

TELL THE TRUTH.

The Register in its last issue declines to answer the question propounded to that paper in our former issue: We quote what the Register says: "And we are then asked to state how much it will cost a man who pays taxes on \$2000 to build a court house like the old one. We decline answering that question, for the reason that it is not the question before the people."

The article then proceeds to assume that a new court house will cost \$80,000 or \$100,000, and that the sworn officers of the county, elected by the whole people, will violate the law under which the removal is to take place and under which buildings are to be constructed, passed by our legislative assembly, and unanimously supported by Senators Bird and Watts of Lafayette, Representatives Lafollett of Sheridan, and Representatives Laughlin and Little of North Yamhill, and the entire legislature. That portion of this law reads as follows:

Sec. 6. Should the legal voters of said county decide to change the location of said county seat, and should the same be relocated at some other point than where the same now is, the county court of said county shall not have the power or authority to contract for or construct public buildings to exceed the cost of \$45,000, and shall not have power or authority to levy any tax upon the property of said county, in excess of two mills on the dollar of the taxable property of said county, annually, for said purpose.

Surely Senators Bird and Watts and our representatives are honorable men; were sworn to support the constitution of the state, and would not have given their assent to a law, which was wholly a sham, and which was, in the language of the Register "talked on to the law for no other purpose than to mislead the people and taxpayers in regard to the matter." What interest or motive did Senators Watt and Bird, both living and owning property in Lafayette, have in trying "to mislead the people and taxpayers in regard to this matter?" Especially, when the Register intimates, that they purposely "mislead the people and taxpayers"—"and all this for McMinnville?" The fact is, that the law is valid and binding and no lawyer of any standing, will over his own signature, publicly state the contrary; no county court will violate it, and there is no need of any assumed violation.

The act limits the amount to \$45,000. This is more than sufficient, to build a court house, jail and fit them up, as the Register writer very well knows. The old court house now at Lafayette, was built in 1859, cost \$14,875. The jail was built in 1878, cost \$5,500, and even then, after it was accepted, was not fit to hold a prisoner. It was lined with wood, and now has only four cells in it, and they are detached and movable. These cells can be utilized in the basement of a new court house, and for that matter \$1,000, added to the cost of a court house, will make a better basement jail in it, than the county now has. The fact is, the entire county buildings at Lafayette with all the grounds, repairs and fencing (save the reference) cost less than \$21,000, as the public records of this county will do show, and the greater part of this cost was incurred over 27 years ago, when building and building material, were more than three times as dear as now.

To show how a drowning man will catch at a straw, we quote further from the Register: "But the amount the people will have to pay in case of removal is not all. The present buildings are in a good state of preservation, and will do for the next twenty-five years. They are worth at least \$30,000, and will be a total loss to the county, so if the court house costs \$80,000, and the present property is a loss, the county will be out \$110,000."

This assumes three falsehoods: That the court house will cost \$80,000, or half that sum, and that the taxpayers will be taxed to refund that \$30,000, and third that the present property is now worth \$9,000, more than it cost 27 years ago. In the first place, it is not a question, whether or not, Yamhill county needs new buildings, or will soon have them, but where they are to be built.

As soon as this county seat question is settled, Lafayette will do as she did in 1858. At the very first term of the county court, after she had won the election over Dayton by only 14 votes, the town of Lafayette, induced the county court, to begin steps toward building a new brick court house. It was not twelve months until the contract was let, and while yet, Oregon was a sparsely settled territory.

So now, as soon as a decision shall be had, Lafayette will be anxious to end the contest forever. She will sacrifice every thing to procure a favorable county court, and backed by the necessities which actually require new buildings, she can easily elect men committed to this course. And if she succeeds, she will build a court house, and in that event, acting unrestrained by law, build a court house, as she says, costing \$100,000, and raise the entire amount at a single levy. The section 6 above quoted from the removal act, only applies, in case of removal, and if the taxpayers decide to allow the county seat to remain at Lafayette, under the delusion that they are thereby saving

taxes, they will awaken when too late, to find themselves paying twice as much to rebuild at Lafayette, a place wanted by no one, and a place to lay, that after 43 years trial, has signally failed to develop its resources, or become a town.

McMinnville does not need the county seat as much as Yamhill county needs a decent public building, and as much as Yamhill county, needs a city, concentrated in its center, where its farmers may trade produce for supplies.

