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THEY KNOW IT.

The following extract from the Astoria Transcript, published by Snyder Bros., formerly of this county, has a bearing on the question under consideration:

The controversy between Lafayette and McMinnville over the county seat relocation seems to have broken out with renewed vigor. It will probably be "a pushover" from now on until the vote decides the question in November. While the champions on each side of the contest are counseling a reasonable and candid discussion of the question we notice now and then a little fusillade of misrepresentation will creep in. As an instance: a writer in the Yamhill Reporter assails the honor of the Lafayette people in connection with the narrow gauge railroad business, charging that Lafayette induced that road to change its line and go there by contracting to pay the road a certain sum and after they got the road repudiated the contract. The fact is, the narrow gauge company itself violated and nullified the contract between the parties. That was back in 1881. The contract was based upon the provision that the road should be built through so as to give Lafayette railroad connection with Portland. It is sufficient in answer to say that that road hasn't quite reached Portland yet, and it is only a few months since the concern was lying dormant and wasting into ruin, with its latter end just this side of Lafayette and the whole business little better than a damage to the land it occupied. Nevertheless the company years ago got right in with a demand for the money they couldn't claim to have earned. They were met with a fair, open-hearted, honest refusal at once. So the matter rested and was forgotten. As to the intrinsic merits of Yamhill's county seat contest it is understood that the Transcript can have little interest. Still in matters where neighbors and good men are involved on either side we dislike to see integrity and honor impugned or derided. We simply mention that fact.

The fact may as well be stated, also, that the railroad company had determined to change its course and cross the Yamhill river at Martin's point about midway between Dayton and Lafayette. The people of this town hearing of the proposed change, sought an interview with Wm. Reid, who, after considering the matter, consented to bring the road to its present location. The subsidy promised and the reason it was not paid is fully explained above.

THE TRAIN ROBBERS.

The business of stopping railway passenger trains at night for the purpose of robbery has become too common for a simple sensation. Twice in four months has the westward-bound express been held up and plundered at Papago, near Tucson, each time by only four men. To say nothing of the passengers, most of whom were asleep, there must have been three times as many train men as robbers awake and on duty. As before, no resistance was made, and the fellows got away easily enough with their booty. The facility and success of such works, spiced with just enough peril and haste of departure to make it exciting, lend a charm beyond the mere pecuniary profit, and it is sure to attract the attention of enterprising men. It is more soul-inspiring and less fatiguing than hunting bears or buffalo, and less dangerous than fighting Indians. If these four heroes retreat as successfully as before they are sure to give good account of themselves again within three months and are likely to have imitators.—Examiner.

There will be seven republicans in the Kentucky senate this winter, two of whom hold over, while five are newly elected. In the house there are seventy democrats, twenty-six republicans, two labor union, one prohibitionist and one district to be heard from. There are enough republicans to give Wm. Bradley a complimentary vote for United States senator, but not enough to do him any practical good.

Secretary Lamar wears trousers of cotton spun and woven by hand in Louisiana. It is very durable, more so than Henry Clay's Kentucky jeans, and will wear well on the bench.

THE COUNTY SEAT MATTER

AS VIEWED BY A NON-TAXPAYER.

EDITOR REGISTER:—Hitherto I have had nothing to say on the county seat question, having always considered it a matter belonging to those who would have to pay, if a change of location was decided upon next November. But, as I find that the most blatant and busybodies in the affair are those who will not have to pay a cent, cost what it may, if the change is determined, I deem it expedient to give through your paper a few words in the way of reflections on the subject.

I have watched the controversy all along in order to discover the animus of the case, and to find, if possible, the cause of the turmoil, and acrimony, and statements, misleading in character and intention, unfriendly reflections about a neighbor, and assertions concerning figures so contrary to facts, as to be almost sufficient to startle old Euclid in his Grecian sepulchre, and I find the key to the whole matter, to be always the same, view it as I may, to-wit: McMinnville, that restless burgh wants the county seat. Despite one of the ten commandments, they covet it, and that is the whole of the case—the reason, the argument and the solution of all the turmoil.

The thing is now so far along that the decision of the controversy is to be decided by the people next November, and the subject necessarily presents this form:—That the taxpayers of Yamhill county may by pressure of circumstances have to pay \$100,000 or more, to satisfy the greed and craze of McMinnville for the county seat. In placing the sum of \$100,000 as the least amount of tax that will suffice for the purpose of new county buildings, I write advisedly, and it is sheer folly to place the figures below that sum, as those concerned will find out when the time of taxpaying takes place. The problem, then, for the voters to decide is, shall the people burden themselves with this enormous sum of money to benefit McMinnville? (and no one else) or, let it remain at Lafayette and have matters and things go on as usual, subject only to small incidents of improvements and necessary repairs. This, I believe, is a fair statement of the matter as it now stands before the voters of Yamhill county. The pros and cons we will examine somewhat in detail.

