

will keep up its record as one of the best producing mines in Montana. A large force of men will be put on at once.

AN OREGON CENTENARIAN.

Centenarians are not very plentiful even in this land of wonders, but one who is also a veteran of the war of 1812, is still rarer. Both of these distinctions are combined in the person of James R. Syron, now residing near Sheridan, in Yamhill county, a portrait of whom accompanies this sketch. Mr. Syron was born on Chatham street in the city of New York, September 25, 1789. At the age of five years his residence was changed to Elizabethtown, New Jersey, and later to Newark, where he learned the shoemaker's trade. When he was a



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young man he made a voyage to Cuba on the ship *Ann*, under Capt. Inman, then on another vessel to Egg harbor and Barnegat, afterwards navigating the Hudson for a year with his brother John. He served as a soldier during the war of 1812, and in 1816 went to Ohio where he lived thirty years. In 1846 he moved to Iowa, and in 1852, came to Oregon, where he has lived ever since. Mr. Syron married Elizabeth Simmers August 28, 1822, and has had ten children, five of whom are still living. His grand and great grand children number seventy-six, making eighty-six descendants in all of this sturdy man, who has lived a pioneer life almost continuously.

The bonanza copper lead recently discovered by Dennis Deford, in the foothills of the Olympic mountains, is likely to prove a big thing for Mason county. A company—John Soule, David Foote and Dennis Deford—own the extreme west lead of the vein, and have disposed of several claims to other individuals, one claim being owned in Shelton. The company has already begun to develop the find, and are making arrangements to ship the product to the smelter at Tacoma for the present, until smelters and works can be erected on the canal. The mine is about twelve miles west of the canal, and not far from Lake Cushman. Deford has found chunks of copper ore weighing as high as fifteen pounds, and he claims to have traced the lead from a point near the coast, or for a distance of fifteen miles. The foothills are already filled with prospectors, and parties are leaving Shelton in search of gold and silver. Mason county has a greater variety of the precious and baser ores than any other county in the state of Washington. A valuable lead of tin has been discovered by Doc. Simmonds on his farm, at the head of oyster bay, and he has been offered a big price for it. There are both coal and iron in the vicinity of Shelton, as well as excellent fire clay; so this part of the sound will one day be a lively mining center.

Bishop Junger visited Chehalis, Washington, the past week and completed arrangements for the Catholic school to be established there. The site selected is block six, Donahoe's addition, a beautiful location, commanding magnificent views of the Chehalis and Newaukum valleys. The site was donated by the Chehalis Land and Timber Company, its cash value being about \$8,000. A condition of the grant is that the building shall be erected during the present year. Construction will commence within thirty days. The plans contemplate a building to cost from \$15,000 to \$20,000. The Chehalis Pump Works has been incorporated, a site purchased, the machinery ordered and the building, thirty-five by seventy feet, is being erected. The site abuts on the Northern Pacific Railroad, opposite Jenkins Bros.' machine shops.

Times are lively in Oregon City. Not only is there great building activity, work progressing upon half a dozen factory buildings, but three industries began operation last week. The large fruit cannery commenced its season's work, the woolen mill began running for the first time since the great flood in February washed out the basin, and the large steam saw mill began cutting. This mill will soon turn out 25,000 feet per day.

The great iron works enterprise at Kirkland, near Seattle, has been incorporated as the Great Western Iron & Steel Co., with a capital stock of \$1,000,000, which may be increased to \$5,000,000. The incorporators and trustees are Peter Kirk, Walter W. Williams, Leigh S. J. Hunt, A. A. Danny, Jacob Furth, H. A. Noble, Charles T. Tyler, General Russell A. Alger and Edward Blewett.

Livingston, Montana, has incorporated a street railway company with a capital stock of \$750,000. There has also been incorporated the Livingston Fire Clay and Brick Company, with a capital stock of \$100,000. This company will make brick and other articles from a deposit of excellent fire clay near that city.

A national bank has been established at Slaughter, Washington, with a capital stock of \$50,000. It will erect a two-story brick building.