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Passed Unanimously.

House bill No. 18, providing for relocation of the county seat in this county, passed the house unanimously this morning, as will be seen by the following dispatch to the Reporter.

SALEM, Feb. 3.—House bill No. 18, to relocate the county seat of Yamhill county, passed the house unanimously this morning.

CHAS. LAFOLLETTE.

Relocation of O. B. Joyfull's Hencoop.

Quite an interest has been awakened in our county on account of Mr. Joyfull's desire to relocate his hen coop, and as the matter assumed some prominence, we sent a representative to Beat-it-if-you-can town, with instructions to interview the honorable body there in session, and get facts. Our representative wires us that the question of courtesy was raised and reports the interview as follows: [Ed.]

The sixth house convened on the 4th moon, in Raise-hell's hall. After preliminary skirmishing, Hon. A. Skunk was placed in the chair temporarily, and Hon. Y. O. U. Hog-it-all acted as clerk. After the routine of general business, the president rose and remarked:

That various rumors were flying about to the effect that any member of this honorable body could do as he d—m pleased, out of courtesy, and the balance of the honorable gentlemen would lend their support to it. [Cries of hear, hear.] The president called O. Go-to-thunder to the chair, and stepped on the floor.

Gentlemen of the hall, the occasion is ripe, and unless the fruit is plucked, it will rot. [Cheers.] It is my duty as a representative of this honorable body, to unmask and expose certain transactions in which the people are concerned. As long as any jackass can wave his or her feet over the broad domains

of our state, will my signal like voice be found on the side of justice (at legal rates.) [Cheers.]

Look at our county and then look again, and again, and search the barnyards and wheat fields and see if you can find one man who will say I am a liar. From infancy to manhood my pilgrimage has been such that but few would dare to follow it, (only at current rates.) I am like a lone rooster in a barnyard, the last of my race; proudly and brightly my crest glimmers in the sunshine, while my feet hastily scratch up the last worm. Are we to forsake the live issues for a dead (town) past? Are we as a body 1,200 strong, to let Hon. Beat-it-if-you-can sit on us? Can we, shall we stand aside because some one else claims that by an act of courtesy he will do as he d—m pleases? No! my fellow voters. In thunder tones No! Cry it in the open air, call it on the public streets and hurl it into the halls of justice [immense cheering], that the day shall never dawn, when by an act of courtesy, the prosperity of a community is made the football for designing speculators— [Loud and prolonged cheering.]

Solid Sense in This.

The Dayton Herald of the 4th has its say upon the relocation of the county seat, from which we quote as follows: We wish it understood that we are not aiming to blow for any particular town in this respect; but give them all a chance. In the first place, McMinnville wants the county seat. They don't deny the charge. Lafayette is so afraid that the county seat will be removed from there that they are almost shaking their boots off with fear. North Yamsays: "We have a pleasant location; place it here." Wee little Carlton says: "O, no; we are nearer to the center of the county; here is the best point." Away up at Amity, rumblings are heard, and they think a good chance should be offered them. Dayton now has her say. We want the county seat; yes sir ee; we'll take it without refreshments, and pay charges. We have a good location, head of navigation on the Yamhill river, railroad close by, and many other advantages in our favor. But McMinnville says: "We'll give \$25,000 and the ground to build the court house on," and that almost settles it.

McMinnville is a thrifty enterprising town, and if it ever becomes our county seat, will be a large business center. The public will soon know whether they are entitled to vote on that important issue or not. The sooner it is settled the better for all. Our opinion is that McMinnville will get it, by a good majority, if ever voted upon.

Yamhill County Seat.

Portland Mercury.

Some years ago when Yamhill county was famous only as a nursery of fledgling Oregon statesmen, its county seat was located on land near the falls of the Yamhill river, owned by Col. Joel Palmer. The little town was called Lafayette, and as Gov. Nye, of Nevada, once said, "A squab is always biggest when it is just hatched," So it was with Lafayette which has grown none since 1870, while McMinnville and Dayton have become towns of considerable importance. A move is now on foot to relocate the county seat, as it is off the main lines of travel, Dayton being on the river, and north Yamhill and McMinnville both on the railroad; and a bill to that effect has already passed the house. In our belief McMinnville will be the place, if it be left to a plebiscite, as they call it in France, for north Yamhill is too remote from the center of the county.

Just as Hon. Wm. Reid asks, so have we time and again asked, concerning the matter of the ORN lease: "It does seem to me the legislature should not hesitate to authorize by lease each and all of these corporations to come to Oregon. To do what? Compete with each other, and it is there where will be the great gain to the state. In doing so does the state not still retain the sovereign power to regulate the fares and freights from time to time should they hereafter consolidate, which is scarcely possible from their opposing interests. Why then bar them from coming here separately and independently? Is it because the legislature prefers to give to the one transcontinental road already here the exclusive right to prevent other railroads competing with it?"

The radiant rays of the setting sun cast a glorious mellowness o'er the county seat. Sort of taking a two-for-a-quarter cast.

CORRESPONDENCE

Wheatland Notes.

Mrs. T. T. Cooper has gone to Walla Walla.

The public school spelling school has been postponed.

Miss Birdie Cooper has been very sick with acute rheumatism, but is getting better.

Thomas Kirkwood is keeping a bachelors hall near Webfoot sawmill, but it is a good neighborhood.

J. A. Odell has returned from Portland, but left his wife and family there with one of his children very sick with scarlet fever. He will return to Portland soon again.

A. J. Cooper lost a fine Al-bute colt last week. He feels quite grieved over it, as it was a favorite and had the marks of a flyer, but we hope he will have better luck hereafter. This is his third thoroughbred colt to cross the river at yearlings. Wait till the clouds roll by.

School boys should, on their way to and from school, be careful when passing mail boxes, should face the box and turn half around and not throw. There have been several acts of vandalism between Amity and Wheatland, but it is not because the roads are hilly, is it Jim? W. P.

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