which will form the nucleus of a permanent camp, and is making other preparations to increase his force and push the work of development as fast as possible.

The gentlemen left Sunday afternoon for their homes. Father Roser expects to return as soon as the snow disappears and make another examination. He has advised that the third vein be also opened up, and that the tunnel be started farther down the mountain, so that more depth can be attained. Mr. Bain will proceed to carry out this advice at once.

NEW SUPERINTENDENT FOR WATER COMPANY

J. W. Ball, of Mountain Home, Idaho, accompanied by his family, arrived here this morning to assume his duties as superintendent of the Sumpter Light and Water company.

Since the resignation of E. E. McCommon, this office has been filled by A. G. Smith, who is treasurer and consulting engineer for the company. Mr. Smith will shortly go into winter quarters at Spokane, to return in the early spring, when work is recommenced on the improvements now under way.

There was some talk about starting up again this winter, but this was deemed inadvisable and nothing further will be done toward the completion of the pipe line and power house till spring. As soon as the season opens up the work will be rushed to completion. This includes finishing the pipe line, power house, and laying the mains through the business portion of the city from the new plant to furnish auxiliary fire protection. President Strahorn is still in Chicago. Late advices from him state that he is rapidly improving from the operation he had performed for appendicitis.

It is understood that former superintendent McCommon will not return to Sumpter on account of the climate not agreeing with him. He is now in Chicago.

Men And Money For Quartzburg.

A party consisting of A. Arlington Hibbs, general manager of the Oregon-Idaho Gold Mining company, and his son, Dr. J. Gillingham Hibbs, chemist and mineralogist of the University of Pennsylvania, and Edward G. Jay capitalist—all of Philadelphia Pa., arrived in this city this week and will remain about ten days. These men have bought some promising mining property at Quartzburg, and are here to put a force of men at work to develop the property. A contract for this work was to be awarded on Thursday. A detailed description of this property and development work to be done thereon will be given in next week's issue.—*Prairie City Miner.*

Confectionery.

Fresh Caneles and Fruit, Choice Line of Cigars and Tobaccos, at
STURGILL'S.

RICH PLACERS AT EAST EAGLE

Owners Will Dig Ditches
And Install Giants in
Spring.

T. A. Brown is back again from the Brown Bear placers near East Eagle in which he is interested with Jack Hazlewood and C. A. Hallford of East Eagle. Mr. Hallford accompanied him on his return. It was the intention to begin work again on these placers at once, and that was Mr. Brown's mission, but owing to business matters which called Mr. Hallford to Baker City, the starting has been delayed for a few days.

These placers, it is stated, exceptionally rich, averaging \$1 to the cubic yard of dirt. It was from them that Jack Hazlewood got the \$180 nugget which he sold to Hon. Jake Robbins some time ago for his collection. The location is near the confluence of East and Main Eagle creeks, some twelve miles above Sparta. The partners control 140 acres of ground, and they state it is their purpose to dig a ditch from Main Eagle, a distance of about three miles and install giants in the spring.

Much preliminary work will be done this winter. The gravel is from four to twenty feet deep and shows good values throughout.

WORK STARTED ON THE PULASKI GROUP

Joe Jacobson, to whom a contract was awarded by the management of the Pulaski company a few days ago, started work driving the crosscut to the main lead of the property yesterday.

Supplies have been taken in and it is understood to be the purpose of the company to push operations steadily ahead. The crosscut on which the contract was let will tap the ledge at a depth of about 150 feet.

MAY RESUME AT THE OLD BUFFALO

N. Berkeley, of Pendleton, who has a bond on the Buffalo mine in the Magnolia district, arrived here this morning to look after matters relative to this property.

Mr. Berkeley states that he may resume work before long, but that no definite arrangement has yet been reached. The Buffalo is one of the old properties of the district, having at one time produced some rich ore, but owing to the death of one of its owners nothing has been done within the past two years.

GEORGE W. BOGGS, MINING MAN

PLEASED WITH DISTRICT.

Messrs. Boggs, of Tacoma, and Trenholm, of Spokane, returned Sunday afternoon from the Cracker Creek

district, where they had been for several days sampling the Climax, which property they expect to buy for Philadelphia people. They went to Baker City this afternoon, but Mr. Boggs will return in a day or two and spend most of his time here in future. To a Miner representative he said: "You people here don't know what a great mining country you have; or at least you are not making the noise about it that you ought to. You also have more activity here, are producing more bullion than any other district in the west with which I am familiar, with the exception of Cripple Creek. In driving in from Bourne, a distance of only seven miles, we passed six teams loaded with ore and concentrates, and that was Sunday, too. You don't see that anywhere else in the Northwest."

O. R. & N. WILL BUILD SNAKE RIVER ROAD

A press dispatch from Portland, dated yesterday, says that the incorporation of the Oregon, Washington & Idaho Railroad company, at Lewiston, Idaho, for the purpose of building a line between Lewiston and Riparia, is the first step in a plan of the O. R. & N. to build a line from Huntington, Oregon down the Snake River to Lewiston and through to Riparia, where it will connect with the main line into Oregon and Portland. This new line is to be the main freight line from the southeast in to Portland, the route affording a water grade all the way, thus making a material difference in the cost of operating the road. While the route will be longer than the present one, heavy loads can be handled with much more ease, with less expense, and a consequent reduction in freight rates will be the result.

This is one of the most important pieces of proposed railroad work that has been announced in some time, and an official of the O. R. & N. is authority for the statement that the road will surely be built. Routes have been carefully examined, the country has been studied and the company has decided to build. The time of commencement of work is indefinite as yet. The officials declare that no decision has been made relative to that point, but it is asserted that in due time the line will be constructed. The incorporation of the company at Lewiston is taken as an indication that something will be done in the near future, and as this project is an O. R. & N. one, it is looked upon as a good guarantee of the fulfillment of the rest of the promise. The scheme will probably mean a renewal of the fight between the O. R. & N. and Northern Pacific for the right-of-way between Lewiston and Riparia.

The through passenger service will be over the present line across the Blue mountains, but the diversion of heavy freight traffic will enable the company to make better passenger time.

Dave Fisk Believes in Rastus.

D. B. Fisk, of Mount Rastus fame, stopped over last night on his way from Whitney to Baker City. Mr. Fisk is interested in several Rastus claims, from which he has received assays approaching \$50. He is a firm believer in the district and thinks it will make a great camp.