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The county court has made the fohowing levy for 1887
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Last year, 1886, the levy wa less than for 1887.. Our cotempor
ary, the Reporter chuckles over this levy, and says it is "some twelve
mills dess than anticipated." Whe anticipated a levy of 19.4 mills? The taxpayers of this county had right to expect only an increase of $33-20$ mills, which is the increase of the state levy, and would have made the total levy seventeen aills less, the levy is twelve mills nore than anticipated. In our issue of December 23 d we stated that the court reduced the assessment on the $O$. \& C. roadbed $\$ 14,000$
The Reporter mentions this fact al so, and concludes that the real difrerence between the assessment this year and last is only $\$ 29,000$. But
the Reportef fails to notice the fact hat there is a gain of $\$ 30,000$ by Reid's road, which is a net gain on account of the railroads of $\$ 16,000$.
This added to the net deficit raises This added to the net deficit rai
the total deficiency to $\$ 59,193$.

## YAMHILI:

Yamhill county, deemed by many the finest in Oregon, is south of lamette, lying between the river and the coast mountain range. 'It territory and ins, surface is for the most part gently rolling, with frequent elevations great enough to be
classed distinctively as hills. It is classed distinctively as hills. It is but the spaces of open arable country are wide, affording for farming. Every, visit or to Yamhill county is enthus astic over its many charms.
country sufficiently level for gen eral cultivation to the hilltops yet varied in form from every point of
view, seamed with sparkling streams, diversified by forests of oak and darker evergreens and bor-
dered like a basin by mountain chains-it is indeed very beautiful to look upon. Yamhill, like Wash ington, is well planted. Civiliza tion and industry got an early start here and kept up with the progress of the times. As in other parts of
the Willamette valley, there is no vacant land in Yamhill county, but settlers find it easy to buy lands at from $\$ 5$ to $\$ 60$ per acre on easy held for speculative purposes sale and the process of breaking the big donation claims of 640 acres, or
steadily.
Returns for 1887 show the school population (from 4 to 20 years of age) to be 3502 . The namber of teachers employed is 112 . During
the year just ended $\$ 22,856.28$ was expended to maintain public schools. At McMinnville there is under the general amy and college the Baptist church. Yamhill county has several importance nansely McMinnville. The poputation of McMinnyille is about 800 or 1000 and that of Lafayette perhaps hal as mech. The Yamhill river (dur
ing half the year) and two rail Portland.
The name Yamhill is always a
subject of inquiry with visitors. It



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