McMinnville can, without boasting, say that without the county seat, she has grown to be a city of nearly 2000 inhabitants, blessed with many churches, schools, stores, business houses, and homes. She will continue to grow and flourish, even should Lafayette retain the seat of justice. But the wealthy county of Yamhill, does not care to go to a cross road to do its public business, and for that reason, its live and entergetic people, will, with some regret, perhaps, in some instances, locate its public improvements at some more thriving center for the common good. We have no ill will toward Lafayette, or its people. A few moss backs there have retarded her progress, and have killed the town. To lay, her main street has but three business houses, from the Essex hotel to Hembree's livery stable, on either side of the street; and all the other houses are shut up, and their former occupants, out of business or moved away. To lay, C. F. Royal, has sold his property to Dr. J. W. Watts, for the paltry sum of \$375, at private sale, and this property is within one block of the court house, at Lafayette; contains a half block; has a large two story hard finished house thereon, with good orchard, barn, woodshed, and necessary outbuildings, all well located, and costing not a cent less than \$1500. It was a voluntary private sale, and the property rents for \$100 a year. Why the sacrifice? Because its owner recognized what is inevitable, that the place is hopelessly dead and beyond relief. And why, we ask, should Yamhill county, spend \$100,000, or one-half that sum, in such a place? It has given it help for 30 years; it bought 160 acres of land for it, and took common money to do it; it bought in the town lots at Guardian's sale, to quiet title with common money; it defended its title and that of its citizens in the land office, in the state courts, in the federal courts, and it has spent upon that town, as the Register would have it, \$30,000, of common money, raised mainly from the portions of the county outside of Lafayette, it has quietly allowed its public business to remain there for more than forty years, vainly hoping that as nature had done much for the town, its citizens would do a little. And Yamhill county has been sorely deceived and disappointed. The town in spite of all this aid, has dwindled into decay, and still cries out for a larger lease. These contentions do no good, but the truth must be told, and in the spirit of kindness, we say to the good people of Lafayette, that you should not revile us, if we are forced by your paper and its facile scribe, to tell the truth. Let the Register issue another extra and distribute it to its 50 readers in Lafayette, and again we say, "Tell the Truth."

NOTES AND NEWS.

Buffalo Bill, with his Wild West combination gave a private performance before Queen Victoria and attendant yesterday.

Henry M. Stanley has been heard from. Advice bear date of Banza, Misudeka, Congo, March 29. He will take the route for relief of Emin Bey, via Stanley's falls for Wadely. The enterprise has caused a sensation among the natives.

Centralia News: The farmers of this valley did not get their hop yards in readiness for planting this season, but several of them will form a company and build a drying house sufficiently large to accommodate their yards, thus lessening the expense.

Phillip Hayfield, a well known and highly respected citizen of Mohawk, in Lane county, was killed Wednesday afternoon. He was engaged in felling timber near his residence, when a tree which he had cut off lodged, and in getting it down a limb struck him, breaking his skull.

Lizzie Faulds and Florence Fallon, convicted of participation in the robbery of an old man named Isaac Allen in a Front and Main streets saloon in Portland some three months ago, were sentenced Tuesday to serve one year each in the penitentiary at Salem. There was only one woman ever sent to the state prison before from Multnomah county, and that was Carrie Bradley, for murder. The convicted women will not be taken to Salem for two or three days.

On information that President Harris and several directors of the Northern Pacific would be on this coast within fifteen days, a meeting of farmers and citizens of Walla Walla, Monday, adopted a proposition to offer free right of way and a bonus of \$75,000 if the company will build a line to Walla Walla Junction and agree to carry wheat to Puget Sound for \$4 a ton. \$10,000 was subscribed on the spot, and a committee was appointed to solicit the remainder. A considerable part of the right of way is already donated.

How McMinnville Lost Another Business House.

ED. TELEPHONE: DEAR SIR:—Last week I arrived in McMinnville fully prepared to open a Drug Store in your enterprising city, but after looking the field over, I was convinced that it would be suicidal for me to embark in trade where there is a business house, so disgustingly aggressive and so lost to the interests of other houses as one you have located in your city. It is with surprise and chagrin that I notice that this particular house is steadily increasing its number of customers day after day, by employing methods that would make it very uncomfortable for me, if I were in business here. Just as it now does for competing establishments who are striving to combat the evil. I refer to GEO. W. BURT the PRESCRIPTION DRUGGIST who is selling drugs, medicines, paints, oils, stationery etc. at such exceedingly low prices that I decided this is no place for me, and the other fellows may as well pull out, too.

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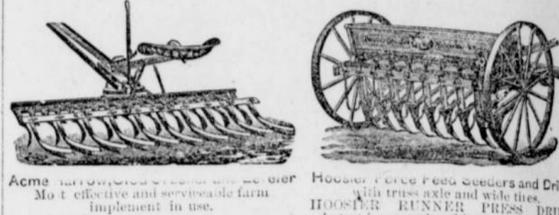
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