Three thousand years ago Thucydides observed that, "Behind the pretext look for the cause." McMinnville puts forward several pretexts for their continual agony on the county seat subject. Last, knowing the true cause, of course no one is deceived. One pretence for claiming the county buildings is, "That McMinnville is very large and the other towns, Lafayette included, very small." There is a slight admixture of truth in their claim. Their town is larger, and it is muddier also; very muddy, abominably muddy and malariously swampy, and not at all suited for a large county court house. It ought to have been named McMudville. McMinnville used to claim the county seat on the ground of accessibility. They made that a special point in their petition to the legislature some years since. They ignore that "pretext" now. Even the great essayist of the Telephone last week let that point of former vantage alone, severely, because Lafayette is ahead on that score now. The McMinnvilleites claim "more business, greater energies and superior enterprise to Lafayette and other places in the county" as a reason for taking the county seat there. Being larger than the others and making a great deal of noise and much screeching going on about the place, it is probable that more goods are sold there than in any other town in the county, but it is not a good place for business for all that. Noise and fuss, and brag and blow is not business, it draws people sometimes to a place, but they soon go away disgusted. The merchants of McMinnville are not getting rich. The "boom" won't work and almost every business man is anxious to sell out and go elsewhere, and many have gone, including editors, printers, tailors, jewelers, etc., etc. What we state is the truth, and the writer of the two column essay of the Telephone knows it right well. We must tell him something more, that he may have a leg for his next Telephone article. The reaction has set in against McMinnville, and already

"To Let" on store and dwelling are becoming too conspicuous through the town, and besides, its milling and fair ground records are not assuring and soothing to the money dealers and wheat raisers. Other towns will grow, but McMinnville will have less people two years hence than to-day. Mark this as a prophecy, Oh! ye that covet and bear false witness against your neighbors!

McMinnville wants the county seat there because the "county court house at Lafayette is not in good condition, is not modern enough in style, etc." There is a modicum of truth in the complaint. Yet, we ought to look at the charge closely. Who should be held responsible for the bad condition of the county buildings? Is it not the county board? Well, who dominates the county board? Are they not two of McMinnville's prominent men? Is it not plain then to the most obtuse, that the county buildings have been allowed of deliberate intent to go in to a bad state through the direct influence of McMinnville acting by the recreancy of its members in the county board. Yet in the face of this truth they make their main argument against the buildings. It is much like the man who whipped his son for being dirty after being locked in the coal house for three hours. Undoubtedly the court house needs some repairs, and some improvements could be made that would not bear heavily on the taxpayers. And is it a strange thing that such necessity should occur? When the farm house or the store gets out of order the farmer and merchant set to fix them, repair, and often improve and beautify them greatly. Why is the court house not repaired, improved and beautified? Messrs. county Board, tell us, why not? \$2000 would make it (with two or three exceptions) the best in all Oregon, and there are men "within hail" ready to do the work with that understanding at once; but with McMinnville predominating the board, there is no hope till after November. In closing this point of the subject I must remark that it does not look well in those to be growing over the state of the county's buildings when themselves are the greatest opponents to their being repaired.

It is proper to refer and even to analyze the matter of new county buildings again, for, in the event of the people voting to change the seat locality, it is well to understand the effect as well as the process. Everyone therefore should realize that those who will attend to the business of settling this thing are not all taxpayers, hence, next November it is quite possible that the improvident non-taxpayers (who are doubtless the majority,) may compel the taxpayers to shoulder the burden of a court house, jail, etc. Yet, in the face of this truth the Telephone essayist says "he became warm when they said they (or he) were trying to get money from the taxpayers, and that he don't care what he says to such a low, mean untruth." In the name of George Washington and his little hatchet! what does he mean? Who but the taxpayer is to pay for the grand edifice he is craving for? When he writes a two column article in the Telephone in behalf of the removal of the county seat to his favorite town, is he not trying to get money from the taxpayers? "Bismillah!" Does he take the people for demagogues? When one votes for a change of county seat, he votes in the same net for a new court house and jail, etc., and is in the most emphatic manner trying to get money from the taxpayers! Again, what is the use of trying to blind the "masses" about the pro rata, ergo, the sum per capita in \$10,000, when he knows and others know that there is no per capita in it at all, but the poor taxpayers must shoulder and defray the whole tenth of a million dollars! As to his \$45,000! "Bosh and Bismillah!" Why, they would not get the McMinnville mud removed and the foundations laid for that.

When a non-taxpayer votes to remove the county seat he is to all intents and purposes trying to compel his taxpaying neighbor to pay his share of the tenth of the million at the same time with his own. It is a voting that B shall pay the portion of both to build a grand court house for C (in McMinnville). Hence, it is of no use to beg, the matter by beating Lafayette for non-enterprise or lauding McMinnville for dash and energy. The fact remains that the taxpayer in this business is the one to suffer and bear the burden for the aggrandizement of McMinnville. But, it is a fact, gentlemen; and in view of the hard times, the low price of produce and the many mortgages referred to in the Telephone—*is a very tough fact, ay; when the sheriff comes along it will prove a hard fact, and not a joke at the expense of Lafayette.* "Veritas Prevalebunt."

There has been a move made in Australia looking toward the establishment of an independent republic. A large and enthusiastic meeting was held in Sydney on the 4th of July by the Australian Republican Union. They desire a government patterned after the United States. A circular calling the meeting contained a comparison of the expenses of the queen and royal family with the salary of our president. The circular closed thus: "Roll up! Keep orderly! Vote against the jubilee demonstrations and then give three cheers for an Australian republic."

THE OREGON PACIFIC.—Mr. L. G. Cannon, of Indianapolis, arrived here yesterday and leaves to-day for Corvallis, to enter on the duties of assistant general manager of the Oregon Pacific railroad. Mr. Cannon is a man of wide experience in traffic matters, and is well known on the coast as commissioner of the Transcontinental pool, a position which he filled with marked ability. Answering the inquiry of an Oregonian man, Mr. Cannon said he knew nothing about the reported close relations between the Chicago & Northwestern and the Oregon Pacific. It is his first visit to Oregon, and he is as yet unfamiliar with the road into whose service he goes. He had heard in a general way that the plans of the Northwestern were to have two Pacific coast connections; one to California and one to Oregon. They expect to build to Boise City, Idaho, and there meet the Oregon Pacific, and to a point forty miles west of Oregan, connecting there with the Central Pacific, thus giving the Central two outlets east.—Oregonian, Aug. 22.

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