



# THE SUMPTER MINER

## EASTERN DIRECTOR OF THE OVERLAND

### Mr. Suggitt, of Minneapolis, Visited Property And is More Than Pleased With Outlook.

John Suggitt, of Minneapolis, director in the Overland company, and one of its large stockholders, arrived here Saturday and went out to the property. He stayed there until today, leaving this afternoon for the east. Manager Bain accompanied him to Baker City. Mr. Suggitt is connected with the Soo system at Minneapolis. He had a short vacation from duty and decided to visit Sumpter and have a look at the Overland. It was his first trip here.

He was much pleased with the property and what little he saw of the district. He says: "I found the Overland vastly better than I expected. Work is being prosecuted according to systematic outlines and, while I do not pose as a mining man, I believe the prospects of this mine to be exceedingly bright. I am more than pleased with the way

things are going. The development has passed a stage far exceeding my expectations."

As recently stated in The Miner the force at the Overland has been largely increased. Good headway is being made. Work is going ahead on the crosscut for the main lead while vein No. 1, cut a short time ago is being drifted upon with encouraging results. The management has also started operations at the No. 1, and No. 2 tunnels further up the hill. In addition to this arrangements are being made to sack the high grade ore for shipment to smelter.

While at the Overland Mr. Suggitt visited the California mill, and other neighboring properties. He is favorably impressed with the Cable Core district generally, and believes that it is destined to contain some of the big producers of the camp.

## DEAL FOR ROSS GULCH PROPERTY.

A. F. Garrison, of Bonanza, was on the train to Baker this afternoon going to Baker. His mission is to confer with Peter Basche, who in conjunction with him owns the Ross Gulch quartz property, three miles from the Bonanza mine.

Mr. Garrison says that work is soon to be resumed at this mine. There is already a hoist on the property, and a shaft down 175 feet, but Mr. Garrison contemplates some tunneling operations before sinking is again resumed. There is a deal on for the transfer of the property which is liable to be consummated at any day.

### Hinton's Placers.

J. J. Hinton left yesterday to work his placers down the Bear Gulch direction. He took with him ample supplies and will push the work as rapidly as possible.

## OPERATIONS AT THE VALLEY QUEEN MINE.

Superintendent Gray, of the Valley Queen, Vice President Charles Warren and George Day left this morning for the property. Mr. Day has taken a place with the company. Superintendent Gray stated before leaving that it was his intention to resume drifting on the No. 4 vein, and at the same time to continue operations on the No. 3 drift. In a couple of weeks or such a matter, he will start work, and continue the shaft on the other side of the hill from the present workings. A large amount of work has been planned for the coming season.

### To Work Deer Creek Placers.

Roy Wenceslaw, who has been operating the California Gulch placers for A. J. Denny, returned this morning, having resigned the place to take charge of the Deer Creek placers, which he owns in conjunction with Dave Goodfellow and

Dick Neill. He will start up work there, he says, within the next few days.

## EXPECTS GOOD SEASON IN THE GREENHORNS

E. L. Kennon, who has contracted to handle the output of a sawmill near Whitney, was in town over Sunday with his family. He returned this morning.

Mr. Kennon expects a good season from the local trade. He says:

"There is great preparation being made in the Greenhorn district for the operation of mining property, and a season of unprecedented prosperity is looked forward to. Greenhorn operators are beginning to get busy, and there will surely be much activity throughout this camp."

Mr. Kennon will devote his attention largely to mining timbers, but will also manufacture higher grade stuff for shipment.

## REDUCED FORCE ON ACCOUNT OF ROADS.

Manager Costello, of the Storm King, has found it necessary to reduce his force at the mine on account of the inability to get in supplies, due to bad roads. The snow, however, is rapidly leaving the property, Mr. Costello says, and the roads will soon be in shape to get in stuff. He then will put on extra men and make his force larger probably than it was before.

Work in the meantime will proceed with the diminished crew. The property is showing up well, Mr. Costello says. The ledge is rapidly widening and things generally are looking good.

## MORE GOLD FROM HAUSER'S PLACERS

It is probable that the Hauser placers, under the Amell building, will be worked on a big scale. The boys panned some more of the dirt yesterday and colors, it is stated, showed up to beat four aces. It is likely a sump will go in, and that extensive machinery for drifting on bedrock will be added.

A. D. Whittier, the artist, a placer expert of well known ability, has been retained as superintendent and Jimmy Sherridan will be his first assistant. Hauser will serve soft drinks in the building above, while his crew of men extracts the yellow from the soil below.

## NORTH AND SOUTH POLE INTERESTS

It would seem that North and South Pole interests have converged. Recent movements would lead to the belief that the two properties will ultimately be conducted under one management. Such a conclusion is foreshadowed in the fact that the two companies now hold in common undivided interests in three claims, namely the Yankee Jack, Yankee Jim and Villard, and at the recent sale of the Wade holdings in Pendleton, Emil Melzer, North Pole manager, acquired 150,000 shares of South Pole stock.

The annual election of South Pole officers and directors which took place Saturday in Baker City would further lead to such conclusion. These were chosen: Andrew Hansen president; Peter Basche, vice president and treasurer; N. Cooper, secretary; the directors are the above officers and John Fox, mine foreman at the North Pole, and W. E. May, assistant manager.

The presumption is that the North Pole employes were elected at the instance of Mr. Melzer. President Hansen came up from Baker City yesterday and left at once for the North Pole to confer, it is supposed, with Mr. Melzer in regard to the future operation of the property. It is stated that work is to be resumed at once and prosecuted on a large scale this summer.

In time past there has been much talk about the acquisition by the North Pole of the undivided claims held with the South Pole, and on various occasions pending deals were reported, but nothing was ever consummated. The fact that the two properties join end lines, and that the North Pole workings where such abutment is made has attained a depth of 1,200 feet rendering development of the common claims an easy matter, and the Melzer purchase would seem to lend color to the belief that the two may ultimately be merged in one management.

### Variations in Earth Surface.

The deepest depression below sea level not covered by water is that of the shores of the Dead Sea, which are 1,300 feet below the sea level. The bed of the Caspian Sea, which was once thought to be connected with the Arctic ocean, is about 3,000 feet below sea level. It is an interesting fact that one of the largest sealing industries in the world is in the Caspian sea. The vertical difference between the highest point of the land and the maximum known depth of the sea is 59,930 feet, or more than eleven miles.—Mining Reporter.