

The Reporter takes us to task for our remarks on the tax levy, and says: "The county court reduced the county tax one and six-tenths mills, and as they had nothing to do with the state tax it seems as if some praise should be given instead of censure." We did not censure the court, but simply said that the levy should have been no more for this year than last. The taxpayers were told by the McMinnville people (and certain members of the court joined directly or indirectly in circulating the report) that in case the county seat should be relocated no increase of taxes would be necessary to erect new buildings. As a public journal the REGISTER considers it a duty to work for the best interest of the people. And we still contend that the taxpayers had reason to expect only such increase of the levy as was caused by the state tax. In the meantime the errors found in the assessment still keep rolling up the deficiency, and it is altogether probable that Yamhill county will have to pay state tax on several thousand dollars, on which it will not be able to collect one dollar in taxes on the assessment. The principal cause of this is that the same property has been assessed to two parties.

We thank the Reporter for the compliment it pays the REGISTER when it says we have better opportunity for getting county news than it has.

It is reported, says the Albina Courier, that Vice-President Potter, of the Union Pacific railroad, intends putting a tug on the Columbia bar for the purpose of breaking up the monopoly that now exists in the towing business. The exorbitant rates charged for towage are simply outrageous, and are working great injury to our shipping interests. It is a well-known fact that only such vessels come to this port as are absolutely compelled to, and it is also well known that the only reason for shunning the Columbia is the excessive towage which they are compelled to pay on account of this soulless monopoly. It should have been broken up long ago, and would have been, if a proper public spirit and solicitude for our commercial interests had actuated the leading business men of Oregon.

L. Q. C. Lamar was confirmed associate justice of the United States supreme court on Monday, Stanford, of California, and Stewart, of Nevada, are the republicans who voted for confirmation. Riddleberger, of Virginia, an ex-confederate, who has been considered a pretty good fellow by republicans, also voted for the confirmation. We believe it is a fact that whenever the democrats have needed Riddleberger's vote they have generally got it. Vilas and Dickinson were also confirmed as secretary of the interior and postmaster-general.

**RAILROADS IN 1887.**

The expansion of railroads during the year 1887 amounted to 12,724 miles. These phenomenal figures surpass any former record. The next best year was 1882, when 11,568 miles of new track were laid. In 1882 a large amount of the expansion was caused by the doubling of the tracks of some of the principal eastern roads. But the increase of 1887 is by extension into new country by existing companies. Kansas leads all other states, having laid 2,070 miles of new track during the past year. Nebraska comes next with 1,101 miles; Texas, 1,055 miles; Dakota, 760 miles;

Michigan, 700 miles; Montana, 616 miles; Missouri, 554 miles; Alabama, 515 miles; and Indian territory, 499 miles. It will thus be seen that the greatest activity has been in the west, northwest and southwest. The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe road laid 1,368 miles, being more than any other. According to the Railway Age the total railroad mileage in the United States is nearly 151,000 miles. The railroads built last year involved an outlay of about \$300,000,000, which was provided for almost entirely by new bonds and stock issues. It is not expected that the current year will witness any approach to the record of 1887; and some estimates put the probable figures as low as 6,000 miles.

**NEW TO-DAY.**

**Notice for Publication.**

LAND OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, Oregon, Jan. 17th, 1888.  
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the county judge or clerk of Yamhill county, Oregon, at Lafayette, Oregon, on Wednesday, March 14th, 1888, viz:  
I. O. Hanchett, Homestead Entry No. 5637.  
For the s. 1, n. e. 1/4 and the s. 1/4 of n. w. 1/4 and n. e. 1/4 of s. w. 1/4, sec. 25, t. 5 n., r. 9 w.  
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz:  
I. Fuqua, Amos Fuqua, Francis Mercier and Robert Mulligan, all of Lafayette, Yamhill county, Oregon.  
W. T. HURNEY,  
Register.

**Notice of Final Settlement.**

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned J. B. Layson, administrator of the estate of Wilson Gibson, deceased, has filed his final account of his administration of said estate in the county court of Yamhill county, Oregon, and said court has fixed Tuesday, March 6th, 1888, at the hour of one o'clock in the afternoon of said day at the county court room at Lafayette, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing the same.  
Therefore all persons interested in said estate, are hereby notified and required to appear at said time and place and show cause if any there be why said estate be not finally settled.  
Dated this 20th day of January, 1888.  
J. B. LAYSON,  
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FENTON & FENTON,  
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Wheatland, Monday, January 23d;  
Dayton, Tuesday, January 24th;  
Dundee, Wednesday, January 25th;  
East Chehalam, Thursday, January 26th;  
West Chehalam, Friday, January 27th;  
North Yamhill, Saturday, January 28th;  
Carlton, Monday, January 30th;  
North McMinnville, Tuesday, January 31st;  
South McMinnville, Wednesday, February 1st;  
Bellevue, Thursday, February 2d;  
Williamina, Friday, February 3d;  
Sheridan, Saturday, February 4th;  
Amity, Monday, February 6th;  
Lafayette, Tuesday, February 7th.  
All persons are requested to be present at said appointments, and settle their taxes or pay the same to me at my office, within 30 days from date of this notice, without fail.  
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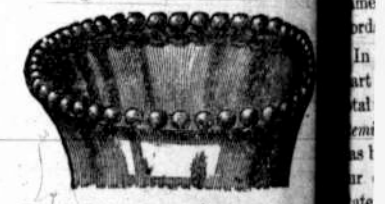
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